



River Heads Progress Association

The River Heads Progress Association acknowledge the Butchulla people - the Traditional Owners of the land we live, work and play on, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Battle at the Interclub



Above: River Heads Fishing Club placed second at this year's Interclub competition.

Rivers Bistro & Bar – Friday nights @ 5.30pm

November 1	November 8	<p>Christmas Dinner December 13 \$30 pp, Limited seats Kgari day trip draw</p>
Music by Doug Edwards	Music by William Ramage	
Raffles	Fishing Club Raffles	

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River Heads Progress Association

We are a pretty small group doing a pretty big job

Bar work - Plate up or Cook - Clean

A couple of hours of your time a month would be a huge help

Call 0487 097 700

Can you help?



John Weiland – councillor for Division 7



So here we are in the last quarter of 2024. This year continues to get away, and it's about time to think about what we would like to get our loved ones for Christmas! Council has certainly been busy of late with our 10 year revision of the planning scheme and an abundance of end of year events.

At our recent meeting, some of the highlights were adopting a hardship capping for rates charges, the announcement of our Inclusive Access Advisory Committee and halting \$22 million upgrades to Torquay and Pialba caravan parks.

The Inclusive Access Advisory Committee, which I chair, is a body of people with various disabilities who make recommendations and give advice on council policy to ensure we meet and exceed national standards for accessibility for all of our community. With the advanced average age of our residents, and above average numbers of people with disabilities in our region, this committee provides invaluable advice from a lived experience perspective.

On the caravan parks topic, council has passed a motion to bring the \$8 million spend on Torquay Caravan Park and \$14 million spend on Pialba Caravan Park back to council for two purposes. In relation to Torquay, we will explore either cheaper options or an alternative use for the space. For Pialba, we will be discussing cheaper options to try and find the best value for money outcome. These will be discussed at length and council will be seeking community feedback. I will host a community chat to seek feedback from River heads community, and discuss council's recent major items in November.

Community Chat
Thursday, November 21 at River Heads Community Hall barbecue area. I hope to see you there.



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Community news



It pays to join in

The River Heads Community Hall has traditionally been a meeting place for long term residents and newcomers alike. Whether on a Friday night at the bistro or through the many groups that use the hall, it's a great place to get involved.

With so many people moving to the area memberships are growing which is great for our community. Contact details for these groups can be found in the Review.

And speaking of growing memberships, one new member of the River Heads Progress Association, Kylie Hanna, joined the association on a Friday and then promptly won the \$160 members' draw. Congratulations Kylie and thanks for joining up.

In a small community like ours people coming and going isn't as overlooked as it might be in bigger places. It's a bit more significant and personal. I guess that's why we live here.



Reminder – Melbourne Cup at the Hall has been cancelled. Please call 0487 097 700 for more information.



Photos by
Coral Albrecht

Here's cheers to some of our regular volunteers, we couldn't do it without them.

Come and join our fantastic group of volunteers. It's a great way to meet new people, have fun and give back to the community

Happy Birthday Keith

A big shout out to Liz Stewart for making this spectacular cake as a surprise for our vice president – Keith Morrison's birthday.

A great night at the River Heads Bistro.

The promised cake at last!

Fishing club news



WOWZA..... Talk about a Fish-tastic month! Not only did we host our monthly Fish meet, but we also participated in the Interclub event organized by the Boat Club Fishing Club. It was inspiring to see our club members proudly wearing their River Heads Fishing Club shirts and showcasing their team spirit! Although we didn't win, we demonstrated our strength as a team and our ability to execute our plan effectively. Here's to refining our strategy and to thinking outside the tackle box and catch some bigger fish!

Some of our winners for the best and biggest fish caught were: Dallas Mewah - grunter 52cm, Ben Flanders - squire 42cm, Gary Bateman - grassy sweet lip, Bert Flierman - bream 35cm, Emil junior winner with a whiting 31cm.



Hervey Bay Amateurs land the win for 2024



The 2024 Interclub was hosted by the Hervey Bay Boat Club Fishing and Social Club.

Congratulations to the Hervey Bay Amateurs winning with 875 points, followed by River Heads Fishing Club 777 points. Third HB Boat Club Fishing and Social Club on 343 and fourth Toogoom on 297.

It was a well-run and fun event. We look forward to 2025 hosted by Hervey Bay Amateurs.

Fishing club news

October Fish Meet

Our latest fish meet was a resounding success! Adrian Tantari MP offered enlightening perspectives on the new net-free zoning in the marine park, prompting a lively Q&A session. It was wonderful to see so many passionate individuals actively seeking positive change.

Our juniors have made us proud with their exceptional fishing skills, reeling in some truly impressive catches that highlight their talent & determination.

AGM

A reminder that our Annual General Meeting is on at the next fish meet. If you wish to be considered for a position on the committee, please email the club and we will get you a nomination form. All positions will be open. Celena is our secretary but has also been a fill in treasurer while we are waiting for someone to put their hand up for this position, It would be great if someone could take this over, more hands make for light work.

Rule changes, we have only received a couple of changes, so if you are keen to make a difference, please get them back to the committee ASAP.

Chook Raffle

The Chook raffle has done it again! We added more prizes and a larger meat tray, we sold out in no time. A big thank you to our loyal supporters for making this possible and for your continued support to the Fishing Club.



River Heads Fishing Club Annual General Meeting Sunday, November 3, 2024 1.30pm at the River Heads Hall

Nominations are sought for the following positions (some of which may be filled by appointment if not filled at the AGM)

President
Treasurer
Secretary
Vice-President/Club Captain
Membership Secretary (Registrar)
Weigh Master (Record Keeper)
Sponsorship Co-ordinator
Social Co-ordinator

Email for nomination form at
riverheadsclub@gmail.com

Nominations returned no later than November 1, 2024

Fishing club news

The Barra are on!

If you're chasing Barramundi fishing action, then Lake Monduran is your answer as some of our members found out after participating in the Annual Bundaberg Tackle World Family Fishing Classic. Well done to Kip and Rick with their Huge Barra!!



Steamed barramundi with ginger, coriander and makrut lime



Ingredients

16 makrut lime leaves
4 white fish fillets or cutlets or barramundi
40g (1/4 cup) julienne ginger
2 tbsp coriander leaves
2 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
2tsp fish sauce
Lime juice and coriander leaves, to serve

Method

1. Cut four large squares of non-stick baking paper. Place four lime leaves in the centre, top with a piece of fish and sprinkle with ginger and coriander. Combine sweet chilli and fish sauce in a small bowl and drizzle over fish. Fold the ends of each square around the fillets to form a parcel.
2. Steam fillets in a bamboo or metal steamer for 3-4 minutes or until fish is cooked through. Discard lime leaves. Arrange fish on serving plates and sprinkle with lime juice and coriander. Serve with a simple cucumber salad or extra sweet chilli.
3. Cucumber salad – chop a small Lebanese cucumber, place in a bowl. Add 1 tbsp each white vinegar and caster sugar. Stir until sugar has dissolved. Add a small finely chopped red chilli.

To our incredible sponsors and devoted members, we can't thank you enough, for your selfless contributions and tireless work towards making this club an inspiring space for all. You embody the true spirit of camaraderie!



Wildlife matters – Woocoo Forest Reserve walk

by Frank Ekin

A hidden circuit walk on forest roads in Woocoo Forest was the site of the October 2024 Wildlife Preservation Society (Wildlife Queensland) Walk. The seven km circuit led round an island of luxuriant mixed forest of the Forest Reserve within a commercial forest.

This island of the reserve is in part surrounded by commercial pine forest. It is in the catchment of Saltwater Creek. On one side of the circuit is a most beautiful billabong. On an earlier walk this billabong was nearly empty. On this occasion it was full, so the depth could be estimated at about three metres.

A few months ago, a slow burn was carried out in the reserve. This was an lesson for the walkers on preventative burning. There was severe burning to the tops of the highest trees in some areas, but most tree tops were spared. Reassuringly, most of the trees had a crown of new leaf growth. True, some big old trees were severely burnt, and their central core burnt right out effectively becoming a chimney; some of these had fallen over. The ground cover had changed from sooty black months ago, to green new growth and spectacular stands of Xanthorrea.

Birdlife had returned although one does not know if the bird population numbers have returned too. To see and compare the brilliant red on the Scarlet Honeyeater with that on a Mistletoebird. was one of the delights on this walk. A Wedge-tailed Eagle displayed aerobatics over the forest.

Two tree species are planted commercially, Slash Pine (*Pinus elliottii*) and Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*). As the scientific name indicates the Hoop Pine is not truly a pine tree but is one of the twenty-seven species of araucaria found in the Pacific and South America. It is particularly suited for commercial plantations because of its fine grain, uniform density and texture so is suitable for furniture, joinery, mouldings and excellent for veneer. The wood takes glue, stains and polishes well so is very adaptable - indeed there is very little waste. One of its features is that it lacks resin. This means that left untreated, it is susceptible to ants and the Pine Bark Weevil.

The walk was on a well formed forest road, often quite sandy, though Sericite Schist showed through in places. Indeed, our geologist had the opportunity to explain the nature of alluvial and volcanic soils upon which these commercial trees thrive.

Several small water courses crossed the road. Some of these were outflows from small billabongs which offered cool sheltered resting places for the walkers and more especially a photographic haven for photographers, Ruby and John.



This walk had a great deal to show us. Its convenience to Maryborough makes it an accessible escape in a large area of natural environment within a commercial forest. The only difficulty on this outing was the first hint of the Summer heat that will soon be upon us.

Next WPSQ walk: Lenthalls Dam Sunday, November 3, including the Christmas breakup.

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The Koel - Storm Season Harbinger

by Diane Christensen

We have arrived at that wonderful season of Spring in which nature brings bountiful delights. Besides the blossoming of many flowers, a loud persistent bird call is heard from dawn to after dark: “koo-ell, koo-el, koo-ell”.

There are different interpretations of this call, some hearing a “coo-ee, coo-ee, co-ee”, sometimes followed by a feverish “wurroo, wurroo, wurroo”. Incidentally, the Koel is erroneously named the Storm Bird, simply because its visit coincides with our storm season.

Yes, that elusive, mysterious visitor from Indonesia and PNG has made its presence heard in no uncertain manner. Each October, we know that this large, long-tailed cuckoo is calling and feasting in dense canopies of our neighbourhoods, frustrating all those eager birdwatchers anxious to catch a glimpse of such an elusive bird. It also frequents forests and woodlands.

The species that visits us is *Eudynamys Orientalis*, or more specifically, the sub species, *cynocephala* whose range extends from the southern limit of North Queensland to southern NSW.

The male has glossy black feathers with an iridescent bluish tinge, a red iris, a pale bill and a bluntly-rounded tail. The female's brown back is strikingly patterned with white spots while the underparts are white or cream with dark streaks. The tail is rounded like the male's and has bold horizontal stripes. Her head is black with a pale streak extending to the chest. Her call is a “keek, keek, keek”.

Juveniles resemble the female but differ in having a buff-coloured cap and a brown iris. Its back is tricoloured, black, brown and cream with heart-shaped spots.

Koels are cuckoos and with the exception of one, are “kleptoparasites” [birds stealing resources]. In this case, the female lays one egg in the open nest of another bird, that being of the Magpie-lark, the Figbird, the Red Wattlebird and the Friarbird. An aggressive blind chick, when hatched, expels the



Above top: Male Koel. Below: Female Koel.

foster parent's eggs and aggressively demands to be fed, without the adoptive parents realising they have been duped.

Once the breeding season is complete, our noisy visitors fly back to their non-breeding countries north of Australia around April. The juveniles can sojourn for longer. The skies become “coo ee” - free until the cycle resumes in October the following year.

Sources: Menkhorst, P. et al, The Australian Bird Guide, CSIRO, Canberra, 2017.

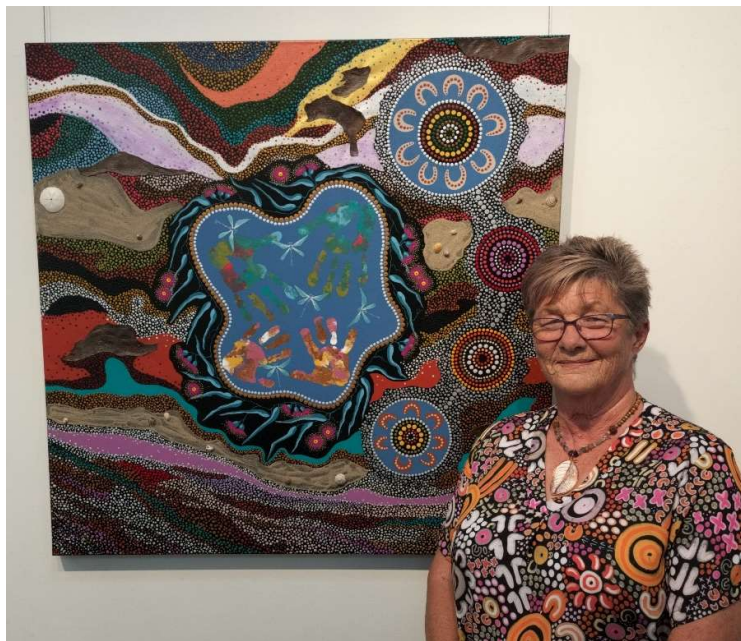
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Library talk for November

The Fraser Coast Branch of Wildlife Queensland is proud to announce a special presentation in its selection of Wildlife Library topics over the past nine years. Julie McGillivray has consented to give a talk on her art, indigenous in style but inspired by her own personal expression. She is a contemporary Indigenous artist and a Bunjalung woman living on Butchulla country for approximately 20 years before residing in Hervey Bay since the birth of her granddaughter eight years ago.

Julie has been painting for a relatively short time (since 2022) and uses a variety of mediums, including watercolour, acrylics, texture paste and natural materials on canvas, paper and bark. She is a well-known local artist but has sold nationally and internationally and finds her inspiration from the surrounding environment and community.

To enjoy Julie's art, book for her Hervey Bay talk on November 15 or Maryborough on November 29. Phone the Library on 41974220 or go online frasercoastlibraries@eventbrite.com. The talks run from 1-2pm.



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Community groups



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The She Shack

For women of all ages, the She Shack is an informal group that meets most Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am sometimes in the hall. If you want to meet other local women and forge friendships, plan workshops, adventures or projects you're most welcome to join in. Bring your enthusiasm. Bring your friends. This group can grow into what you and its members want it to be. Contact Tracey on 0434 535 475 for further information.



Social Indoor Bowls

Formed in 2003, the first group invented a game part indoor, part outdoor bowls. The rules are slightly different to other indoor bowls groups - more social and fun! Presently we have between eight and 16 players.

A fun, social game held every Wednesday 1.30-3.30pm with a break for a cuppa. Anyone is welcome, you don't need experience. Call Mike or Robyn Allam on 07 41257683 for more information.

Wednesday night pool

Pool night has become a tradition at the River Heads hall. With a good mix of experienced and beginner players, everyone has a good time with occasional flashes of brilliance that make for good entertainment.

Games start at 6pm and the bar is open. For further information contact Mark Hensel on 0438 882 537.

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Volunteering at the hall

There are lots of ways you can get involved at the River Heads Hall

Bar work (RSA required) - Plate up on a Friday night – Front desk meet and greet – Sell raffle tickets - Cleaning

Volunteers' registration forms available at the hall on Friday night

Call 0487 097 700 or grab a registration form on Friday

Fraser Radio – your local tourist information radio station

By Ed Martin, station manager



Welcome to our October update for Fraser Radio, a sub-committee of the RHPA and operated by volunteers, passionate about our local region.

This month we take a brief look at the history of Fraser Radio.

In 2016 local residents and RHPA members Roger and Celia Wilson were regular volunteers at the Friday night Bistro in the River Heads Hall. Roger was a skilful electronics and radio technician, who acquired a LPON Radio Licence from the ACMA. He set up his radio equipment at his home at Bingham Road, Booral.

In 2017 the RHPA acquired the LPON radio licence and the station was moved to the hall in River Heads. Two radio transmitters were eventually acquired and operated. 87.8 FM at Booral and 88.0 FM for River Heads. Between the two there would be extended coverage to include Booral, Turtle Cove and parts of Urangan.

One of the key considerations for RHPA acquiring the Radio Licences was to provide tourist information to visitors to River Heads or on their way to Fraser Island (now known as K'gari).

A third licence was attained in 2018 for another LPON station located at Sunshine Acres known as Bay City Gold, later as Fraser Coast Tourist radio and today as Fraser Radio.

In the period that followed Roger and a team of volunteers and contractors installed the mast on the hall roof and developed the initial streaming system. Roger was involvement with the subcommittee formed to manage and maintain the radio stations, until he and Celia moved to the United Kingdom in 2019.

Committee members provided the skills to create content, compile playlists, voices, technical and administrative duties which continue to the present day. We thank everyone involved in the workings of the station over the years.

Upon Rogers' departure RHPA member Alan Baxter took the reins until his retirement from the committee in 2023. Ed Martin then took on the management role working closely with Barry Barwick and Fay Pearson to continue the operation of Fraser Radio to the present day.



Above: Bay City Gold Studio supplied by Roger Wilson. Roger and Celia sought assistance in building up the station by basing it at the hall. The proposal was considered and resulted in the RHPA acquiring ownership of the station licence.



Above: Billie Rustin with Celia and Roger Wilson at a function to honour them both.



Above: Ed Martin, Barry Barwick, John Sabo with Alan Baxter during the transition to Fraser Radio

If you want entertainment, we provide a mix of music offerings ranging from the 60s, 70s and 80s through to the present day.

Fraser Radio is always keen to promote information about the Fraser Coast that will be of potential interest to Tourists, Visitors and Locals. If you have something that might be of interest to communicate, please email at info@fraserradio.com.au

Council news

Register for Fraser Coast Christmas Light Trail

Fraser Coast Regional Councillor John Weiland said 150 families put their homes on the map in 2023, we're hoping to include even more this year.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to showcase their decorated homes for everyone to enjoy and spread festive cheer," he said.

"Last year, we had some amazing light displays with Ronaldo Way in Urangan crowned Christmas Street for 2023."

"Before that, Kingfisher Drive in Oakhurst won Christmas Street for three years in a row."

If three or more neighbours team up, they are eligible for the title of Christmas Street, judged by the Mayor.

"The winning street earns a 'Christmas Street' sign to display for 12 months."

"Last year, Ronaldo Way had so many houses participate, and we hope to see even more this year



so we can continue to see everyone's smiles as they enjoy the lights."

Online registration forms are on the Council website www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/festive. Council will create a map available on the website. Registrations close at 5pm November 21.

Grants for 20 community groups and events

Grants approved under Round One of the 2024/25 Community Grants program include:

- **Parkrun Australia:** A parkrun for Burrum Heads, \$3,000;
- **We Care 2 Inc:** New larger dual axle covered trailer for donated food transportation, \$4,536;
- **Fraser Coast Swimming Club:** technology upgrades, \$4,620;
- **Riding for the Disabled Hervey Bay:** clubhouse upgrade, \$5,050;
- **Fraser Coast Cycling Inc:** Regional Crit Summer Series, \$800;
- **Hervey Bay Athletics Club:** sports field improvement and repairs, \$5,000;
- **Burgowan Men's Bowls Club:** club house fencing, \$7,584.80;
- **Bay Photography Group:** start-up, \$4,500;
- **Burrum Districts Respite Ass:** new pergola, \$2,143.80;
- **Hervey Bay Baptist Church:** playgroup equipment and furnishings upgrades, \$2,738;
- **Lakeside Sports and Croquet Club:** croquet balls and hoops, \$1,300;
- **River Heads Progress Association (trading as Fraser Radio):** two new computers and two new monitors for Fraser Radio FM88, \$4,886;
- **Maryborough City Progress Association:** The Granville Gather, \$3,151.50;
- **Stable Mind Equine Assisted Therapy:** new website, \$4,000;
- **Bay Bullets Netball Club:** to grow regional netball and foster elite talent locally, \$3,619;
- **Community Lifestyles Agency:** print box, \$4820.90;

Council will have four rounds of community grants in 2024/25 with applications for round two open now through to November 4.

More details are available at <https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/grants>

Fraser Coast Water Grid moves a step forward



severe water restrictions.

“A water grid is all about ensuring a safe, reliable and secure water supply for all of the Fraser Coast.”

Deputy Mayor Paul Truscott said preliminary estimates suggest the

Fraser Coast Regional Council has completed a detailed business case for the ‘Fraser Coast Water Grid,’ which will connect the Hervey Bay and Maryborough water supply schemes.

Mayor George Seymour said the business case shows the project’s benefits surpass its costs, and it will serve as a roadmap for the detailed design, approvals, and funding needed for the water grid.

“Council is proposing to connect our water supply systems by building a two-way pipeline and pumping stations, forming a Fraser Coast Water Grid,” he said.

“This will allow treated water to be pumped between Fraser Coast major water service areas, improving water security and reliability, and maximising the use of our water sources.

“The ability to transfer water throughout the region also provides flexibility if one of the treatment plants is affected by plant failure, a natural disaster, or major planned maintenance.

“The economic analysis indicates the water grid will save the community about \$88 million by avoiding

water grid could cost \$60 million to construct, with Council to seek funding from other levels of government through dedicated water grid funding programmes.

“Council recognises that water is our most valuable resource and endorsed the ‘Fraser Coast Water Supply Security Strategy’ in early 2022 to guide future investment in the regional water network,” he said.

“This strategy identified the water grid and a desalination plant in Hervey Bay by 2036, as key to a secure, reliable and affordable water future for the Fraser Coast.

“The business case is the next step in progressing the Fraser Coast Water Grid, with detailed design work to now follow. Council has also endorsed the business case for submission to the State and Commonwealth Departments responsible for National Water Grid funding programs.”

A more precise project cost estimate for the Fraser Coast Water Grid will be available after the detailed design is completed.

Council news

Community advocates to provide inclusive access advice

Eight community advocates have been appointed to Fraser Coast Regional Council's Inclusive Access Advisory Committee (IAAC) to help meet the needs and aspirations of people with disability.

The IAAC community members are: Mrs Barbara Read; Ms Bronte Maddaford; Mr Emery Hadfield; Mrs Erin Mills; Ms Karen Boulton; Mr Mark Grimley; Mr Paul Crawford; and Ms Sheree Henley.

Committee Chair Cr John Weiland expressed his gratitude to the volunteers for dedicating their time to provide advice on inclusive access issues.

"The IAAC will look at all aspects of community life, from urban design and infrastructure to Council services, events and activities," he said. "The committee offers advice on how we can remove barriers and ensure the Fraser Coast is inclusive for everyone."

The IAAC will meet quarterly, providing input into Council's policies and Disability Action Plan, while assisting Council in becoming a leader in delivering accessible infrastructure and services.

"We are constantly looking for ways to enhance accessibility across the Fraser Coast," Cr Weiland said.



"One exciting initiative is an upcoming mobile mapping service that will enable residents and visitors to easily find accessible footpaths, public transport options, parking, and amenities."

Committee members have been appointed for a two-year term.

"By working together we can raise awareness and develop strategies to address social issues, strengthening both our community and Council's ability to build inclusive, accessible communities," Cr Weiland said.

New car park at Hervey Bay Airport

Getting in and out of the Hervey Bay Airport will soon be easier, with work commencing on an upgrade to the new car park system next week.

Fraser Coast Mayor George Seymour said upgrades at the airport are progressing alongside rising passenger numbers since Jetstar launched direct flights Hervey Bay and Melbourne in June.

"Passenger numbers have steadily increased each month, with a 44.3% rise since September 2023," he said.

"The Hervey Bay Airport is busier than ever, handling 20,000 passengers per month, further solidifying the Fraser Coast as a must-visit destination."

Cr Seymour said work on the new ticketless car park system is due to be finished by November 2024.

"This system offers greater convenience, is eco-friendly, and will reduce entry and exit times," he said.

"The 30-minute free parking will remain, but those staying longer will need to pay at one of two new payment machines before exiting the car park.

"You can pay at the terminal by inputting your number plate into the payment machine or simply drive to the exit gate and swipe your credit card.

Hervey Bay Airport has commercial flights that operate regularly to and from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Lady Elliot Island and K'gari.

"In the coming months, we will also upgrade the baggage handling system with state-of-the-art equipment," Cr Seymour said.

"This new equipment will reduce wait times, minimise breakdowns, and make luggage handling quicker and more efficient."

Cr Seymour said the growing number of passengers is a great sign for the region.



The Cheeky Home Cook creates – Snickerdoodle Biscuit



*This
recipe can
be done in
a stand
mixer or
by hand
with a
wooden
spoon*

Ingredients

250g plain flour
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
3/4 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
125 g butter, at room temp
100g plus 2 tblsp caster sugar
1 large egg
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tblsp cinnamon

Method

Preheat oven to 180c and line two flat trays with baking paper

Combine flour, nutmeg, baking powder and salt and set aside

Cream butter and the 100g sugar in a large bowl until light in colour and pale in texture. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Stir in the dry ingredients until you have a smooth texture

Spoon out the remaining sugar and the cinnamon onto a plate. Then, with your hands roll pieces of dough into walnut sized balls

Roll the balls into the sugar and cinnamon mixture and arrange on baking sheets

Bake for about 15 minutes until turning golden brown

Remove from oven, let rest on sheets for a minute before transferring to a wire rack to cool

Makes about 32

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