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Golden Beach Newsletter

December 2024 to February 2025

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MISSION

Individuals, families, businesses and communities working together to create safer and supportive communities

NEXT MEETING

Neighbourhood

Watch Queensland

Wednesday 29 January 2025 3:30pm at the Power Boat Club

Come along and meet other residents in your area. Listen to their issues, concerns and ideas to create a safer and supportive community.

The next meeting will be a General Meeting and AGM open to all residents in the Golden Beach area. Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be served from 3:30pm prior to the meeting at 4pm.

We hope to have a uniformed member from the QLD Police Service. We will also have a Guest Speaker to talk to us about the formation of a Community Garden in Golden Beach.

Would you like to be an active member of your local Neighbourhood Watch? Do you have some constructive ideas to improve our newsletter? Come along to our next meeting or simply email or mail our Secretary at:

gb6nhw@gmail.com PO Box 424, Golden Beach, QLD, 4551

We'd like to thank Theo Stavropoulos from Golden Beach Electrical for kindly making a generous donation to help us pay for the software to create these newsletters. Support from our local businesses also helps us pay for the cost to print them. We couldn't do it without their financial help and generosity.

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Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator's Report

Golden Beach Neighbourhood Watch (GBNHW) covers the area extending from Caloundra Road to Diamond Head. We last met at the Caloundra Power Boat Club at 4pm on Wednesday, 30th October.

Committee Member Kay Middlemiss gave an excellent report on meetings attended on behalf of GBNHW, précised as follows:

- Policing initiative "Coffee with a Cop" to engage in community consultations, visiting shopping centres.
- Discussions with Councillor Terry Landsberg on sea level rise, shipping channel wash and flood mapping. Erosion mitigation and remediation works underway in various locations along the foreshore. A representative from TAPP spoke regarding stagnation of water in areas of the Passage and the possible effect on tourism this season.
- Automated Numberplate Recognition Cameras still in operation and of valuable assistance to Police. An action strongly supported by GBNHW.
- Parking of caravans/trailers/boats etc. on the roadside in a safe manner is acceptable dependent on length.
- Golden Beach Shopping Centre pedestrian crossing is still a safety concern and is being looked at to improve visibility.
- Importance of preparedness for the storm season stressed and of using Council's app to report maintenance issues and send in photos.
- A Community Garden is being developed on the public use vacant land, Westminster Park, Westminster Avenue, Golden Beach.

Senior Constable Peter Oxenford (DTACC) addressed the meeting:

- Caloundra South Police Station is now open and operating in concert with Caloundra Station. Daytime hours 8-4, 24/7 mobile patrols.
- For Disaster Management, check the Police and Council websites.
- · Residents must be vigilant of security coming into the holiday season.
- Unsafe use of electric scooters and bikes continues to be a major policing issue, with imported units not having governed speed limits.
- A number of excellent printed resources were provided to us.
- Illegal long stay parking or camping along foreshore areas, including Golden Beach, Bells Creek and Military Jetty, should be reported by residents to Council who will investigate via their inspectors. Consistent problems require constant reporting. The reporting phone number is (07) 5475 7272.

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Treasurer Wendy Townsley advised that the GBNHW newsletter is funded until June 2025 through the sale of advertising and the successful application by Committee Member, Dorothy Summerfield, in obtaining a major grant from the Council. Well done Dorothy and thanks to Council. A generous donation by Theo Stavropoulos from Golden Beach Electrical, along with GBNHW funds, enabled the purchase of publishing software to create the newsletter this year.

Newsletter Editor Carl McGarrity continues to produce a professional quality newsletter. Although we have reduced the size reluctantly to cut back on weight for our "blockies" and on cost. Since the last newsletter, six new "blockies" have volunteered to help distribute, which is great. A special thanks to all those wonderful people who walk the streets delivering 3,500 newsletters for their community.

Guest speaker John Groves gave an excellent presentation with historical and current pictorial evidence relating to the Pumicestone Passage and sand movement by tides and the associated environmental and physical impacts. John's book, "Bribie Island Washovers and Breakthroughs" is available from The BookShop at the top end of Bulcock St (opposite the Strand Cinemas). Refer photo.

Our next meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 29th January 2025 at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. Refreshments will be served at 3.30pm sharp with the meeting to follow at 4pm.

All committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. Following the formal AGM process, Guest Speakers from the Golden Beach Community Garden Inc will present information to the audience about the community garden.

I urge all residents in the GBNHW area who have an interest in maintaining a strong, informed and proactive community to attend. We would love to see you there!



This book by John and Janice Groves is a very interesting read and contains an abundance of historic photos. Are the breakthroughs manmade or from mother nature? You be the judge once you read this book.





Golden Beach Crime Report (16 Aug – 15 Nov 2024)

DATE **OFFENCE**

16 AUG Weapons Act Offences.

17 AUG Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).

23 AUG Drug Offences.

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23 AUG Assault.

27 AUG Traffic & Related Offences.

31 AUG Assault.

02 SEP Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).

05 SEP Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).

07 SEP Unlawful Entry.

10 SEP Traffic & Related Offences.

11 SEP Unlawful Entry.

17 SEP Good Order Offences.

18 SEP Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).

25 SEP Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).

05 OCT Drug Offences.

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07 OCT Other Property Damage.

10 OCT Traffic & Related Offences

10 OCT Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).

11 OCT Drug Offences.

12 OCT Drug Offences.

12 OCT Drug Offences.

12 OCT Unlawful Entry

12 OCT Unlawful Entry

12 OCT Handling Stolen Goods

21 OCT Unlawful Entry

27 OCT Good Order Offences

31 OCT Fraud

01 NOV Other Property Damage

06 NOV Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle

06 NOV Unlawful Entry

07 NOV Unlawful Entry

13 NOV Other Property Damage

13 NOV Assault

Top Three Offences for this Quarter

1. Drug Offences (8)

Unlawful Entry (7)

Other Theft excl. Unlawful Entry (6)

Report compiled from the QPS Online Crime Map 16 Nov 24









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Caloundra Evening VIEW Club

VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is a national women's organisation and support network, bringing together women to enjoy social activities, develop skills, and make connections - all while supporting Australian children experiencing disadvantage.

Caloundra Evening VIEW Club has had a very successful year of fundraising to support our thirteen sponsored students but also in creating a welcoming and supportive environment for our 105 members. Many of our ladies have relocated from elsewhere and enjoy finding friendship and satisfaction through our amazing cause. Regular monthly social activities include a dinner meeting at the Caloundra Power Boat Club, and optional morning teas, coastal walks, a Sunday walk and breakfast, movies and lunch, and after dark dining in various restaurants.

Today in Australia, one in six children is growing up in poverty, limiting their ability to make the most of their education. All funds raised ensure students have uniforms and schoolbags and can take part in The Smith Family's evidence-based numeracy, literacy, tutoring, digital and mentoring programs to help them keep up at school. Nationally VIEW Clubs currently support more than 1,785 students on the charity's flagship Learning for Life program, which provides educational, personal and financial support.

We love hearing about how well our students are doing on the program and receive multiple letters each year which detail their achievements, hopes, and dreams. For those who are interested to find out more about our club, please call President Diane on 0400 473 193.

For more information on The Smith Family's Christmas Appeal, go to www.thesmithfamily.com.au or call 1800 024 069.

Local Handmade Markets in Golden Beach



Come and join us at the Golden Beach Indoor Bowls Club at 55 Burke Street, Golden Beach. Enjoy the fantastic vibe as you browse all the local handmade goodies on offer. NEW stallholders EVERY market as well as your favourites. We have over 50 stalls both inside and outside the club. So come along and browse a wide range of handmade goodies on offer, stop for a coffee and cake or grab a sausage in a roll.

The markets are open between 8am and 1pm, and are held every 2 months on a Saturday. The next market is on the 14th December. The market dates for 2025 are 8th February, 12th April, 21st June, 9th August, 11th October and 13th December. For further details contact Annette via email on paterrill@optusnet.com.au.

Probus Club Caloundra

The aim of Probus is to offer fun. friendship and fellowship. Our club prides itself in offering

many varied activities to cater for everyone's health and wellbeing needs, organised by members.

The following is a list of our monthly activities: Croquet, Pool for Mates, Walk N'Talk, MahJong amongst others. We also meet monthly for breakfast, drinks & nibbles, movies and lunch and a monthly outing is usually organised as well. We had an amazing outing named "Mystery Tour" which included a visit to Imbil and its amazing Jigsaw Puzzle Gallery and our bakeoff competition was a huge success! Check our photo gallery of these and previous activities at https:// caloundra86probus.org/photos.php.

Probus Club Caloundra meets once a month, at Rumba Resort on the third Tuesday with free parking in the resort's underground carpark. Meetings commence at 9.30am and finish at 11.30am. We have a guest speaker, quiz time and joke time. Morning tea is included which enables us to interact with members.

We would love for you to join us and enhance your life with fun, friendship and fellowship. The wellbeing of our members is our utmost priority. Please navigate to http:// Caloundra86Probus.org to register your interest and for up to date information about our meetings, pictures of our outings and activities. Alternatively, you can write to probusclub86@gmail.com or phone 0403 143 731.

Golden Beach Walking Group



Want to become more active? Start the morning with a healthy walk and make new friends!

The Golden Beach Walking Group starts from the Esplanade, corner Nelson St every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am sharp (7:00 in the cold months). First timers come 5-10 mins earlier to introduce yourself. Walk for 40-45 mins, no matter what pace, you will surely find somebody matching your speed. Most walkers stay for a coffee and chat afterwards at a nearby cafe.







TAPP Update

TAPP have been monitoring pathogenic bacteria in Pumicestone Passage and providing samples for analysis by the Sunshine Coast University Health Institute (SCUHI) after failing to secure adequate support or response from the previous government. Pathogenic and bacterial testing is additional to that normally conducted and was considered essential as the circulation of the Passage has been compromised following the Bribie Island breakthrough.

The water quality is impacted by stormwater that runs directly into the north end of the passage and onto local beaches. After rain, there is a drop in salinity and an increase in acidity which has a detrimental affect on plankton and has also resulted in a spike in levels of E.coli together with other bacteria such as Vibrio and Nocardia species.

"Plankton perform crucial ecosystem services such as absorbing carbon and excess nutrients, supporting food webs and providing us with oxygen. They are ubiquitous in aquatic habitats and highly diverse but are almost invisible to the eye and often ignored." (Quote: Claire Davis, CSIRO Scientist and IMOS BioGeoChemical Project Leader). Plankton form the primary food source for invertebrates and fish.

TAPP advised the previous government and the council of their concerns and requested that the NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council) guidelines on water quality should be implemented to prevent health problems following the breakthrough. With limited response, TAPP commissioned the UniSC and SCUHI to test the water at the Coast Guard Jetty and Military Jetty. This provides sampling from the circulated end of the passage and the northern end which is poorly circulated and can then provide a comparison of changes or reduction in the water quality. The contract with UniSC continues until February 2025.

Test results have on some occasions been stunning, indicating the water is unfit for recreational purposes. These results are being shared with the new Council and the new government.







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Council Update by Councillor **Terry Landsberg**



Golden Beach Seawall Works Update: Due to unforeseen delays, the completion is now anticipated in late November.

Golden Beach Picnic Combo Renewals: Picnic settings in Ayliffe Park, Keith Hill Park, and Jensen Park are due for renewal. The existing settings will be replaced with new ones on the current concrete slabs.

Apex Park Kayak Stands Installation: Two kayak stands will be installed on an existing concrete slab near the beach in Apex Park. These stands will aid in washing down kayaks.

Ayliffe Park Maintenance Closure: Ayliffe Park will be closed for essential maintenance and equipment replacement. Thank you for your patience. In the meantime, please visit Fraser Park nearby.

Pelican Waters Dog Off-Leash Area: The community engagement for the Pelican Waters DEA closed on 23 September 2024, with 242 online survey submissions and ten email submissions. We are currently analysing the feedback and will inform submitters of the outcome.

Council and State Government Tackle Sand Buildup at Golden Beach: Council continues to work with the State Government (Department of Resources and MSQ) to remove sand from building up at access areas such as the Powerboat Club boat ramp and removing the build-up of sand at major stormwater outlets & coastal pathways along the foreshore of Golden Beach.

Updated!: pleased to keep you informed about all the exciting Council projects happening in our community in our new Division 2 newsletter. Scan the QR code for quick access to our very first biannual newsletter. Stay up to date emailing <u>Division2@</u> sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to subscribe.



Hong Kong Mahjong Club

Hong Kong Mahjong as opposed to Western Mahjong, is a much simpler version of Mahjong which we play at the Annex of the Indoor Bowls Centre at Golden Beach each Tuesday from 1-4pm.

We are looking for new members and would happily teach any newcomers this game. It is lots of fun mixed with challenge and the group is very social. For further information phone Sue on 0403504408.





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The Caloundra Power Boat Club Fishing Club (CPBCFC) has recently conducted its annual Take-A-Kid-Fishing-Day (TAKFD) and Golden Beach State School "School Fish" Education Program. It is always a busy time of the year for our members, and it was certainly 'all hands on deck' to ensure these two events were again a success. And what a success they were! There was a record number of participants for the TAKFD with in over 220 junior anglers taking part and having the time of their lives. This event is such an enjoyable day out for families, and we invite you all to make a note in your diaries for the 2025 TAKFD which will be held during the September school holidays.

Congratulations to the lucky draw prize winners, and congratulations to all the juniors and their families who took part. A huge thank you to our sponsors who also spent time at the event and assisted with the presentation of trophies. These sponsors included Mr Jason Hunt MP, Cr Terry Landsberg SCRC, Anaconda, Caloundra Cruises, CPBC and EVAKOOL. Hope to see you next year.

The Golden Beach State School "School Fish" Education Program was also well attended with the Grade 5 students being educated on fishing practices in the Pumicestone Passage and other areas. They also learnt the importance of taking care of the waterways and surrounding shorelines. This event has been organised by Mr Terry Graham and Mr Kerry Cuskelly for more than 10 years, and all members of the fishing club would like to thank them for the tremendous efforts put in to make this 3-day event such a success. Thank you Terry and Kerry, and thanks to your group of volunteers that assisted you on these days.

The club has two final fishing competition days for 2024, so we are hoping for fine weather and calm waters. Our club would like to extend invitations out to any new prospective members or families who are interested in joining our club. Enquiries can be made with the club via our website www.caloundrafishingclub.com or by contacting the secretary at secretary@cpbcfc.com.au Induction kits are also available from the Caloundra Power Boat Club reception. We would like to wish all the residents of Golden Beach a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2025.



Left: The crowd at the 2024 Take-A-Kid-Fishing-Day at the Caloundra Power Boat Club

Right: Grade 5 students from Golden Beach State School participating in the "School Fish" Education Program



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Caloundra Senior Citizens Club

The Caloundra Senior Citizens Club has a range of activities, entertainment and excursions for people over 50. All activities are held in the Uniting Church hall, corner of Queen St and Ulm St, Caloundra. Tai Chi exercises are held on Mondays from 20 January 2025. A cuppa, musical entertainment and a game of hoy will be part of the Wednesday morning program beginning 15 January. On Fridays from 24 January, we have cards and mahiong. Facilities are disability and wheelchair accessible. For information and activity times please contact Monica or Ray on 07 5438 1403.





Women's Auxiliary RSL Caloundra

The Women's Auxiliary provides social interaction with activities ranging from morning tea, luncheons, business meetings, get-togethers and bus trips - there is certainly something for everyone. Motivating, thought-provoking speakers attend our meetings to generate interest and fundraising opportunities. We raise funds for the wellbeing of our current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force



and their families. We visit people in hospital and those convalescing at home. The welfare of its members, the veteran community, and the community at large, youth and the serving military are of particular importance.

September, what can we say! A month of events, coffee morning catch-up, meeting up with old acquaintances, exchanging stories, getting our brains working with trivia whilst enjoying food, fashion, entertainment, abundant prizes, raffles, refreshments & fashion. A Reunion Luncheon is held each year to celebrate the years of dedication and passion of the Women's Auxiliary. We shared this day with local dignitaries, members and 13 other Auxiliaries. A total of 130 guests were in attendance. All Auxiliaries, whether it be Women's or Citizen's, work extremely hard to raise funds and these luncheons are a way of connecting face to face throughout the year.

The Women's Auxiliary also staged a successful fundraising Fashion Parade in the Caloundra RSL Sub Branch lounge. The event was hosted by local icon, Onyx Poppy Boutique. Our models show cased timeless pieces of fashion for all occasions (refer photo). Fashion is not just about looking good. Beautifully designed fashion turns lines into curves, making us feel empowered, motivated revitalised and confident. Bubbles upon arrival set the tone of the afternoon, followed by a scrumptious high tea. Then it was time for brain teasing with trivia master, Ian. There were lots of giggles,

scratching of heads and the phrase "I know this one". If you are interested in fashion over a scrumptious high tea, then come along and join us. We are doing it all again in 2025.

The Women's Auxiliary invite you to attend our social coffee mornings, held on the second Monday of each month at 10.15 am at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. We also hold our business meetings on the third Monday of each month at 10 am for 10.30 commencement in the Caloundra RSL Sub Branch lounge. We always welcome new members. Visitors to our region and residents of our community are most welcome. Eligibility of membership is open to any woman over 16 years of age. For information on membership, volunteering or sponsorship please contact Helen on 0402 348 742 or email caloundrawomensauxiliary@gmail.com.



Our Fashion Parade models from left to right are Margaret, Sharyn, Chanelle, Michelle, Yasmin and Raylene.

Caloundra RSL Military Display



Located downstairs adjacent to the carpark

Phone 5438 5800 to speak to one of the military display team or contact the curator on 0408 033380 A step back in time of unique collectibles including displays, models, photos, uniforms and artefacts from the First World War through to the Middle East, SE Asia and to the more recent conflicts.

Check out our new library of military books and media. A great educational tool for our community.

Group bookings are also catered for. Please contact the Caloundra RSL Military Display. Team to arrange a suitable time. Please allow 30 mins to one hour for your visit.



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