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Golden Beach Newsletter

June to August 2025

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MISSION

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

4pm Wednesday 23 July 2025

Caloundra Power Boat Club

Golden Beach Neighbourhood Watch Needs You

Golden Beach NHW is one of the oldest NHW groups on the Sunshine Coast. It commenced in 1991 and continues to be active in the Community. The NHW Program has evolved over this time and still remains relevant today – working to keep our Communities safe and connected.

An Extraordinary General Meeting has been called for 23rd July 2025 – this is because we need your help to continue. The current Area Coordinator is stepping down and this position needs to be filled for the group to continue.

The role of the Area Coordinator includes:-

- Overseeing the operation of the NHW Group,
- Chairing meetings, and
- Acting as liaison with local Police.

Further information on NHW can be found at nhwq.org under the Resources Link, or contact the retiring NHW Coordinator, Greg Lyne at gb6nhw@gmail.com or by phone on 0402 000 136.

The Area Coordinator is a required position for the NHW Group to continue, and sadly this group will close if one is not found.

Please come along to the meeting and support your local community.

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator's Report

Two representatives of Queensland Police Service, along with a guest speaker from the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) Branch of the Justice Department attended the NHW meeting held 30 April 2025 at Caloundra Power Boat Club.

The OFT speaker clarified the Departments role which is "deliver a fair and safe market place in Queensland". This was supported by an excellent Power Point presentation focusing on what is considered to be a scam. This topic lead to much discussion, including talk around new malware targeting financial institutions and the public. The public can access the website at <https://www.cyber.gov.au> for IT related information.

Senior Constable (S/C) Peter Oxenford referred to points raised by the scam presentation and advised that a scammer had operated in the local area using Facebook Marketplace. S/C Oxenford also raised the incidence of 'drug driving' and the need to be vigilant whilst driving on our roads, with reference to erratic behaviour/road rage incidents. Do not react, protect yourself and your family. S/C Tina Bland from the District Crime Prevention Unit discussed the "Safer Together" event to be held in Nambour, and cautioned all on opportunistic crime which occurs when we become complacent in simple matters, such as leaving our garage door up, keys on view etc.

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The meeting was asked if anyone was prepared to assume the position of Area Coordinator. There was no nomination. However, a nomination for the position of Treasurer was received earlier in the meeting. Area Coordinator is a **mandatory** position.

Therefore, at the direction of QPS, an **Extraordinary General Meeting must be held within six weeks of a Notice of Meeting being issued as set out on the front page of this Newsletter. The meeting will be at the Caloundra Power Boat Club at 4pm on Wednesday 23 July 2025.** Should no one from the Golden Beach NHW area nominate, then the process to close Golden Beach NHW will commence, and this newsletter will be the last ever. I urge you to read the NHW history in this newsletter, prepared by long term Committee Member, Kay Middlemiss.

In closing, should this be the last ever GBNHW newsletter, we need to celebrate all those selfless volunteers who have walked our streets, giving their time, for something that they believe to benefit their Community. Many volunteers are of advanced age and some are still working, but make time in their busy lives to do this. The production of the current style of newsletter by our gifted editor would not have been possible except for the financial contribution of our advertisers. Really, a donation from them to their Community.

A final thank you to those who have served on the Committee, present and past, without whose support GBNHW would have closed in 2018.

Article by Greg Lyne (GBNHW Area Coordinator)

Golden Beach Neighbourhood Watch History 1991 - 2025

Neighbourhood Watch was officially formed in Golden Beach on 23 October 1991 with the following members; Ken Muir, Peter and Patsy Jackson, Jim and Lorna Falconer, Don Macpherson. Later members were Ann Copley, Terry Davies, Alex McGory, Ashley Prince, Heather Dunlevie. Kay Middlemiss along with many others have contributed in elected roles or delivered newsletters as "Blockies" and continued to represent the Golden Beach area. Initially meetings were held in homes and local parks until the Caloundra Power Boat Club opened their rooms to facilitate the opportunity for the community to come together and share concerns.



Over the years, the Golden Beach community has changed with a higher population and an influx of interstate and overseas residents. It has mixed demographics from older residents preferring a quiet beach side haven to younger families moving here to enjoy a busy recreational playground. Like many volunteer organisations we have struggled to find volunteers. Nearby Neighbourhood Watch groups have gradually ceased to exist, prompting an amalgamation of Diamond Head NHW (which started in 1990), the northern Golden Beach 1 NHW group and the southern Golden Beach 6 NHW group.

In the last six years the amalgamated group have distributed newsletters to over 3000 properties in Golden Beach. We have successfully liaised with Police through

Liaison Officers, Senior Constables Peter Dickens and Peter Oxenford as well as Division 2 Councilors and members of State Parliament to provide updates on the area and share concerns.

Many community organisations have willingly volunteered guest speakers at our meetings ranging from Emergency Services, Councilors, Politicians, Crime Stoppers, Solicitors, Local Historians, Night Eyes and Wildlife Rescue Services. One of our meetings had some excitement when the Caloundra Fire Brigade team were our guest speakers and their alarms were suddenly activated in the room and they were called out to an emergency. We have supported wildlife causes such as the Twinnies Bird Rescue, the local School Chaplain Program and giving donations to various groups struggling to deliver their services to the community. Some of our members visited classrooms in schools to talk about Neighbourhood Watch. The Water Police have also been an active presence in our area stopping boat ramp rage and curbing alcohol related problems out on the water. Sometimes they timed it right to join our BBQ in the park for a free feed.

The following achievements by Golden Beach NHW are summarised below:

Newsletters continue to be produced and delivered to the community providing updated information and notifying the community of events.

Petitions were signed to have lower speed limits placed through Golden Beach. A campaign was also raised against a Youth Detention Centre being placed in the middle of a family friendly tourist destination in Caloundra.

An **Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera** was installed to help identify unlawful traffic entering and exiting the Community.

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Neighbourhood Watch signs were established in prominent locations and improved lighting was installed by Council after requests for greater security in streets/walkway areas. 50 and 40 km/hr speed limit signs were also installed in the Golden Beach area.

Reporting situations that are brought to our attention, including drug/theft related incidents. Keeping our area as one of the safest places to live in.

Resolving parking issues related to over sized vehicles blocking driveways and limiting drivers' visibility.

Construction of picnic tables and benches in the park opposite Golden Beach Shops. Construction was possible through Council and Golden Beach Community Association allocating money to the project in 2023.

Instigated the cleaning and replacement of the William Landsborough plaques.



Neighbourhood Watch faced closure in 2018. However the group was fortunate to find a new leadership team in David Radcliffe, Tracey Carbis, Theo Stavropoulos, Rick Andrew, Dennis Evans and Carl McGarrity stepping in to take on areas of responsibility and a larger committee. During this period, a greater community presence was achieved with public interaction and fundraising, expanding our newsletter content and distribution, and holding events with funds raised through advertising. Regular events such as 'Come and Try' Bowls Days, 'Christmas in July' and BBQs in the park were opportunities to show we were part of the community. One highlight was celebrating 30 years of Golden Beach NHW with a 'Family Fun Day' including live music and stalls in Fraser Park.

Golden Beach NHW were invited to be part of a Division 2 Council forum of many local community groups that met four times a year. This was an opportunity to voice concerns and table items for discussion, consideration and implementation with Council. Committee members Kaye Stoksik and Kay Middlemiss were regularly in attendance.

In 2024, Golden Beach NHW again faced closure. Members Greg Lyne, Dorothy Summerfield, Janice Chilcott, Wendy Townsley, Carl McGarrity and Kay Middlemiss have stepped in, but in order for the group to remain relevant

into the future, we require more volunteers. The October 2024 State election was won with the focus being on crime prevention. It is everyone's right to feel safe in their homes, in the streets, shopping centres and businesses. Without the support of the community, a group such as ours, could not have continued for as long as it has. The emphasis has been on all of us not to be complacent, instead be vigilant and proactive in reporting issues to the Police. Through community representation, funding and support we continued to promote Golden Beach as a Neighbourhood Watch area.

Facebook, Police blogs and alternative media platforms are continually evolving to become the norm for communicating instant information on what is happening in the area. For many people, face to face interaction and liaising with Police through an organised event was preferred, over viewing computer information. Neighbourhood Watch provides a platform to raise concerns that otherwise, when people are on their own, may not feel confident enough to report or engage in giving details. We have been that voice to the Golden Beach community for 34 years. Special thanks to our Police Officers who have been involved in NHW from its inception, giving updates on issues within our area and our "Blockies" for delivering newsletters throughout the years.

Article by Kay Middlemiss (GBNHW Committee Member)

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Tai Chi exercises are held on Mondays from 20 January 2025. A cuppa, musical entertainment and a game of hoi will be part of the Wednesday morning program. On Fridays, we have cards and mahjong. Facilities are disability and wheelchair accessible. For information and activity times please contact Monica or Ray on 07 5438 1403.



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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.

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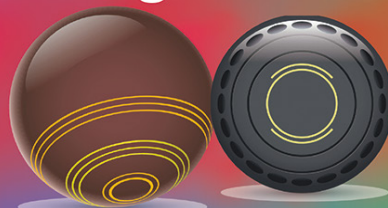
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Take Action for Pumicestone Passage (TAPP) Inc

TAPP, formed in 2010 to address the development of Caloundra South which was at that time Called In by the government Urban Land Development Authority, (ULDA). This diminished opportunity for community input and removed Council responsibility for the development. The relationship with the development has led to the creation of the Aura Engagement Group, an ongoing community engagement connection with Aura development.

TAPP was also a foundation signatory for the Pumicestone Passage Catchment Network, (PPCN) Created by Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay Councils. TAPP in conjunction with Healthy Land and Water, (HL&W), led the TS Onslow mangrove project, which unfortunately suffered irreversible damage following the Bribie Island breakthrough in 2022. TAPP and HL&W were in the process of establishing bank stabilization to reduce erosion of Bells Creek and preserve the many important Cultural Heritage sites present in the area. Due to the earlier than predicted breakthrough of Bribie Island, this project has also been placed on hold.

TAPP made a direct approach to the Department of the Environment, (DES), during the first wash-over to request action to prevent further loss of the Island. We argued emphatically for consideration of action to arrest the erosion and restore and stabilize the Island. This was refused and DES argued that the process was entirely natural and would result in limited change with consequences easily addressed by the Council.

The new government has undertaken a review to understand the reason for the erosion and to establish action to manage and potentially restore the Island. We now know the consequences are far more serious than predicted, with ongoing erosion threatening the loss of the entire Island spit with many other adverse impacts now becoming evident. Communication for this has now fallen to the Pumicestone Passage Catchment Management Body who are also looking toward the formation of the Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority.

The role of TAPP has not, at this time, diminished in relation to involvement with issues associated with the Passage and impacts affecting the Catchment. The future for TAPP is dependent on finding people willing to fill the positions on the Executive. I will be retiring as President at the AGM in August this year after having held the position for 12 of the 15 years TAPP have operated. TAPP are appealing for someone to step up and fill this position. It is not necessary to have years of experience or understanding of the Passage. The ability to conduct a meeting and lead the team into the future is what matters. A change of leadership will be beneficial and create an opportunity to address local issues with a different

approach. TAPP has an established relationship with local developers, Council and Government so the group's reputation has already been established. In the event there is no volunteer to fill the President role by August, this could mark the winding up of TAPP Inc. and the passing of our responsibilities to other local community groups for future action.

Article by Ken Mewburn (President TAPP Inc)



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Caloundra RSL Women's Auxiliary

Great company, delicious food, a couple of drinks and stunning views were the order of the day that brought together lots of wonderful conversations and happy times in a beautiful coastal setting. A group of ladies from the Women's Auxiliary (photo opposite) were fortunate to participate in a wonderful Eco Cruise along the Pumicestone Passage Marine Park and Bribie Island National Park, taking in an up close view of the further widening of the gap between North and South Bribie Island. We were entertained by the skipper of the boat who gave us a running commentary as we took in the suburb vistas, pristine waters and the abundant bird life. Everyone had plenty to choose from off the menu for lunch at Pelican Waters Tavern making it a wonderful ending to our cruise.

Caloundra RSL Women's Auxiliary is an inclusive friendly club that provides social interaction within our community. Fund raising activities such as Anzac Day memorabilia sales and raffles, day outings, luncheons, High Tea/fashion parade and morning teas and interesting guest speakers all form part of our busy calendar. New members and visitors are very welcome to come along on the 3rd

Monday of each month at 10:00 am for morning tea, with the meeting commencing at 10:30 am. Meetings are held in the Caloundra RSL's Sub Branch lounge. To become a new member, or for further information please contact Helen on 0402 348742 or Juliet on 0438 179951 or email caloundrawomensauxiliary@gmail.com.



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Caloundra RSL Women's Auxiliary

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High Tea & Fashion Parade

Venue: Caloundra RSL Function Centre

Date: Saturday 5 July 2025

Time: 1:00pm for 1:30pm

Cost: \$50 per person

Bookings essential. To reserve your seat please contact the Secretary on 0438 179951 or caloundrawomensauxiliary@gmail.com

Come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon including raffles and trivia.

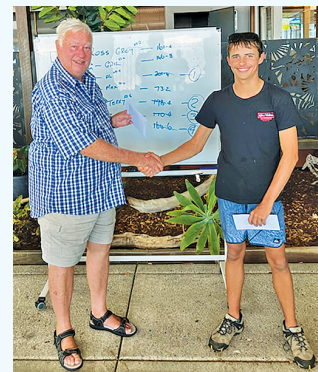




The Caloundra Powerboat Fishing Club 2024/2025 season will be coming to a close at the end of June and the new 2025/2026 will commence soon thereafter in July. It was another successful year for the Fishing Club with a record breaking attendance of junior angling participants at our annual Take-A-Kid-Fishing Day held during the 2024 September School Holidays. The annual Golden Beach Primary School Fish Program held in October 2024 also exceeded expectations and this popular Year 5 curriculum is sure to continue in 2025.

On the fishing scene, it has been a bumper season for summer whiting but these numbers are now starting to decline as we move into the cooler months. The bream are starting to arrive and these numbers will increase as we come closer to the full moon in July.

Our Club recently held its annual Teams Event where teams of two are drawn blindly following the weigh-in of each members catch. The team with the highest score is declared the winner. This year's lucky winners were Cooper Evans and Al Zernike (see photo) with the runners up going to Gail Gray and Terry Graham.



And finally, preparation for this year's Take-A-Kid-Fishing Day are well underway with new and old sponsors coming on board. The date set for Sunday 21 September 2025 so watch this space in future editions for more information.

Our Club would like to extend invitations out to any new prospective members or families interested in joining our club for our forthcoming 2025/2026 season by making enquiries with the club contacts at the bottom of this article. Induction kits are also available from the Powerboat Club Service Desk.

So if you are a keen fisherperson or just a social fisherperson wanting to improve your angling skills, this may be the Club for you. Our Club caters for all families, men, ladies and junior anglers. For further inquiries regarding the CPBC Fishing Club, please contact secretary@cpbcfc.com.au or visit www.fishingclub.caloundrapowerboat.com.au.



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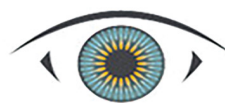
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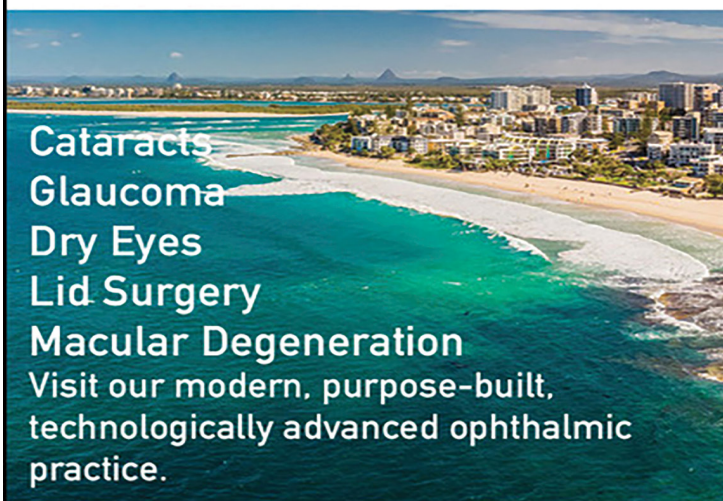
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The markets are open from 8am to 1pm, and are held every 2 months on a Saturday. The next market is on the **21st June**. The remaining dates for **2025** are the **9th August, 11th October** and **13th December**. For further details contact Annette via email on **Annette.Terrill43@gmail.com**

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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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Golden Beach Walking Group

Want to become more active and make new friends! The Golden Beach Walking Group starts from the Esplanade, corner Nelson St by the benches overlooking the beach every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7am sharp. First timers come 5 to 10 minutes earlier to introduce yourself.

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