



RIVER HEADS REVIEW

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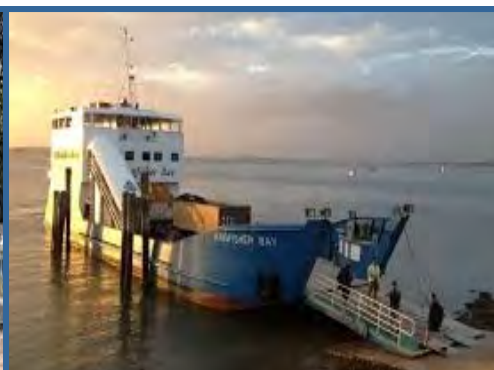
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2020

Unfortunately, our popular **Melbourne Cup Luncheon** had to be cancelled for 2020. Apologies that this course of action was necessary. Anyone who has already paid for tickets will get a full refund by contacting treasurer@riverheads.org.au.

The Melbourne Cup Luncheon will be back bigger and better than ever next year!

Stay tuned for the now officially named River Heads Jam Night on Saturday 14 November from 5-9pm at the Hall. October's inaugural Open Mic Night was a huge success! Entertainment of a wide variety was on offer and musicians and other performers were applauded with gusto as they followed each other onto the stage. Well done everyone, River Heads has talent!

Rivers Bistro and Bar at the Hall will be open serving a variety of burgers, chips etc and ice cold beverages from the bar, so see you there!!

A fire in the foreshore reserve area 3 weeks ago was fortunately contained in time by a quick acting resident, and then successfully extinguished by our local fireies. A big thank you to all who assisted in averting the danger, it could have been a much worse event.

This incident brings home the importance of **being prepared for the fire, storm and cyclone seasons**. Emergency Services details are available on our Website, and for further information visit the links on the Council Website:

<https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/storm-season-clean/> and
<http://disaster.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/>

More volunteers are needed for a shift once a month in order to keep Rivers Bistro & Bar ticking along. Preppers 2.00-3.30pm Fridays; Platers/servers 5.30-7.30pm; Till/cashier 5.30-7.30pm; Bartenders 5.30pm to around 8.30pm - Friday nights. With everyone doing just a little bit our wonderful community will continue to prosper. Phone **0499 992 442** if you can help. A big thank you to all those who are already volunteering their services. You are the lifeblood of our community!

Notice to all Hall activities: We are now required to fill in separate forms for all people attending the hall. Blank forms will be on the front desk – they should be completed by each person and placed in the box provided at the desk rather than taking a list. This is a requirement of Qld Health for privacy reasons.

Sporting Teams for River Heads: Anyone interested in forming a team should phone **0499 992 442**. It is high time River Heads was on the sporting map. We have a wealth of sporting talent in our community plus a fantastic playing field and canteen at the Reserve in Seafarer Avenue, so let's get mobilised!! A big thank you to all the guys working on the canteen. They are doing a fantastic job – Nev Watson, Mark Hensel, Nick Burgess and anyone else who has helped.

That's all folks! Take care, **stay well** and enjoy life.

Billie Rustin



COUNCILLOR Division 7 NEWS

November is with us already and it is Cup time. This year I like the look of Anthony Van Dyck. Good luck if you have a flutter on the first Tuesday.

Good luck to the River Heads (and all Fraser Coast) students taking part in the Year 12 Exams. It has been a challenging year for you all and one that we all hope is never repeated.

COVID Safe Festive Fraser Coast community concert planned:

Fraser Coast festive celebrations will be different this year due to COVID-19. Instead of the traditional carols events in Queens Park and the Seafront Oval, a concert will be held at the Brolga Theatre on Saturday, December 19 which will be livestreamed into your homes. The program will include carols and popular festive style music performed by local musicians and choirs.

Only limited tickets will be available for people to attend the Brolga and Seafront Oval to maintain COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

More details about the Festive Fraser Coast concert will be released in coming weeks so please keep an eye out.

Council is seeking feedback on the Fraser Coast planning scheme:

A discussion paper has been released which identifies the planning scheme's current policy framework and new trends that are shaping the Fraser Coast and I would love to see some feedback from the River Heads area. Planning schemes set out the objectives and policies for the use, development and protection of land; which types of development require development approval, and the standards that new development must meet.

Council wants your feedback on whether changes are required to the planning scheme to ensure that it aligns with new trends and community priorities over the next 20 years.

The online survey is available on Council's website via – <https://frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au/planning-scheme-review-project>.

The submissions on the Discussion Paper close at 5pm on Tuesday, 10 November 2020.

Be Prepared:

There is still time to sign up for notifications from our Disaster Dashboard.

I ask that you please visit the site at <http://disaster.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/> and sign up for the Notifications so you have all the latest information sent to you as it is released. The notifications will give you the latest, up-to-date information rather than second-hand news and rumours.

Thank you to the local residents who have signed up for the service.

Community Chat:

Please note my November Community Chat will be on Saturday the 28th at 10.30 am at the River Heads Café & Take Away.

I am unsure if I will get another chat in before Christmas at this stage, but I will advise.

If you can't make it, I am happy to visit you at home. To make an appointment, please contact me on 0448 045 041 or email: darren.everard@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Council Information:

Feel free like my <https://www.facebook.com/darreneverardfrasercoast/> for updates on what is going on in the region. I do try and update it as information comes hand.

Council Contact:

Just a reminder that if you have any matters which require urgent Council attention please contact the Council Call Centre on 1300 794 929 and we will do our best to attend to your needs.

Take care and stay well.

Darren



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Please email: revieweditor@riverheads.org.au



IF YOU ARE A WORRIER - TRY BIRD WATCHING!

By Sue Watson
(adapted from WordForToday
by B. and D. Gass)

You may not like the political party that's in power, but you're much better off than the Jewish people back in the first century. Their country was occupied by the Romans, and they paid extortionate taxes to keep them in power. They lived as slaves - so they worried a lot. Then Jesus came along and said: *'Look at the birds. They don't plant... harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to Him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?'* {Mathew 6:26-27}

In other words, if you worry a lot - try bird watching! Birds don't know where their next meal is coming from, yet you never see one sitting on a branch having an anxiety attack. So here's the question: *'Aren't you far more valuable to God than they are?'*

A man who was out of work, despondent, and worried about feeding his family noticed some birds eating leftover strawberry shortcake from a bin. All at once it dawned on him - *'If God can feed the birds strawberry shortcake, surely He can take care of me too!'*

Even if you suffer from a poor self-image and think you're not worth taking care of, aren't you still more valuable than a bird? So look at how well your heavenly Father takes care of them, and remind yourself that He will take care of you too.

If anxiety is robbing you of happiness during the day and sleep at night, make up your mind to live by this Scripture:

'Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.' {1Peter 5:7}



Welcome from the Fishing Club.

At time of writing, still no news from either major party regarding policy on removal of commercial nets from the conservation zone or yellow zone of our marine Park. We can only hope the right thing is done for the majority of the people and not a small minority.

The end of the club's competition year is December so trophy night is something to look forward to. AGM will be held on Sunday 8th November, nominations now open for all positions in the club.

New members are always welcome so if you are interested in joining, come on down to the hall at 2pm on the Sunday of monthly fish meets for the weigh-in presentation. Fish meets commence at 5am on the first Friday of the month and continue through to Saturday and Sunday except January. Next fish weigh-in is Sunday 8th November. Free sausage sizzle and bar open at normal RHPA prices.

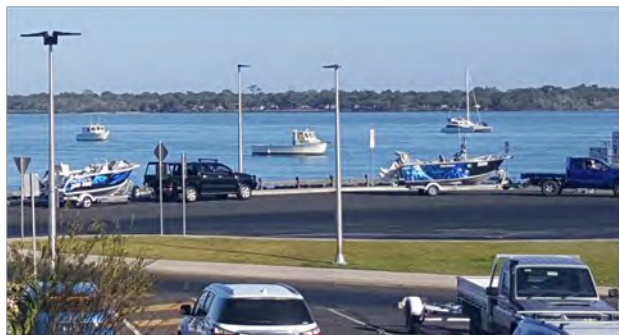
October's most outstanding fish, 81cm Flathead recorded by Judy Smith and a Coral Trout (double point species for the month) caught by Gary Bateman. Well done!

The annual club trip away was held on 16th, 17th and 18th October with 28 members, boats and kayaks in tow, travel a short distance to Burrum Heads for a weekend of fun and fishing.

Those traveling out to the 8 Mile had several dolphins coming up alongside their boats to make friends, a rare and wonderful experience. Local Water Police were also on patrol with all members passing mustard. Great job members!

Up river there were Grunter and Whiting caught and the kayakers spotted some interesting Flathead lays along the banks with one almost landed.

Happy hour every day was a time to catch up and enjoy a beverage or two before the night's activities.



Photos of members lining up to launch at the boat ramp and the evening debrief of the days activities.

An interesting question: There is a spike in Covid 19 cases because there is a spike in Covid testing. If we had a spike in IQ testing, would we have a spike in morons?

May your lines be tight, hooks sharp and knots strong.

The Editor.

MUSIC IS LIFE



LIFE IS MUSIC

RIVER HEADS JAM 2ND SATURDAY of EVERY MONTH

☆ RIVER HEADS GOT TALENT ☆

The Inaugural River Heads open mic night went off with a bang as talented musicians from the local community converged on the River Heads Hall.

The event was hosted by the River Heads Progress Association who opened the venue at 4 pm. Entry was a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to Just for Kids children's charity. Guests enjoyed home-made treats for afternoon tea and then a barbecue dinner from 5.30pm.

The talented musical director (Lyle) commenced setting up for the event earlier in the morning and 1.5 km of cables were used in the outstanding Sound system used with 5 microphones front of house.

Pictured below is Lyle our musical director who is an accomplished musician in his own right.



Strict Covid policies were in place and singers had to provide their own microphone socks or there were some available from Ultra Music, one of the sponsors from Hervey Bay.



L-R. Tara on vocals, Richard on lead, Col on drums, Ben on Bass

Another outstanding highlight of the evening was the appearance of a very talented guitar player and singer (Matt) who had the crowd swaying their arms to the sounds of Sweet Caroline.



Pictured:
the talented Matt

The venue is ideal for hosting this type of musical event as they have acoustic panels in place and there is a large sweeping Veranda taking in the panoramic views of the Great Sandy Straits.

There was entertainment during the course of the whole event including a kazoo playing "name that tune" competition and prizes were handed out to all performers. The atmosphere was terrific and everyone had a fabulous time as musicians came

FRASER COAST RV PARK NEWS (Continued)

and went onto the stage and worked out songs on the spur of the moment to jam together with singers who were also on stage singing impromptu, which made the event interesting and entertaining.

The night only had one drummer, so talented Col Miller played for 5 hours straight without missing a beat. The whole afternoon and evening was jam packed full of various entertainment with musical styles from blues and roots, covers, originals, and standards. Daveena had the audience captivated with her original indigenous poetry.

The evening culminated in a grand finale of Roadhouse Blues with all performers joining in.



Pictured: the talented Col Miller - 5 hours on drums



Pictured: local guitar player Paul with some original songs

The event promises to be bigger and better next month when it will be officially known as **River Heads Jam**. The event will kick off at 5 pm with dinner commencing at 5:30pm.

So put the date in your calendar **14th November** (2nd Saturday of month) for the **River Heads Jam**. Full details on the website

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WILDLIFE MATTERS (WILDLIFE QLD FRASER COAST)

Few of us are fortunate enough to be wakened in the middle of the night by the eerie scream of the **bush stone-curlew** (*Burhinus grallarius*). The cry is so mournful that some aboriginal cultures associate the bird with death and sorrow. One Melville Island story states that an unfaithful wife caused the death of her baby son. She then became the Wayayi (bush stone-curlew), condemned to wander the forests forever, wailing out her grief and remorse (*Minupi Arts and Crafts Association at Pirlangimpi, Melville Island*).

Bush stone-curlews are still plentiful in parts of northern Australia. However, Birdwatchers of Hervey Bay coordinator, John Knight, reports that the birdwatchers seldom spot the bush stone-curlews. John blames fox predation for the decline in numbers. Currently, Fraser Coast residents are more likely to see a fox than to spot our own native predator, the dingo!

The impressively tall (60 cm) slender bird is a nocturnal hunter with large yellow eyes. It moves gracefully seeking small vertebrates such as frogs and all manner of bugs, spiders and worms. They are very long lived and mate for life. In spring, the pair do a courtship dance with wings outstretched and tails up. The two eggs, which are laid on the ground, take 28 days to hatch. Chicks have a long vulnerable 8 weeks before becoming capable of flying. The eggs and young – who are beautifully camouflaged – play doggo if a predator is detected. Both parents do their best to frighten off predators such as goannas but the cunning fox with its excellent sense of smell is a more formidable threat.



If you haven't heard the call of this bird and have access to a computer, google bush stone-curlew and give yourself a treat. And if you are lucky on your next trip to northern Australia, you might hear and see this interesting – but sadly now threatened – bird in the wild.

Male brush turkey in breeding mode with yellow wattle expanded



A great survivor and the bane of gardeners, **brush turkeys** live in the bushland as well as in the suburbs of our cities. The brush turkey is member of the megapode (big foot) family.

Brush turkeys are omnivorous – scratching around and consuming anything edible: insects, grubs, seeds, tubers, and if near human habitation they enjoy food scraps. At night, the turkeys fly up and roost in the tops of tall trees. As spring approaches, the turkey cock develops his courting regalia – a bright yellow pleated wattle that contrasts with his red featherless head and black plumage. The hens have only a small ring of yellow skin around the neck.

At this time, the male turkey is the epitome of industry, persistence and relentlessness - as any person who has one nesting on their property soon discovers. The males use their big strong feet to scrape up leaf litter and soil to create nesting mounds which can be over a metre high and 4 metres in diameter.

The cock can have several wives. Mating occurs on the nest. Hens do not help build the nest, but do help to dig the holes in which eggs are laid. Each hen can lay about 24 eggs. Each egg weighs 180 gm (a chicken egg is about 60gm). Decomposing vegetation keeps the nest about 35deg C. The turkeys test the temperature by sticking their beaks into the mound and add or remove litter to keep it at the right temperature. The male also has to defend the nest against predators such as hungry marauding goannas.

After 7 weeks, the baby turkey hatches and struggles for up to two days to get through a metre of compost to escape! It scampers off into the bush and has to fend for itself from the get go. Less than 1% of baby turkeys manage to evade goannas, predatory birds, cats and foxes to reach adulthood.

Turkeys like all native birds are protected in Queensland.

Written by Carol Bussey, member of Wildlife Qld Fraser Coast - For information on Wildlife Queensland email bussey.tony@westnet.com.au

Resident's Quick Action Saves the Day - Monday 5 October 2020



A spark from a nearby incinerator apparently was responsible for starting a fire in the foreshore reserve area at the bottom of Bengtson Rd on Monday 5 Oct around 4.15pm.

The fire quickly spread in the windy conditions with black smoke billowing into nearby homes from about a 40mt fire front making its way towards the River Heads Reserve. Attempts by residents with hoses were having little impact on the blaze.

Local resident Chris Wilson, proprietor of YVC Concreting Hervey Bay, saw the blaze from his nearby home and immediately jumped into his digger tractor. Chris and his family were victims of the Victorian bushfires.

The RHPA President and the Food & Beverage Manager spotted the black smoke while driving along Seafarer Drive and quickly phoned 000. The fires were on their way but Chris knew first hand how fast wild fires can spread.



He worked feverishly to dig a containment line and by the time the fire trucks arrived they were able to successfully extinguish the blaze which had been contained.

The danger had been averted.



Yet another example of fantastic community spirit at its best here in River Heads.

Thank you so much Chris Wilson for your unselfish contribution to what could have been a much worse event, and as always thank you to our wonderful local fires and other residents who assisted.

Your community appreciates you.



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Can You Help?

An autographed hard cover copy of Cross Road autobiography by Mark Donaldson VC has been lost through a deceased estate donation to a local op shop.

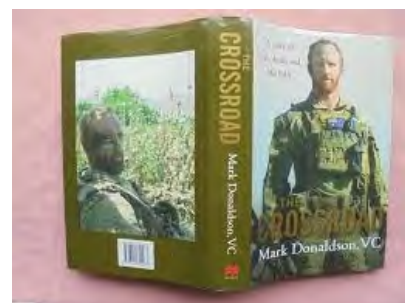
If you find it, can you please contact Christel Schrank on 0490 109 060 or fraserviews@hotmail.com

It might appear in the River Heads book swap library one day. All expenses will be covered.

The full story:

My friend Kate lent it to Nell, who passed away, then Melbourne relatives cleared the house without knowledge of this book on loan.

Kate has moved to Adelaide, and would dearly like the book back because she met the author who autographed/ dedicated this book especially for her.



Thank you.



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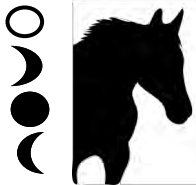


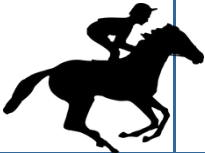


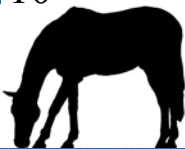







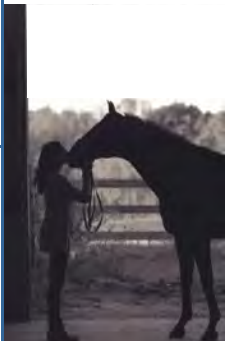

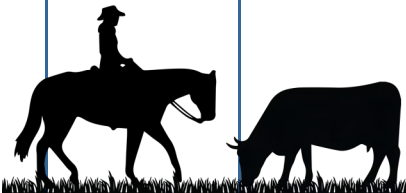

All Welcome

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NOVEMBER 2020

There is much we can learn from a friend who happens to be a horse...

- Aleksandra Layland

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
PATCHWORK & QUILTING 10am-2pm	GARDEN CLUB 9am MORNING TEA (free) 10am	INDOOR BOWLS 1.30-3.30pm SOCIAL POOL NIGHT 6.30pm		RIVERS BISTRO open every Friday from 5.30pm <i>Now with Takeaways</i>	YOGA 8.30-10am	→ THESE ACTIVITIES on every week at your local River Heads Community Hall
Full Moon Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter						1 Birthday Gregory Thompson Peter Hodor
2 	3	4 Birthday Lee Evans	5 Birthday Elizabeth Burgess	6 	7	8 
9 Birthday Geoff Mealing	10 	11	12 	13 RH Fishing Club Chook Raffle	14 River Heads Jam	15  Birthday Richard Wilson
16 	17 Birthday Pauline Flack	18 	19	20	21 	22 
23	24 	25	26 Birthday Diane Flierman	27 	28	29 Birthday Jacqui Rein Heather de Villiers
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Happy Anniversary and Congratulations to:

8/11 - Aileen & Ken Harrison; 17/11 - Marilyn & Terry Benbow;
20/11 - Elizabeth & Nick Burgess and Jacqui & Ashley Rein

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FM 88.0 R/Heads & FM 87.8 - Streaming on www.touristfm.org.au

River Heads Progress Association - Activities

Patchwork & Quilting	Judy Smith	4125 7726 or 0427 000 982
Wednesday Social Pool Night	John Bridge	4125 8362
Indoor Bowls	Mike or Robyn Allam	4125 7683 or email: indoorbowls@riverheads.org.au

Tuesday Garden Club	Billie Rustin	} For information call 0499 992 442
Librarian	Keran Smee	
Tuesday morning tea and activities	Margaret Reynolds	
Food Forest/Public Demonstration Garden	Christel Schrank	
	 <i>River Heads Food Forest</i>	

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Fire Emergencies 000

River Heads Kingfisher Brigade 0409 076 916 / 07 4125 7897

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