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Watch Queensland**

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Golden Beach Newsletter

March to May 2025

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MISSION

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

NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday
30 April 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 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 from the Office of Fair Trading to talk to us about scammers and online safety.

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

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Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator's Report

I would like to draw the attention of every reader to the Mission Statement for Neighbourhood Watch, printed at the head of this March Newsletter. I also urge you to read the background article provided by Kay Middlemiss for an indication of just how many people have given so freely of their time and resources over the years.

We had 34 attendees at our General Meeting and AGM held on 29 January. A few left prior to the commencement of our AGM, but I thank them for coming and those who stayed and offered their constructive comments and worthwhile suggestions to the meeting. Acknowledging the support from our 27 'blockies' who walk the streets to deliver every newsletter we (the committee) thank you along with Senior Constable (SC) Peter Oxenford for conducting our AGM, and to Power Boat Club staff for the great catering!

The results of our AGM are as follows:

Coordinator – myself, retiring, but staying until the end of June

Treasurer – Wendy Townsley, retiring, but staying until the end of June

Secretary – Janice Chilcott, continuing

Newsletter Editor – Carl McGarrity, continuing

Deputy Coordinator – Dorothy Summerfield did not renominate. Thank you Dorothy for your great ideas and hard work

Committee Member – Kaye Stoksik did not renominate. Thank you, Kaye, for your involvement and support over the years

Newsletter Distribution – June Lyne, continuing.

The positions of Coordinator and Treasurer need to be filled urgently. It would also be great to have Deputies able to assist as needed. Without these positions GBNHW is unable to continue and will be wound up once the commitment to current advertisers has finalised, after the end of June 2025.

If you would like to talk to us about the vacant positions, we are able to provide you a position description for these roles and our support, BUT the most important prerequisite is YOUR commitment and the wish to make a difference in your local community. Following an informal "pre end of financial year" survey of our current advertisers, who provide our Newsletter funding, we are happy to report that there should be no immediate funding needs to concern you. Our wonderful advertisers also view this as their Community support!

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Guest Speaker, Glynis Saunders, (President of Golden Beach Community Garden in Westminster Street) gave an informative talk on the garden project, how it is funded, what assistance is provided by volunteers and Council and talked about the group's vision for an inclusive and inviting Community garden.

Expansion plans include 14 more garden beds to be installed with Council assistance. There is the proposal for some garden beds to be leased by individuals for their private use, which in turn assists with running costs. The ultimate aim is for water to be provided from a solar powered bore/spear and facilities provided for educational talks on all things "garden". It was disappointing for us to hear that the Garden had lost all the plants from one of the garden beds to thieves. Thank you so much Glynis for your commitment to Community.

Discussions with SC Oxenford included:

- Illegal and displaced person camping between Golden Beach (GB) and Bells Creek including Military Jetty.
- Council are making an effort to discourage camping behind the old Caloundra Road information building. Any resident who is concerned about camping in their area is advised to contact Council on their 24hr phone number 5475 7272. Unless these concerns are reported Council has no knowledge or basis on which to act and if needed, Council will involve Police.

• Electric mobility device riders continue to be a concern for both pedestrians and road users. The Police advise the management of these issues is shared between Council and Police. SC Oxenford brought along a brochure, "Rules for riders" which can be viewed on streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/pmd/get-the-facts. This includes details of fines and key rules such as 12km/hr speed limit on footpaths, 25km/hr maximum speed on bike paths and roads, no doubling etc.

• Police advised of new empowerment laws which include action to increase penalties for stealing or damage to emergency vehicles; youth bail will allow for the fitment of electronic monitoring.

• Council continue to work on strengthening the Golden Beach sea wall. The sea wall near Nelson Street pavilion is now finished and construction work will move closer to TS Onslow Navy Cadet building.

Our next meeting will be 30 April at our usual time of 4pm sharp, upstairs at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. You are welcome to come along and listen to our guest speaker from the Office of Fair Trading who will speak to us on:

- What are scams and how do they work
- Some statistics and examples of scams
- What to do if you are approached by a scammer
- Where to report a scam and where to get help.

Article by Greg Lyne (GBNHW Area Coordinator)



The current Golden Beach Neighbourhood Watch committee (L to R): Janice Chilcott, Greg Lyne, Wendy Townsley, Kay Middlemiss, Kaye Stoksik and Dorothy Summerfield

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 by the benches overlooking the beach (refer photo opposite) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am sharp (7:00 am after NSW ends daylight savings). First timers come 5 to 10 minutes earlier to introduce yourself.

Walk for 40 to 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.



Golden Beach Crime Report (20 Nov 24 – 19 Feb 25)

DATE	OFFENCE
23 NOV	Other Property Damage.
25 NOV	Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle.
29 NOV	Drug Offences.
30 NOV	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
02 DEC	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)
04 DEC	Traffic & Related Offences.
04 DEC	Weapons Act Offences
08 DEC	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
15 DEC	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
15 DEC	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
17 DEC	Good Order Offences.
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11 SEP	Unlawful Entry.
21 DEC	Trespassing & Vagrancy
27 DEC	Other Property Damage.
05 JAN	Drug Offences.
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15 JAN	Drug Offences.
15 JAN	Drug Offences.
18 JAN	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
19 OCT	Unlawful Entry
25 JAN	Drug Offences.
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27 JAN	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
27 JAN	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
28 JAN	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
01 FEB	Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry).
05 FEB	Unlawful Entry

Top Three Offences for this Quarter

1. Drug Offences (14)
2. Other Theft excl. Unlawful Entry (10)
3. Weapons Act Offences (3)

Report compiled from the QPS Online Crime Map 20 Feb 25

Caloundra District Indoor Bowls Association
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Ladies of the Sunshine Coast who are looking for friendships, a busy social life and a worthy cause to join are invited to become VIEW Club members. VIEW is a National organisation of over 300 clubs and 17,000 members whose vision is to support the work of children's education charity, The Smith Family. The charity's Learning for Life Program provides children with financial, educational and personal support so that they have the uniforms and resources to fit in and thrive at school.

Caloundra Evening VIEW Club has over one hundred members and sponsors 13 disadvantaged Australian children through raffles, donations and enjoyable fundraising events. Whether you are a long term local resident or a new arrival you will find a warm welcome at our functions.

The Club holds a dinner on the second Tuesday evening of each month at the Caloundra Power Boat Club, Golden Beach with guest speakers or dancing. We offer a busy program of optional activities throughout the month including morning teas, dining, movies and walks, where members meet and form great friendships.

For those interested to find out more about our club, please call our President Diane on 0400 473 193.



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, Backgammon amongst others. We also meet monthly for breakfast, drinks & nibbles, movies and lunch and a monthly outing is usually organised as well. Check our photo gallery of our 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 approximately 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.

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Take Action for Pumicestone Passage (TAPP) Inc

At the last TAPP Inc meeting the issue of Fire Ants was raised. Fire ants are a serious risk to communities, people and wildlife. Currently they have been discovered at North Arm, Yandina, the fourth place on the Sunshine Coast. Close locations to Golden Beach have been at Aura and Currimundi.

Fire ants are small, 2 – 6 mm in length and a copper brown colour. There are several different sized ants in a colony. Nests are hard to identify and may look like loose earth with no clear entry or exit holes. They can be found in warm open areas or recently disturbed ground. It can be months before above ground nests are formed, making it hard to identify colonies in the early stage of their development. Because of the underground network of the nests, it is particularly hard to treat the nests. It is important if they are discovered in an area, that all properties are treated whether ants are visible or not. Fire ants in their mating stage have wings and the queen, with a lifetime of eggs, can fly up to five kilometres to establish a new colony. This puts Golden Beach well within the range of contamination from identified colonies. Ants can be transferred when soil is moved from one location to another so care is needed when transferring garden soil or other garden products.



Fire ants inflict a painful sting, and colonies will attack in swarms. They can kill small animals and can inflict serious reaction in humans, particularly to anyone with an allergy. Because of the difficulty in identifying their location in the early stages, they are a formidable pest. A national eradication program has not been able to contain the spread of Fire Ants to date, however, community support to identify locations of nests is essential. It is an issue that cannot be ignored and with effective treatment, it is hoped that we can eradicate them by 2032.

In areas that have been identified as contaminated all properties will be treated. If our area is identified as containing Fire Ants, on treatment day, the on-ground staff will arrive at your property. Please allow them access to your property to carry out their work. For urban properties, the eradication officers will load fire ant treatment granules into handheld spreaders to treat around your home, buildings, gardens, and waterways. The ant bait is a low concentration of active ingredient, and it would be nearly impossible for humans or animals to find and consume sufficient granules to make themselves sick. Fire ants can cause death to animals and serious reactions in humans.

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Article by Ken Mewburn (President TAPP Inc)

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Women's Auxiliary RSL Caloundra Year 2024: A Memorable Journey

The year 2024 was a remarkable one, teeming with excitement, prosperity, and joy for our group. It was a year characterized by engaging day excursions, successful fundraising luncheons with other auxiliaries, and a myriad of enriching activities. The crowning glory of the year was undoubtedly the Christmas luncheon at the RSL Caloundra, where our members savoured scrumptious meals and revelled in the heartwarming tradition of Secret Santa.

Day Excursions

Our group embarked on several day excursions throughout the year, each trip meticulously planned to offer unique experiences and foster camaraderie among members. From scenic coastal drives to visits to historic landmarks, every excursion was an opportunity to explore, learn, and bond.

High Tea / Fashion Parade

The Fundraising High Tea and Fashion Parade was another highlight event of the year, combining elegance, charity & entertainment into one delightful afternoon. Guests were treated to a display of gorgeous fashion, showcasing the latest trends, all while enjoying scrumptious food that included delicate pastries, finger sandwiches & refreshments. The afternoon was further enlivened by a trivia master, who challenged guests with brain-teasing questions, adding an interactive & fun element to the event. This combination of style, generosity, and intellect made the High Tea and Fashion Parade a memorable and successful fundraiser. The funds raised helped support local community projects, making a tangible difference in the lives of guests.

Christmas Luncheon at RSL Caloundra

The year culminated in a festive Christmas luncheon at the RSL, a fitting end to a successful and enjoyable year. The venue was adorned with holiday decorations, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere that set the tone for the celebrations. Members indulged in a sumptuous meal, featuring a variety of seasonal dishes that catered to diverse palates. The highlight of the luncheon was the Secret Santa gift exchange, which brought an element of surprise and joy. Laughter and cheer filled the air as members unwrapped their gifts and shared stories, creating memories that will be cherished for years.



Conclusion

Reflecting on 2024, it was a year of growth, unity, and joy for our group. The day excursions, fundraising luncheons, and other activities not only enriched our lives but also strengthened our bonds and sense of community. As we look forward to the future, we carry with us the lessons learned and the friendships forged, ready to embrace whatever comes our way with the same enthusiasm and spirit that defined 2024.

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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.





The Caloundra Power Boat Club Fishing Club (CPBCFC) has already had two monthly competitions and is looking forward to March with three events - a social day playing barefoot bowls, our monthly competition as well as a fun social fishing day called a "Teams Event" (except no-one knows their team until after the weigh-in via a random draw).

Here is a photo from our last competition of what might have been a 'trophy' fish until a shark decided it would take it instead. This happened in the passage and the shark was clearly hungry.



Something the CPBCFC would like to highlight to readers is the change to a key safety regulation about life jackets. We believe that in this early stage of instigation authorities are issuing warnings for non-compliance, but actual penalties will be forthcoming soon.

Did you know that new lifejacket rules were implemented on the 1st December 2024?

Wearing a lifejacket is now compulsory when:

- alone or accompanied by children under 12 years in an open boat less than 4.8m in length and underway;
- crossing a coastal bar in an open boat, as well as in any open area of a boat of any length, and on certain craft;
- boating between sunset and sunrise in an open boat less than 4.8m in length and underway; and
- underway in an open boat or in the open area of a boat of any length with children over one year and under 12 years.

Check out the Maritime Safety Queensland website at <https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/safety/life-jackets>. The lifejacket rules for riding a jet ski (personal watercraft) remain the same.

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 new website at www.fishingclub.caloundrapowerboat.com.au or by contacting the secretary at secretary@cpbcfc.com.au Induction kits are also available from the Caloundra Power Boat Club reception.

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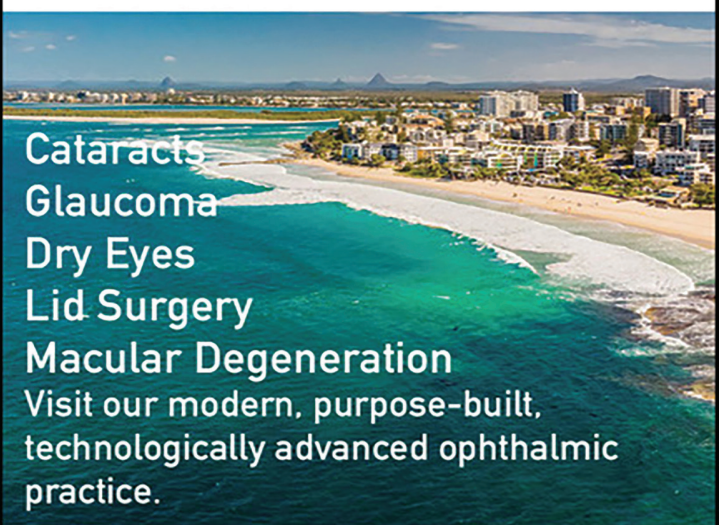


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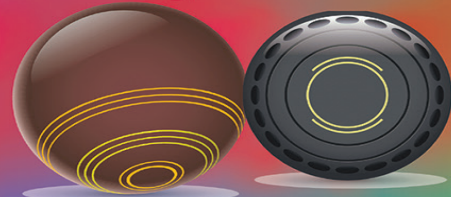
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Caloundra Indoor Bowling Association



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