

JULY 2026

RIVER HEADS

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

Review

Rivers Bistro & Bar

Friday nights @ 5.30pm

1ST FRIDAY

Bistro, raffles &
members' draw

2ND FRIDAY

Bistro, Fishing Club
Raffles & members' draw

3RD WEEK SUNDAY

Sunday Sesh on the Deck
BYO nibbles, bar open

4TH FRIDAY

BBQ Night, raffles
& members' draw

The River Heads Progress Association

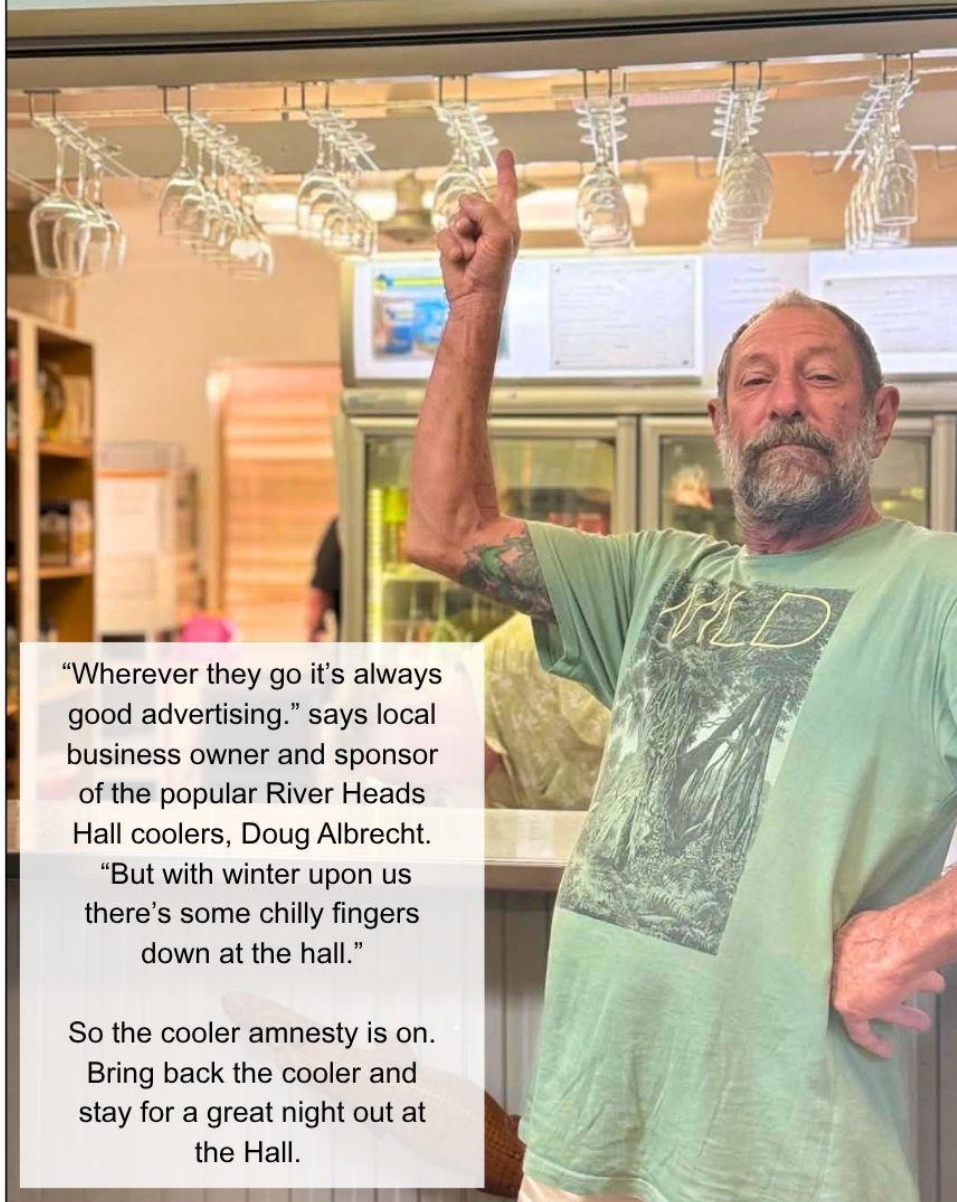
AGM

August 27 @ 6pm
At the hall

All positions are open so
make sure your
membership is up to date
so that you can vote.

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Amnesty on for missing stubby coolers



"Wherever they go it's always good advertising." says local business owner and sponsor of the popular River Heads Hall coolers, Doug Albrecht.

"But with winter upon us there's some chilly fingers down at the hall."

So the cooler amnesty is on.
Bring back the cooler and
stay for a great night out at
the Hall.



There's always plenty to do at the River Heads Hall

If you want to join in - bring your ideas and bring yourself, we would love to hear from you.

Events coordinator

Do you enjoy planning a party?
Maybe this is for you.

Planning, booking and organising events with the committee and volunteers.

Food prep

Love to cook and make people happy?

Talk to us about a job in the kitchen.

Washing up

If you're happy with your hands in the sink and helping out where you can, we need you.



Annual General Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 6pm

River Heads Community Hall

All positions on the executive and management committees will be made vacant and open to nominations from River Heads Progress Association (RHPA) members.

Executive committee

President	Vice President
Treasurer	Secretary

Management committee

Assistant Treasurer	Roster Coordinator
Assistant Secretary	Webmaster
Registrar (membership)	Emergency Coordinator
Registrar (keys)	Social Media Coordinator
Events Coordinator	Review Editor
Food & Beverage Manager	Fishing Club Delegate
Bar Coordinator	Fraser Radio Delegate

Nomination and proxy forms are available online or at the front desk at the Friday night Bistro.

Completed forms in a sealed envelope addressed to the Secretary can be handed in at the front desk during Friday night bistros at the Hall or emailed to the secretary@riverheads.org.au. no later than 5pm Thursday, August 20, 2026. Or they can be handed to a committee member prior to the meeting.

Contact list

Executive Committee			Hall Activities and services		
President	Ian Marsden	president@riverheads.org.au	Patchwork & quilting	Mon am	41257726/0427 000 982
Vice president	Neil Shardlow	vicepresident@riverheads.org.au	Judy Smith		
Treasurer	Jenny Gordon	treasurer@riverheads.org.au	Social Crochet	Tue 10am-noon	Social Crochet @ River
Secretary	Des Cornwall	secretary@riverheads.org.au	Sheree Henley	Sat 10am-noon	Heads Community Hall FB
Management Committee			Indoor bowls	Wed 1pm	041257683
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Bar coordinator	Mark Hensel	bar@riverheads.org.au	Mark Hensel		
M'rship & key registrar	Peter Dore	secretary@riverheads.org.au	Hall bookings/takeaway	Friday night only	0487 097 700
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Website administrator	Total Website M'ment				
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Emergency coordinator	Mark Hensel	emergency@riverheads.org.au			
NC positions					
Historian	VACANT				
Sub committees					
Fraser Radio	Ed Martin	info@fraserradio.com.au			
Reserve	Mark Hensel	info@riverheads.org.au			

David Lee MP



Work has now begun on the long-awaited upgrade of the Booral Road and Boundary Road intersection in Hervey Bay, an important step forward for our growing community.

This major upgrade will replace the existing T-intersection with a new three-leg roundabout, designed to improve safety, ease congestion and better support the more than 12,000 vehicles using the intersection each day. It will also deliver safer pedestrian crossings and improved connections for motorists, cyclists and families.

These improvements will provide safer, more accessible travel for motorists, pedestrians and bike riders, something our community has been calling for over many years.

The former State Labor Government only delivered broken promises and rising costs as they accrued \$6.7 billion in project blowouts across Queensland's road and transport pipeline, leaving one of Hervey Bay's most notorious traffic bottlenecks unchecked.



I'm proud to be part of a Crisafulli Government that is getting on with the job and delivering the infrastructure Hervey Bay needs. Locals have been calling for action here for a long time, and I'm pleased to see these works finally underway.

Thank you for your patience during construction.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Dust off your tinsel and join in the fun

Friday, July 31 @ 5.30pm,
Rivers Bistro & Bar (the Hall)

Call 0487 097 700 for further information

Bookings at the Hall Friday nights or pay online with your

Name & Christmas as reference - BSB 633000 AC 162 757 926

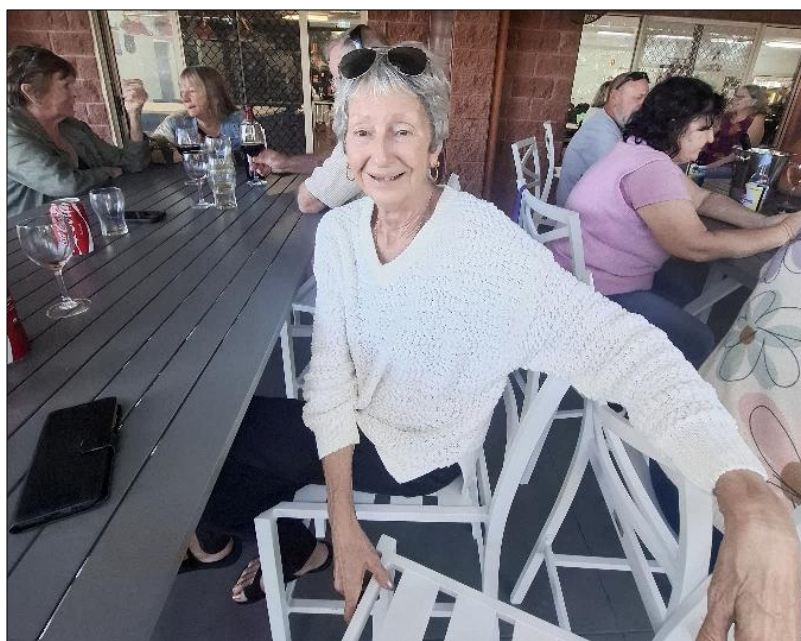


Community news

A fond farewell, pool night and state of Origin



Community news – Sunday Sesh



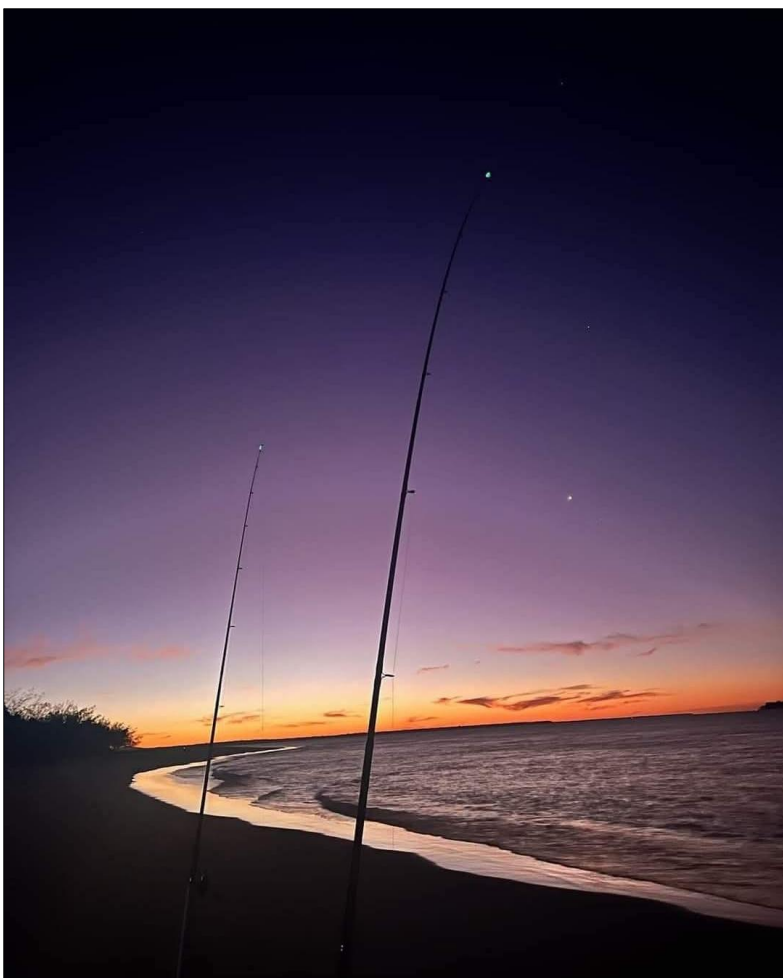
John Vea Vea
performing live on
the deck



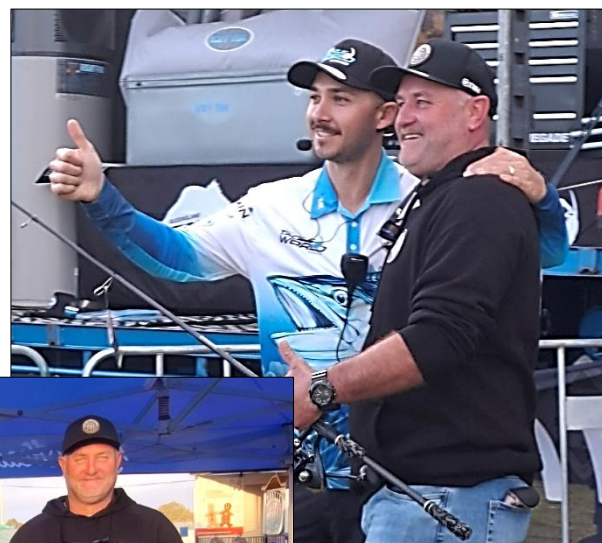
Fishing Club news

Due to the Hervey Bay Fishing Comp being held on the same weekend as the July Fish Meet the River Heads Fishing Club weigh in was delayed so no report this month. We will print a round up next month.

Meanwhile club members thought our readers would enjoy seeing what it's like getting out on the water from River Heads.



Fishing Club News



The River Heads Fishing Club marquee proved popular, especially when the rain started.

Club member Joel took out first in a biggest fish award and second in the mud crab section.



RIVER HEADS EXCAVATIONS



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Wildlife Matters – Library Talk

Insights from Pacific Whale Foundation Australia

Each year, thousands of humpback whales pass through our waters as part of one of the longest migrations on earth, travelling some 10,000km between Antarctic feeding grounds and the tropical breeding waters of the southern Great Barrier Reef. Here, on the Fraser Coast, their annual return is more than a seasonal spectacle; it is also a powerful conservation success story and opportunity to learn more about whales, dolphins and marine environments that make our region globally significant.

Join Pacific Whale Foundation Australia for a free public presentation exploring more than four decades of cetacean research and conservation. This talk will introduce the world of cetaceans, highlight long-term research efforts such as photo-identification, and examine current work focused on population health, emerging threats, and local conservation priorities. While humpback whales will be a central focus, the presentation will also include

insights into dolphins of the Great Sandy Marine Park, including current research into their habitat preferences and population size.

The talk will explore why this research matters beyond science, including its role in supporting responsible whale watching, marine park management, government policy, and community stewardship.

Presented by Isabel Taylor, a local and published marine scientist with over five years of cetacean research experience. Her work has included acoustic research identifying the whale and dolphin community at Lady Elliot Island, providing the first acoustic evidence of dwarf minke whales using the region as an intermittent breeding and resting area. She has also worked alongside Pacific Whale Foundation Australia's research department for several years and developed a methods paper on the use of drones to detect and monitor humpback whale parasites. More recently, she co-authored a paper with Dr Vanessa Pirotta documenting gaping behaviour in humpback whales. Isabel hopes to continue contributing to baleen whale conservation through future PhD research.

Whether you are a local, a visitor, or simply someone who loves the ocean, this free event is an opportunity to connect with the science behind the species that make our region famous.

Held on July 10, 1pm at the Hervey Bay Library, Pialba, all are welcome!

Photo courtesy of Pacific Whale Foundation Eco-Adventures

A promotional graphic for 'The Bay DJ'. It features a man wearing a DJ hat and a white t-shirt, standing behind a DJ booth with two turntables. The background is dark purple with a pattern of small white dots. The text 'The Bay DJ' is written in large, bold, light blue letters at the top. Below the photo, there is a CD with a colorful, iridescent design. The text 'With music, lights, smoke effect & MC services' is written in white. Below that, 'We can create that truly special vibe for your next party or event' is written in white. At the bottom, 'Call Tammy & James today' is written in white, and the phone number '0419 480 832' is written in white. The bottom of the graphic is decorated with colorful musical notes and a treble clef.

Fraser Radio – your local tourist information and entertainment

By Ed Martin, station manager

A Tourist Radio supporting local tourist sectors.

The Mary Poppins Festival returns to Maryborough in July. This popular annual event celebrates the life and legacy of PL Travers, creator of the beloved stories and attracts visitors from across the region and beyond.

Whale-watching season is here. If you are visiting the Fraser Coast, a whale-watching tour should be high on your list of experiences. The peak period is August/September. Events include the Blessing of the Fleet on July 10 and the Hervey Bay Whale Festival, held on August 29.

For a more relaxed way to enjoy the bay, book a sunset cruise with operators located at the marina. You may even spot a dolphin or two along the way. Bookings are essential.

Enjoy views from River Heads when you board the ferry to K'Gari (Fraser Island). Take your 4WD for an adventure or join one of the many island tours to see this unique and beautiful sand island.

For yet another cultural experience, the Z-PAC Theatre is presenting *The Postman Always Rings Twice* July 10-18. Show times and booking information at www.zpactheatre.com.au.

Listeners may have noticed Nadine Von Wieldt's new single, *In Your Arms* featured lately. We wish Nadine every success as she continues to develop her song writing and performing career. More information at nadinevonwieldt.com.

To enjoy the wide variety of programming on Fraser Radio listen on FM radio throughout our local area or online stream anywhere in Australia.

Please note Fraser Radio does not broadcast live. Content is produced and compiled by dedicated RHPA volunteers, pre-recorded then put to air.

We welcome questions, comments and suggestions from our listeners, and we will endeavour to respond to all inquiries.



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Council news

Hervey Bay Community Hub opening soon

The new Hervey Bay Library and Fraser Coast Regional Council Customer Service Centre will open in the Hervey Bay Community Hub on August 31, marking the first stage in the new facility.

The Hub is a commitment under the Hinkler Regional Deal, supported by \$40 million from the Australian Government.

It has been designed to support a growing region, improve access to services and contribute to a more active and connected city centre.

The opening date comes as Council prepares to take possession of the building later this month, allowing final preparations for the move.

More information, including transition arrangements and updates, is available at: <http://frasercoast.qld.gov.au/communityhub>

Fraser Coast Mayor George Seymour said, “We know many people have been looking forward to seeing inside the new library and understanding when services will move, so we’re pleased to confirm the doors will open on 31 August.



“The new library and customer service centre will provide improved spaces and services designed to better support our growing community.

“This is a once-in-a-generation investment in community infrastructure

that will serve Fraser Coast residents for decades to come and provide more opportunities for people to learn, connect and create in the heart of Hervey Bay.

“Libraries continue to play an important role in our community, and the new library will offer modern spaces for reading, study, digital access, community programs and creative activities for people of all ages.

“The opening of the library and customer service centre is the first major step in the broader transition to the Community Hub, with additional Council teams moving into the facility over the coming months.”

Key dates and temporary arrangements:

- Current Hervey Bay Library at Old Maryborough Road closed from 4pm August 1, 2026.
- Council’s Hervey Bay Customer Service Centre Tavistock Street closing August 28, 2026.
- Library and Customer Service Centre open in the Community Hub on August 31, 2026.
- Borrowing and returns will not be available at Hervey Bay Library during the closure period.
- Other Fraser Coast libraries will remain open, with extended loan periods planned for Hervey Bay customers.
- Limited public computer access will be available at the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery.
- Library programs reduced capacity at the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery during the transition period.



Council news

Acclaimed authors at Maryborough Library

From captivating historical fiction and sweeping African stories to gripping rural crime, three acclaimed Australian authors will visit Maryborough Library during July and August as part of the ongoing *Lines in the Sand* series of free author talks.

Historian and author Dr Karen Thurecht, will discuss her historical series *The Dr Hamish Hart Mysteries* and reveal how extensive research helps bring her stories to life – Monday, July 20 at 11am.

Zimbabwean-born author T.M. Clark will share insights into her latest novel, *Daughter of Africa* — a sweeping story of hope, resilience and belonging inspired by the landscapes and people of Africa – Monday, August 3 at 10am.

Award-winning crime writer Margaret Hickey, whose bestselling rural noir novels have captivated readers across Australia – Saturday, August 15 at 10am.



Margaret will discuss her tense new thriller, *Cold River*, as well as her writing process, the inspiration behind her stories and the unique appeal of crime fiction set in regional communities.

All events will be held at Maryborough Library. Entry is free, however bookings are essential.

To book visit the Fraser Coast Libraries website: <https://www.ourfrasercoast.com.au/Libraries/Adults/Lines-in-the-Sand>

Exhibitors sought for Over 50s Lifestyle Expo



Fraser Coast businesses, community organisations, sporting groups and government agencies are encouraged to showcase their products and services at this year's Over 50s Lifestyle Expo - Connections, with exhibitor expressions of interest now open.

The annual Expo will be held at the Hervey Bay Baptist Church in Nikenbah on Friday, October 2 from 9am to 2pm as part of Queensland Seniors Month celebrations.

Fraser Coast Mayor George Seymour said the Expo had become one of the region's most popular Seniors Month events, providing exhibitors with a valuable opportunity to connect with the Fraser Coast's growing over-50s community.

There have been several additions to this year's event. Entry is now completely free and a series of workshops will be held throughout the day. There will also be free transport options including a shuttle bus service and door-to-door transport from Hervey Bay and Maryborough.

Businesses, community organisations and government agencies interested in exhibiting, sponsoring the event or donating prizes can submit an expression of interest via Council's website at www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/seniors or by emailing Juls.DeWaard@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

To make a booking for the free transport service contact Juls De Waard on 4194 2441



Ingredients – loaf batter

- 2 ¼ cups plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1 ½ cups fresh or frozen blueberries

Cream cheese swirl

- 225g cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract



The Cheeky Home Cook creates – Blueberry Cream Cheese Loaf

Method

- Preheat oven to 175C & grease/line pan
- Beat cheese, sugar, egg, vanilla & set aside
- Make the batter by whisking flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt
- In separate bowl cream butter & sugar until fluffy. Add one egg at a time then vanilla, stir in yogurt.
- Fold in dry ingredients until just combined. Carefully fold in blueberries, don't overmix.
- Assemble loaf – pour half the batter into pan. Spoon cream cheese mixture over the batter and gently swirl with a knife. Pour remaining batter on top and swirl lightly to create a marbled effect
- Bake for 60 min or until knife comes away clean.

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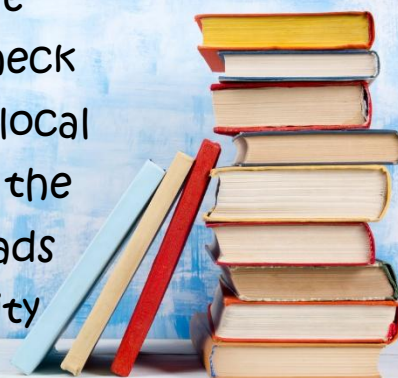
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