

Island Views

Who We Are ~ Coochie in the Frame

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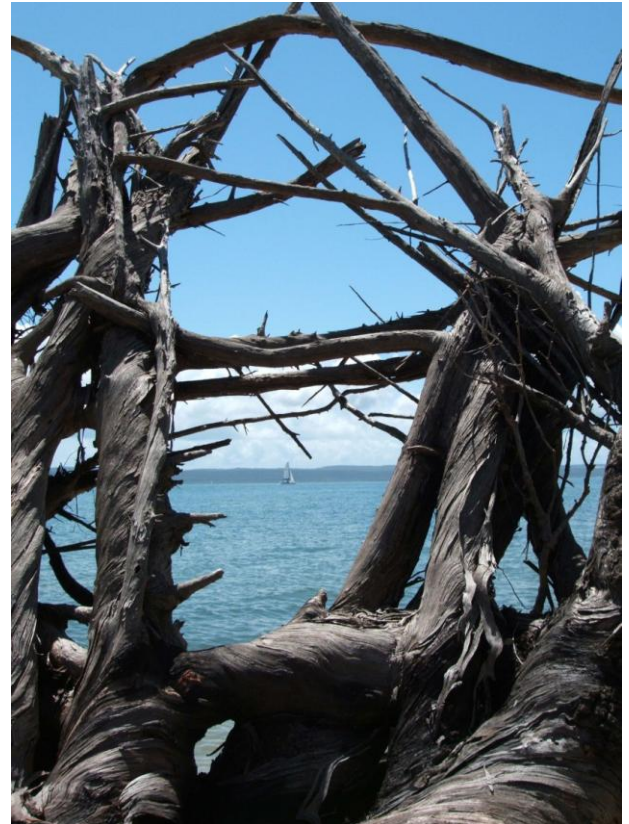
Did you fill in your census form on 9 August?

Did you know this is the 100th year of the Census - and are you just a little bit curious about who we are now?

In the years since the last census captured a snapshot of who we are as Coochiemudlo Islanders, which of the following statistics might have changed?

On Census night in 2006 there were 658 residents on Coochie with the greatest number of people in the 25-54 year old age group (37.8%). 268 of us were employed or actively looking for work.

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Photograph by Kelly Smith

Can't Eat Coal, Can't Drink Gas ~

Australia's mining boom is protecting many industries and communities from the economic and social upheaval being experienced overseas. A number of Coochie residents work in mine related employment as well as in the civil construction jobs where vacancies are appearing as more and more workers move into mining work.

But is the mining boom a double edged sword?

Drive in, drive out workers are fatigued after 12 hour shifts and dying on the roads as they drive home to their families (The Australian, 23/7/11).

In developments that will impact on all of us, encroachment of mining and coal seam gas (CSG) exploration on the food bowls of Queensland and NSW threatens our food security.

Companies with exploration licences can

take farmers and landowners to court to get access to their lands. Farmers warned on ABC Radio National (2/8/11) "there will be no grain belt in 25 years time."

It's in all of our interests to ensure that our water remains uncontaminated and that fresh, cheap, locally produced food is available now and into the future for our families ~

For more information:

www.lockthegate.org.au

www.futurefoodqld.com.au

www.theaustralian.com.au



Want to keep up with the tides? Try this!

<http://tides.willyweather.com.au/qld/brisbane/coochiemudlo-island.html>

Coochiemudlo Island...naturally beautiful

"The old man"

One day there were two cousins.
 They went down to the mangroves.
 At the caves they saw an old man.
 He looked weird because he had a scruffy shirt and scruffy pants.
 The cousins ran home because the old man was chasing them and his favourite food was kids.



by Isla, aged 6

Above: Mangrove Cathedral, photograph taken by Kelly Smith

"Island Views"

Contributions welcome!

Photos, classified ads, poetry, community news & more!

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Editor's Note:

I work full time so my preferred contact is email or phone after 6pm & BEFORE 8:30pm or by appointment

Thank you ☺

"The only people who don't make mistakes are people who aren't doing anything"

~ Mark Tuckey quoted in the Weekend Australian 30-31 July 2011

Local Reporter Keen for Coochie News

Rural Press publishes a number of publications in the Redlands including The Bayside Bulletin, Redland Times and Southern Bay News.

Debbie Lever, who has had a long association with the island and owns a home on James Street with her husband Graham and two daughters Lexy and Leah, is a journalist with Rural Press and always welcomes good news stories and contributions about the island and its residents.

Anyone who reads these local papers will notice Debbie's regular by-line in the real estate and general news sections.

If you have a personality or event you would like covered or an issue explored, please don't hesitate to call Debbie on

0409 561 414 or 3207 6141



Who We Are ~ Coochie in the Frame... (Cont'd)..

Bushfire Season Ahead...

State Member for Redlands, Peter Dowling, is encouraging residents to do their part to reduce fire risk ahead of bushfire season.

"I urge residents to contact their local Fire Station to obtain information on high risk bushfire areas and how to decrease the chance of loss of property or even life during bushfire." stated Mr Dowling.

"Residents should also remember that tough penalties apply for people who light fires without a permit so please contact the Qld Fire & Rescue Service or visit www.fire.qld.gov.au or www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

Coochiemudlo Island Kiosk

Fri & Sat Nights Open to 7pm!

Order by 6:15pm (Kitchen closes 6:30pm)

\$30 Family Deals!!!

DEAL ONE:

2 x hamburgers, 2 x hot dogs, medium chips, 1.25l drink

DEAL TWO:

2 x family sized pizzas, 1.25l drink OR garlic bread

DEAL THREE:

10 x whiting fillet, 10 x calamari, medium chips, 1.25l drink

DEAL FOUR:

2 x chicken burgers, 9 x chicken nuggets, medium chips, 1.25l drink

DEAL FIVE:

2 x pce Cod, 4 x potato scallops, 2 x pluto pups, small chips, 1.25l drink

DEAL SIX:

Small chips, 2 x chiko rolls, 2 x pluto pups, 6 x fish cocktails, 6 x chicken nuggets, 1.25l drink

Phone: 3207 7207

On Census night in 2006, there were 563 private dwellings (including unoccupied ones), the median weekly rent was \$180, the median housing loan repayment was \$1,083 monthly, and 40.9% of us fully owned our homes. 24% of homes were being purchased and 30% of us were renting.

So what did we do all day when we had to leave our island to earn a buck? The most common answers to that question (16.9% of us) were professionals; 16.1% of us were technicians and in trades; 15.3% in clerical and administrative work; 13.1% in sales; 10.6% were community and personal service workers; 10.2% were managers with the same proportion of us being labourers and 7.2% were machinery operators and drivers.

20.7% of us were 65+ years of age and 22.6% 55-64 years of age (that makes 43.3% of us as over 55+ of age) which may explain most of the 276 of us who stated they were not in the workforce in August 2006 - they are likely to be those lucky retirees fishing, kayaking, boating and just enjoying our beautiful Coochie lifestyle.

Keep your eyes posted for the results of the 2011 Census to see how we've changed. Have we had lots of newcomers? Are more of us employed than in 2006 or not?

With thanks to the Redland City Council's webpages showing ABS Census figures for 2006.

Any mistakes are Editor's typos & bad maths



*Rozey's Plants @ Pullen Street,
Coochiemudlo Island*



Can't part with your fave old boots?

Recycle

Reuse

& give them a new lease of life!

SHOE PLANTERS

Now available on Coochie!!!

*Great for gardening on a budget
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Pullen Street**

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and pond plants & succulents

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& a plant of your Choice
planted in a Shoe ~ you
can byo shoe if you like!*

6 Pullen Street
Rozey6@hotmail.com
10am - 4pm weekends

Tips for getting published in "Island Views"

This is a small newsletter and pages fill fast, so get in quick, well before deadline,
keep it short, and make it relevant.



Regan Rules ~ Coach's Choice Trophy Winner!

Regan Smith, selected earlier this year to play as a representative player in the 15B Team for Redlands Netball Association, was awarded the Coach's Choice Trophy. Regan's team played in the Challenge Cup in Townsville over four days in May against teams from all over Queensland.

Regan's team was awarded the Peter Dowling Shield (continuous trophy) for 2011 for Overall Best Performing Challenge Team at Townsville.

The 15B team came fourth overall in their division.

Well done Regan!!!



Above: Regan Smith and Peter Dowling with Regan's Award

NEXT ISSUE
Deadline for the next issue is 31st of August!
Get in early before space runs out!!

BOAT HIRE BUSINESS FOR SALE
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40min to Gold Coast - 40min to Brisbane CBD



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- Kenneth Graham, *Wind in the Willows. Ch 1.*

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www.coochieboathire.com

Charity Book Launch

"Why It's OK to Talk to Your Dog"

By David Paxton

- Introduction by Ronnie James
- Author's Talk
- Book signing

2pm \$10 p/p
Sunday 11 September 2011

8 Ross Street
Coochiemudlo Island

RSVP ESSENTIAL

By 26 August 2011

3820 7374



Allconnex Water

Last month the Gold Coast City Council withdrew from Allconnex Water. Redland City Council and Logan City Council, at the time of writing, were still considering their positions as to what might be the best possible outcome for their ratepayers and communities.

On 5 August Redland City Council again adjourned their discussion on Allconnex, pending assessment of information from the State Government.

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND RECREATION CLUB INC.

CROQUET GROUP

August 20th ~ Croquet Tournament
Contact: Ros Ward 3207 0664

MONDAY INDOOR BOWLS GROUP

September 3rd ~ Spring High Tea
Time: 3pm
Cost: \$12.50 p/p
Contact: Ros Ward 3207 0664

SENIOR'S GROUP

Meets Tuesdays 10am - 12:00 noon at the Club House
Cards & Board Games or bring your own ideas
Contact: Pam Russell 3820 8038

"OP" Shop 1st Saturday of each month. Watch for the notice!!

Coochie Island Foreshore Draft Landscape Master Plan Project 2011 ~ Road Design Options for Main Beach

"Newsletter 1: Conceptual Road Design Options for Main Beach Precinct" was dropped into your letter box during July

Redland Council wants our feedback on three options to help us shape our island. Don't complain once changes are made - have your say now!!

Return the feedback form to Council by close of business 19 August!



To purchase or order candles

please phone Helen on
Weekends and after 7pm
on Weekdays

3207 7709

CANDLES ON COOCHIE

Homemade Scented Candles
made from Environmentally Friendly Soy Wax

As seen at the Flinder's Day Markets

Candles are \$10 each or 3 for \$25

A variety of fragrances and colours are available

Candles can be made to order including larger sizes

Please note, a \$1 refund is offered on the glass jars returned for recycling



On the hammock with Lexy and Leah...



Above: Lexy and Leah relax in the hammock...
 Right: With Candy their dog on Candy's 1st birthday
 ~ photograph by Rachael Krinks



Lexy (10) and Leah (9) are students at St Rita's Primary School. They care very much for our wildlife, and they dream big!! I caught up with them as they planned a surprise first birthday party for Candy, their dog (pictured).

As Wildlife Warrior Junior Joey Ambassadors for 2011 Lexy and Leah are planning an awareness and fundraising event to benefit the work of the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. With the support of Victoria Point's Lakeside Shopping Centre, Lexy and Leah hope to hold *Lakeside Wildlife Discovery with Lexy and Leah* this September during the school holidays, with interactive wildlife displays and activities for local families. Primary school aged kids will also be able to enter an art competition with some great prizes.

Lexy and Leah were recently Junior Reporters on the TV show *Totally Wild*, about marine life and Coochie's curlews (episode to be aired shortly).

If you'd like more information about the activities planned for this September you can contact them via their Mum Debbie Lever 0409 561 414 or 3207 6141

From the Golf Club ~ Important Dates

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION LUNCH
18th August 2011

At the Golf Club

From 12 noon ~ Call Ray for more information

AGM ~ Followed by 18 Hole comp Sponsored by MDRN
 Solicitors

28th August 2011

8.30am at Community Hall

Ray Burton 0417 075 928

Sunday October 16th 2011

National Day of Action

on Coal Seam Gas (CSG)

It's National Water Week so join

www.lockthegate.org.au

To show you care about our
 irreplaceable water resources





Fishing Coochie

Adam Bowden
Coochie Boat Hire

What a fantastic month July has been. The cooler winter water has seen the visibility improve so the water is clear, the skies blue and the days have been perfect for getting out on the water.

The fishing has been pretty good in most places with some good flathead being caught around the sandbanks and grass beds on the incoming tides, some nice size winter whiting have been caught right off the beach around Coochie and in bigger numbers on the pelican Banks and banana banks if you wanna put the boat in. The Snapper haven't been as good at the red buoy this year as they were this time last year but that maybe about to improve (let's hope). Gav reckons there's absolutely nothing to be caught near the top end of Norfolk beach, or on the reef area just north of the red marker up that way, especially Tailor...Right Gav. ;-). But if you do get up around there you might find some Tusokies, Bream and some smaller Snapper. If you've got a good sounder and a GPS it's worth getting out to the new Artificial Reef just off Coochie. I recently went for a dive on a couple of the clusters and the marine growth and subsequent life starting to gather around them is quite amazing, with heaps of small bait fish, small schools of Bream and Snapper swimming around them and almost every ball having an Estuary Cod or Mud Crab taking up residence. If you want to know more about the Reef or get the exact co-ordinates it's all on our website www.coochieboathire.com. Lastly, the coolest squid Jigger on the Island has been spotted on the jetty a bit lately so there must be a few of them about too, but don't tell him I told ya...!

Happy Boating!

Poetry

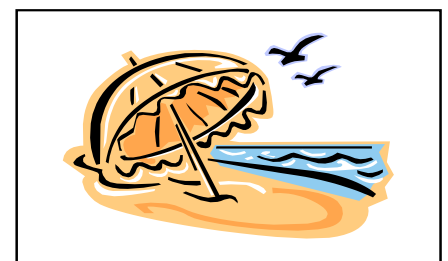
Parenting
In front of the gallery
Oh my god
Not now
Not in front of the gallery

Uh oh
Oh yes
In front of the gallery
Uh oh
Oh no
And in front of the gallery

You lose control
Yes...in front of the gallery
Oh great!
Get composure
In front of the gallery

Sit down quietly
Not in front of the gallery
Look out to sea
Have a chuckle cause
We're all a part of the gallery

~ Anonymous



Where to find "Island Views"...

- The ferry, Baywater Realty, Coochie Kiosk, Coochie Resort, Seminara Apartments & Victoria Point Kiosk - but be quick, with only 300 copies printed they go fast!!

OR DOWNLOAD IT

- www.coochieislandviews.com
- <http://coochiemudlo.moretonbayislands.com/>
(click on Topics, then click on Community)



ISLAND ORGANISATION CONTACTS *** if you'd like to correct or delete your listing please contact the Editor**Neighbourhood Watch**

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

Progress Association

President: Russell Jackson.....0410 328 066

Secretary: Colleen Morgan.....0409 348 504

Coochie Art & Craft Markets

Bev Holcroft..... 3207 8315

Coochie Community Shopping Service (CCSS)

President: John (Rusty) Russell 3820 8038

Secretary: Jack Morganti3207 9245

Croquet Club

Mary Preston..... 3207 8812

Indoor Bowls

Monday - Maureen Watson..... 3245 5017

Thursday - Pam Martin..... 3207 7779

Coochie Art Group

President: Pat Marini..... 32070456

Poetry Group

Diane Gillham..... 3207 6358

Seniors

Ted Dilworth..... 3820 6758

Outdoor Bowls

Ros Ward..... 3207 0664

Isle of Coochie Golf

President: Ray Burton..... 0417 075 928

Vice President: Cliff Prentice..... 3820 6417

Secretary: Jeromy Sanders..... 0407 115 323

Treasurer: Jack Morganti..... 3207 9245

Captain: Dave Sinclair..... 3207 8455

Coochie Hackers Golf (meet 2nd Sunday of every month)

President: Peter MacQueen..... 3208 3399

Coochiemudlo Island Historical Society

David Paxton..... 3820 8989

Coochiemudlo Island Garden Club Inc

President: Diane Binstead..... 0402 963 765

Secretary: Anne Norman..... 3207 8276

Coochiemudlo RSL Sub Branch

Secretary/Treasurer: Carol Cuvalo 3820 7286

Recreation Club

President: Mary Preston..... 3207 8812

Secretary: Peter Pritchard..... 3207 0915

Bushcare

Dennis & Margrit Lack.....3207 7695

Surf Life Saving

Colin Sloane.....3820 6494

Coochiemudlo Library

Wednesday and Saturday 9.00 to 12.00

Range of DVD's & Books

Church Services**Catholic** 11.00 am Saturday at Community Hall 3207 8276

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

Morning tea after all services.

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

Printed compliments of Peter Dowling MP - Member for Redlands

3207 6910

www.peterdowling.net.au

ISLAND SERVICES & TRADES... *** if you'd like to correct or delete your listing please contact the Editor ***

Arborist, Crane Hire & Carpentry

Greg Harvey.....0417 002 198

Bookkeeper

Anita Marris0408 781 525 or 3207 6396

Builders/Carpenters

Sab Buffalino.....3207 0168 or 0418 749 120

Glen Montgomery0428 382 765

Gary Mitchell0412 982 510

Electrical Repairs

Repairs, supply & Installation:

Airconditioning systems, solar & Electric hot water systems and more0418 934 250 or 3841 3832

Electricians

Bill Watson0418 739 879

David Morgan0412 932 151

Eddie Brown.....3207 6059 or 0488 215 119

Fruit & Veg Delivery

Fruitloop 0410 380 164

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Derek Lewis0413 571 474

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Rob Adams3207 8992 or 0408 747 040

David Brookes.....3207 0419

Steveo Adamovics.....0420 516 359

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Rozey's Plants.....6 Pullen Street

Plasterer

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

Plumbers

Nev Clark0419 681 997 or 3209 6921

Steve Wockner0403 488 284

Mark Chiverton0412 946 214

Real Estate Agents

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Century 213821 2121

LJ Hooker 3207 0120

Repairers

Vacuum Cleaner Repairs: Dave Sinclair.....3207 8455

Tree Loppers

Redlands Tree Service3829 0000

Kurt Buckney3820 7294 or 0448 100 878

Well done to all the Coochie teenagers studying and sitting for your HSC Trials!

Your effort will be rewarded!

The job market is pretty tough on young people who leave school without finishing Year 12,
"It takes them **nearly 19 months** to find their first proper job." ~ The Australian, July 9-10, 2011.