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Hervey Bay Animal Refuge
Nikenbah-Dundowran Rd, Nikenbah
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HERVEY BAY

Urgan Pier Park Markets

Pier Park, Urgan, (in front of Jetty)
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HERVEY BAY

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OTHER AREAS

Burrum Heads Markets

Corner of Burrum Heads Rd &
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7am - 11.30am

OTHER AREAS

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OTHER AREAS

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Howard Community Centre,
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OTHER AREAS

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holidays, public holidays and weather conditions.



This month I went on a really scenic 6km walk near Kingfisher Bay Resort on K'Gari Fraser Island, which takes in some unique historic places.

A pleasant walk south along the lovely beach leads to the historic McKenzie's Jetty. This picturesque timber structure was once connected by tramway to the island's only sawmill.

Whilst very peaceful now, this area was once a hive of activity. Just behind the jetty, within the

forest, a community of loggers and their families lived here between 1919 and 1925. Known as North White Cliff, this was a busy timber community, with around 30 cottages, a school, a village store, and of course the mill.

The jetty was connected to the mill by tramline which also extended eastward into the heart of the island to take in the highly productive timber country and a camp.

It's hard to reconcile the busy industry that briefly took place here with the peaceful tranquillity that has returned to the site. To the careful observer, evidence of the community remains in the landscape. The home sites were cut into the hill and the simple two-roomed timber dwellings were built in rows, all on stumps with corrugated iron roofs. The houses have been dismantled but the stumps and bench cuts can still be found.

McKenzie's mill was closed in 1925, but the Queensland Forest Service purchased the tramway and jetty, which continued to be used until the mid-1930s.

Nearby a very large rusting boiler and a tractor substantially submerged into the sand give further insight into the industry that once made its presence so firmly felt here.

After exploring the old village and timber mill site, the circuit walk returns to Kingfisher Bay Resort along the top of the high cliffs overlooking the beautiful bay.

Here on the clifftops is a very significant historical site that was once top secret: the Z Special Unit commando school. Between 1943 and the end of World War II in 1945 the facility provided intensive training for 909 elite forces to prepare them for special operations behind Japanese lines.

This location was chosen because the island's features offered ideal jungle and amphibious training conditions whilst isolation facilitated the necessary secrecy. There was also a fear that Japanese forces may try to land here and so maintaining a base of sorts would provide some protection against that threat.

In addition to tents, the commando school had many permanent

A Walk Through HISTORY

By Fraser Coast Mayor
George Seymour

structures including a cinema, lecture huts, 10 bed hospital, weapons and powder magazine, kitchens, workshops, library, post office, boat shed, and a gymnasium. These features can still be interpreted and understood through building foundations, concrete slabs, timber posts and artefact scatters. Amongst the traces and remnants of this once substantial establishment, perhaps the most interesting and unique feature is the large concrete relief map, which was used for training purposes.

The training course was intense; designed to push the physical and psychological limits of the trainees. Here, on this site, the trainees were instructed in explosives, unarmed combat, weaponry, physical fitness, navigation, jungle survival, aircraft identification, communication, enemy intelligence and languages such as Malay. The training involved considerable realism and danger.

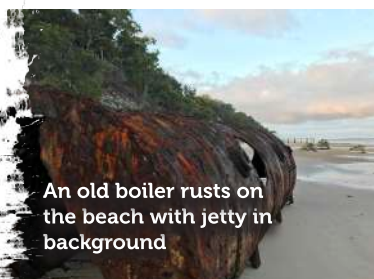
Returning back to the resort, the path continues to provide spectacular views out over the water from the high cliffs whilst walking through the pristine environment.



An old tractor in the sand with jetty in background



Commando school timber building posts



An old boiler rusts on the beach with jetty in background



McKenzie's jetty



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Note from the Editor

Well here we are, the last edition for 2020, and what a year it has been, the year has tested us all in many ways, some good, and some absolutely tragic.

2020 was all about COVID. New words were introduced into our vocabulary, and we watched as so many people around the world lost their lives. We had daily updates from our Premier, heard regularly from our Prime Minister. Learnt all about self-isolation, and for many of us – joined the queue at Centrelink for the very first time.

We saw the worst in people, but also the very best.

People fought in the isles over the everyday essentials like toilet paper, soap, and hand sanitiser. And for the first time, the most reliable place to pick up a roll of toilet paper was the local bottle shop.

People were scared, stressed, and depressed.

Here on the Fraser Coast, our resilience shone through. Groups sprouted up with activities to do in isolation, local Coronavirus pages, craft pages and of course "Bin Isolation Outing" was born. Who thought that taking out the rubbish could be so much fun. This group is front and centre and helped many people around the world all come together and unite, share stories, laugh, and help each other.

This year has forever changed us, and we can never go back to how things were without thinking about what has been. We have had to find new ways of doing things, become resourceful and reinvent ourselves.

This Christmas and New Year, keep in mind that the most important thing in your life is your family, hold them close, laugh and entertain.

For we never truly know what happens tomorrow.

Kim Parnell
Editor/Owner

We thank RACQ LifeFlight Rescue for
the front cover photo

Inside this month's edition!

While enjoying our celebrations during the holidays, spare a thought for those that work over this period and are there when you need them the most. I have a chat with Tony Miller, an **RACQ CareFlight Rescue** helicopter pilot, about the valuable service that they provide, and how the community plays such an important part in keeping the service going.

COVID has crippled live stage productions during 2020, the arts industry has suffered greatly, but in December the Brolga Theatre and Convention Centre will come alive once more with **A Celtic Christmas** by A Taste of Ireland. Filled with Irish Dance and music, this is one show that is guaranteed to lift the spirit. Tickets will sell fast for this extravaganza.

Learn about the stories K'gari has to tell in the upcoming Art Exhibition, **Heart of K'gari**. Nine very talented Fraser Coast visual artists will draw from their personal experiences during time spent on the island and present their artwork using a multitude of media and mediums. This exhibition will be a must-see these holidays.

In our Meet the Local's segment, we chat to **Ulf Malmros** and his family about emigrating to Aus-tralia and leaving all that they knew and loved behind to start all over again by creating a whole new life. Ulf talks about his successes and failures, his love and importance of family and his passion for giving back by volunteering.

Plus, we also look at events for **Christmas**, the **New Year**, and **Australia Day** as well as activities and events that the kids or the whole family can explore during the school holidays. Some of the events will be online only, while others will be live. It has been hard for organisers to plan ahead this year due to COVID. Some events were still 'up in the air', so have been left out for this edition.

I would like to thank all of my contributors who write fantastic articles for you to enjoy each month. Thanks, Leah, Cate, Kylie, Stuart, Emily & Phoebe and Fraser Coast Mayor George Seymour. My magazine would be nothing without each of you.

To all of our readers – YOU are why this magazine exists, thank you for your support it has truly been amazing.

Have a great Christmas, a fabulous New Year and stay safe. See you next year!

Kim Parnell

Editor, What's On Fraser Coast

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CARE FROM THE *Air*

With RACQ LifeFlight Rescue Pilot
Tony Miller

Tell us a little about your background?

I joined the Navy in 1977, at 15 year of age. I was looking for adventure. A visit to the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne in Fremantle inspired me to pursue a career as an aviator. I started my military flying training in 1985, a dream come true. After five years flying the Sea King helicopter in the anti-submarine role I ended up flying Army Aviation. During those years I spent time in Timor and the Solomon Islands. The Black Hawk was a fantastic helicopter to fly in the service of our country. I finally resigned from the ADF after 31 years of service.

I now call Bundaberg home and specifically moved there for this job. On my next birthday, I will turn 60. I can't believe it. I am still looking for adventure and loving life!

Why did you become a LifeFlight pilot?

It was a natural progression, I guess for someone who was in the military for so long I just liked that kind of role. As a citizen of this country, military life was perfect for me with the adventure and the unknown, but I couldn't stay in the ADF forever.

The closest thing to the ADF in the civilian world, in my profession as an aviator, is police or rescue work. I enjoy the dynamic of the unknown; that's my character, my style, and this is the type of role where I can continue doing that.

Tell us a little about LifeFlight?

LifeFlight is an organisation that started as a surf rescue and search-and-rescue service. The organisation has expanded in size and capability over its 40 year history. We provide rapid response airlifts to injured or ill patients and transport them to hospital.

LifeFlight is also a charity that relies on help from the community to fund our service. This means that we can stay in the air and continue to assist those in need.

What are some of the characteristics of the helicopter and what type of equipment does it carry?

The Bundaberg-based helicopter carries rescue and advanced medical equipment and can get to nearly any place where medical assistance or a rescue is required. It is so versatile and can be taken straight to the scene. The police, ambulance and firefighters are usually the first responders; we are called in if a higher level of clinical care is needed. We can bring in the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) Critical Care Paramedic



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and any emergency staff that are required. Time is paramount to get the patient to hospital for further treatment. As a pilot, part of my role is to ensure that the helicopter is ready to be launched at any time and that I bring the crew and anyone that flies with us safely home again.

Have you done any rescues on the Fraser Coast?

We get call outs to Fraser Island quite a lot, especially in the holiday season. We often get tasked for marine stings; Irukandji, and box jellyfish stings can cause people a lot of grief.

Fraser Island is fairly remote, so when people go there, they need to plan for any eventuality and know what the next step is if they get into a spot of trouble. We are often tasked to respond when people crash their cars, which is often because of poor driving techniques or foolish behaviours on sand and not understanding the dangers.

Then there are general illnesses. Some people go to Fraser with preconditions, and are a long way from help if something goes wrong.

Tell us a little about the integral part the medical staff play as part of LifeFlight?

The Bundaberg chopper typically carries a pilot, a specialist aircrewman who runs the mission equipment and a Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) flight paramedic. Our primary role is to get the medical crew to and from the scene, wherever that may be, at any time of the day or night, sometimes negotiating the extremes of the weather.



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IRISH SHOW DELIVERS *Christmas Cheer*

Despite the damage 2020 has inflicted on Australia's arts industry, one Australian show can't wait to step into the spotlight this Christmas.

Speaking from his current base in Queensland, Brent Pace, one of Australia's leading names in live entertainment, is optimistic about the arts in a post-COVID world. "Aussies have always loved that live theatre experience, and I have no doubt our Queensland tour, A Celtic Christmas by A Taste of Ireland, will have audiences keen to return to the theatre this December."

The show is an all-singing, all-dancing, family-friendly festival. "Exactly the kind of uplifting experience people need, after the year we've all had," Pace laughs. Those in the arts have done it especially tough.

"COVID restrictions really did a number on the arts industry, world-wide," Pace said. "Artists, production crews, theatres and theatre staff, community arts employees, manufacturers, tourism, logistics - people all over Australia, across multiple industries, have done it super tough. We're just thankful that Australia, at least, seems to have held up well and we're now very excited to be bringing our Christmas show to Queensland audiences to help get people back on their feet."

Featuring Australia's very best Irish Dance and music talent - not to mention a very cheeky little elf - A Celtic Christmas by A Taste of Ireland tells the heart-warming tale of two lovers, separated by fate and reunited by magic!

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Have you experienced any scary moments?

Have you ever worked over Christmas, if so tell me a little about the experience?

What would you like the public to know over the holiday period, any safety message?

How does a successful rescue feel?

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RISING UP



By Kylie Nitz

OMG! Can you believe this year is all but days away from finishing?

I'm torn a little both ways, I can't wait to see it end but then am starting to feel that this new normal kinda ain't so bad. It has created a space where positive stories can be found all around us. For this last column in 2020 let's focus on some of the hidden achievers in our community, the youth. The ones that have had their education and routines upended, the ones who have been unsettled in their learning and had a tremendous increased level of stress levels, but still gave it their all to achieve great things despite the challenges thrown at them.

Young Tahlia from Mopotc Art, has been a wonderful advocate for the arts each Thursday at the Maryborough Markets and is now set to broaden her skillset by tutoring beginner Macrame classes at MADCOTA Community Hub.

Maryborough's only gymnastics club "GymSports" set up zoom classes which were attended by Gymnasts from as young as 6, and then all came together for an Easter Team Night where lots of fun was had by all. The LiveStream saw best hairstyle, best dressed, dance work out videos and guess the eggs in the jar competitions. They even held an online Easter Egg hunt. Now that's creative!

Maryborough State High School students have experienced great sporting achievements both inside school sports and outside including MSHS Rugby 7's team gaining entry into their first statewide competition; Kirraelle McCulloch, Georgia Mitchell, Chloe Beardmore and Sierra Pursey being selected to compete in Queensland Indoor Hockey Championships for U15's; MSHS Rowing Crew competing and winning Gold, Silver and Bronze in the "Head Of Brisbane" event and in turn reinvigorating youth interest in this historically significant sport.

The success of Fraser Coast Talent Time was largely due to the talent and professionalism of the Hospitality and the Stage and Production students which shone a light on St Mary's College student Kate Bensted who came out first place winner for her performance, making herself \$1000 richer.

It doesn't stop there for St Mary's. Their students have also stood out during these times with Ava Smith and Skyla Birch coming in as finalists in the Premiers Coding Challenge. Nicholas Corsetti and Hayden McIntyre were selected for the trial Launch of the Digital License App and entered the launch competition. Both winning with their Digital App promotional videos. Lauren Winnett was accepted in the QUT Vice-Chancellors STEM camp, which is for high achieving year 11 students. Sky Neale, Cammie Burrige and Kate Bensted won the USC Math Modelling competition which is open to all schools in south east Queensland. Blake Kroning won the 2019 Hockey Queensland Association's Umpire of the Year award. Danielle Lourigan travelled to Townsville representing Wide Bay School Sport in basketball. Nathan Hagan made State Representation in Music at the State Honours Ensemble playing the Clarinet and Chloe-Lee Mahony entered the "Take The Mic" competition making it into the top 8 finalists out of 25 competitors nationwide.

MSHS Football Academy and Sunbury Football Club U13 players Jacob Darnell, Hudson Nitz and Jai Richter had a smashing season with their team to take out 2020 Fraser Coast Minor Premiers and Grand Final Winners, registering an undefeated season with a whopping 77 goals with Hudson conceding only 11 across the entire season. They then moved on to win Wide Bay Championship Cup facing off against Across The Waves. A further five Maryborough State High students and Doonville Football U16's players Tom, Liam, Xavier, Logan and Jake and their team also excelled with a mammoth 88 goals scored across the season finishing up a huge 40 points ahead in the leader ladder also winning the Wide Bay Championship Cup.

There is a lot to be celebrated in 2020 with our youth rising up and doing the Maryborough Community proud.

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by Kristy Hayes

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Opening in 2005, Queensland Computers is a business born in regional Queensland. Fifteen years down the track, the offices of Queensland Computers spans from Rockhampton down to the Fraser Coast. The success and growth of the business has been in the selection of professional team members who live in each location, as locals know and understand their own unique needs and challenges. Mark Olofsen, a Fraser Coast bred Local, spearheads a team of 5 ICT specialists in the Hervey Bay store. Mark says, "we have an eclectic group of specialists: photocopiers, repairs, Microsoft 365, Teams Calling, Managed IT - these guys can cover it all." Specialising in Business IT support - the Fraser Coast Team work with businesses to integrate technology into their organisations. 2020 has become the year of remote work.

Balancing work and home, ensuring we can remain connected has been at the forefront of many of our lives this year. It has presented an opportunity for those of us working in the IT space to challenge the norm and help our customers evolve into this new world of the cloud and remote working. Modern work can be made simple - and most importantly affordable. Reach out to our Fraser Coast team and let them help drive your business.

NO PRESSURE!

By Kim Parnell

I don't believe in announcing New Year's resolutions to the world anymore, as once the words leave the mouth, I very rarely see it through. This, in turn, makes me feel like a failure. By telling everybody, I end up putting more pressure on myself.

Over the years I have gone on a few rapid weight loss programs where I have exercised fanatically, gone to boot camp, have counted calories, counted carbs, drunk shakes - and it has worked - for a while. Then I inevitably go through a lazy phase where I don't exercise, struggle to get out of bed, then tell myself that I will exercise tomorrow, which doesn't happen. I gain weight, decide to do something about it, and the cycle starts again.

To be clear, I am not a personal trainer, or in the fitness industry at all, but in my experience as someone who has been known to exercise from time to time, you have to be ready for it, both physically and mentally. Have your family and friends on board to offer support and think about the kind of exercise you enjoy and what you want to get out of it.

Then formulate a plan. Decide how many days you are going to exercise and for how long. It also helps if you go at the same time every day, this gives you routine. You may start at ten minutes then as your strength in body and mind increases, so will the workout.

Some people prefer to exercise with a family member or a friend as it is more fun, and you can both motivate and encourage each other.

Lastly, be realistic about your goals and your expectations, remember, it won't happen overnight or next week but keep at it and you will start to see the changes. You get out of it what you put into it.

Don't beat yourself up for eating those hot chips or drinking that wine. Don't be hard on yourself if you only get to exercise twice during the week instead of four times; you are human after all and allowed time off for good behaviour.

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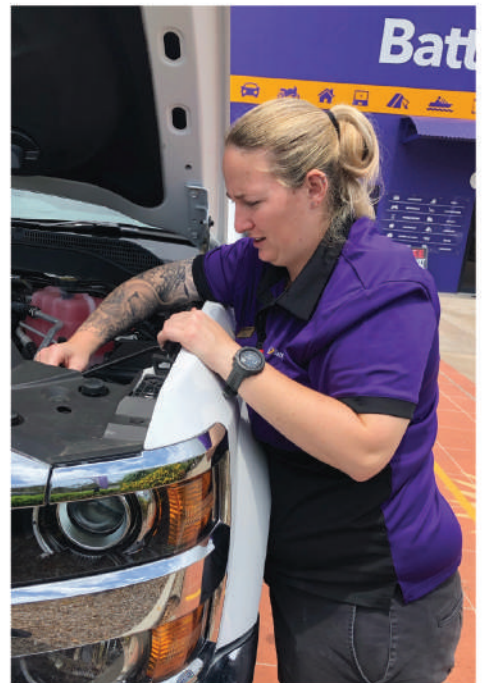
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WHO ARE WE? BUCCANEERS!

At 4:30am on Saturday 7 November 2020, the Wide Bay Buccaneers players, coaches, and families loaded onto the bus for their very last journey to Brisbane. For three years this trip had become part of their lives. Young representative footballers who were so proud to represent their communities and chase their footballing dreams.

Hundreds of Wide Bay players had the opportunity to represent the Wide Bay in the Queensland Premier League and the National Premier League. As a result, Buccaneers players were selected for the Brisbane Roar Academy and Queensland Country representative sides.

The BUCCS was established in 2017 and joined the Queensland Premier League in 2018 after receiving a 5-year licence from Football Queensland. But in January 2020, without warning or consultation, Football Queensland announced the Wide Bay Buccaneers would be removed from the competition at the end of the season. What took faithful coaches, managers and volunteers three years to build was decimated by a decision that still makes no sense to those involved.

For the last time, Tracie Cowie stood on the sideline waiting for that perfect picture. While she originally came to watch her son play as one of the junior goalkeepers in the first year, she quickly became the club photographer. She sacrificed watching her own son play, opting to make sure she captured every single player in action – precious memories for players and parents. It became part of the club culture for players to eagerly wait for Tuesday when the photos would be uploaded onto the club Facebook page, then share them on their own social media pages.

For the last time, Karen Smith made her way to the BUCCS bench with electrolyte ice blocks for each player. Players had travelled more than 4 hours to play a game of football and would soon be back on a bus to return home. She knew the importance of recovery and hydration for these players. Karen's son played for the Wide Bay Buccaneers since they began. While she first came to support her son, she connected with every player and was the driving force of the junior squads in their last year.

Isabel Quik is a mother of twins who played for the BUCCS. She first came to support her sons, but then started live-streaming the games so parents who couldn't travel were able to watch the games from home. For each away game Isabel would travel on the team bus and help look after the players, then taking over as the manager of the under 16s team for what would become their final year. As she walked off the field with the under 16 players, the sting was more than she had expected. The journey with the BUCCS had come to an end.

On Monday morning, Diane Patterson walked to her Hills Hoist to hang out the weekend washing. As she pegged a sea of blue, red, gold and black uniforms it occurred to her "this will be the very last time that I will be doing this". For the past three years Diane supported the BUCCS as a parent of one of the junior goalkeepers, but also as the team manager for the under 15s. It was not a nice feeling to think that the day before was the last game. It was all over. But why?

When Football Queensland explained the decision to withdraw the BUCCS' licence, it was because the program had not proven to be a success. But not one of the decision makers had spoken to a player, coach or parent before making their decision. If they did, perhaps they could have asked "how do you measure success?"

For the BUCCS coaches, players and parents, their measurement of success was based on experience, opportunity and growth. Developing the character of players and setting challenges that were always just beyond their reach.

At 4:00pm on 7 November 2020, the young BUCCS walked off the pitch for the last time, filled with gratitude towards people that made a difference in their lives. The true measurement of success.

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The Terrible (Twenty) Twos

Underrated but Educated: The musings of Emily Jackson and Phoebe Tweddle and their experiences through the perilous journey of growing up.



Thanks for the Memories 2020, Even Though They Weren't So Great

Don't be too spooked by the mention of 2020 in today's title, ladies, and gentlemen; we promise to not use the 'corona' word. So, by all means, unclench and read on.

While our memories of 2020 will forever be tainted by the aforementioned C word, worldwide lockdown, and, perhaps worst of all, Tiger King; we can appreciate (or rather, tolerate) the lessons that 2020 has taught us. So, as we get ready to say see ya never to the year that brought us the futile third attempt at Big Brother AU (shudder), let us reflect on the lessons we'll take with us.

We literally have no idea what the hell is going to happen ever, so do what you want.

This lesson has the potential to be freeing, and also the potential to sever that tiny little thread you're hanging by and plunge you into some pretty visceral existential dread. Luckily for you, dear reader, we're choosing to see it as the former. To put this more constructively: tomorrow is not promised and 'normal' doesn't exist, so appreciate today and do whatever makes you happy, while you can.

Do not ever, and I cannot stress this enough, move (back) to America.

While I (Phoebe) have a special place reserved in my heart for the US, 2020 has (in true 2020 fashion) changed everything. There's no one event that pushed us to feel that the US is borderline uninhabitable, but rather, a plethora of them. Protesting masks with rifles in hand, suggesting beams of light to solve pandemics, and let's not forget the absolute farce that is the presidential election. We love you, Captain Crunch, but you can't save this one.

Self-discipline is a huge flex.

The ability to structure your day and shower has never been so impressive. Motivation is fleeting, so holding yourself accountable in its absence is essential. So is showering.

Along with these lessons, we leave you today, dear reader, with a timely quote from Dr. Suess, "Don't smile because it's over, cry because it happened."

* We may have 2020'ed the quote. You're welcome.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2020

NOV 27 – DEC 20

Almost Maine

Z-Pac Theatre

To find out more go to
www.zpactheatre.com

DEC 1 – JAN 31

Summer Reading Club

Fraser Coast Libraries

Open to all ages - To register go to
www.frasercoastlibraries.com.au

DEC 2, WED

**Hervey Bay Botanic
Gardens Monthly Tour**

Guided tours, first
Wednesday of each month
10am – 11am

DEC 4, FRI

Food N Groove Fridays

From 4pm

Seafront Oval

To get tickets go to
www.frasercoastevents.com

DEC 5 – JAN 16

Art Exhibition – Heart of K'gari

Gatakers Artspace

DEC 5, SAT

Monster Garage Sale

7.30am – 12 noon

Hosted by Burrum & District

Men's Shed

17 Steley St, Howard

DEC 5, SAT

**Art Exhibition – Elemental
Forces – Sue McLean**

Gatakers Artspace

Maryborough

DEC 5, SAT

Kite Flying

(First Sat of each Month)

From 9am – Sports Precinct,

Nikenbah

DEC 5, SAT

**Brolga Live @ Riverstage,
Soul City & Sam Maddison**

4pm – 7pm

Brolga Theatre & Convention
Centre

DEC 5 - 6

**Torquay Hotel Multihull
Challenge**

9am – 5pm

Hervey Bay Sailing Club

DEC 6, SUN

**Sweaty Santa Charity Run/Walk
and AGM**

5.30am – 9am

Anzac Park and Ululah Lagoon
Maryborough

DEC 6, SUN

Fraser Coast Toy Run 2020

6.30am – 3pm

Brolga Theatre & Convention
Centre

DEC 8, TUES

Christmas Morning Tea

MADCOTA Community Hub

10am

RSVP essential – 4123 1554

Maryborough

DEC 8, TUES

**A Celtic Christmas by a Taste of
Ireland**

Brolga Theatre & Convention

Centre - Book at

www.atasteofirelandshow.com

DEC 12, SAT

**Twilight Cruise with Sam
Maddison**

Boat Club Adventure Cruises

3.30pm – 5.30pm

Enquire at the Hervey Bay Boat
Club

DEC 13, SUN

Artisan Market

8.30am – 2.30pm

Lewis Gallery, Hervey Bay

DEC 14 – DEC 18

It Takes a Village

10am

MADCOTA Community Hub

RSVP essential – 4123 1554

Maryborough

DEC 16, WED

**Hervey Bay Chamber of
Commerce Breakfast**

6.30am - The Beach House Hotel

To book

www.herveybaychamber.asn.au

DEC 19, SAT

**Coffee & Cruise your Car
on the Nard**

10am

All Abilities Park, Hervey Bay

DEC 19, SAT

Festive Fraser Coast Concert

6.30pm – 8pm

Limited tickets for Seafront
Oval and the Brolga

See the event LIVE on YouTube

For more info go to

www.ourfrasercoast.com.au

DEC 20, SUN

Nikenbah Markets

6am – 12pm

DEC 25, FRI

CHRISTMAS DAY

DEC 25, FRI

**Free Community Event
Hervey Bay RSL Picnic in the Park**

3 different sittings

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Hervey Bay Community Centre

Register online at

www.hbnc.com.au

DEC 26, SAT

BOXING DAY

(For all events go to Whats On Fraser Coast on Facebook)

DEC 31, THURS

NEW YEARS EVE

(For all events go to Whats On Fraser Coast on Facebook)

DEC 31, THURS

Goodbye 2020

– New Year's Eve

Aquavue Café Restaurant

From 5.45pm

DEC 31, THURS

NYE with Forbidden Road

8pm – 1am

Hervey Bay RSL

**JANUARY
2021**

JAN 1 & 2

**Kurt Murdoch Classic –
Production Sedans**

Maryborough Speedway

For details go to www.maryboroughspeedway.com.au

JAN 1, FRI

NEW YEARS DAY

(For all events go to Whats On Fraser Coast on Facebook)

JAN 2, SAT

**Wang'ari Dreaming Cultural
Tours Official Opening**

12pm – 1pm

Fraser Island

JAN 3, SUN

Scarness Sandcastle Competition

2pm – 6pm

Hosted by Tea & Toasters
Fundraising Team

Raising funds for Cancer
Council Qld - Scarness Beach

JAN 8, FRI

Food N Groove Fridays

From 4pm

Seafront Oval

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JAN 15, FRI

Food N Groove Fridays

From 4pm

Seafront Oval

To get tickets go to www.frasercoastevents.com

JAN 16 – FEB 11

**Art Exhibition - Australian
Flora & Fauna Exhibition**

10am – 3pm daily

Gallery 5, Sandy St, Urangan

JAN 22, FRI

Food N Groove Fridays

From 4pm

Seafront Oval

To get tickets go to
www.frasercoastevents.com

JAN 23, SAT

**Dreams Show – Tribute to
Fleetwood Mac and Stevie
Nicks**

7.30pm – 11.30pm

Hervey Bay RSL

JAN 23, SAT

Prada's Priscillas

Sydney Drag Queen

8pm – 10pm

Brolga Theatre &
Convention Centre

JAN 23 – MAR 6

**Art Exhibition - Fragments
Within – Ken Munsie**

Gatakers Artspace
Convention Centre

JAN 26, TUES

Australia Day

JAN 29, FRI

Food N Groove Fridays

From 4pm - Seafront Oval

To get tickets go to
www.frasercoastevents.com

*A full market list is on page 2.

If you have an event to add please send through
details to whatsonfrasercoast@outlook.com

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2020 DUNGA DERBY DONE AND DUSTED

Well that is a wrap for the 2020 Dunga Derby Double Header!!

What a year it has been. From the excitement of taking on a new role as the Event Coordinator for the Dunga Derby Fraser Coast Inc and meeting all of you amazing Dunga Derby dudes and dudettes.

The Fraser Coast Dunga Derby event sold out on the 20th February with a waiting list of 3-4 teams ready to go.

February and half of March was spent sourcing all catering, accommodation, and activities for our first route only to have bloody COVID-19 wipe us out and cancel the Dunga Derby event.

Then we sat in a holding pattern through the remainder of March, April and half of May while the pandemic spread globally causing disruptions that most of us have never seen and hopefully will never see again in our life time.

The Dunga Derby committee elected to build a new route in the background just in case we couldn't run our original route. Lucky, we did - in July, the Rally for a Cause board and the Dunga Derby committee agreed to run a Dunga Derby event in 2020 although later in October.

So, the track planning kicked into full swing and Timmy's brain was in overdrive. Between Google maps, Hema maps and some local knowledge a new route was built around early August.

Then came the catering, accommodation, and activities.... again. Hours blended into days and days into weeks of contacting local clubs, pubs, organisations, associations, charities, musicians and individuals to lock in somewhere to camp, some tunes at night, a decent feed, a hot shower and a throne to read the paper!!

September and October came around very quickly and the committee meetings became weekly, finalising as much as we possibly could given the short turn around in the event planning. The calls were endless, meetings daily and the emails, well they topped out at 47 in one day!

So here we are, almost a month after the 2020 Dunga Derby....we made it!! While other charities, associations, and clubs cancelled their events, we did not. The fact that the Rally for a Cause board, the Dunga Derby Fraser Coast committee and you, the sponsors, teams and participants, had the desire to see the 2020 Dunga Derby event run and succeed is beyond words and an inspiration to all. The 2020 Dunga Derby event had the most amount of teams, the most participants, the most officials and the most official vehicles and remarkably,

you achieved a new highest fundraising total - all in a COVID tainted year!!!

Our collective fundraising total for 2020 stands at \$280,000, what an outstanding result. That means that from 2015 to 2020 we have raised just shy of 1.3 million dollars to date, that is something that we can all be proud of.

To you the sponsors, teams and participants, the officials, and camp hosts, Hervey Bay Tilt Tray Hire, Rainbow Beach Sports club, Rainbow Beach Recovery, the Medics, the M.C and the Camera crew, to The Greased Monkeys and that annoying alarm clock at 4.28am, thank you, thank you, thank you.

From the bottom of my heart, I cannot thank you all enough for your belief, dedication, and love of what the Dunga Derby stands for and the positive impact it has in our community.

Yours Sincerely,
Andrew Coppens ~ Event Coordinator



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Vox Pop



It what has been a difficult year for us all thanks to Covid, and with Christmas fast approaching, people have stopped and reassessed what it is that is important to them -whether that be money, family, work, or toys.

I hit the Esplanade to find out what was the most important thing on peoples lists this year. The last two responses were gold, those in the triathlon world love their bikes and the Hervey Bay 100 was taking place the next day. - KIM PARNELL

Question: **What gift would mean more to you than any other this Christmas?**



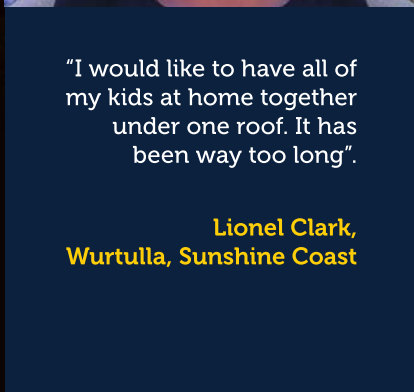
"I wish for all the good things that have come out of Covid to remain. The flexibility between home and work and seeing people out enjoying exercise."

**Andrew Dower,
Cannon Hill, Brisbane**



"I would love this black Giant bike (pictured). Even the wheels would be nice!"

**Damien Cook,
Hervey Bay**



"I would like to have all of my kids at home together under one roof. It has been way too long".

**Lionel Clark,
Wurtulla, Sunshine Coast**



"I adore my children, as a parent, you give them unconditional love. They are the future, so this Christmas I would want all of my children with me."

**Paula Durrant,
Ormiston, Brisbane**



"We are looking forward to seeing our grandchildren in Mt Isa. It has been over 12 months now."

**Peter & Sharon Nowland
With mum, Elieen Harvey
Rockhampton/Hervey Bay**



"A Wahoo or a TT bike would be great. It will be good to get the whole family together as well. I hope we all get lots of presents and money."

**Pepe Pavey,
Hervey Bay**



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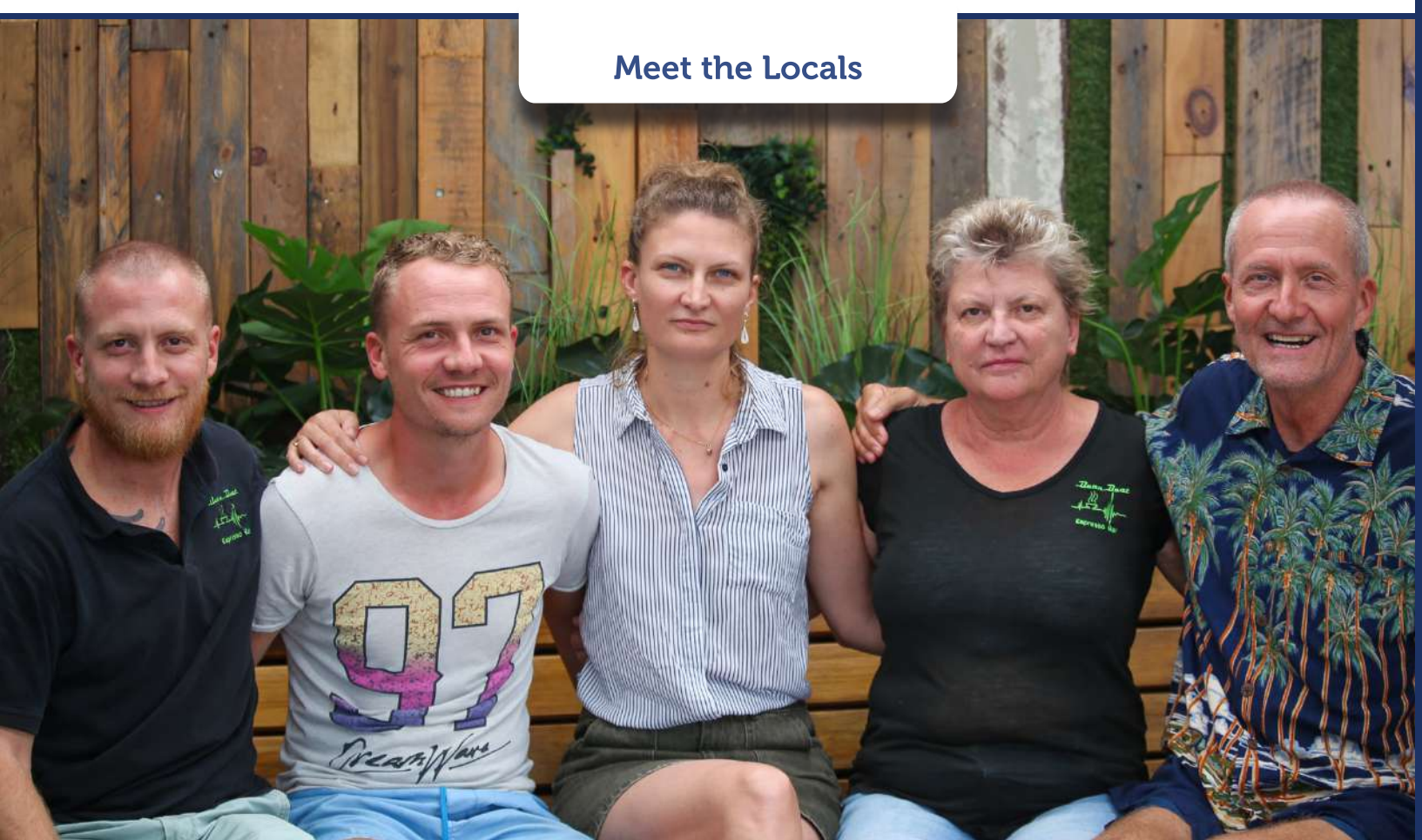
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WITH ULF MALMROS

By Kim Parnell

In what has been a tough year for many, Ulf Malmros and his family, wife Tina, and kids, Anna, Oscar, and Karl have forged ahead in life and business while growing in both strength and resilience.

The family took a moment to pause and reminisce about the early days, to reflect on the year that was, and to talk about the importance of giving back.

Born in Sweden in the '50s, Tina and Ulf fell in love and in 1979, shortly after tying the knot, the opportunity arose to move to France. The South West Bordeaux area became home, and over the years the Malmros family lived in various parts of France, staying in the country for twenty-eight years.

Ulf says, "Our first trip to France in 1979 gave us that sense of adventure and made us want to travel even more".

In 2001 the family took a holiday to Australia and were blown away by the country. It was at that point that the family decided to put plans into place to make Australia their new home. This dream came into fruition in 2007, carrying just two suitcases each, and having to leave everything else behind was not easy.

Ulf says, "The whole experience is much harder than you can imagine, you are leaving family, friends, and your culture behind. You also feel alone, which makes you question whether you have made the right decision.

"As a family, we had an agreement that if one of us didn't like it in Australia, we would all go back. We had our escape plan in place if things didn't work out".

The move was hard for the kids too. Karl says, "We lived in the South of France for pretty much all of our lives, so we had many friends that we had to leave behind.

"You can't replace friends; social media just isn't the same as physically seeing them. That was the hardest part, having to leave those people behind".

Tina says, "For me, it was probably easier as where I put my hat is my home. The first three months were the toughest because Ulf had to keep going back to France and the kids got jobs, I was very lonely here, but this was our new home, and I was determined to make the most of it".

"It was a very tough decision to break up from family and friends. We also found the Australian language hard, as we only had basic English at the time", added Ulf.

Due to Visa laws at the time, Ulf and Tina were only allowed to work if they bought or established their own business. So, a little Delicatessen called DeliBay was born. This turned out to be a big mistake, Ulf says, "we hadn't done our homework correctly, as there was no market for that type of business here".

But that didn't stop the Malmros family who decided to turn the Delicatessen into a café, and with many twists and turns along the way, the café eventually was renamed BeanBeat. The business grew from strength to strength and became bigger than the family needed. So, after shutting down the little hole in the wall that many people will remember, two shops remained one at Scarness and the other at Seafront. The business was then whittled down even further to make it more manageable, so the Scarness café was sold.

Ulf says, "our primary focus has always been about serving up delicious food and great coffee, but the most important of all to us was maintaining great Customer Service.

"The Seafront location had a facelift and has a lot more potential for us to grow into the future".

While many businesses were and are still struggling due to COVID, others like BeanBeat flourished.

Those who stayed open did a raging trade. People never give up their coffee.

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Tina says, "It may sound strange, but I enjoyed this period. I was there every day helping out at front of house and offering a much-needed service, running in and out with coffee, spending precious moments with people who were feeling isolated".

Ulf has some very sound advice for those thinking of starting their own business. Ulf says, "Don't rush it, take your time, and do your homework, seek advice from an accountant or a business planner. Do not rely on your own judgement, at the time you are so enthusiastic that you won't see all of the mistakes that you can make, think it through first."

Over the years, the family have received a lot of help both in Australia and in France, Ulf considers it a privilege to give back to the community whenever he can, as does his family.

Some will remember Ulf when he was volunteering as a committee member with the Hervey Bay Chamber of Commerce, a role he held for three years and was very passionate about. Always on the lookout for other ways to volunteer within the community, he took his Swedish cast iron 25-kilo pushbike on the Esplanade and decided that he wanted to try to find something to do on the beach. So naturally, he ended up at the Hervey Bay Surf Club where club President Darren Everard convinced Ulf to join.

"Ulf says, "He told me I was going to be a lifesaver, I had no idea at the time what a lifesaver was let alone what they did, but Darren quickly filled me in. He told me that they save lives, to which I responded, well I can hardly swim". The rest is history as Ulf became a fully-fledged member of the Hervey Bay Surf lifesaving Club and has never looked back since. He especially looks forward to Sunday's where the Nippers learn all about water safety, respect, and camaraderie. You can also find Ulf most Saturday afternoons volunteering behind the bar at the Hervey Bay Surf Lifesaving Club.

For the city as a whole Ulf says, "We hope that Hervey Bay remains the same place that it is today and that we don't have too much growth, we want growth, but it needs to be controlled, not like the French Riviera.

Ulf is always looking towards the future and appreciates every opportunity that comes his way. He is also passionate about his family.

With three grandchildren to keep him on his toe's life couldn't be any better. Ulf appreciates having his family around him and likes nothing more than to spend time with them.



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Fashion

WITH LEAH

"Fashion Design in our own" backyard"

Event season is well upon us, and I can already hear the cries and woes of all the ladies who dread the idea of coming up with a special occasion outfit! If you're not an online shopper (or rather online shopping doesn't like you!), then my tip here is to consider custom designs for that special outfit. The beauty of custom designs is that we can create the best style to suit you, and it can be made to fit your unique body perfectly. The best part is, we have some truly amazing designers right here in our own backyard!

Meet Sue Flewell-Smith - the designer behind Ivy Rose Designs, located right here in Hervey Bay. Sue loves to work with natural fibres like linens and silks and the lady can really sew! From extravagant formal gowns to comfy resort wear, Sue is a wonderful seamstress who tailors every outfit with care and precision.

Looking for some more print and colour in your event wardrobe, then Nadia Seo Styles is the designer for you! Nadia's designs are vibrant, high-print and sometimes beautifully quirky to create a luxe and unique look. Think Dolce & Gabbana come Versace vibes! Nadia is located in Maryborough and is open to custom orders. Or maybe you're after something that will kill two birds with one stone, take you from beach to bar! Belinda from Mirjeta Collective has designed a luxe range of ladies swimwear (right here on the Fraser Coast!). Her full piece swimwear make for a statement in the water but throw on a pair of jeans and heels and you're set for a nice evening out too!

Need some jewels? Carly from Luxe & Chaos Designs creates bespoke, one-of-a-kind polymer clay earrings (also right here in the Bay!). Carly seeks inspiration from art, architecture, and the art deco era, producing some really unique collections. All her pieces are hand made with love (and lots of time!) and compliment any special occasion outfit so beautifully.

I'm a huge fan of custom designed outfits! I've preached about this before, but in order for you to be prepared for a special event, you need to be prepared! Have a vision in mind of the entire look you're after (not forgetting shoes and accessories), then employ one of our local designers. The whole process is wonderful to be a part of. You get to watch the maker perform their magic, and you're left with a beautifully made one-of-a-kind outfit- made with lots of love!

That's a wrap on another wonderful year of fashion and styling for me! I love working one-on-one with women, so thank you for all the kindness and support thrown my way in 2020.

Wishing you all a very merry festive season and I look forward to another year filled with beautiful makeup and killer fashion!

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FRASER COAST SENIORS

Don't be socially isolated this Christmas

We are coming to the end of another year and WOW what a year it has been. One that we hope we never have to experience again.

Our world has changed, and many of these changes appear to be here to stay.

We are leading in to what is usually the busiest time of the year as family and friends come together to celebrate the festive season. Smiles, laughter, gifts and all things good are what we think off and hope for at this time of the year, but this is not the case for everyone.

Some people will be on their own with no one to share the joy. This month we will be looking at the issue of Social Isolation and what we can do as an individual or community to help reduce social isolation.

Social isolation – What is it, and who does it affect?

Social isolation is when someone has limited social connections. It is different to being lonely as you can have feelings of being lonely even though you are socially connected. Being socially isolated can, however, lead to loneliness and impacting other areas of your life such as your health.

There are many reasons as to why someone becomes socially isolated and include:

- Geographical Isolation
- Health & Financial Reasons
- Access to transport
- Confidence Level
- Grief
- Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse
- Lack of Feelings of Worth
- Age
- Separation from family and friends

So, how do we reduce the issue of social isolation? The first and most important thing is to recognise it and then to talk about it. Reach out and ask for help, whether it be with a friend, family member, neighbour, your doctor, a professional, council or a local senior service.

The hardest thing is taking that first step so be brave pick up the phone or visit one of the above and ask for help to get connected.

Fraser Coast residents are luckier than most as there is a wide variety of ways to connect and stay connected. This includes interest groups, counsellors, financial assistance, transport assistance and social support.

To feel that you are a part of your local community can be as simple as joining a group to satisfy your interests or for some they will take on greater roles such as volunteering for a local organisation and even becoming involved from a management perspective.



I guess that for some of you reading this article you are saying to yourself – it sounds good on paper, but it is all too hard and scary.

I agree that YES, it is hard and scary, but it doesn't have to be 'TOO' hard. Taking that first step is the hardest, but for some, it will be the most important step that you will take. To start your journey to reduce your isolation, there are many people out there who can help. If it is not someone you know, it may be a local organisation that can help you.

The publication that you are reading right now is another source of information with contacts and information on upcoming events and activities. Over the coming months, this page which focuses on seniors will include important contacts to help you on your way.

Let's work together to bring people together and help to reduce social isolation. For more information or contacts please call The Seniors in Focus project on 4194 2441.

Australian Pensioners & Superannuants League – Hervey Bay	07 4124 8532
Community & Neighbourhood Support Services Burrum Heads	07 4193 4441
Hervey Bay Senior Citizens Club	07 4128 4837
Hervey Bay Sixty & Better Program	07 4194 6781
Maryborough & District Council of the Ageing (MADCOTA)	07 4123 1554
Older Men Unlimited	07 4128 9011
Seniors in Focus/Halacro Street Community Centre	07 4194 2441

By Juls de Waard
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HEART OF K'GARI

By Gina Davey

"K'gari Story 1 In Magenta"- Susan Standley- Acrylic

Currents- Leticia Pujol -Mixed Media

Belinda Green - Acrylic

Decomposition of the Maheno-David Probyn- Assemblage

Doris- Val McIntosh- Encuastic

The Local Art Scene

HOW CAN WE LEARN ABOUT THE STORIES K'GARI HAS TO TELL?

Apart from a tourist perspective and the kilometres of pristine beaches everyone loves, there are also many past industrial uses, significant unusual geological features and a unique ecology system that forms part of the island. Art has its own unique way of telling these stories in a visual way that opens a dialogue for the viewer and can have a profound effect on the way we observe nature and past histories.

Heart of K'gari, features nine diverse, Fraser Coast, visual artists who will be using their own personal responses of time spent on the island to express their feelings and tell some of the stories using a multitude of media and mediums.

There are works on the past logging industry, the disintegrating Maheno wreck. The feelings evoked from the many textures in the natural environment and some of the birds seen across the island.

In this current climate, with Covid and a need to remain in our own backyard for holidays, it is particularly poignant that we can use this time to highlight the importance of how we see and enjoy K'gari and have a deeper meaning and understanding of it's worth.

The Artists, Georgie Dee, Gina Davey, Belinda Green, Sarah Cooper, David Probyn, John Purnell, Leticia Pujol, Susan Standley, Valerie McIntosh, each with their own profession arts practice, have banded together to collaborate in this exhibition in their own unique way. Through shared memories and individual experiences, Heart of K'gari has come together over the past year and promises nine different perspectives. From large scale acrylic works to small, postcard-like paintings of tourist hot spots, encaustic, sculpture, digital, watercolour and oil, there will be something for everyone to enjoy and relate to.

Contemporary artist, Sarah Cooper, is known for her vibrant paintings and loves to experiment with the pouring medium and use it in unusual ways to push the boundaries of the medium. She is also working in acrylic. Gina Davey combines her love of oil and charcoal painting with her passion for sculpture to tell a story, usually of global concerns. While Georgie Dee works in a variety of media including digital, quite often with an underlying religious theme and a deeper, thought- provoking meaning.

Mixed media artist Belinda Green, who's quirky style always engages viewers on an emotional level, will be bringing a contemporary feel to the exhibition.

Valerie McIntosh is an avid and experienced print maker who is also using a caustic wax in this exhibition for her body of work. Val is well known as a respected art teacher and exhibitor, realist and surrealist artist. David Probyn has an ongoing love of pastel and acrylic and is including an assemblage piece that's sure to bring back memories to many, from visits to the island.

Leticia Pujol uses a meditative process to create her work before production begins using various mediums. Her lively Latin cultural background guarantees her work has a vibrant, unmistakable quality that is uniquely hers.

Much loved, Hervey Bay artist, John Purnell, is using his favourite medium, pastel, to bring us a series of land and seascapes while Susan Standley embraces her love of abstraction and colour fields inspired by forms and surfaces, to share her personal experiences, in her work.

The "Heart of K'gari" exhibition will be on show at Gatakers Artspace from the 5th Dec to 17th Jan, in Gallery 1 & 2 and will run in conjunction with two other, not to be missed exhibitions, in the upstairs space. "Elemental Forces" by Sue McLean and "A Bird Memoir" by Gavin Paterson.

Gatakers sits in the heart of the Heritage Precinct of Maryborough at 311 Kent Street and makes for a wonderful day out visiting the museums and cafe that front the Mary River.



DELVE INTO Books

with Cate Akaveka

Summer Reads for Everyone

For Mums and Dads who love fiction, there are new books by some of Australia's favourite authors - "The Living Sea of Waking Dreams" by Richard Flanagan, "Honeybee" by Craig Silvey and "The Dressmaker's Secret" by Rosalie Ham.

If they prefer non-fiction, the first part of Barack Obama's memoir, "A Promised Land," is bound to be this year's biggest Christmas book.

For the fun uncle (or anyone who enjoys a laugh) William McInnes is always a favourite and his latest book, "Christmas Tales" is told in his usual hilarious style.

For history buffs, Stephen Fry's "Troy" retells the epic tale of the kidnapping of Helen and the consequent ten year war. Music lovers will be very happy with "Let Love Rule" by Lenny Kravitz. For sports enthusiasts, Gary Ablett and Cameron Smith both have autobiographies landing on bookshelves this Christmas.

For the foodie, you can't go past Bill Grainger's "Australian Food" or the latest from Nigella Lawson, "Cook, Eat, Repeat".

Your yoga-loving cousin will love "You Will Rise," by Instagram phenomenon Sjana Elise Earp, featuring 150 of her uplifting poems.

For teen and young adult readers, "The Left-Handed Booksellers of London" by Garth Nix is an action-packed fun read. "Future Girl" by Deaf artist and writer Asphyxia, is a visual extravaganza of text, paint, collage, and drawings, woven into a deeply engaging coming-of-age story.

For young readers, "The 130-Storey Treehouse" is the latest development in Andy Griffiths' and Terry Denton's incredibly popular and ever-growing series. Another recommendation is "The Grandest Bookshop in the World" by Amelia Mellor - a rollicking adventure story set in Coles Book Arcade in Melbourne in 1893.

There are lots of beautiful new picture books this Summer and some of the best include Oliver Jeffers' "What We'll Build," about a father and daughter building memories together; "Sing Me the Summer" - the latest gorgeous book from Jane Godwin and Alison Lester; and then there's the latest Bluey book, "Verandah Santa" which is destined to become an Australian Christmas classic.



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Derek F Smith

The Boat Club HERVEY BAY

DECEMBER

Fri 4, 5.30pm, Derek F Smith
Sat 5, 5.30pm, Frank Benn
Sun 6, 2.00pm, Matt Phillips
Fri 11, 5.30pm, Sam Maddison
Sat 12, 5.30pm, Brian Speirs
Sun 13, 2.00pm, Frank Benn
Fri 18, 5.30pm, Neil Wenk
Sat 19, 5.30pm, Dean Gray
Sun 20, 2.00pm, Sam Maddison
Sat 26, 5.30pm, Sam Maddison
Sun 27, 2.00pm, Dean Gray
Thu 31, 5.00pm, Derek F Smith
Thu 31, 8.00pm, Brian Speirs

JANUARY

Fri 1, 5.30pm, Neil Wenk
Sat 2, 5.30pm, Dean Gray
Sun 3, 2.00pm, Matt Phillips
Fri 8, 5.30pm, Brian Speirs
Sat 9, 5.30pm, Matthew Barker
Sun 10, 2.00pm, Andrew Copland
Fri 15, 5.30pm, Derek F Smith
Sat 16, 5.30pm, Frank Benn
Sun 17, 2.00pm, Sam Maddison
Fri 22, 5.30pm, TBC
Sat 23, 5.30pm, Brian Speirs
Sun 24, 2.00pm, Matt Phillips
Fri 29, 5.30pm, Frank Benn
Sat 30, 5.30pm, TBC
Sun 31, 2.00pm, Dean Gray

HERVEY BAY RSL

DECEMBER

Fri 4, 6.00pm, Alex Newberry
Sat 5, 6.00pm, Doug Edwards
Fri 11, 6pm, Dean Gray
Sat 12, 6pm, Quinn
Fri 18, 6pm, Doug Edwards
Sat 19, 6pm, Aaron Westlake
Sat 26, 6pm, Rick Manych
Thurs 31st, 8pm, Forbidden Road

JANUARY

Fri 1, 6pm, Frank Benn
Sat 2, 6pm, TBA
Fri 8, 6pm, Dust Duo
Sat 9, 6pm, Bobby Barnes
Fri 15, 6pm, Dean Gray
Sat 16, 6pm, TBA
Fri 22, 6pm, Rick Manych
Sat 23, 6pm, Aaron Westlake
Fri 29, 6pm, Sam Maddison

BAYSWATER BAR & GRILL

DECEMBER

Fri 4, 5.00pm, Doug Edwards
Sat 5, 5.00pm, Ethan Jones
Sun 6, 1pm, Liana McKay
Fri 11, 5pm, Bobby Barnes
Sat 12, 5pm, Andrew Copland
Sun 13, 1pm, Matt Barker
Fri 18, 5pm, Frank Benn
Sat 19, 5pm, Bevan Spiers
Sat 26, 5pm, Matt Phillips
Sun 27, 1pm, Rick Manych
Thurs 31st, 8pm, Trainwrecks

JANUARY

Fri 1, 5pm, Doug Edwards
Sat 2, 5pm, Andrew Copland
Sun 3, 1pm, Sam Maddison
Fri 8, 5pm, Bevan Spiers
Sat 9, 5pm, Ethan Jones
Sun 10, 1pm, Liana McKay

Fri 15, 5pm, Rick Manych
Sat 16, 5pm, Phil Morgan
Sun 17, 1pm, Dean Gray
Fri 22, 5pm, Pete Baker
Sat 23, 5pm, Jon Vea Vea Duo
Sun 24, 1pm, Matt Barker
Fri 29, 5pm, Aaron Westlake
Sat 30, 5pm, Matt Phillips
Sun 31, 1pm, Frank Benn

THE CLUBHOUSE HERVEY BAY

DECEMBER

Fri 4, 6.00pm, Pete Baker
Sat 5, 6.00pm, Liana McKay
Fri 11, 6pm, Jon Vea Vea Duo
Sat 12, 6pm, Dean Gray
Fri 18, 6pm, Andrew Copland
Sat 19, 6pm, Frank Benn
Sat 26, 6pm, Doug Edwards
Thurs 31st, 6pm, Doug Edwards

JANUARY

Fri 1, 6pm, Sam Maddison
Sat 2, 6pm, Rick Manych
Fri 8, 6pm, Ethan Jones
Sat 9, 6pm, Liana McKay
Fri 15, 6pm, Doug Edwards
Sat 16, 6pm, Dean Gray
Fri 22, 6pm, Frank Benn
Sat 23, 6pm, Rick Manych
Fri 29, 6pm, Radiostar Quinn
Sat 30, 6pm, Andrew Copland

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Musician's Profile



Matthew Barker

Years of experience as a solo performer while extensively gigging throughout Australia has made singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Matthew Barker an extraordinary live musician and skilled performer.

As a multi-instrumentalist and he thoroughly enjoys creating, recording, and touring. Matthew has recorded a number of independent EP's including a release with Hervey Bay's own Pacific International, after winning the Hervey Bay Unplugged competition.

He has collaborated with a number of singer/songwriters and done a stint with Brisbane based punk outfit Army of Champions. Matthew was also previously added to the line-up of two of Queensland's heavy rocking blues groups, Cleveland Blues and Transvaal Diamond Syndicate, where he shared one of his career highlights performing on the main stage at the Byron Bay Blues Festival in 2011. He also collaborates regularly with Bundaberg local Brendan Egan and has been featured on a number of popular radio jingles.

The Bundaberg local has supported (to name a few) Busby Marou, Ash Grunwald, Bob Evans and James Blundell as well as performing regularly at the Burnett Heads Lighthouse Festival and the Bundaberg Rum Festival.

In 2019 Matthew travelled Australia with his young family performing along the way, which in turn inspired the release of his first children's book titled 'My Parents Bought A Caravan'. December 2020 sees the release of his second children's book titled 'The Grey Cloud'.

Matthew was recently awarded the Brides Choice Award for most popular wedding singer in the Wide Bay and Fraser Coast region and can be regularly found serenading wedding parties at Kingfisher Bay Resort.

With a mixture of original music and well-known covers, Matthew's swooning vocals and unique arrangements deliver an emotionally captivating performance not to be missed.

www.facebook.com/Matthewbarkermusic
matthewbarkermusic.com
instagram - [Matthew Barker Official](#)

Christmas Messages

"What a year it has been! Another one down and many more to come so enjoy every moment with your friends, family and close ones. Have a Merry Christmas and let's hope next year is a little nicer. See you all in the New Year for some more tunes and good vibes."

- **Liana McKay**

"Thank you to all that have supported us, musicians, through a tough 2020. Be safe and well through this Christmas and New Year period and enjoy time with your loved ones. Peace and happiness to all for the New Year!"

- **Doug Edwards**

"2020 has been the year of clarity for many. Clear vision and choice of outcomes for everyone to confront with eyes wide open. What we chose to view determined our experience and... 2021."

- **Radiostar Quinn**

"I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. I hope the new year is much kinder to everyone and may the music in us all live on. Season's greetings and best wishes."

- **Shaun Beckett**

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HERVEY BAY RSL *Picnic in the Park*

There is no need to be alone this Christmas with the annual Christmas Day lunch happening once again - in a new location. This free community event has been held at the Botanic Gardens for more than a decade and has proved very popular.

Last year the event was held at the Pialba Memorial Hall. This year the lunch will be held at the Hervey Bay Community Centre.

Long term organiser Janet Newman will be away this year but has left the running of the event in the capable hands of CEO Tanya Stevenson. Both visitors and Fraser Coast residents are invited to the event, so come on down, enjoy a delicious lunch and meet new people.

With chicken, ham, salad, and dessert on the menu, you certainly won't go hungry. This year, to work in with the Covid-safe guidelines, there will be three different meal sittings - 11am, noon and 1pm.

As a major supporter of the event for over a decade, the Hervey Bay RSL has donated \$3000 each year to cover the running costs.

To avoid disappointment, get in quick and book a spot as seats fill fast. To make a booking register online at www.hbnc.com.au or phone 4194 3000.

THE *Flavour* OF CHRISTMAS

by: Kim Parnell

Serves 10-12

5kg Leg Ham
2 tbs Orange Juice
½ cup of Whisky Marmalade
(can use Orange Whisky Marmalade)
Whole garlic cloves

Method:

Preheat the oven to about 170°C.

Take the skin off the ham.

To get that delicious flavour score fat with a sharp knife. To make it look top notch score in a diamond/criss cross pattern.

Place ham in a large roasting pan and pour a cup of water into the pan to keep the ham moist, then pop into the oven. Bake for approximately 30 minutes.

While waiting combine the Whisky Marmalade and Orange Juice into a saucepan and stir over low heat until rich and smooth. Brush the glaze over the ham and pop the cloves of

garlic into the scored diamond ends. Bake for a further 30 minutes until you have that golden look. Then caramelize by brushing ham with the the remainder of the glaze and bake for another 20 minutes.

Transfer to your best serving platter and serve with your favourite vegetable dish or salad.

Or you could try a Pineapple Mustard Glaze, using the same method, all you need is:

½ cup of Pineapple Jam
¼ cup Dijon Mustard
¼ cup of packed brown sugar

Why not experiment and come up with your own glaze - Try, maple syrup or honey!

*If you don't have a ham bag to put your leftovers in, don't despair, a pillowcase does the trick just as well. You will need to soak it in a vinegar solution first, and re-soak bag every 3-4 days. Your ham should last a good week, maybe longer!

Eat your ham hot or cold, but whatever you do - Enjoy it!!



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What's On December 2020

Australia Day is about taking a step back and reflecting on our history, it is also about respecting the stories of those around us, and celebrating our great nation. People from all around the world, and from all walks of life now proudly call Australia home. Let's stand side by side on this day and celebrate together.-Kim.

Australia Day at the Hervey Bay Historical Village & Museum is always a great day out for the whole family, and 2021 will be no exception. While planning for the event was still underway at the writing of this article all the old favourites will be there.

Some of the activities on the day

- Have a go at log sawing and then watch it being branded.
- Help make a 10 metre Sisal rope which will then be auctioned off.
- See how the old-time wood tools were used.
- There will also be Children's games and Billy Carts.
- Whip Making demonstration.
- See what School was like 100 years ago.
- Make your own souvenir rope.
- See the Spinners and Weavers in action.
- Check out the vintage cars on display

The entire event is run by volunteers who give up their time so that the visitors can have an enjoyable day out.

For more information, contact Brian Taylor on 0403 754 266

Australia Day at the Hervey Bay Historical Village & Museum
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ENTREE W/ MAINS

HAVE FUN

during the School Holiday's

Organised activities Fraser Coast Libraries

Summer Reading Club
December 1 to January 31
For all ages
Fraser Coast Regional Libraries will also have some online events for more details go to www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/libraries.

Camel Rides

Throughout the month of January
From 3 years of age
Maximum weight restriction of 85kg per rider
Scarness Beach
Other camel experiences available
For more details and cost go to www.camelhireqld.com.au.

Scarness Sandcastle Competition

Jan 3, Sunday
Hosted by Tea & Toasters
Fundraising Team
Raising Money for Cancer
Council QLD - Scarness
Find the event on Facebook.

Kite Flying

(First Saturday of each month)
From 9am
Sports precinct, Nikenbah

Explore with family and friends The Hervey Bay Esplanade

Walk, ride, run or roller skate along the Hervey Bay Esplanade, spanning 14km, from Urangan all the way to Gatakers Bay. The Esplanade overlooks our beautiful beaches, with plenty of parks and playgrounds to tire out the kids. There is also a fitness trail that meanders along the pathway with gym equipment and exercise tips that will keep your heart pumping and your blood flowing. All of the fresh air and exercise will give you an appetite.

So, pack a picnic lunch or enjoy one of the many cafes or restaurants along the way.

Wetside Water Park

After that long walk, Wetside Water Park is the place to cool off for the whole family. The park itself is free to enter. To use the water slides, or the Flipside Boardrider there is a fee. There is also a baby/toddler water play area for those under 5 to enjoy. The water park is littered with interesting facts and figures that will educate and inspire. Lunch is all sorted too. With a fish and chip shop or BeanBeat, a wonderful café that serves gorgeous coffee as well as home-made food.

Maryborough

Visit the birthplace of Pamela Travers, author of Mary Poppins. Take a walk around the Story Bank Museum and see where she was born. Don't forget to snap a photo or a selfie with the statue of the popular nanny. There is so much to see and do in this beautiful town full of heritage listed buildings. If only walls could talk!

The Mary Ann Steam Train

The train is a replica of the first steam engine built in Queensland and operates on the days below.

Thursday (Heritage Market Day in Maryborough) between 9am and 12.30pm.
The last Sunday of the month
9am to 12.30pm, from Queens Park.

To find out more go to www.maryboroughwhistlestop.org.au
While you are there check out the Maryborough Railway Museum in the Railway Complex, Lennox Street. The Museum is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Entry fee is \$2.00 for each person.

To keep up to date with all school holiday activities and events keep an eye on the Facebook page Whats On Fraser Coast - the page is updated several times a day.

Other places to check out:

- ▶ Hervey Bay Historical Village
- ▶ Reefworld Aquarium
- ▶ Jump Trampoline Park
- ▶ Botanic Gardens, Hervey Bay
- ▶ Susan River Homestead Resort
- ▶ Fraser Island
- ▶ Fraser Coast Wildlife Sanctuary
- ▶ Gallipoli to Armistice Military Trail
- ▶ Maryborough Achievers Walk
- ▶ The Maryborough Mural Trail



LEADING INTO A **CONFIDENT 2021**

Education has been a big talking point in 2020 with the introduction of online classrooms during the pandemic. Students learning and wellbeing was of significant interest for many parents and wanting the best education outcomes for their child has been of high importance to every parent.

There were noticeable differences in education delivery between schools that do not provide laptops and the technology platforms for student learning and those who had prepared systems and equipment already established and provided. The resilience and independence gained from alternate learning was embraced at St Mary's College with positive outcomes and real results throughout the year. The College credits their forward thinking attitude to technology and supportive community network to the high level of student triumph in this modern era. A well established program of providing each child with laptops, IT programs, engagement and support, paired with advanced classroom teaching delivery, has been proven to deliver leaders of the future. The focus is to do more than just educate students, but also to prepare them for a successful life, developing self-discipline, communication skills, and respect for themselves, their peers and their world.

Students are at the core of the College's education focus, each child enjoys a diverse learning environment that is personally enriching, supported by staff who believe strongly in the benefits of developing individual education pathways, including the self-expression, personal growth and teamwork development that happens outside the classroom - skills and qualities needed in a changing world.

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Take a Camel

RIDE IN January

With Kathleen Elphick from Fraser Coast Camels

Tell us a little about your background?

I've always been an animal lover. I was that crazy young girl who was always taking the stray animal's home, I also lived and breathed horses. I spent all my time on weekends helping friends on their farms just to be near animals. As we travelled a lot when I was younger, I struggled to make close friends but always had a strong bond with animals. I spent my early twenties volunteering abroad with exotic animals and knew in my soul that I needed a career that involved animals.

Where did your interest in camels stem from?

I have always been fascinated with camels (So unique!), when I was on a road trip through the NT, I had the opportunity to spend time with them, and from that, I knew I needed to learn more about camels, so made it my mission. I was fortunate to have met Lionel from Southern Cross Camels who mentored me and introduced me to the wonderful world of camels.

What makes camels such a unique animal?

I love to share the camels with everyone as it gives people a chance to see their true beauty. Most people are so surprised at how incredibly gentle they can be. I think in the past they have been a very misunderstood animal; I remember that the documentaries I watched growing up always just showed a bull in rut - which isn't a very flattering picture of a camel. The public is led to believe they are all stinky, spitting aggressive beasts when in fact, they are beautiful, smart creatures and very sensitive, they have very strong bonds between

them and remember everything. They teach you a lot about yourself, as you need patience and respect to work with them. Once you've built a mutually respectful relationship with a camel, it creates such a strong bond, nothing can compare to the love and admiration you have for them.

Tell us about your camels?

Each of my camels has such unique personalities and are so incredible in their own way.

"Masai" - my lead camel is a big gentle giant and is truly the love of my life. He is the most mature of the camels, and at home, on the farm, he is the protector of them all and makes sure each of the camels are treating each other fairly. Masai was originally a wild camel in SA who spent some time in a zoo down there before relocating to QLD.

"Spydey" - is my goofball who is a happy chap and always happy to see everyone he is very "talkative" when it comes to feed time or when he knows there is a carrot nearby. He is perfect for children to spend time with as he has such a beautiful, friendly nature. Spydey was an orphaned camel who was destined to be slaughtered, but luckily, we were given the opportunity to adopt him at a few days old.

"Queen Latifah" is a gorgeous big lady. A retired racing camel, she likes to spend her days "being aunty" to the younger camels. Queen is a great camel to take to the beach and has been a wonderful companion on trekking adventures.

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Photo Credit: Fraser Coast Camels

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“Rex” is also a retired racing camel and came from the same property out west as “Queen”. He is a calm, sensitive camel who learns very quickly and prefers to be around gentle people. It took a long time to earn his trust, so it was extremely rewarding, as he is a very special part of our camel family.

What is their environment like at home?

When the camels are at home, they have access to over 80 acres where they spend their time browsing, relaxing, and having sand baths in their many sandpits. They have access to two large ponds and enjoy splashing around in there. Each morning and evening, we spend time with them. Watching the sunset surrounded by camels is a very special experience!

Why do you think that people enjoy camel rides as a pose to horse riding?

They are both such different experiences that I think it's impossible to compare! Our camels live with our horses, and we love to ride them both. The camels are very much, in my opinion, a calmer, relaxed ride. There's a saying - "you should experience life at the pace of a camel", basically, it's nice to slow down and be grateful for the blessings already in your life. This is so important in today's modern world.

Tell us about the camel rides you will be offering over Christmas?

We are so excited to return to Scarness Beach for rides through the Christmas holidays. The camels will be giving daily rides all of January. (Tide and Weather permitting). Private camel experiences, camel handler walks, and camel rides are available by appointment throughout December, as well as camel handling sessions for the camel lovers who would like to spend quality hands-on time learning about our wonderful camels.

All ages are welcome for our camel experiences. For our camel rides, there is a minimum age of 3yo & maximum weight restriction of 85kg per rider.

More details and exact dates and pricing can be found on the website www.camelhireqld.com.au and our Facebook page Fraser Coast Camels.

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THE YEAR THAT WAS

By Kim Parnell

2020 was the year that COVID-19 came to the forefront of the world as the virus took hold. Many people were forced to join the queue at Centrelink for the very first time, fever clinics sprouted up around the region, we saw people fighting in the isles over toilet paper, and hand sanitiser was in high demand. Businesses closed their doors and pubs and clubs were closed. Humour shone through though, with hundreds of memes and slogans emerging about COVID-19. The 'Worldometer' webpage was checked daily for the latest toll. Newspapers went out of print, and new papers were created to fill the void.

The What's On Fraser Coast magazine took a huge hit and went "Online only" for two months. For the first time in our history, there were no events to report on, no event photos to take, the global pandemic had taken control.

Over the last nine months, we have seen the very best in people but also the very worst. People reached out to help those in need. New groups sprouted up on Facebook and people around the world connected via a local Facebook page called 'Bin Isolation Outing' that spread worldwide, while local page, 'Fraser Coast Coronavirus Community Health' was born to keep people informed, and connected.

Many of the changes made in our day to day life have been good and will remain. There has been a lot of good that has come out of this, and some lessons learnt.

Let's remain vigilant, follow the rules and keep the Fraser Coast safe.



GOOD RIDDANCE TO 2020 SAY HELLO TO 2021

Let's face it, many of us will be glad to see the back of 2020, it would easily go down in history as one of the worst years in most of our memories.

People all over the world will be counting down, with pleasure, the last few minutes of 2020 as they prepare to look with hope to 2021.

At the writing of this article, there were few concrete plans in place for New Years Eve events due to COVID-19 restrictions. So, I popped on to Wikipedia instead to see how different countries around the world celebrated the occasion. I obviously chose the more interesting!

South Africa

In South Africa, it is all about the music. The public gets to pre-vote on a top 10 countdown. Then during the night when the countdown reaches number 1, the most voted for song plays on all the radio stations.

Chile

In Chile, the wearing of yellow clothing, including underwear, is considered a traditional ritual. This is said to restore vitality to your life.

Costa Rica

In Costa Rica, families have many traditions, including eating 12 grapes that represent 12 wishes for the new year and running

across the street with luggage which is supposed to bring new trips and adventures.

Ecuador

In Ecuador, men dress in drag wearing clown-like make-up, colourful wigs, and miniskirts which look great with hairy legs. This is supposed to represent the "widows" of the Años Viejos, (meaning old year), they are getting rid of the old year and looking forward to the new.

Event

2020 New Year's Eve Family Fun Fair!

Hosted by the Maryborough Cricket Club

Celebrate the new year in style with food vans and other vendors, FREE inflatables and amusements for the kids, live music, and an outdoor bar. Be entertained on the night with live music. The Bistro will be open in the club as well. Bring your picnic rug or chair down to Maryborough Cricket Club (Newtown Oval) on Ariadne Street from 5pm, and enjoy the terrific fireworks display at 9pm!

For a full list of New Year's Eve events check out the What's On Fraser Coast Facebook page a little closer to the date.

Have fun and stay safe!



PRADA'S Priscillas Drag-Up Maryborough

Australia's most sought-after drag queens will take to the stage in the glittering drag spectacular, Prada's Priscillas: An All-Male Revue. A 90-minute drag extravaganza, Prada's Priscillas takes audiences on a musical journey from where it all began with the famous Les Girls of Kings Cross in the 60s, across the Australian outback with Priscilla Queen of the Desert in the 90s, and into today with a celebration of modern music icons.

Prada and her stunning 'girls' will pay tribute to Les Girls with a fabulous Vegas-style feathered showgirl number, perform hit songs from Priscilla Queen of the Desert including crowd favourites I Love the Nightlife, Shake Your Groove Thing and I Will Survive, they will delight with hits from music icons including ABBA, Cher and Lady Gaga.

With a cast of seven, Prada's Priscillas is headlined by one of Australia's most in-demand live singing drag queens, Prada Clutch. Prada is known for her commanding stage presence and draws her inspiration from the likes of Dusty Springfield, Patti LaBelle and Cher.

"Carlotta came to my first show and she was blown away; she said a lot of people have tried to do tributes to Les Girls, but

no-one has ever done it quite like us," said Prada Clutch.

Prada's Priscillas is creatively directed by one of the original Les Girls, Monique Kelly, with choreography by Stephen Clarke who has worked with the Minogue sisters, Cyndi Lauper, and Diana Ross.

"With my Cher dress, Monique hand beaded every single bead - six months it took her to make that dress. It's breath-taking to see, weighing almost seventeen kilos." Said Prada Clutch.

Complete with dazzling feathers, wigs, head-pieces and stunning costumes, Prada's Priscillas is an unforgettable night-out that will have audiences dancing in the aisles!

**Tickets available from
www.PradasPriscillas.com.**

**You will not forget this glittering
drag spectacular!**

**Prada's Priscillas:
An All-Male Revue - January 23**

**Brolga Theatre and Convention
Centre, Maryborough**

Social Snaps

Out and About on the Fraser Coast!



*The 4th Annual Fraser Coast Mates Golf Day
held at the Hervey Bay Golf Club.
Raising awareness for men's mental health.*

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The 2020 Beach House Hotel Hervey Bay 100, and the Hit50. One of Hervey Bay's favourite signature events held annually.

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*More pics of the 2020 Beach House Hotel
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