



# ISLAND VIEWS

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## EDITOR'S CORNER...

Since I started 'Island Views', I have received phone calls from people asking if I know of anyone who fixes fridges or lawnmowers or washing machines or is a handyman or similar. As we all know, when something goes wrong, it is terribly expensive to get the manufacturer to come to the island. Barge fees, hourly rates et cetera.



I know myself being a single parent, DIY incompetent and not having a clever husband around to do the odd jobs, it can be difficult to get things done. And yes, I'm looking for someone who can fix my washing machine at the moment, oil my deck and the list goes on and on ☺

So if you are a person that has a skill that is in need on the island and you are looking for work occasionally or you know of someone that would be interested in helping, please contact me to have their/your details put in the next newsletter.

## POLITICAL NEWS ...

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Coochiemudlo Island Sub Branch on your first event as a Sub Branch on the Island. I am sure this will be the first of many such events. Anzac Day has come to symbolise much of what is good about Australia. It is an opportunity to not only quietly reflect on this solemn occasion and a time to respect those fine men and women who defended our Country and laid down their lives so that we could enjoy and celebrate the values, freedom and the liberties we often take for granted.

Your contribution on ANZAC day was very much appreciated by the community.

**Peter Dowling MP Member for Redlands**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE ...

While at the Easter craft market, actually while waiting to catch the 2.40 barge back from Coochie, a lady walking a light coloured lab kicked her dog when it did not immediately adhere to a command.

I was so shocked and horrified to think that anyone could do this. The dog lowered itself to the ground after the kick and then obeyed her next command. The dog looked and acted scared.

This woman no more deserves to own or be in charge of any animal and to receive love and loyalty when it is treated in this manner. Absolute cruelty!

Shame on you lady! This is abuse!

I'm not sure if this woman is a resident of Coochie or a visitor on the day, either way it was an awful sight to see and ruined a lovely day. My heart broke for the dog.

**Concerned visitor**

## NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR ..... Cr John Burns

### Solar security lighting

Victoria Point northern boat ramp has had solar security lighting installed on the pontoon. Some fine tuning was needed but now reports are filtering back that these new lights are working very effectively.

### Maintenance works

Coochiemudlo Island maintenance works have been carried out to amenities on the island to connect to the sewerage line. Works include the facilities at Norfolk Beach, Main Beach, the public hall amenities, Morwong Beach and the Main Beach boat ramp.

### Coochiemudlo Island Main Beach

Council is preparing a draft landscape master plan for Coochiemudlo Island Main Beach, one of Redland's regional parks. Residents living on Coochiemudlo Island have been invited to assist by completing a survey, which asks about park use, how the park can be improved and what things, if any, residents would like to remain unchanged.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS ...

The bus trip to the Gold Coast and Hinterland Historical Society's Wallum garden and museum, and to the Botanic Gardens, was most informative and enjoyable.

Our Society will have a stall at the Queensland History Fair on 23 May 2010, at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland. Member societies from all over the State will attend. Entrance fee is \$10 per person. Well worth a look!

On the matter of membership ... our financial year is 1 July to 30 June but our AGM is usually in October/November. This can so confuse members that they forget to pay the annual subs. Such is the case again this year, and those who have any doubts should ring our Treasurer, Denise Preston 3207 8298. Annual fees are \$10 ordinary members and \$15 family members.

## WILDLIFE ON COOCHIEMUDLO ...

On 9 April 2010, a curlew in distress was spotted near the beach where the Lifesavers place their flags. It had swallowed a hook, presumably baited. Horribly, the rest of the line, which had a fairly large sinker as well, was wrapped around one lower leg. Whenever the curlew tried to move, the line would jag the hook further into its crop. The hook was too deep to be retrieved and the curlew was euthanised. The curlew was a young adult in otherwise perfect condition. It had a band numbered 101-29472. Its record has been checked, and the wildlife centre in Canberra advises that this curlew was banded on 16 May 2009, in roughly the same area. It was then about one year old.

To all anglers, please be aware of the dangers to wildlife and pets of discarded baited hooks.

## FROM THE BAYSIDE BULLETIN ...

### [Share your views on daylight saving](#)

CAPALABA MP Michael Choi is encouraging all residents to go online and have their say about daylight saving in South East Queensland. Mr Choi said he wants to hear from residents about a proposal currently before the government to hold a referendum on daylight saving for this corner of the state.

All responses to the online survey will remain confidential and secure, and consultation closes on May 31. To take part, go to <http://questionpro.com/t/CHcCKZDpkwt>

### [First ANZAC march for Coochie](#)

JOCK Allan (right) leads the first Coochiemudlo Island RSL sub branch Anzac Day march, followed by sub branch members and Coochiemudlo Island Surf Life Saving Club members.

The ceremonies began with a Dawn Service at the Coochie flag pole on the main beach at 5.30am, followed by a gunfire breakfast hosted by the Coochie Arts and Craft Market committee and supported by the Coochie Recreation Club. Participants included those who have served in the RAAF, Navy and Army in various conflicts including Vietnam, Borneo, Malaysia and Korea.

### [Coochie art goes on show](#)

AN official opening of the Coochie Art Group Spectacular will be held by the Vietnam Veterans Group of Redlands president Neil Trapp. The opening will take place at the Veterans Hall opposite the RSL Club, Passage Street, Cleveland, on Saturday, May 15, at 11am. All are welcome to enjoy this spectacular display of paintings for sale. During the weekend Hilary Wakeling and Terry Wilkinson will feature demonstrations of their artwork. This spectacular is open daily between 10am-4pm until Sunday, May 30.

## REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...

### MEET SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR, MORRIS GLEITZMAN

Best-selling Australian children's author, Morris Gleitzman, is coming to Redland Performing Arts Centre on Monday, 24 May at 6 pm.

At this exclusive free event for Redlands library members, Morris will be promoting the latest book in his successful trilogy that began with 'Once', continued with 'Then' and is... 'Now'.

'Now' is set in the current day. Felix is a grandfather who has achieved much in his life and is widely admired. He has mostly buried the painful memories of his childhood, but they resurface when his grand-daughter Zelda comes to stay with him. Together they face a cataclysmic event armed only with their gusto and love – an event that helps them achieve salvation from the past, but also brings the possibility of destruction.

Morris Gleitzman is the author of 30 books and is renowned for his engaging stories, from the humorous 'Bumface', 'Misery Guts' and 'Toad Rage', to the poignant 'Boy Overboard'.

Morris grew up in England and came to Australia when he was sixteen. He was a frozen-chicken thawer, sugar-mill rolling-stock unhooker, fashion-industry trainee, student, department-store Santa, TV producer, newspaper columnist and screenwriter. Then he had a wonderful experience: he wrote a novel for young people. Now he's a children's author.

For information and to collect free tickets, contact Young Peoples Library Services on 3829 8305 or visit any Redlands library.

## REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...

### Important step taken in delivering *Redlands 2030* community plan

The journey that started nearly a year ago to create a new vision for the Redlands reached an important milestone this week, with Redland City Council formally adopting the *Redlands 2030* Community Plan: creating our future.

The plan is now in production, with the printed version due to be launched by Mayor Melva Hobson in early May.

At the launch, the Mayor and Councillors will present a copy of the plan to the Minister for Local Government, Desley Boyle, so that the state government is clearly aware of the visions and aspirations of the people of the Redlands.

*Redlands 2030* is based around eight vision outcomes developed by more than 3,000 community members, business people and local organisations.

The new community plan is the product of an unprecedented level of community engagement in the Redlands, and represents views from diverse demographics and geographical locations across our city.

The vision outcomes are:

- Healthy natural environment
- Green living
- Embracing the Bay
- Quandamooka Country
- Wise planning and design
- Supportive vibrant economy
- Strong and connected communities
- Inclusive and ethical governance.

Importantly, these vision outcomes are reflected in Council's draft Corporate Plan 2010-2015, which will direct what projects will be delivered and how funds will be spent over the next five years. The community plan is also influencing Council's operational planning and budget deliberations. Redland City Mayor, Melva Hobson, said this week's official adoption of the community plan was an important step in making the vision outcomes a reality.

"We now have a resolution of Council acknowledging, accepting and adopting the vision developed by our community," Cr Hobson said. "This vision is already influencing key decisions of Council, and we are focusing our forward planning on achieving the eight key outcomes (above) by 2030."

The Mayor said *Redlands 2030* reflected the community's concerns over population growth in the area, and set a framework for continuing to address those concerns. "Population growth and carrying capacity are significant issues now and will continue to be so in the future. Our new community plan addresses those issues, particularly through the "Wise planning and design" outcome and goals.

"There is a diversity of views within the community about population, and one of Council's challenges is managing the imposition of trends driven by other levels of government. "We will also continue to lobby the state governments regarding sustainable growth for the Redlands, to ensure the visions and issues of our community are well understood by state decision-makers."

The Mayor said the *Redlands 2030* Community Plan was much more than just a document. "It is the blueprint for what our community wants the Redlands to be like in 20 years," she said. "I'm really looking forward to being able to present the printed plan to our community next month."

In the meantime, the adopted Redlands 2030 Community Plan can be viewed in its pre-published version online at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au).

## REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...

### Redlands 2030 Community Plan to be presented to Minister

Redland City Council will present its newly adopted Redlands 2030 Community Plan to Minister for Local Government, Desley Boyle, on 10 May, at the Redland Performing Arts Complex. The plan, which captures the community's vision for the Redlands for the next 20 years, is the product of an unprecedented level of community engagement in the city. It calls on all levels of government and the community to take action to create the kind of future people want in the Redlands.

The impacts of population pressures on the environment, lifestyle and infrastructure are addressed throughout the plan. Redland City Mayor Melva Hobson will present the plan to the Minister during the document's official launch on 10 May. Under the Local Government Act 2009, all local governments in Queensland must develop a community plan by December 2011, outlining the goals, strategies and policies for implementing its vision for its area. Redland City Council was well advanced in its community planning activities when the requirements of the new Act were announced, enabling it to be the first council in Queensland to now adopt a community plan under the new requirements.

What: Launch of Redlands 2030 Community Plan  
Where: Concert Hall Foyer, Redland Performing Arts Centre  
Middle St, Cleveland  
When: Monday, 10 May 2010  
Time: 2pm-2.30pm

## **REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...**

### **Council and developers in open discussion at first Redlands Development Forum**

The first Redlands Development Forum, held in April, brought together Council and developers for constructive discussions on sustainable development in the Redlands.

The forum, presented by Redland City Council, gave developers a chance to speak openly with elected members and key staff about opportunities and challenges in the Redlands, and discuss assessment and development approval processes.

The theme was "Building a sustainable future in the Redlands".

Around 50 development and building industry representatives attended the four-hour event on 9 April, along with key Council staff and representatives from the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Local Government Association of Queensland.

Feedback on the day indicated participants appreciated the opportunity to speak openly with key Council staff.

Redland City Mayor, Melva Hobson, welcomed the positive interaction between the development industry and Council.

"It was an opportunity for Council to listen to the industry and then, together, share ideas about sustainable development in the Redlands.

"This Council has faced some criticism of being 'anti-development' and this is simply not true. We encourage development in our city that is innovative and sustainable, and that leads to well-designed communities.

"We know this can only be achieved in partnership with the development industry. "I strongly believe that in partnership with government, community and the development industry there is an opportunity for the Redlands to become an exciting showcase for excellence in planning.

"This developers' forum was the first step in the right direction. There was open and frank discussion, which was very healthy, and very useful in helping Council and the industry move forward positively," Cr Hobson said.

Participants discussed how the industry and Council could better work together to deliver sustainable development outcomes, and how to balance environmental outcomes, job creation and Regional Plan population targets.

Development and Community Standards Committee Chairperson, Cr Barbara Townsend said the event was the first of what will become a regular series of forums, with participants flagging future topics of interest (including Council assessment processes, planning codes and policies, and partnerships to activate the Capalaba and Cleveland business centres).

Based on feedback, the forums will now be held three to four times a year, with the next one scheduled for 24 September. In the meantime, a report on the first forum will be forwarded to all participants by the end of this week and published on Council's website.

Council will also distribute an industry newsletter in July, with updates on topics discussed at the forum.

### **COOCHIE TRIVIA NIGHT ..... in aid of The Leukemia Foundation**

When: Saturday, 8 May 2010 at 6.30 pm  
Where: Coochiemudlo Island Hall  
Cost: \$24 per table of 6 (Book your table now!)

A licensed bar will be operating, as well as cold drinks, tea and coffee. No BYO. Hot and cold snacks available for purchase.

Great raffles and a fun night! The winning table of the night goes into a Regional Draw of up to \$5000 in cash. The night will be finished well before the last ferry leaves.

RSVP Esther Ison on 3820 6718.

### **FROM COOCHIE SLSC .....**

Monday, 3 May Labour Day marked the last patrol date for the 2009-2010 Season. We would like to thank all our volunteers who have helped on the beach and all the visitors and residents of Coochie for making it another successful season.

The AGM and Presentation night will be held on 19 June at the Victoria Point Community Hall and sign on will be held in late August.

### **WITH SADNESS ..... Vale Martin Screen (Kingfisher Street)**

Sadly, Marty died at Redlands Hospital on 2 May, in his 88th year. His death was peaceful and Patricia was with him.



Many of you will remember meeting Marty on his daily walks around his beloved Coochie. A funeral notice will be posted on the island notice board or check the Courier Mail for details.

## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

First Aid - We think everyone should know how to do first aid and have the confidence to act when someone needs help.

**Course: St Johns Ambulance Senior first aid course (formal certificate)**

**Cost to you \$35**

**Date: 29 May 2010**

**Time: 9 am (all day)**

Progress is pleased to be able to pay a large portion of the cost of this course, which would normally cost you over \$100. If you're interested in attending, please call Paul Moynagh or Kirsty Skok to enrol by 17 May, as numbers are limited.

### FIRST AID

First aid is the emergency care provided to an ill or injured person before medical care is available. First aid training teaches you to recognise and respond appropriately to an emergency. The skills are easy to learn and are available to have, whether in the home, at work, in the street, the sporting field, or elsewhere. Even basic skills can at times be life saving and the rewards can be immense, especially if the victim is a family member or friend, but even if the person you help is a complete stranger.

**(Registered Training Organisation – Royal Life Saving Society Queensland)**

**Apply First Aid – HLTA301B** (update 3 yearly) To keep AFA current, you need to do CPR yearly.

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### Foreshore Park

We're expecting the council to hold an open public meeting sometime in May to discuss the results of the Foreshore Park survey and to have a conversation about what could be done, what must be done and what mustn't be done to the foreshore.

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### Calling all Ideas

The progress association is keen to encourage people who have ideas (big or small) that will help make Coochie a better place to live through events, amenities, arts and crafts, community groups etc. If you've always wanted to do something to help the island in any way, please get in touch, we can help by providing funds, linking you up with the council or other community groups/people, lending equipment or lending a hand.

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### Progress Equipment

We are in the process of building a big box trailer for storing all our market and event equipment. Expect to see it in action at Flinders Day.

Don't forget, we have a range of mobility equipment such as an electric wheelchair, crutches, walking frames and shower chairs etc, let one of us know if you need to borrow something and we'll drag it out for you.

It's that time of year again! Everyone is gearing up for the Financial End of Year. For the Progress Association that means many things, including a stocktake. If you currently have medical equipment on loan from Progress or have borrowed some of our tables and chairs and are yet to return them, then please contact Kirsty Skok on 3207 9975 or [kirsty.skok@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kirsty.skok@yahoo.com.au), so the items can be accounted for. We appreciate your cooperation!

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### Sustainability Study for Coochiemudlo

We're into the next stage of the study looking at the island's energy and water usage, and the amount of rubbish being thrown out. We'll be sending out surveys to residents in the next 3-4 weeks through the post, on Facebook, and via email. We'd love as many people to participate as possible to help us with the study.

If you have any questions or would like to help out please get in contact with either Paul Moynagh on or Kathie Grigg on 0405 106010 or email [kathie@planetwide.com.au](mailto:kathie@planetwide.com.au).

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The last scheduled Progress Association meeting did not go ahead for lack of a quorum. This came about because signs notifying the event were removed from the notice board.

October fest preparation continues with T-shirts selling well at the Easter Markets and Marty's brews tasting excellent.

I'd like to offer a formal apology to the RSL and the island community for the failure of the PA at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

## RESORT NEWS ...

We have a fresh new a la carte menu which changes regularly and as always Coochie residents and island visitors are very welcome to come down for a beautifully prepared meal or a cool drink beside the pool.

Mothers Day, we will be open for breakfast and lunch and bookings are recommended. There will be live acoustic music and special treats for all mothers.

If you haven't been to the resort for a while, come and try our excellent new menus and friendly service.  
See you soon, Maree and Mark.

## TRAVELLERS' TALE ... (From the Laytons)

Having survived the Samoan Tsunami (in which 177 people died), we departed Papeete in high spirits for the 5 day crossing from Papeete Tahiti to Aitutaki in the Cook Islands. Things started well, sailing is comfortable the seas are about 2 metres and the winds are 22 kts today.

Part way through Day 1, we lost our auto pilot (automatic steering capability), the pilot had been a problem before and Ian, our delivery skipper, had charged us for fixing the fault in Panama. So we were pretty surprised to find the autopilot presenting the same fault again. Everyone had to participate in a hand steering roster for the 5 day crossing which was both physically and mentally exhausting.

Day 2: Our steering linkage to the brand new motor failed. We can only use the new motor now by going below and manually selecting gears in the engine room.

Day 3: We get increasing winds around 7 pm in the evening, the wind strength's increased from strong winds (25-28 kts), to near gale (28 to 33 kts), to gale (34-40 kts), to strong gale (41 to 47 kts) to storm (48 kts – 55 kts) with waves 8 to 9 metres, rain and lightening striking/cracking within 50 metres of Triple 777.

Conway and George are hand steering the helm in 30 minute rotations, we have no main sail up, our small storm jib is about 3 ft out to assist in steering, the guys are trying to avoid hyperthermia caused by rain and green water. Triple 777 is rattling, vibrating and slamming into waves, it is a terrifying, wild ride and very scary. A confused sea state and surfing waves at 11.7 kts in a Catamaran has you thinking about the afterlife!

A wave crashed into the cockpit knocking George over and the water force broke the seal on the main cabin doors, Jude saw water on the floor in the saloon and opened the main door to tell the guys. Sea water hurtled inside so Jude and I were mopping up water and getting the internal bilge pumps operational.

We put the satellite phone into a waterproof case, got safety harnesses on the men, prepared a drogue, found energy bars and lifejackets and felt every possible emotion during the next 12 hours of the storm. We called friends and gave them our current position just in case things didn't settle down or we lost control of the boat.

There is an old sailing saying, "a monohull looks after you, you have to look after a catamaran" in severe weather conditions. Both Conway and George showed great seamanship, looked after 777 and got us all safely thru the storm without any damage to the boat or crew. Quite an amazing achievement on our first real blue water passage crossing. While Triple 777 has proven to be a very strong boat, assured it is not an experience any of us wish to repeat.

Two monohull yachts sank in the storm. The sailors set off an EPIRB (emergency locator beacon) and were found and rescued by a Cook Islands navy vessel some 24 hours later. Papy Jovial, an American boat left Papeete 2 hours before us and we have not heard from them. Apogee made it through the storm but has damaged a rudder.

We arrived early hours of the morning in Aitutaki, having slowed the boat down to 3 kts to arrive at daybreak. On our approach, we could see the 2 blue lead lights for the entrance to the channel. As we approached the reef, the lead lights went out and we found it difficult to find the 30-40 metre entrance thru the reef. The channel is marked by approximately 10 thin sticks, we entered at 7.30 am and ran aground on a bombie, waited for the tide to rise and got off and proceeded into the "harbour" and dropped anchor. No damage to Triple 777. Customs and Quarantine staff called T and ET were on board quickly and took all our lemons, pawpaw, kiwi fruit and cucumbers and tomatoes.

Aitutaki is a different island; it has a beautiful lagoon which has several picturesque motu/islands on one side and brackish water on the opposite side of the Lagoon. Mosquitoes are rampant near the airport and at the Aitutaki Lagoon Resort which has over water bungalows. An expensive resort called Pacific Resort (\$1200 a room a night) and a small 8 bure boutique resort called Etu Moana (\$ 400-500 a night per room) are very nice; the balance of the island is pretty ramshackled. Aitutaki has lots of half finished buildings, and about 2000 friendly people live on the island. Etu Moana is for sale and a part owner, Joanne tried very hard to sell us a share of the resort (which was lovely) and romanced the benefits of island life.

Last night we went out for a drink with another boat crew to the Blue Nun café, an old open air packing shed at the port. We all arrived at 7.40pm at the Blue Nun. The staff told us they were closing and Martin and John from Apogee (who survived the storm also, had sailed for 3 years around the world and the storm was the worst conditions they had met during their time at sea) could get a meal outside at a stall in the street. On offer was the epicurean delight of Aitutaki, cold goat curry and taro, no knife or fork, just fingers and thumbs.

Our refreshment selection consisted of beer, beer or soft drinks, not even diet soft drinks!! The disco started at 8 pm, we were the only ones present and the music was so loud we went over to the "Game Fishing Club" a structure of concrete columns, a tin roof with a shipping container as the bar, just so we could chat. Things are pretty basic here.

Infrastructure is really basic, (no clothing or shoe stores, girls!), small supermarket, no pharmacy, one doctor and a really third world hospital. Internet is very slow (about a 4 km walk from the boat), takes an hour to send one email. Aitutaki lagoon is lovely, but one wonders how long one can look at blue water and remain content!

Triple 777 was the second boat to arrive. Now there are five boats in the channel. Each boat has run aground and several have had to be pulled off by local fishing boats. One boat, a large monohull called Cicero from Auckland arrived with an American skipper and a local crew of about 7. Local crew were up the mast at the second spreader level, checking for a safe path into the anchorage, when they ran aground we felt much better. If the locals couldn't get in safely what hope did we have!

George called the autopilot agent for help from Aitutaki and he informed us that he had paperwork to do and would not be able to get back to us for 1.5 days. Felt pretty dismal in an isolated atoll and contacted a first world country for help and being told paperwork was more important than our safety on the next crossing. Was very unnerving.

## TRAVELLERS' TALE ... (From the Laytons) (cont'd)

Today we have had the Morse gear and throttle cable control apart. Lynne is in the engine room manually shifting the gears while George looks at the control unit on the steering station. It soon becomes evident that one of the internal clamps is loose, we tighten the clamp and bingo we can successfully change gears. We now await a weather window for our next leg to Nuie. After 5 days in Aitutaki we got a weather window to sail to Nuie, a 5 day sail.

Again things started out well for us, with good winds. Unfortunately we are still hand steering Triple 777 on a rotational roster. During the early evening of Day 3, the winds came up and we got gale force winds 34+ knots for 12 hours. Our Pro Furl headsail furling system bearing failed and we could not pull the headsail out without someone on the bow, scary job in gale force winds.

A hatch just above the waterline was also breached during the gale and we had water coming in. Our creative solution was to jam a broom handle on the hatch and support the other end of the broom handle against the wall in the bathroom. It reduced the water intake substantially.

Given Triple 777 experienced 60 kt winds 2 days out from Papeete with the delivery skipper, a storm and gale between Papeete and Nuie we are very lucky that we have not had more damage to Triple 777, it is a credit to the boat builder/ designer and Triple 777's crews.

On day 3 in the early morning, before sunrise the guys were exhausted and the wind had dropped to 25 kts. George helped Lynne into layers of clothes, the wet weather gear and the harness to go and helm with Jude for the next 4 hours. George gave Lynne a kiss and she went out to take over from Conway on the helm. About 4 minutes passed and the winds got up to 28-31 kts and stayed up. After 30 minutes the guys were happy Lynne could handle the conditions long term and went to sleep. Jude and Lynne took turns at the helm (Jude when the winds dropped to 23-26 kts) and just after the second change we took green water into the cockpit at 24 kts. Lynne flew in her harness across the boat and slammed into the steering seat (lots of black bruises to her arm) Jude fought to control the helm and said. It's not like driving a car is it? Do I need to steer in the opposite direction in these situations? Lynne responded we need to hold course. George suddenly appears having heard the wall of water over the cockpit. After assuring George we were both fine, we continued on with our watch. One of the nicest moments on the trip for Lynne was when George thanked her for "stepping up" first to the helm in strong near gale force winds to relieve the guys.

All onboard were really pleased to site the landfall of Nuie, a very low and green island with friendly locals and limited facilities. The Nuie Yacht Club is one room in a house and has no yachts. They simply rent out moorings in the high season and remove the moorings from the ocean in the cyclone season. Twenty five percent of Nuie's annual tourists arrive by yacht. We stayed one night on a mooring just to rest before setting sail for Vavau, Tonga.

In Nuie George called the Brisbane autopilot agent again and said we believed the problem was in the drive unit now. The agent said it could be a build up of carbon filings in the drive unit. George took the unit apart removed the carbon filings and restored the autopilot to operational use. Everyone was very thankful and relieved that we did not need to hand steer Triple 777 for the next leg to Tonga. Our sail to Tonga was great, we experienced the trade winds for the first time and sailed in 10-15kts for 2 days before sighting Vavau.

On arrival in Vavau we had to fix the hatch, obtain parts for the Pro Furler, and fix a winch. Parts for the Pro Furler will take up to 2 weeks to arrive, so our options are now very limited due to the delays we experienced in Tahiti with the new engine and are currently experiencing in Tonga. We cannot make Brisbane before the hurricane season. As Vavau does not have a marina or hard stand, we must leave Triple 777 on a swing mooring for a period of 5-6 months. Proceeding to Fiji is not an option as they regularly get cyclones. Vavau gets one every 20 years and the last one was 2003, so here's hoping for another cyclone free year in Tonga.

Today the ex Pro Furl agent from Austria (where they sail in lakes not oceans) called in to see us to talk about catamarans as he and his wife are sailing around the world in a steel monohull yacht called Galathe. Riggers are not available here, so we welcomed Heinz with open arms. They plan to stay about 2 weeks, so we are praying the parts get here before they leave Tonga as Heinz skill and expertise would be invaluable to us.

Provisioning in Vavau, Tonga is a real challenge. Our meat options are frozen (no fresh meat) lamb flank, mince, sausages or chicken. As we don't have a freezer we won't be going very far as we can't store frozen meat. No deli or cheese available. Supermarkets are an experience. All goods are canned, absolutely nothing fresh! George was shell shocked. He is dying for a good steak! Jude thought the supermarkets were disgusting. Luckily for us they have a market where we can get some fresh things, eg lettuce, tomato, cucumber and fruit. Prices seem OK here probably the cheapest in the South Pacific. On our arrival home we will be looking for nice juicy fresh meat!

It is really hard to image how isolated you are and how self reliant you need to be to sail this part of the Pacific, no chandleries or maritime support services are available, between Tahiti and Fiji, if you can't do it yourself, you really have a problem. George has been marvellous tackling not only both the electronic/electrical and also the mechanical problems onboard.

Cabin fever or perhaps "hand steering fever" has really set in. Our recent thoughts have been...what are a bunch of geriatrics (all crew are between 55 and 65 years of age) doing sailing the South Pacific? Conway had dreams about his late departed mother, age 93 having a sex change after the gale. Jude looks at the compass at night and sees the rear end of a sumo wrestler. During the gale, Jude's greatest fear was that lightning would return and her steel frame glasses would be welded to her lovely face! Our fears were really focused on us reaching Tonga safely with a partially disabled yacht.

Conway and Jude have flown home today. We will miss them and we thank them for their help. They didn't really sign on for the trip we experienced. They had dreams of atolls, white sandy beaches, fair winds and pina colodas on the deck in the evening.

In summary, we have had one tsunami, a storm 44-49 kts, a gale 34 plus kts, another tsunami alert in the space of 6 weeks and are now unable to reach Brisbane before the cyclone season. Over the next day or so we will try and book flights home for mid to late November.

Our experience is not depicted in any of the sailing books on the South Pacific, so we have been pretty unlucky, we hope to have a better year, next year when we sail across the other half of the Pacific to Australia.

## HISTORY BITS ...

2 May 1891	Australia's first May Day marches are held in support of the shearers' strike in Barcaldine.
2 May 1977	Longreach: Scientists discover what is believed to be the largest concentration of dinosaur footprints in the world.
3 May 1905	Brisbane: an estimated 40,000 people contract Dengue Fever
4 May 1978	The first ever spam email is sent.
5 May 1894	The Australian slang term 'fair dinkum' appears in print for the first time.
6 May 1954	British athlete Roger Bannister breaks the four-minute mile.
8 May 1945	Today marks VE Day (Victory in Europe), when Germany's unconditional surrender to the Allies is announced.
9 May 1945	Australians celebrate the end of war in Europe, after Germany surrenders to the allies.
9 May 1927	The Australian Federal Parliament moves from Melbourne to Parliament House in Canberra.
9 May 1988	Australia's new Parliament House is opened by Queen Elizabeth II.
10 May 1908	The first Mothers' Day is celebrated.
11 May 1813	Lawson, Blaxland and Wentworth set out to cross the Blue Mountains in Australia's first major exploration venture.
13 May 1787	The First Fleet of convicts departs Portsmouth, England, bound for Botany Bay.
13 May 1984	The Australian \$1 banknote is replaced with a \$1 coin.
14 May 1867	The Governor of Queensland signed a proclamation declaring the island 'a place whereat offenders under order or sentence of hard labour or penal servitude may be detained'. In the years that followed, St Helena was to become Queensland's showpiece prison.
14 May 1955	Australia's first branch of the Royal Mint (London) commences operations in Sydney
15 May 1928	The Aerial Medical Service, later the Flying Doctor Service, is established at Cloncurry, Queensland.
15 May 1943	Brisbane: Japanese submarine torpedoes and sinks hospital ship <i>Centaur</i> off the east coast. 268 lives are lost
15 May 1989	Gold Coast: Bond University opens, the first private university in Australia.
17 May 1770	Captain James Cook names Queensland's Glass House Mountains.
18 May 1907	Women voted for the first time in a QLD State election.
20 May 1867	Copper is first discovered in Queensland, sparking the founding of the town of Cloncurry.
22 May 1840	An order made to end the transportation of convicts to Australia.
22 May 1860	The first elected Parliament of Queensland, Australia, meets.
23 May 1971	Brisbane: Neville Bonner selected to become the first Aboriginal member of an Australian parliament.
29 May 1860	The Queensland Parliament opens for the first time.
29 May 1953	Sir Edmund Hillary reaches the summit of Mt Everest.
31 May 1942	Japanese midget submarines enter Sydney Harbour in WWII.



## HOUSE FOR RENT ...

Neat two bedroom, one bathroom. Short walk to ferry.  
Nice location. Would suit single or couple. \$270 negotiable. Contact: Ross on 0438 886 784.

## JUNIOR GOLF SIGN ON

VENUE : The Coochie Golf Club  
DATE: Saturday, 8 May 2010  
TIME: 2 pm  
FEES: \$20.00 per year  
**Golf tuition starts Saturday 22 May 2010**  
Time: 2 pm  
Age: 6 to 18 years



Contact - Norman Archibald 32079757  
for further information

## RUSSLEIGH

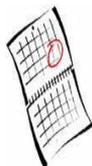
Local artists/entertainers  
Available for Functions, Weddings, Birthday Celebrations

You've seen Russleigh when they play at the markets here on Coochie, so if you need entertainers for your next function, give them a call.

Bookings: 0432 914 128  
[russlee08@gmail.com](mailto:russlee08@gmail.com)

## APRIL 2010 ...

3	-	QLD Labour Day
8	-	Junior Golf Sign on
8	-	Coochie Trivia Night
9	-	Mother's Day
23	-	QLD History Fair
29	-	First Aid Course



## CONGRATULATIONS ...

To Regan Smith and her Redlands District Representative Netball Team!

Under 14's Div 2 Runners Up at the Redlands Representative Carnival

Under 14's Div 2 Winners at the Southport Representative Carnival

Didn't quite get there in the 2010 X-Blades 3 Day State Challenge Carnival due to many injuries but a huge effort by the team. Well done!

## CLASSIFIEDS .....

### Wanted Known

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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... MAY

1	Jessika Edwards
9	Irene Martin
15	Lara Burton
16	Aniko Winter
16	David Kemp
18	Ray Burton
21	Peter Leach
26	Mary McAllister
27	Robyn Dixon
28	Peter Colville



**COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND RESORT - 3207 7521**

Friday – lunch 12 to 2 pm and dinner 6 to 8 pm  
 Saturday – lunch 12 to 2 pm and dinner 6 to 8pm  
 Sunday Breakfast – 8 – 10.30 am and lunch 12 to 2 pm  
 Reservations on a Friday and Saturday appreciated

**THANK YOU .....**

We had a great day at the Easter craft market and we would like to thank Bev and all the stall holders for their support and friendship. RUSSELEIGH (entertainers)

**ISLAND SERVICES & TRADES...****Arborist, Crane Hire & Carpentry**

Greg Harvey.....0417 002 198

**Bookkeeper**

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

**Builders/Carpenters**

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

Richard Browning .....0413 013 387

Glen Montgomery .....0428 382 765

Gary Mitchell .....0412 982 510

**Computers**

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

**Electrical Repairs**

Repairs, supply & Installation:

Airconditioning systems, solar & Electric hot water systems and more .....0418 934 250 or 3841 3832

**Electricians**

Bill Watson .....0418 739 879

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

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Fruitloop ..... 0410 380 164

**Glass Repairs**

Bob Drennan .....0417 783 829

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Glynis Edwards (personal training & fitness).....0438 195 229 or 3207 6362

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**Painters**

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

David Brookes.....3207 0419

**Plants**

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**Plasterer**

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

**Plumbers**

Nev Clark .....0419 681 997 or 3209 6921

Steve Wockner .....0403 488 284

Mark Chiverton .....0412 946 214

**Real Estate Agents**

Baywaters Realty .....3207 8006

Century 21 .....3821 2121

LJ Hooker .....3207 0120

**Repairers**

Vacuum Cleaner Repairs: Dave Sinclair.....3207 9495

**Tree Loppers**

Redlands Tree Service .....3829 0000

Kurt Buckney .....3820 7294 or 0448 100 878

**Tupperware**

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

## ISLAND ORGANISATION CONTACTS .....

### Neighbourhood Watch

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

### Progress Association

President: Paul Moynagh.....0431 748 494

Secretary: Kirsty Skok.....3207 9975

### Coochie Art & Craft Markets

Bev Holcroft.....3207 8315

### Coochie Community Shopping Service (CCSS)

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

Secretary: Jack Morganti .....3207 9245

### Croquet Club

Mary Preston.....3207 8812

### Indoor Bowls

Monday - Maureen Watson.....3245 5017

Thursday - Pam Martin.....3207 7779

### Coochie Art Group

President: Pat Marini.....32070456

### Poetry Group

Diane Gillham.....3207 6358

### Seniors

Ted Dilworth.....3820 6758

### Outdoor Bowls

Ros Ward.....3207 0664

### Isle of Coochie Golf

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

Vice President: Cliff Prentice

Secretary: Colleen Morgan

Treasurer: Jack Morganti.....3207 9245

Captain: Stan Harris.....3820 7980

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

### Coochie Hackers Golf (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month)

Dot Hamilton.....3207 6990

### Coochiemudlo Island Historical Society

David Paxton.....3820 8989

### Coochiemudlo Island Garden Club Inc

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

Secretary: Denise Wright.....3207 6461

### Coochiemudlo RSL Sub Branch

Secretary/Treasurer: Lynda Grogan .....3207 0610

### Recreation Club

President: Hartley Treloar.....3207 8729

Secretary: Marie Shepherd.....3207 0916

### Bushcare

Dennis & Margrit Lack.....3207 7695

### Surf Life Saving

Stan Harris for information.....3820 7980

### Coochiemudlo Library

Wednesday and Saturday 9.00 to 12.00

Range of DVD's & Books

### Church Services

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

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

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

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