River Heads Review Community news

River Heads Progress Association

The River Heads Progress Association acknowledges 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.

Big screen Origin clash at the hall



Rivers Bistro & Bar

Friday nights @ 5.30pm

1st Friday
BBQ & live music

3rd FridayBistro & raffles

2nd Friday Fishing Club Raffles, & RHPA raffles 4th Friday
Foodie Friday

On the 5th Friday we rest



View your Review online and check out the RHPA website for weekly specials and events.

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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



A message from the Pres - Keith



Well half the year has gone and didn't it go quickly? It seems the older we get, the faster time flies. Thanks to our hard-working committee and volunteers, some great changes have been made to the Association during that time.

There have been some cosmetic changes such as painting of some walls, the fishing club's 'wall of fame', revamp of our library, new fans on the back deck, theme nights and variations to our Friday night menu, updating of our website and of course the continuation of our monthly music night. It feels like it has been appreciated with membership growth and increased attendance at the bistro and fishing club weigh-ins. Reward for all those involved.

By now most would know that the 2025-26 membership renewals have become due. For those who have yet to be informed, this year the committee has decided to reduce the membership fee to just \$25. Membership entitles you to the following great benefits: firstly, a free dinner at the

bistro during your birthday month (that's the cost of your membership back just there), member discount for your regular Friday night meals, entry into the jackpotting member's draw, discounted hall rental rates for your private functions, free use of the hall for any of the activities that have been arranged, (Quilters, indoor bowls, pool, fishing club weigh-ins) first offer to any of our ticketed events and of course, voting rights at the annual general meeting.

So as we move into the second half of the year, there are some plans in place to continue improving the hall and the events we hold. We have applied for some grants looking for much needed funding to complete those plans and of course, we are always on the lookout for volunteers or additional committee members to not only assist in fulfilling those plans, but to come up with great ideas as we move forward. Don't be shy about approaching one of the committee members to give us your thoughts.

David Lee MP



I grew up playing sport - and we want every child in Queensland to have the same opportunity. That's why we're proud to announce the new \$200 Play On! Sport Vouchers that can be used on summer and winter sports. The Play On! Sport

Vouchers were started by an LNP government over 10 years ago, and we are making them permanent!

This program means more Queensland children will be able to be part of a football, netball or cricket team, joining their friends in the game, rather than watching from the sidelines. It's real cost of living relief that will help keep Queensland kids active.

We are boosting participation in sport and making it more affordable and accessible for families. Every child aged 5-17 will be eligible for a voucher that can be used on summer and winter sports.

The first round will open at 9am August 4, 2025. To pre-register and for more information visit: qld.gov.au/playon



Community news – spit roast night



Community news – pasta night







There were rave reviews for Jenny's delicious pasta night at the Hall in June with customers having to loosen their belts to fit it all in.

Ladies represent in pool





Our very own gentleman Klaus graciously asked that we showcase some of our lady pool players this month.

It seems he has come to terms with "being beaten by a sheila" which is good because our lady players are becoming a force to be reckoned with.

Everyone is welcome on a Wednesday night at pool and if you haven't quite mastered the game yet there are plenty who will help you out.

No judgement at pool just a lot of fun and laughs.

Fishing Club news

RHFC River Heads

June fishing meet recap - what a weekend





The weather may be cooling down, but the fishing action sure heated up at the June fish meet. From Friday through Sunday, the River Heads Legends came out in full force, rods loaded, tides tested and stories made (okay, maybe a few tall tales too).

Sunday weigh in winners

Best catch mens: Rick smashed the club record with a 53cm bartail flathead

Best catch ladies: Mandi showed the boys how it's done with a whopping 78 cm cod, what a snodger!

Best catch juniors: Reuben reeled in an epic 62cm flathead, proving age is just a number when you've got the skills

Secret length winner: Huxley with a 53cm flathead

Members draw: Graham Celebrity fish head: Bella Secret code word: Nikki



Meat trays: Nick one tray and Russel family two trays.

Our champs scored a Tackle World gift voucher, Daiwa rod and reel combo and some seriously pretty lures. A huge thanks to our mates at Fishos Tackle World Hervey Bay for always hooking us up.

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Big shout out to Kawangan Quality Meats for supplying the



legendary meat trays, there was definitely some barbecue envy going around. And to the Meat Station Maryborough, your top-notch snags disappeared faster than you can say "tight lines".

Thanks also to Bake House 13 for supplying fresh bread to wrap up the weekend in style.

Thanks to all our sponsors and legends, you make this more than just a fishing club, it's about mate ship, healthy competition, and unforgettable weekends on the water.

Keen to join the fun?

Come wet a line with us. Reach out via facebook or drop us a line at riverheadsfishingclub@gmail.com.

Until next time... thank you to every member sponsor, and supporter who made June a blast.

Tight lines and tall tales - River Heads Fishing Club

Out and about with Asha

Asha Kenzig here, I am passionate about nature and am a huge animal lover. I am 13 years old and live on a small hobby farm in Booral and I have some big news.....I am going to school in three weeks because I want to be a large animal veterinarian. I have home schooled for two years and am ready to try something new again.

Today I want to talk about a topic that is very important to me and I want everyone to try and work on what I am about to share.

I think the speed limit should be lowered in the 100km zone on River Heads Road because kangaroos keep getting hit and some of the females have joeys. Sadly most of the time they do not survive. Wildlife volunteers go and check on deceased kangaroos to see if there are joeys in the pouch. If they are alive they are taken into care.

If the kangaroo has passed away, they mark it by spray painting an X on the body so that other people know the animal has been checked.

Be extra careful early morning and late afternoon as that is the time kangaroos come out.

If you happen to hit a kangaroo, please STOP and check if it needs assisting. If the roo is alive and injured, you must call Amanda at East Coast Exotic Haven on 0499 453 674. Please save this number in your phone under Wildlife Help!

It's not recommended to approach the animal, leave a safe distance from it to ensure the roo is less stressed and you are kept safe. It is a good idea to take photos of the injuries to send to Amanda.

If the roo has passed away, please drag it off the

road when safe to do so. Report it as above so a volunteer can come and check and mark it.

Please drive slower and be careful of wildlife.

It's time to go exploring some more, so stay awesome.

Asha



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Wildlife matters - Exploring Hunters Hut: two bridges walk

By Jenni Watts

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Fraser Coast Branch's regular monthly walk for June was from the old Hunters Hut Railway Station located just off the Maryborough to Biggenden Road between Thinoomba and Aramara.

The walk, on private land and close to the edge of the St Mary State Forest, offered a mix of nature walking and a glimpse of European history and the beginning of the extensive railway system in 1864. Hunters Hut was a railway stop and siding – part of the Mungar to Gayndah line and carried timber cut from the forest. The fence is still in good condition because, although idle for many years the line was only officially closed in 2012. The rail line itself is still intact although mostly overgrown with grasses.

Initially walking southeast from Hunters Hut along the rail line to a small trestle bridge, then back on a bush track (Schmidt Rd). A second walk, in a north westerly direction, again a loop of 4.5km, along a more cleared track and back along the rail line. The destination for this walk was the impressive Charlie Hart Trestle Bridge which spans about 200m and is made up of several wooden trestles. Although in reasonable condition there are no guard rails.

Botanically, the area is generally a young forest, having been selectively logged. Sadly, very few old mature trees which would support our hollow-dependent wildlife. The understorey is sparse save for wattles as the area is grazed. The dominant tree species are Brushbox, Queensland Blue Gum, Spotted Gum and Broad-leaved Ironbark. The wattle is *Acacia leiocalyx*, which was in full bloom with long pale flowers. Its native name is Curracabah – also known as Red-stemmed Wattle in SE Qld or Lamb's Tails in NSW. Often referred to by farmers as Early Black Wattle it is not liked because it grows very quickly and compete with crops and pasture plants.

Along the railway line with no wattles and taller trees for competition there was a smattering of wildflowers – bright splashes of purple from the pea flowers of the Native Sarsaparilla and yellow of the Netted Shaggy Pea, delicate white flowers of a Burr Daisy, and a large patch of Tiny Blue China Orchids.

Among 21 species of bird spotted were the (not often observed locally) Common Bronzewing, the (always spectacular) Wedge-tailed Eagle, and the (busy and inquisitive) Grey Fantails and Willy

Wagtails. The latter two are insectivorous and will follow walkers as they disturb insects in the undergrowth. Juicy pickings to the birds.

Some people were fortunate to see a small shy Eastern Bandy Bandy snake. Highly attractive, glossy with black and white rings that go around the body, they are nocturnal and forage at night almost exclusively on a diet of Blind Snakes.





Library Talk

The next Library talks on July 18 and 25 are guaranteed to be enlightening. We are fortunate to have one of the Burrum Shire Council's former Park's Curators, Glen Kruger who was instrumental in the regeneration of the foreshore from Point Vernon to Urangan beginning in the seventies.

Glen's first job was at the Paulen Park Nursery Maryborough resulting in a horticulture course with TAFE. Subsequently, employed by Maryborough City Council for eight years, six as head gardener. He was then employed by the Burrum Shire Council as its first Parks Curator in 1972. In Glen's words, "I started the job equipped with a new Bedford truck, an old Greenfield ride-on mower, two Victa push mowers, a wheelbarrow, an assortment of tools and two good men. The job appeared formidable as park maintenance had been done only occasionally, at holiday time and for special events."

The main focus of Glen's talk will focus on the occurrence of uncontrolled access areas to the beach causing increasingly wider blowouts. His expertise tested in finding ways to reverse this concerning situation. Hence, because of Glen's foresight, we enjoy the foreshore we have today.

Bookings are essential. Phone the Library on 41974220 or book online through Eventbrite.







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Fraser Radio - your local tourist information radio station

By Ed Martin, station manager

Welcome to our June update for Fraser Radio, a sub-committee of the River Heads Progress Association. We are purely operated by volunteers who are passionate about our local region.

Have you tuned in to listen to Fraser Radio lately? If not, we are on the air 24/7 from River Heads and Turtle Cove on 88.0FM and Booral on 87.8FM. You can listen via our on-line simulcast stream Australia wide. Mobile phones can be paired with bluetooth capable car radios so you can listen to Fraser Radio throughout Australia dependant on cellular phone coverage availability. Refer to the operator's manual under bluetooth pairing.

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tourism based venues to feature in interview segments. Our aim is to provide listeners, particularly those wishing to visit the region, with information about venues to place on their itinerary.

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For your entertainment, we play a mix of music ranging from the 60s, 70s, 80s through to the present day.

We are seeking volunteers to join our radio group, if you are interested email: manager@fraserradio.com.au

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Council news

Pump station upgrades boost water reliability and cut energy costs

The Urraween Pump Station upgrades are almost complete, delivering а more reliable water supply for Hervey Bay, reducing energy costs, and strengthening the resilience of Council infrastructure.

Fraser Coast Mayor George Seymour said just over \$6 million is being pumped into the project, which includes a new pump station building, upgraded pipework, a new switch room, and improved chemical storage the Urraween Reservoir.

"The new

infrastructure will allow treated water from the Takura Reservoir to be pumped directly to the Ghost Hill reservoirs without needing to pass through Urraween Reservoir," Cr Seymour said.

"This saves on power by using existing pressure in the water network and ensures water stored at Urraween is available during peak demand.

"The new building will include systems to improve water quality, updated power and pump speed controls, and flood protection for the switchboard, addressing issues experienced during the March rain event.

"A backup generator will also be installed to keep water flowing during power outages."

Cr Seymour said these upgrades are about delivering a more reliable, energy-efficient water network that's built to handle future challenges.

"Council continues to invest in the planning and delivery of essential water and waste projects, and the Urraween Pump Station project is a priority water infrastructure project that supports our growing region".

"Aging infrastructure is currently being replaced in Maryborough and Craignish, and Council is in the



process of procuring a consultant to do design work for the Fraser Coast Water Grid.

"The proposed grid will connect the Hervey Bay and Maryborough water supply schemes via a two-way pipeline and pumping stations, which will enable treated water to be transferred throughout the region.

"This will improve water security and reliability, maximise the use of our water sources and provide flexibility if one of the treatment plants is affected by plant failure, a natural disaster or planned maintenance."

Cr Seymour said the next stage of the Urraween Pump Station upgrade includes completing the new pump station building, finalising roadworks and landscaping, upgrading electrical systems, and demolishing old infrastructure.

"Works at Urraween are expected to be completed by August 2025, weather permitting, with no disruptions to residents," he said.

"A key priority in Council's Corporate Plan is to effectively manage and maintain our assets to esure we can provide the essential services our growing community needs and deserves."

Council news

Fraser Coast hit hard by state waste tax rebate cuts

Fraser Coast residents are facing higher waste charges from today (Tuesday 1 July) after the Queensland Government slashed the waste tax rebate provided to councils.

Mayor George Seymour said the Queensland Government's cost-shifting would force Fraser Coast Regional Council to pass on \$1 million in extra costs to local households this financial year alone, and more than \$22 million over the next six years.

"The Queensland Government says the waste tax helps reduce landfill and support recycling, but they're cutting funding before regional councils have the infrastructure or support to meet their waste reduction and recycling targets," he said.

"We strongly support better recycling, and we have already invested \$31 million in a new state-of-theart Materials Recovery Facility in Maryborough, without a single dollar of support from the Queensland or Australian governments.

"Now we're being asked to do more, with less, and pay more for it. That's simply not fair to our community."

The Local Government Association of Queensland is today launching a statewide #BinTheTax campaign, calling on the State Government to keep the waste levy rebate at 100 per cent until the current system is reviewed and adjusted to reflect the needs of regional Queensland.

Cr Seymour said the current one-size-fits-all approach ignores the real barriers faced by regional areas.

"Regional communities don't have the same scale or access to recycling markets as the south-east corner. Yet we're being held to the same targets, with far fewer resources." he said.

"Removing this support before those gaps are addressed just means more costs pushed onto ratepayers, or less funding for essential services like parks, libraries and community facilities."

Fraser Coast Regional Council is urging the Queensland Government to maintain the rebate



while it reviews the waste levy framework and to work in genuine partnership with regional councils.

"Let's work together to reduce landfill, improve recycling and protect the environment, but do it in a way that's fair and achievable for all Queenslanders," Cr Seymour said.

More information is available at https://www.lgag.asn.au/BinTheTax



Council news

New footpath improves safety near medical precinct

Construction is underway on a new footpath in Urraween to make it safer and easier for people to walk to and from the Hervey Bay Hospital and nearby medical services.

Fraser Coast Mayor George Seymour said the approximately 310-metre concrete footpath along the western side of Madsen Road would fill an important missing link between Urraween Road and Maike Drive.

"This is a busy area with two hospitals, two schools,

specialist clinics and medical centres nearby. The new path will improve safety and access for



everyone, especially people walking to appointments or catching the bus," he said.

"It's also a well-populated residential area, so providing good footpaths encourages healthy lifestyles and helps keep our neighbourhoods connected."

The \$520,278 project is jointly funded by Fraser Coast Regional Council and the Australian Government's Active Transport Fund. It is being delivered by local contractor Grand Civil and is expected to be completed by mid-August, weather permitting.

The work includes the construction of a 2.5 to 2.8 metre-wide concrete path, new kerb ramps, street trees, upgraded driveways, and improved drainage. Residents in the area were notified before works began, and safety measures are in place during construction.

"Council is committed to improving footpaths across the region to help people to get to where they need to go," Cr Seymour said.

"We know how important good footpaths are for families, people with mobility challenges and those who simply want to stay active and connected.

"It's all part of our plan to build better communities together."

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Method

 Mix rub ingredients together then massage into the pork. Marinade for 1 hour if you can.

The Cheeky Home Cook creates -

Slow cooked barbecue pulled pork

- Place in the slow cooker and pour in the apple cider vinegar. Slow cook for 8 hours on low or pressure cook for 1.5 hours on high.
- Remove pork from liquid and place in a roasting pan. Reserve liquid.
- You can roast the pork for a further 20-30 minutes at 180c until browned. Meanwhile,
 make the barbecue sauce.
- For the sauce: Place ingredients in a medium saucepan over medium heat and whisk until it simmers. Turn down the heat and simmer gently for one hour.
- Shred the pork with forks, it should fall apart.
- Toss in the barbecue sauce, use as much as you like, the recipe makes extra for the side.



Ingredients

Rub

- 2 tbspn brown sugar
- 2 tsp paprika powder
- 1 tsp each onion & garlic powder & salt
- ½ tsp cumin powder
- 3/4 tsp mustard powder
- ½ tsp black pepper

Pork

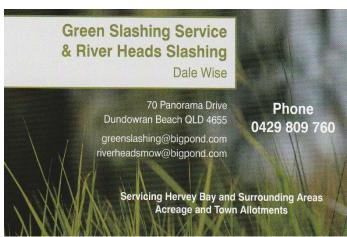
- 1.5-2.2kg pork shoulder or rump skinless & boneless
- 3/4 cup apple cider or apple juice

BBQ sauce

- 1 cup pork juices from the slow cooker once cooked
- 2 1/2 cups ketchup
- 1/2 apple cider vinegar
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 ½ tsp each black pepper, onion (or garlic) powder, mustard powder
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

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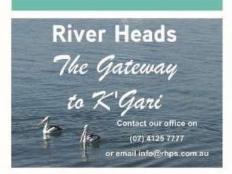
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