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# Caloundra Chronicle

## Dear Readers

As winter fades and the warmer weather returns, it feels like an opportune moment to honour those in our community who keep us safe on our beaches.

To the many volunteers at our surf life saving clubs—both out front and behind the scenes—thank you for your service and care.

A meaningful way we, as a community, can show our appreciation is by supporting the lifesaving supporters clubs, which directly fund training, equipment, and vital resources.

This season is one of celebration for Caloundra: Dicky Beach Surf Life Saving Club marks 75 years, Moffat Beach Brewing Co. raises a glass to 10, and the Bulcock Street Music Festival makes its debut. Adding to the excitement, our new state-of-the-art library will soon open its doors. A season of reflection, renewal and good times is upon us.

*Alana Hall*  
Editor

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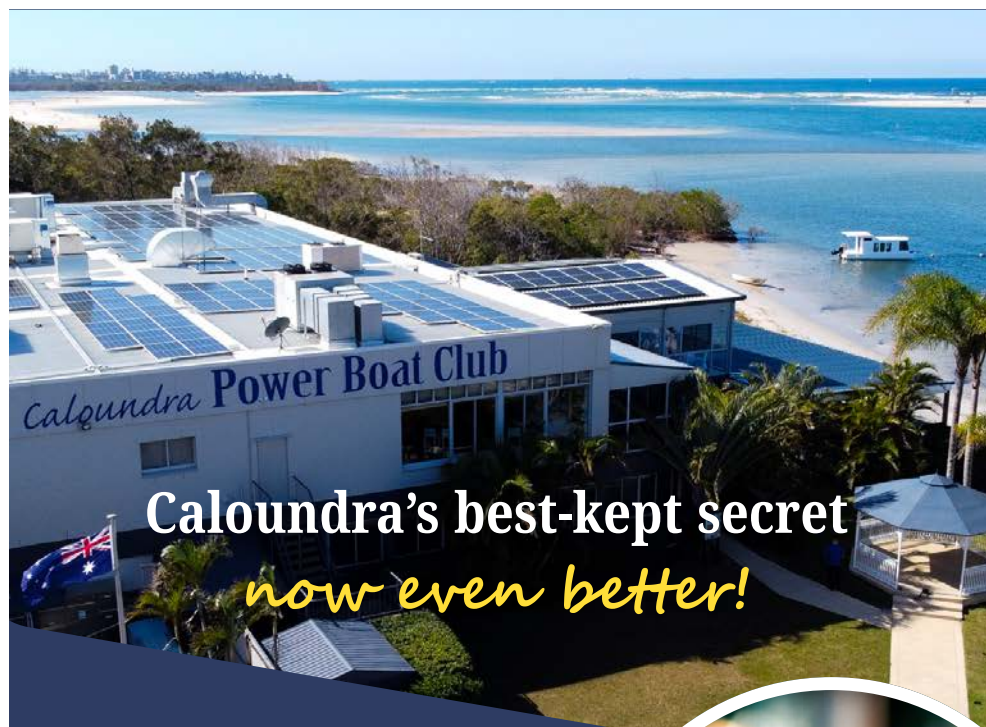




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# Dicky Beach Surf Club 75 years on the sand

Anyone who has ever been caught in a rip knows the sudden terror of realising they are out of their depth. The peace of mind that comes from knowing skilled lifesavers are watching, is what makes swimming between the flags such a privilege. For seventy-five years, Dicky Beach Surf Life Saving Club has been that guardian presence, at their post, ensuring no lives are lost between the red and yellow flags.

**D**icky Beach Surf Life Saving Club, originally known as North Caloundra SLSC, was founded in 1950 in response to the growing popularity of ocean bathing. As more people discovered the thrill of the surf, drownings became a tragic reality.

Before World War II, Dicky Beach was only patrolled during holiday periods by members of the Metropolitan

Caloundra SLSC at Kings Beach. But by the early 1950s, the rise in local families and holidaymakers made regular weekend patrols essential. With strong community backing, funds were raised, and with a State Government subsidy, a permanent surf club was established.

The first patrols in October 1950 were carried out by just ten members. By the end of that season, the club





had grown to twenty. From those modest beginnings, Dicky Beach has expanded into one of Queensland's most respected surf life saving clubs, now boasting more than 320 active patrolling members and almost 400 Nippers.

The first clubhouse stood proudly on the point south of the Dicky shipwreck until fire destroyed it in 1976. From the ashes, the club relocated to its current site at the beach end of Coochin Street. Purpose-built facilities now support a thriving hub of lifesaving, surf sports and community activity.

Over the decades, progress has been achieved through the generosity of supporters and the dedication of volunteers. That tradition continues today, strengthened by the club's recognition at both state and national level. Among its honours are Surf Life Saving Queensland's Club of the Year (2009) and multiple awards annually from Clubs Queensland for its Supporters Club, which provides dining, bar and entertainment facilities while

funding vital lifesaving work.

At the heart of Dicky Beach SLSC is its Junior Activities program, fondly known as Nippers. Every weekend from September through March, children aged five to thirteen gather to learn surf safety, beach sprints, board paddling and water rescues. More than a training ground, Nippers builds resilience, teamwork and confidence—qualities that prepare young people for both the ocean and life.

For teenagers, the club offers leadership and development pathways that combine training with fun. Camps, school holiday programs and surf sports coaching keep young members engaged while encouraging them to step into future lifesaving roles.

Surf sports are another proud cornerstone of the club. From ironman and ironwoman events to board paddling, surf skis, sprinting, flags, surf boats and IRB racing, members of all ages take part in competitions that showcase skill, stamina and determination. The club has produced



## Community Service

numerous state and national champions, supported by a network of dedicated coaches and volunteers.

Every lifesaver on the beach begins with training. The Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate remain the essential entry points, while advanced qualifications in first aid, rescue techniques and water safety ensure members are ready for anything. Beyond patrol skills, the club fosters leadership through opportunities to take on roles at branch, state and national levels, ensuring the surf lifesaving movement continues to grow strong.

What truly sets Dicky Beach SLSC apart is its commitment to inclusivity. The Pippies Nippers program allows children with disabilities to experience the joy of the beach in a safe and supportive environment. The Accessible Beach initiative, in partnership with Sunshine Coast Council, provides beach wheelchairs and mobility matting so that more people can enjoy the surf. For older Australians, the Silver Salties program offers low-impact activities that keep participants active, connected and involved in surf lifesaving life.

Through fundraising, community events and the ongoing support of its members, the club continues to provide

equipment, training and outreach that strengthen both lifesaving capacity and community wellbeing.

A respected leader in the surf lifesaving movement, Dicky Beach SLSC embodies a legacy of service, courage and community spirit.

**For seventy-five years,  
the red and yellow flags  
at Dicky Beach have  
stood as symbols of  
safety, trust and care.**

For seventy-five years, the red and yellow flags at Dicky Beach have been more than markers of safety. They remind us that behind every wave is the quiet dedication of surf lifesavers—volunteers who give their time so that others may enjoy the ocean with freedom and confidence.

The Club will mark its 75th anniversary on Saturday, September 20, 2025, with a gala day for all to enjoy. Celebrations begin at 10am with a ceremonial march from the original clubhouse site to the current one, with members grouped by the decade they joined. Highlights include unveiling commemorative plaques, burying a time capsule, and a spectacular ocean display featuring swimmers, paddle boards, skis, IRBs and jet skis in a “sea of green, gold and white.” The day concludes with a free Caloundra Lions Club community barbecue, bringing everyone together to celebrate 75 years of lifesaving spirit.



*Then and now: Dicky Beach SLSC clubhouse.*

# Enid Trail Looks Back

## Women's role in surf life saving at Dicky Beach

Enid Trail's love affair with Caloundra began long before she called it home. As a young girl, she would make the journey from Brisbane almost every weekend, drawn by her father and four brothers' strong involvement with the Mets Caloundra Surf Club.

Those childhood visits instilled in her a feeling of belonging that would shape the rest of her life. It was at the Perle Hotel, the favoured watering hole of the North Caloundra boys, that she met her future husband Kevin, and in 1973, they made Caloundra their home.

What evolved was a remarkable 55-year commitment to Caloundra's surf life saving community. From her early days as a female associate in 1968, Enid became a pioneering force in breaking down barriers for female membership. Her determination to see young female nippers progress into senior ranks led to her instrumental role in securing women's entry into Dicky Beach Surf Club in 1982.

Earning her bronze medallion in 1984, she went on to serve as Treasurer, Secretary, and Junior Chairperson, becoming a life member, whose dedication has spanned generations of surf life savers and helped shape the inclusive, thriving club that exists today.

The transformation of women's roles at Dicky Beach Surf Club is quite a story. In the early days, it was an all-boys club where members could



wander around "with next to nothing on" while women were delegated to slicing tomatoes and organising fundraisers.

When female

membership finally arrived in 1982, the practicalities were amusing - with no female facilities available, women had to post lookouts outside the men's toilets and showers. The club quickly improvised, converting part of the kitchen into a makeshift female dormitory with curtains and quilts donated by the Zonta Club.

The club's resistance wasn't just cultural but rooted in beliefs about physical capability, with Enid's own father, initially opposing female life savers because he felt women weren't strong enough for rescue situations.

Fast forward to today, and the club boasts 50-50 gender representation. As Enid puts it, "life saving would not have survived without including females."

While there's still room for improvement in committee representation, the club now has female leadership and the old barriers have largely disappeared.

What was once a male bastion has become an inclusive community where everyone can participate fully in surf life saving - a far cry from the days of standing guard outside the men's loo!

Dicky Beach Surf Life Saving Club celebrates its 75th Anniversary with a Gala Day on Saturday 20th September. See P32 of the GoGuide for full details.

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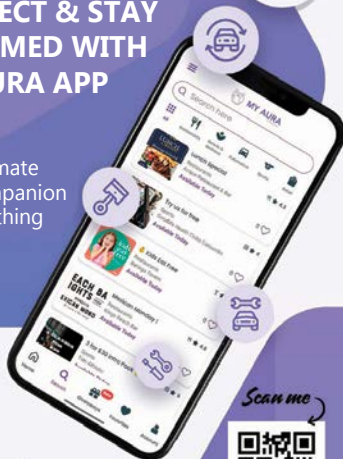
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## Local Swim Stars Shine in New Caledonia

Sixteen young swimmers from Pelican Waters Caloundra Swimming Club, along with two coaches, have returned from an 11-day International Training Development Camp in New Caledonia. The program featured racing, open-water skill development, and team-building activities, fostering resilience and well-rounded athletic growth. For some participants, the experience fuels big ambitions, including dreams of competing at the Brisbane 2032 Olympics. This inspiring initiative highlights the club's commitment to nurturing talent and providing world-class opportunities for local athletes.

Follow the journey at [facebook.com/pwcscswimming](https://facebook.com/pwcscswimming)



## Better Together Housing for Senior Women

Better Together Housing connects single women over 55 who would like to share a home. With the rising cost of living—and the isolation that often comes from living alone—the program focuses on building friendships, support networks, and a real sense of community.

It doesn't provide housing directly, but it does create safe, welcoming online and in-person spaces where women can meet, connect, and find helpful resources to make shared living work. Some team up for a rental, while others choose to share an existing home.

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# Hope Dreaming

With Dr Hope O'Chin

*Kabi Kabi, Wakka Wakka*



**T**he Hope Dreaming Information Centre has made a wonderful debut on the Sunshine Coast. It's the first Centre of its kind here – and possibly in Australia – combining an information hub with an art gallery and cultural space that celebrates First Nations arts and crafts.

Alongside the gallery, the Centre also hosts the Gathaa Markets every six weeks or so, with stalls featuring bush tucker, arts, crafts, and handmade goods from First Nations makers.

Word is spreading, and visitor numbers continue to grow. The Centre runs entirely on the generosity of volunteers – people who simply want to welcome visitors, share local knowledge, and lend a hand. If you've ever thought about volunteering, we'd love to have you join us! Shifts run mornings (9:30am–12:30pm) and afternoons (12:30–3pm).

Our volunteers are joined by First Nations volunteers who help deliver Kabi-Kabi cultural activities, workshops, and talks on arts, history, heritage, language, and more. The gallery rotates exhibitions, offering First Nations artists a chance to showcase their work – the current exhibition, *Saltwater Dreaming*, captures the coastal lifestyle of our region.

The Centre also hosts workshops and in-service sessions for community groups. One of the first brought together volunteers from Mapleton and Glass House Information Centres – a great day of shared stories and experiences. Even on rainy days, families and travellers continue to drop by, with kids especially loving the storytime sessions.

We're also on the lookout for a cook or chef to help reopen Triballink Treats, our much-missed mobile kitchen that served great coffee and bush tucker-inspired snacks.

**The Hope Dreaming Centre is here for everyone – a welcoming space to connect, learn, and celebrate culture. Tues-Sat 9am-5pm, 7 Caloundra Road, Caloundra.**

# GATHAA MARKETS

**G**ATHAA First Nations Markets take place across the Sunshine

Coast offering locals and visitors a unique opportunity to connect with First Nations culture through food, art, storytelling and enterprise.

Founded by respected Elder and bushfood pioneer Aunty Dale Chapman (*My Dilly Bag*), GATHAA (*gath-er*) is a monthly market that travels to different locations, creating space for First Nations entrepreneurs, artists and performers to come together and share their talents with the wider community.

At every GATHAA event, you'll find a mix of market stalls featuring:

- Handcrafted arts and crafts and cultural artefacts
- Homewares
- First Nations-designed fashion and apparel
- Bushfoods, native spices, herbs, teas, and condiments
- Jewellery and accessories

It's a great place to find a meaningful gift, support local First Nations businesses, or just enjoy a relaxed day out with the family.

**Live Music & Cultural Activities**

Each market offers a program of live entertainment by talented First Nations performers — from acoustic music to storytelling, talks and interactive demonstrations. You can also join a workshop, watch

# Gathaa Spring Market Series

Sharing Culture

Sat 13 Sept | 9am–1pm

Mooloolah River Landcare  
Native Nursery, Glenview

Sat 11 Oct | 8am–1pm

Fairhill Native Botanic  
Gardens, Yandina

Sat 8 Nov | 3pm–7pm

Hope Dreaming Visitor  
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a bushfood cooking demo,  
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activities with local artists  
and educators.

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learn through nature-based  
play and cultural activities  
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and little hands.

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# Moffat Beach Brewing Co.

## Celebrating a Decade of “The Good Life”

**M**offat Beach Brewing Co. is turning 10 this October – a milestone for a family-owned brewery that began with big dreams and a small beachfront café. Founded in 2015 by husband-and-wife team Matt and Sharynne (Shaz) Wilson, it grew from a humble home brew kit into Australia’s most awarded independent brewery.

After swapping Sydney’s pace for the Sunshine Coast, Matt and Shaz dreamed of creating something unique – a hospitality experience that blended great beer, fresh local produce, and innovative cuisine. When they discovered Moffat Beach, they knew it was the perfect place to bring their vision to life.

The Beachside brewpub quickly became a favourite destination, known for its laid-back vibe, live music, and

fresh beer served metres from the surf. Open seven days, it’s the go-to spot for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a view, serving locally sourced food, specials, and craft beer alongside wine and cocktails. With live music every weekend and a dog-friendly atmosphere, it’s the heart of the Moffat Beach experience.

Industry recognition soon followed, with major titles including Champion Small Brewery at the Australian International Beer Awards (2022 & 2023), Champion Independent Medium Brewery at the Indies (2022 & 2023), Grand Champion Beer at the Royal Queensland Beer Awards (2024), and Champion Pale Ale in 2025.

To keep up with demand, the Wilsons opened the Production House & Taproom in Caloundra West in 2020. Home to the full brewing range, it pairs



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fresh pours with low 'n' slow barbecue from Wilson's Barbecue, plus live music, trivia, bingo nights, and Twilight Markets – a real community hub.

Over the decade, Moffat Beach Brewing has weathered industry challenges and stayed true to its Caloundra roots. The passionate team continues to punch above its weight – brewing local flavours, winning awards, and most importantly, creating spaces where everyone feels at home.

At Moffat Beach Brewing Co., the philosophy is simple: the good life is brewed, not bought. It's found in the salty air, the clink of glasses with mates, and the sun hitting the waves just right.

To mark the milestone, Moffat Beach Brewing is hosting a 10th Birthday + Oktoberfest Celebration on Saturday, 18 October. The event celebrates the people who made it possible – the team, the community, and the town – in a feel-good gathering of resilience, craft, and coastal spirit.

**Celebrate with the team on Saturday, 18 October at the Production House, 51 Caloundra Rd, Caloundra West. Or drop into the Beachside venue at 12 Seaview Terrace, Moffat Beach.**



## FIND SANDY SEAGULL TO WIN

## Galactic Donuts

Last edition's competition was a big hit, with lots of entries from eagle-eyed readers spotting Reggie, our resident soldier crab.

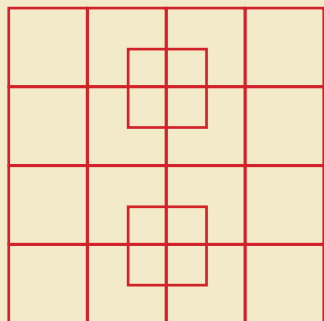
Thanks to Galactic Donuts, we've got 5 boxes of donuts to give away again. To be in the running, simply tell us how many times Sandy Seagull appears in this edition (count this page too).

The first 5 correct entries win a box of donuts.  
Email your answer to: [goguide@caloundrachronicle.com](mailto:goguide@caloundrachronicle.com)

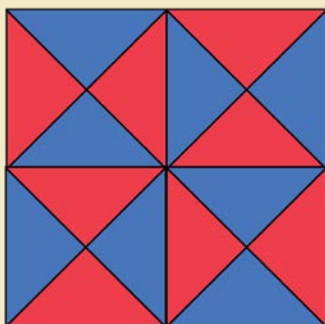


## BRAIN TEASERS

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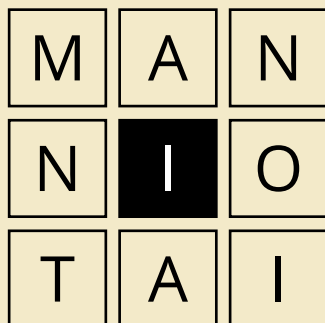


B: How many triangles can you count?



Brain Teaser answers: P17

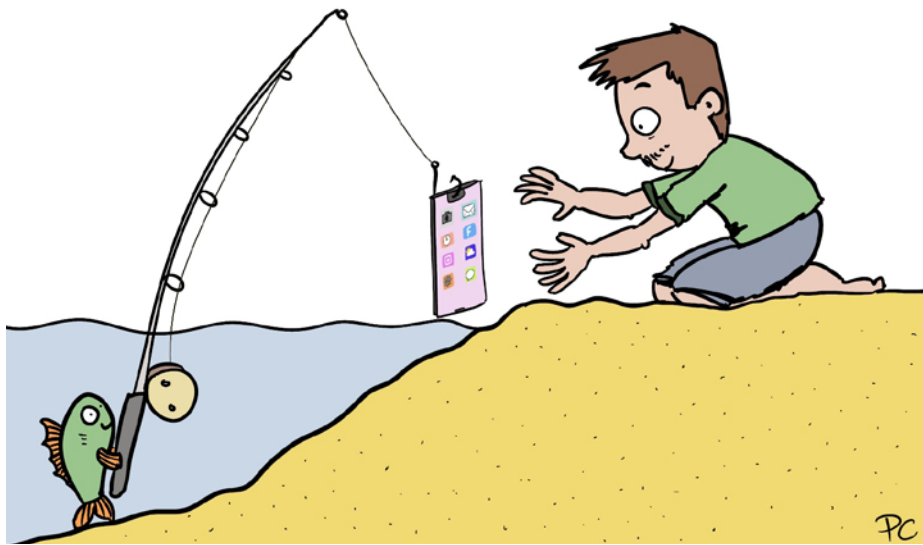
## NINE LETTER WORD PUZZLE



Form as many four to nine letter words from the letters in the puzzle. The middle letter must be used in all words. Your target is 28 words. There is at least one nine letter word.

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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW... Digital Tech

Quiz answers below

### 1. What does "LOL" stand for?

- A] Lots Of Love
- B] Laugh Out Loud
- C] Lots Of Ligma

### 2. What does "WWW" stand for?

- A] World War Why
- B] World Word Web
- C] World Wide Web

### 3. Which is NOT an AI voice assistant?

- A] Siri
- B] Alexis
- C] Alexa
- D] Cortana

### 4. When was the first iPhone released?

- A] 2001
- B] 2004
- C] 2007

### 5. Which is one million bytes?

- A] Gigabyte
- B] Megabyte
- C] Kilobyte

### 6. What does "USB" stand for?

- A] Underminable Serial Bus
- B] Universally Serious Business
- C] Universal Serial Bus

### 7. Which is not a file format?

- A] GIF
- B] PFD
- C] JPEG
- D] PSD

### 8. What does CPU stand for?

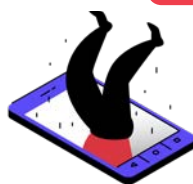
- A] Central Processing Unit
- B] Cool Piggy Underpants
- C] Cooling Partial Unit

Quiz  
Answers:  
1. B  
2. C  
3. B  
4. C  
5. B  
6. C  
7. B  
8. A



## THERE'S A WORD FOR THAT?!

Do you know the word for the act of reading bad news online, even though it can make you feel anxious or sad? You do now...



Compiled by Isla Jones

# DOOMSCROLLING

Brain Teasers  
Answers:  
a) 40 squares  
b) 44 triangles  
9 Letter Word:  
ANIMATION

## Caloundra Update with Division 2 Cr Terry Landsberg



### It's an exciting time in Caloundra!

There's a great sense of momentum as exciting projects start to take shape across town. One standout is the new Library, the first public building of its kind built here in more than 25 years. This isn't just a library; it's a modern, welcoming community hub expected to attract over 300,000 visitors each year. Even better, it's set to launch in late September, and we're all looking forward to seeing the doors open!

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for the next stage of the Create Caloundra vision. Early next year, we'll begin demolition of 77 Bulcock Street to make way for a brand-new Town Square. This space will be a lively heart of Caloundra, perfect for community gatherings and events.

Civil works have now commenced for the Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade, including the relocation of Energex power lines. This new connection will significantly ease congestion and improve access in and out of Caloundra.

Over at Moffat Beach, seawall reconstruction continues. To meet safety requirements, we've temporarily taken over the western carpark to expand the work zone. We're aiming to wrap up by Christmas.

And here's a good news story — starting 1 September, we're trialling 1 hour of free parking in the CBD for a 6-month period to make it easier for everyone to shop, visit, and enjoy Caloundra!

### Stay in the loop

There's plenty happening across Caloundra, and we want you to be part of the journey. For the latest updates on these exciting projects, head to Council's website and subscribe.



### You can't out run the train

An Aroona family once thought they'd outsmart progress by selling their home to Queensland Rail when the train line was first proposed through their neighbourhood. They packed up, moved on, and found their forever home in peaceful Pelican Waters. Fast forward 25 years and guess what's now proposed just 200 metres from their backyard? Yep—the Wave rail line. Turns out, when it comes to escaping the trains, this family's got worse luck than Wile E. Coyote.

### Train Quake?

And then there was the local overheard saying after the recent 5.2 magnitude earthquake: "I thought it was a train coming through." Seems in Pelican Waters, the trains are shaking things up, whether they've arrived or not.

### Share your views on Caloundra

What do you think about the new 1-hour parking solution? Maybe you've got bright ideas on dog parks, playgrounds, local ecology – or your own vision for Caloundra's future.

Join the discussion over on the Caloundra Chronicle Facebook page, we'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas.





## Caloundra's Rubbish Ninja

For 25 years, Graham has been Caloundra's unofficial rubbish warrior. Six days a week, with his scooter, claw, and battered old bucket, he's out on patrol. From Golden Beach, his route takes in the cricket ground, the main street, Happy Valley, Kings, Shelly, Moffat and Bulcock, before looping back home.

Last year he picked up 25,000 cans, donating \$2,100 to Landcare. The year before, Meals on Wheels got the lot. Not bad for a bloke who once cracked two ribs bending down to pick up litter. Luckily, a council worker handed him a picker-upper and set him on his path.

Now he plucks cigarette butts from the footpath with the precision of a kung-fu master catching flies with chopsticks. He even lays to rest the occasional roadside possum under the tea trees.

Graham, we salute you.

## 2025 Caloundra Community Awards

Caloundra is a region rich in community spirit, and this year I am proud to announce my inaugural 2025 Caloundra Community Awards.

This year's awards will shine a spotlight on individuals and groups whose contributions often go unnoticed but leave a lasting impact. Whether it's a passionate teacher, a dedicated sporting club, a tireless volunteer, or a small business lifting up the community, these awards are about giving thanks and recognition where it's due.

The Caloundra Community Awards feature a wide range of categories, reflecting the diversity of the contributions made across our electorate, and include:

- Community Group of the Year
- Local Business Excellence Award
- Young Achiever Award
- Sporting Club of the Year Award
- Educator or Mentor of the Year
- Senior Citizen or Group of the Year
- Kendall Morton MP Caloundra Champion Award

Each nominee will be recognised not only for their achievements but for the values they embody, such as kindness, service, innovation, and commitment to community.

In a world that often moves too fast, the Caloundra Community Awards offer a moment to pause and appreciate those who give their time, energy, and passion for the greater good.

You can nominate any group or individual when the voting tab goes live on my website at the end of August. Please follow my facebook page (KendallMortonMP) for more information on how you can contribute. The awards are scheduled for October 23.



**Kendall Morton MP**  
Member for Caloundra  
[www.kendallmorton.com.au](http://www.kendallmorton.com.au)



## Happy Days

with Andrew Champion

Phone 0428 714 357



### Caloundra's Parking Meters Have Got to Go!

For 40 years, Caloundra residents have waited for someone to take a stand and remove parking meters from our town.

Did you know Caloundra is the only place on the Sunshine Coast burdened with them?

How much is collected each year? How much is spent on administration and fines? The conversation must start with full disclosure from council, and action to end this discrimination.

How much retail spend has been lost to Kawana or Maroochydore because visitors avoid our meters? If council's economic development team truly wants to support local business, remove the meters. Send them to another town, and see how unpopular they are there.

A meter-free Caloundra would be more vibrant, more convenient and more connected.

Small businesses would see more trade, more locals would be employed, and more tourism dollars would be spent here. Landlords would face fewer vacancies, greater demand, and stronger returns.

At the last council election, commitments were made to our community about parking meters. Eighteen months on, we've been offered a "solution"—but is it enough? The latest 'one-hour free' scheme, requiring drivers to key in vehicle details, only adds another layer of inconvenience.

Let's bring life back to our streets and give our small businesses a fair go!

**Parking meters remain a hot topic in Caloundra. Share your thoughts and join the conversation on the Caloundra Chronicle Facebook page.**



## Mate-ship provides calm after turbulent waters

After more than a decade in the Army, including a deployment to Iraq, Shane Dimech knows what it's like to live under constant pressure. These days, he's channelling that experience into helping others find peace. Through Our Mate-Ship Limited, Shane offers free wellness days on the water for current and ex-serving military personnel, first responders, their families and carers.



Shane's military career spanned 11 years, with his final five in the water transport division. The last three were spent in Sydney on maritime domestic counterterrorism — "a long time of high tempo, high stress roles," he recalls. After leaving the Army in 2011, he moved into the civil marine industry and then launched his own marine-based businesses.

By mid-2016, however, things began to unravel. "My wheels started wobbling a little bit and then totally fell off at the beginning of 2017," Shane says. An ambulance took him to a veterans' mental health hospital, and on his first day there, the seed for Mate-Ship was planted. "I wanted to try and stop people ending up where I had just ended up," he explains.

Before his breakdown, Shane believed he was living the dream. "I had all the money, all the toys, all the shiny things, but I didn't want to be here," he admits. That turning point in hospital changed his life's direction. He began volunteering for various veteran and emergency service support organisations, eventually deciding to start his own.

In mid-2023, he purchased a 46-foot motor sailor, established the organisation, secured charity status and got the program underway. Not long after, someone donated a 26-foot

ocean-going fishing vessel, now moored at Pelican Waters.

The aim of the program is straightforward. "We provide downtime for people where they don't need to do anything. They just step on board, fish or don't fish, sit there, look at the scenery, have a chat, and decompress."

The Sunshine Coast is home to thousands of veterans, from younger generations to Vietnam veterans and even a few from the World War II era.

For Shane, this work is deeply personal. PTSD and anxiety are part of his own story. "The military trains you for war, but there's no off button once you get out," he explains. "You don't need to be on alert, you don't need to be on time for everything, you don't need everything to be perfect, but unfortunately there's not a little switch that we can turn off at the end."

Shane's program offers not only a break from daily pressures but a rare space where participants feel understood.

He doesn't pretend to be a counsellor, but he knows the value of lived experience. "I think people get a lot more from speaking to someone who has been there, than someone who's just educated out of a book."

**More information:** [mate-ship.org](http://mate-ship.org)



# CALOUNDRA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

## From Humble Beginnings to a Bright Future

Since opening its gates in 1963 with just 58 students and five staff, Caloundra State High School (CSHS) has proudly grown alongside the vibrant Sunshine Coast community.

In those early years, the school's curriculum reflected the times - with classes divided by gender and a strong emphasis on manual arts, homecraft and European languages.

Fast-forward to 2025 and CSHS is a thriving educational hub with over 1500 students and more than 170 staff across two campuses; the main school and the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre (SCTTTC). While the heart of education remains, the opportunities for students have dramatically expanded.

Today, CSHS offers a range of innovative Signature Programs, catering to students with passions in STEM, academics, the arts and sport.

Programs like Volleyball, Rugby League, Surfing, Music and Dance Extension and High Performance Athletes not only enhance student experience but create

real-world pathways to future careers.

International tours now form part of the curriculum, with student groups provided with travel opportunities to Fiji, Cambodia, and Vietnam, not just for learning, but to give back, connect with culture, and make a difference globally.

These experiences sit alongside local initiatives like camps, carnivals, and academic celebrations that make school life enjoyable and engaging for every student.

As we look to the future, the school is focused on community - strengthening partnerships, embracing diversity and ensuring every student is set up for a life of choice, not chance.

From facility upgrades to establishing the unique Lighthouse Keepers sponsorship program, Caloundra SHS is evolving with purpose.

As Principal Natasha Wicks puts it: "We are proud of our legacy and excited for our future. Caloundra State High School is more than just a school - it's a place of opportunity, community, and growth."

[caloundrashs.eq.edu.au](http://caloundrashs.eq.edu.au)





# FRESH FLAVOURS AT AURA FARMERS MARKET

Held every Saturday morning in the heart of Stockland's Aura community, Aura Farmers Market brings together an exciting mix of farm-fresh produce, gourmet foods and unique local creations.

The Sunshine Coast's newest community market is fast becoming a weekend favourite. From just-picked fruit and vegetables grown by Sunshine Coast farmers to artisan breads, cheeses, honey and handcrafted treats, the markets showcase the very best of our region.

More than just a shopping trip, Aura Farmers Market is a vibrant social hub. Families, friends and neighbours gather to enjoy live music, fresh coffee and breakfast under the relaxed market atmosphere. With a strong focus on supporting local growers and small businesses, every purchase helps strengthen the community.

Aura Farmers Market runs every Saturday, 7am–12pm. Come for the produce, stay for the atmosphere, and experience the true taste of the Sunshine Coast.

Cnr Central Ave & Whiteley Ave, Nirimba



Every Saturday  
7am to 12pm  
Whiteley Avenue, Aura



Every Sunday  
8am to 1pm  
Bulcock Street, Caloundra



First Friday  
of every month



Second Friday  
of every month



Third Friday  
of every month



Last Friday  
of every month

# Dog's best FRIEND




Michel & Phebe, Golden Beach



Massey, Rebekah and Teo at GB



Terrienne and George at Golden Beach



Peppa and Mum at Golden Beach



Mark and Heidi at Golden Beach



Matt, Ashley and Chester at Bulcock Beach Boardwalk







Katie, Brenton, Harrison  
and Calvin at Golden Beach

Be sure to keep an eye out around town for our junior photographers snapping local dogs with their BFF's.



Sterling, Ocean, Gucci at Golden Beach Esplanade



Zoe and Lousie at Woorim Park, Golden Beach



Rupert and Cam at Woorim Park, Golden Beach

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“The bond with a true dog is as lasting as the ties of this earth will ever be” - Konrad Lorenz

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Photo: Creative Earth Studio



## LET TROPICALDAY TAKE YOU AWAY

If you've wandered along Bulcock Beach Boardwalk, chances are you've spotted the burst of colour and coastal charm that is Tropicallday. Founded and run by creative seamstress Kerri-Ann Novak, this unique shop is dedicated to tropical souvenirs and leisure wear. Kerri-Ann transforms authentic Hawaiian fabrics into vibrant shirts, breezy dresses and bucket hats, all handmade in-store.

In 2023, Kerri-Ann and her husband and son, moved to Golden Beach. "We'd lived in a few different cities, but this was the first place that truly felt like home," she says. "I remember coming here as a child with my family. Caloundra holds such wonderful memories."

Kerri-Ann's grandmother taught her the basics of dressmaking early on. However, it wasn't until she launched Tropicallday that she pursued her craft full time, inspired by her first trip to Hawaii, where she fell in love with classic Hawaiian prints and styles. "I started out with locally sourced fabrics, but I wanted something different and authentic, so I began sourcing directly from Hawaii."

That love affair with the islands has taken her back four times. Each visit deepens her connection to the spirit of aloha—the warmth of the people, the beauty of the landscape, and the joyful colours that inspire her work.

Tropicallday began as a home-based, market-stall business, but Kerri-Ann envisioned a space where her dream could grow. "I wanted to make it a destination," she says. "To feel like you're on holiday, immersed in the sights, the sounds, the scents."

Alongside Kerri-Ann's handmade pieces, the store also features island-inspired fashion brand West Indies Wear, locally made décor and jewellery, plus unique souvenirs and soaps featuring Bluey's Photography.

For those yet to discover this little slice of paradise, Kerri-Ann has an open invitation: "Come and make a day of it! Enjoy the amazing coffee shops and eateries nearby, and pop in to say Aloha. Once you find us, you may well end up a regular, like many others have become."

**Visit Shop 2/38 Esplanade, Caloundra**



# TIRZART BOUTIQUE

2/104 Bulcock St, Caloundra  
0417 208 959





# THANK U PLEASE

Caloundra's own sons of punk, Thank U Please, are set to bring their high-energy sound to the CBD when Bulcock Street Music Festival finally lands on Saturday 6 September. We caught up with them ahead of the show to talk inspiration, theatrics and what it means to go loud where it all began.

## **What's your connection to Caloundra?**

We all grew up in this sleepy town—getting dumped at Shelly's, bombing hills barefoot till the road chewed us up, peeling sunburns like lizards, bleeding at the old rough Dicky Beach skatepark. Our days were filled with Fish Bowl chips at Moffats, and getting chased off farmland for foraging fungi.

## **What's the core message of the band?**

Thank U Please channels raw punk energy into exposing the absurdities of ego, politics, and societal structures—tearing down walls to reveal the chaos underneath, all packaged in a melodic and digestible sound.

## **What fuels your songs and stage antics?**

We draw inspiration from our heroes, from each other, and from the chaos

around us. On stage, we're full throttle—all sweat, energy, and chaos. Sometimes it feels like anything could happen. No gimmicks, just raw conviction, and the kind of wild energy that leaves nothing behind once we walk off.

## **Why should punters get up close and personal at your festival set?**

If you don't mind a mosh, get right up front, but maybe bring some protective gear. That's where you'll feel the full force of Thank U Please. It's loud, chaotic, and definitely not for the faint-hearted... consider this your warning.

**Catch Thank U Please when they unleash their high-energy sound at the long-awaited Bulcock Street Music Festival, Saturday 6 September at Felicity Park, Caloundra.**





# BULCOCK STREET BAZAAR

MULTI-VENDOR  
VINTAGE STORE  
61 BULCOCK ST  
CALOUNDRA

# COLLABORATIONS FOR CHANGE

Community impact is strongest when people come together, and the partnership between It'll Take a Tribe and Strong Street Recyclers is a perfect example. Through the Containers for Change program, the two organisations are combining efforts to deliver both environmental and social benefits on the Sunshine Coast.

It'll Take a Tribe is known for supporting families facing hardship through meal deliveries, school lunch programs, clothing drives, and initiatives that reduce isolation, providing a vital safety net for those in need. By linking with Containers for Change, supporters now have a simple, practical way to raise funds—returning eligible



bottles and cans through Strong Street Recyclers.

Based in Baringa, Strong Street Recyclers processes thousands of containers each week. Every 10-cent return helps, to provide meals, support children, and fund care initiatives.

Together, these organisations show how small, everyday actions can create lasting change.

[strongstreetrecyclers.com.au](http://strongstreetrecyclers.com.au)

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TRASH  
INTO CASH  
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## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE AURA DEPOT NOW OPEN!

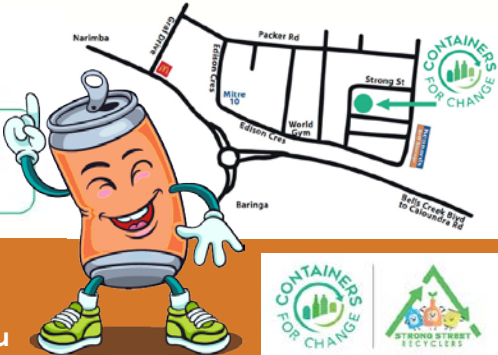


### IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3...

When you recycle with Containers for Change, you get a 10 cent refund for every eligible container you return.



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in the Aura Business Park  
[www.strongstreetrecyclers.com.au](http://www.strongstreetrecyclers.com.au)





## ARTHUR STREET COUNTRY MARKETS

**CALOUNDRA RUGBY UNION CLUB  
EVERY SUNDAY, 7AM-12NOON**

The Arthur Street Country Markets are held every Sunday morning, trading from 7am to 12noon at the Caloundra Rugby Union Club carpark. The markets have been operating in the Caloundra area for 45 years, and are a much-loved part of the community, featuring fresh produce, organic and Asian fruit and vegetables, handmade crafts, collectables, plants, and more. Importantly, proceeds help support vital lifesaving equipment and training at Dicky Beach Surf Life Saving Club. New stall holders are welcome, with casual and one-off stalls available. Sites from just \$25 (\$30 with air conditioning). Inside/outside options.

**Contact Lindsay on 0418 972 875**



## THE THRIFT YARD

**71 GEORGE ST, MOFFAT BEACH  
SUNDAY 14 SEPT, 9AM-1PM**

Moffat Beach is now home to The Thrift Yard – a pre-loved and maker market celebrating sustainable shopping and local creativity. Explore second hand treasures and handmade goodies from locals.

**Instagram: @the\_thriftyard**



## MARKETS



### AURA FARMERS MARKET

**EVERY SATURDAY, 7AM-12PM**

Cnr Central Ave & Whiteley Ave, Nirimba

### CALOUNDRA STREET FAIR

**EVERY SUNDAY, 8AM-1PM**

Bulcock Street, Caloundra

### AURA TWILIGHT MARKET

**FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER, 4PM-8PM**

**FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER, 4PM-8PM**

Cnr Central Ave & Whiteley Ave, Nirimba

### PELICAN WATERS TWILIGHT

**FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, 4PM-8PM**

**FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER, 4PM-8PM**

Basin Park, Pelican Waters

### CURRIMUNDI LAKE TWILIGHT

**FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, 4PM-8PM**

**FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER, 4PM-8PM**

1 Watson St, Currimundi Lake

### CALOUNDRA TWILIGHT MARKET

**FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 5PM-9PM**

**FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 5PM-9PM**

Bulcock Beach, Caloundra



# CELEBRATIONS



## DICKY BEACH SLSC TURNS 75

**DICKY BEACH SURF CLUB**  
**SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 10AM**

The Dicky Beach Surf Life Saving Club will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Saturday 20 September, 2025, with a special gala day open to everyone.

The celebration begins at 10am with a ceremonial march from the old clubhouse site at Sir Leslie Wilson Park, along the coastal path to the current club. The procession will be led by senior march teams carrying both the historic North Caloundra flag and the Dicky Beach flag, honouring the club's heritage. Members will follow in groups representing the decade they joined, from the 1950s through to the 2020s.

The festivities will include unveiling commemorative plaques, burying a time capsule, and a spectacular ocean demonstration where active members will swim out, paddle boards and skis, and operate IRBs and jet skis in a "sea of green, gold and white."

The event will conclude with a free community barbecue cooked by the Caloundra Lions Club, providing an opportunity for everyone who has been associated with the club over its 75-year history to reconnect and share memories.

[dickybeachsurfclub.com.au](http://dickybeachsurfclub.com.au)

## MOFFAT BEACH BREWING CO. IS 10!

**51 CALOUNDRA RD**  
**SATURDAY 18 OCT, 1PM-9PM**



Moffat Beach Brewing Co. is turning 10, and they're throwing an Oktoberfest-themed birthday bash to celebrate on Saturday 18 October from 1pm to 9pm at the Production House venue.

There'll be pretzels, sausages, and the German tradition of Bierstacheln - plunging a red-hot poker into beer for a creamy, caramelised froth.

Enjoy live music, a comedian, and games and competitions with prizes throughout the day, plus fairy floss and a jumping castle for the kids. Prost to a decade of brews!

[moffatbeachbrewingco.beer](http://moffatbeachbrewingco.beer)



## RIVER SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

**THE RIVER SCHOOL, MALENY**  
**SAT 25 OCT, 10AM-2PM**

Step into the joy of the season at The River School's enchanting Spring Fair. Wander through the school's own little corner of the Hinterland rainforest, discover handcrafted local treasures, indulge in sweet treats, and dance to the rhythm of live music. The sound of children's laughter fills the air with games, face painting, cake decorating, and more. The warm and welcoming school community invites you to share in this joyful celebration, a heartwarming reminder of nature's renewal and the simple pleasures of the season.

**251 Bridge Creek Rd, Maleny**



## DARREN COGGAN HOME FOR CHRISTMAS THE EVENTS CENTRE WED 10 DECEMBER, 11AM

Seasons greetings music lovers, time to “Deck the shed with bits of wattle” and join award winning performer, Darren Coggan, as he celebrates the joy of being Home For Christmas through a collection of songs and stories that embrace the festive spirit of Christmas in Australia.

Darren Coggan is one of Australia’s most diverse artists, a masterful storyteller with a knack of weaving fascinating and perceptive tales through his songs. Darren has forged a unique, diverse career that has seen him embrace the Australian Country Music, Musical Theatre and Television industries with aplomb.

Home For Christmas is a fun and engaging performance full of laughter and sing-along songs that promises to be the gift of the season. All Age event. Tickets \$27-31.

[theeventscentre.com.au](http://theeventscentre.com.au)

## CHRISTMAS THEMED MORNING TEA

A delightful Christmas morning tea will be served before the show from 9am, with a selection of festive sweet treats and Nespresso pod coffee or fragrant tea. \$8.50 per person.

## MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON



CALOUNDRRA POWER BOAT CLUB  
TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER, 11AM

Join the Caloundra Power Boat Club on Tuesday 4 November from 11am for a special Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Tickets include a two-course meal and a glass of bubbles on arrival. Join in the fun with door prizes, best dressed, best headwear and sweeps. Tickets: \$75.

Bookings: (07) 5492 1444



## FAULTY TOWERS THE DINING EXPERIENCE

CALOUNDRRA POWER BOAT CLUB  
THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER, 6.30PM

Basil, Manuel and Sybil are in town—and they’re bringing a healthy dose of mayhem to your door. Fully immersive, highly interactive and completely original, this is the show where anything can and usually does happen.

Expect two hours of comedy, a 70s-inspired three course meal, and universal acclaim the world over. This experience guarantees plenty of laughter.

Tickets: \$95pp, includes a 3-course meal and 2-hour interactive show.

[caloundrapowerboat.com.au](http://caloundrapowerboat.com.au)

# 1984 BY GEORGE ORWELL

THE EVENTS CENTRE  
FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER, 7:30PM

Big Brother is back.

Strap in for an electrifying take on the George Orwell classic – from the multi-award winning creative minds at Shake & Stir (Frankenstein, Jane Eyre, Animal Farm and Dracula).

It was a bright cold day, and the clocks were striking thirteen...

Winston Smith, an editor at the Ministry of Truth, sits quietly. A quick swig of gin; a glance of quiet optimism toward the telescreen. Winston opens his diary, puts pen to paper, and in doing so, commits the essential crime that contains all others in itself. A radical and unprecedented act of rebellion.



Discovered, entrapped, and incarcerated in the Ministry of Love, Winston, in defending his burning desire for personal freedom, prepares for the fight of his life.

Can the oppressive forces of The Party, led by Big Brother, obliterate the indomitable human spirit? And what exactly awaits within Room 101?

[theeventcentre.com.au](http://theeventcentre.com.au)

"This is one of the most carefully integrated productions I've experienced. The Emotional circumstances conjured by Orwell in print are superbly realised on stage." - *The Border*

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## KEITH POTGER CELEBRATING THE SEEKERS: 60 YEARS THE EVENTS CENTRE WED 29 OCTOBER, 11AM

A story about determination, friendship Keith Potger's solo tribute to the group he helped to form back in 1962 covers the songs, the stories and the influences that shaped The Seekers in their rise to international fame.

His 12-string guitar was an integral part of their sound and as the arranger of the vocal harmonies he had a unique place in the group.

This special program contains some timeless favourites from The Seekers, some beautiful original ballads from his three solo CDs and a few hits from the '60s to the '80s that influenced the group and appeal to the generation who grew up playing Seekers albums. Throughout his show, Keith shares stories and amusing anecdotes from almost 60 years on the international music scene and shares rare footage and still photos of the group.

[theeventscentre.com.au](http://theeventscentre.com.au)

## CONCERTS



## BEER, WINE & JAZZ FESTIVAL

### CALOUNDRRA POWER BOAT CLUB SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Join the Caloundra Power Boat Club for a Beer, Wine & Jazz Festival featuring Girl Friday on Sunday 30 November from 1pm to 5pm. \$30 Tickets include 8 tastings of premium wines and beers. Food available for purchase.

**Book now: (07) 5492 1444**



## THE 7 SOPRANOS CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

### THE EVENTS CENTRE FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER, 7:30PM

Combining breathtaking music and high glamour, The 7 Sopranos will be celebrating Christmas in a specially curated concert of popular Christmas carols with a twist, yuletide festivities along with the operatic and popular favourites you have come to love.

[theeventscentre.com.au](http://theeventscentre.com.au)

## TAKE A KID FISHING DAY

**CALOUNDRA POWER BOAT CLUB  
SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 7AM**

Join the CPBC Fishing Club's Annual Take A Kid Fishing Day on Sunday 21 September. This free family-friendly fishing event is aimed at kids from 3-16 years. Registrations open from 7am at the PBC. There's great prizes up for grabs as well as a free sausage sizzle.

**Contact Terry Graham on 0408 190 569**



## GOLDEN BEACH SPRING FAIR 2025

**89 ESPLANADE GOLDEN BEACH  
SATURDAY 4 OCT, 12NOON-4PM**

Mark your calendars for Saturday 4 October when the Golden Beach Spring Fair transforms 88-89 Esplanade into a lively, family-friendly street celebration from 12pm to 4pm.

This special community event is proudly raising funds for the National Breast Cancer Research Foundation, combining fun with a truly meaningful cause.

Bring the family and enjoy an afternoon packed with food trucks, children's activities, face painting, a petting zoo, and plenty of surprises—all generously supported by local businesses.

All proceeds help fund life-changing breast cancer research.

**IG: @goldenbeachspringfair**

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## DIWALI - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

**AUSSIE WORLD, PALMVIEW  
SAT 11 OCTOBER, 5:30PM**

The Sunshine Coast Indian Association invites you to experience the magic, colour and joy of Diwali with family and friends. With dazzling performances, authentic flavours and Aussie World's unique theme park atmosphere, this is a cultural celebration not to be missed.

[aussieworld.com.au/events/diwali](http://aussieworld.com.au/events/diwali)



## LADIES SOCIAL

### EVENING VIEW CLUB

**CALOUNDRA POWER BOAT CLUB  
2ND TUESDAY EACH MONTH**

Working women and retired ladies of the Sunshine Coast seeking friendship, fun and purpose are warmly invited to join the Caloundra Evening VIEW Club.

The club's vision is to support children's education through The Smith Family, proudly sponsoring 13 disadvantaged students through raffles, donations and enjoyable fundraising events.

Members meet for dinner at the Caloundra Power Boat Club each month, along with other activities including restaurant outings, morning teas, breakfasts and walks.

**Contact Beryl on 0419 678 349**

# Sunshine Coast National Art Prize 2025

## A Celebration of Contemporary Australian Art

The Sunshine Coast National Art Prize 2025 has officially opened at the Caloundra Regional Gallery, showcasing a vibrant and thought-provoking collection of contemporary Australian art. Running until October, this prestigious exhibition continues its legacy as the region's premier national art award, having first launched in 2006.

This year's finalist exhibition features 40 artworks selected from a competitive pool of entries submitted by artists across the country. The exhibition highlights a rich diversity of 2D and new media works, ranging from traditional oil paintings, drawings, and prints to photography, textile, and digital compositions. Each piece offers a unique interpretation of the world, reflecting the depth and innovation of Australia's contemporary art scene.

The program commenced in August with an exclusive vernissage event for artists and sponsors, setting the stage for the public winners' announcement on Thursday 25 September. Visitors are encouraged to engage with the exhibition by voting in the People's Choice Award, with a chance to win a \$100 Gallery Store voucher.

Whether you're an art enthusiast or a curious visitor, the Sunshine Coast National Art Prize 2025 offers a compelling glimpse into the creative pulse of contemporary Australia. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the power of visual storytelling at its finest.

Get your tickets to the winners' announcement event on the Caloundra Regional Gallery website.

[gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)



Huseyin Sami | *Untitled (SPB)* | 2025 | polymer paint on polyester | 100 x 100cm. Sunshine Coast National Art Prize 2025 finalist.

See what's on at  
[gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)  
 Tues to Fri 10am-4pm, Sat to Sun 10am-2pm  
 22 Omrah Ave, Caloundra [f](#) [i](#) [y](#)

### SUNSHINE COAST NATIONAL ART PRIZE 2025



### FINALISTS EXHIBITION

Friday 15 August – Sunday 12 October 2025

Running since 2006, the Sunshine Coast National Art Prize is the region's premier contemporary art award, celebrating outstanding 2D and new media works from across Australia. As an acquisitive prize, it supports the Sunshine Coast Council's cultural legacy, with 40 finalists selected nationwide to showcase diverse artistic interpretations through a range of mediums. The exhibition opens in August with winners announced at a public winners announcement in September.





*SJ's latest commission (5m x 4m) being installed.*

# SJ Art

In a light-drenched studio in Maroochydore, large canvases come alive, layer by layer, movement by movement. This is the domain of SJ—the artist behind SJ Art—where each art piece is crafted to shift energy and evoke feeling.

SJ is not your typical artist. As an autistic creator, SJ navigates the world through heightened sensory perception, absorbing colour, sound, movement, and texture in ways most wouldn't notice. That sensitivity becomes their palette, revealing the emotional residue left in a room and signalling when a painting is ready—not by logic, but by feel.

SJ's practice isn't about rules. It's about resonance. Works emerge organically: paint poured, brushed, flicked, and coaxed into being, sometimes quickly, sometimes in prolonged dialogue with the canvas.

Colours hum, pulse, vibrate. Spaces hold memory. SJ responds instinctively to what each piece asks for. Not in words, but in rhythm and pressure.

Each brushstroke carries intent—to energise, soften, provoke thought, or offer stillness. These aren't just paintings; they're sensory landscapes.

Layered and textural, often abstract with just enough suggestion to stir recognition, SJ's paintings invite each viewer to see something different and that's entirely the point.

For a home seeking heart or a commercial space that inspires calm or energy, each piece is created to suit both the walls and the emotional intent of the space.

In a world saturated with visual noise, SJ's work offers a chance to slow down, feel deeper, and see differently.

**Enquiries: Sabina Vitacca 0429 900 017**  
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Top: *The River* – Acrylic on Canvas, 122cm x 92cm  
 Bottom: *SJ, The Artist and Moonlight on the Ocean, Under the Stars* – Acrylic on Canvas, 231cm x 180cm

# The Keepers of Caloundra

The Keeper Project is a live public art project embedded in place. And it's happening now in Caloundra!

Ten Caloundra based artists have been selected to take on the role of Keepers until February 2026, taking on a temporary role as observer, explorer, collector and maker within the community.

They become the archaeologists of local stories, uncovering the essence of a place and making visible the things that go unseen.

The local artists come from a diverse range of creative practices including photography, spoken word, music,

horticulture and multi-media practice.

They started in June and you may have already encountered a plant whisperer, someone logging the dogs of the town, or maybe you've seen the Tide Collector? Each artist is present in the Caloundra community for three weeks over the nine-month period.

They explore the streets and sites of Caloundra and uncover the uniqueness of the town, and like any good explorer The Keepers will be logging their journey.

Follow project updates at [keeperproject.com.au/caloundra](http://keeperproject.com.au/caloundra), or on Facebook and Instagram.



## Keeper #4

25 August – 15 September

Keeper #4 is Patricia McInerney offering The Echo of Home, a multi-sensory ritual of memory, dislocation, and belonging. Visitors are invited to drift through a space of scent, sound, texture, and memory. Participants may smell, touch, listen, or bring an object of their own, something that carries the weight of elsewhere. In return, they offer a trace of memory: a word, a whisper, a scent, a fragment of home.

## Keeper #5

15 September – 6 October

Keeper #5 is Ben Burns, The Sound Alchemist, collecting the unique aural experience that is Caloundra. But he can't do it alone and requires the ears of the local community to filter the sounds that are most important and crucial to retain. With his unique sound chamber, you are invited to help capture the sounds of Caloundra and Ben will use alchemy to distil the sounds to words that would otherwise be lost on the wind.



Keeper #6, Karina Sharpe, presents a Flower Exchange from 6–27 October. Follow along on social media for updates and to track all of The Keepers. Instagram: @the.keeperproject / Photos: @cooperbradyphotog



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## Spring Clean for Indoor Plants

As the days get longer and warmer, it's not just your home that benefits from a spring clean - your indoor plants do too! Spring marks the start of the growing season and your indoor jungle needs will begin to change. More light means they're using extra energy, so it's time to adjust your care routine. A little spring maintenance now will set your plants up for lush, healthy growth all season long.

### Water & Nutrients:

With the boost in growth, your plants will need more water and nutrients. Increase watering gradually, keeping an eye on soil moisture to avoid overwatering. Add a liquid fertiliser like Plant Doctor Plant Food every second water to give them the nutrients they need to thrive.

### Repotting:

If your plant is starting to look a little cramped in its pot, spring is the perfect time to repot. For most indoor plants - especially those in the aroid family (like monstera, philodendrons, and anthuriums) - we recommend a chunky, well-draining soil mix with lots of air pockets for healthy root growth. Mix in Neem granules to help deter soil pests before they move in.

### Leaf Care:

Dust can block light and reduce photosynthesis, so treat your plants to a good shower! Pop them in the bathroom or take them outside for a gentle hose-down to remove dust and refresh their leaves.

For all your indoor plant care needs and an extensive range of pots and botanical accessories, visit Bespoke Plants, 26 Bulcock St, Caloundra



# Notes from the Native Nursery

with Suzanne Wilson



## Attracting Butterflies

Everybody loves to see butterflies flitting through their garden and resting on a flower, but how do we encourage these beauties to be regular visitors?

Simply placing a shallow water tray with some pebbles for the butterflies to rest and drink is a start.

Butterflies like flowers for nectar and seek out the correct host plants to lay their eggs and then feed the emerging caterpillars. So please don't spray chemicals around. That caterpillar could turn into a beautiful butterfly.

By planting local Australian plants we are assisting their lifecycle.

### Small plants and groundcovers:

Koala Bells, Mazus, Fan Flowers, Native Violets, Coleus, Yellow Buttons, Emu Foot, Goodenias, Love Flowers,

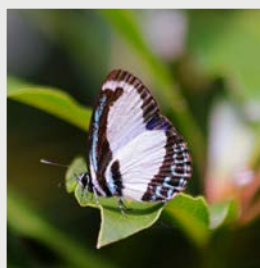
**Native grasses:** Kangaroo grass, Lomandra and Dianellas.

**Shrubs:** Bottlebrushes, Native Indigo, Sago Flower, Ziera, Coffee Bush, Native Plumbago, Native Senna, Palm Lilies, Native Rosemary, Tea trees and Native Citrus.

**Vines:** Hoya, Native Sarsparilla, Kennedias.

Before you know it, you will find yourself spending more time outside enjoying the butterflies that visit.

You may even get to know some of their names - Blue Triangle, Orchard Swallowtail, Caper White, Fiery Jewel, Small Green Banded Blue (pictured) and The Australian Painted Lady.



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Photo: Milo Wakeman-bateman

Caring for Wildlife



## A Message for Fishers

If you ever hook a bird, or see one caught in fishing line (often limping), don't panic. Stay back, keep the bird in sight, and call for help straight away.

Flight-capable birds are those that are injured but can still fly off, which makes them tricky to catch. Sadly, most are suffering from hooks or tangled line that can cause terrible injuries if they aren't freed. That's why it's so important to contact rescuers with the skills and equipment to catch them safely.

The Wildlife Rescuer, Keith Porteus, assists around 100 birds every year. His advice is simple: never drop fishing line on the ground. If you snag a tree, go back and remove it. Birds often collect stray line for nests, and chicks

can become fatally tangled as they grow. The best thing you can do is cut line into short lengths, roll it tightly before binning, or safely burn it.

If you hook a bird, gently reel it in and get help from a vet or rescuer.

There are several organisations that service Caloundra but the best way to find the appropriate rescuer for a particular situation is by phoning the number below:

**Wildlife Emergency Hotline**  
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# Spring Glow Up

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## Inflow Pilates Studio, Caloundra

**K**nown for its welcoming atmosphere and encouraging vibe, Inflow Caloundra on bustling Bulcock Street has been a sanctuary for movement, strength, and mindfulness since 2018, when owners Abbie and Jordan brought Reformer Pilates to Caloundra.

With a passion for wellbeing, the studio welcomes people of all ages and fitness levels, offering Pilates (Reformer and Mat), along with Barre and three styles of Yoga: Slow Flow, Vinyasa, and Restorative.

If you're new to Pilates, Inflow's Foundation Reformer class is the

perfect starting point to build confidence and learn the essentials before progressing into Total Body Classes.

Inflow has a supportive community with experienced, hands-on, instructors ready to give you either the gentle reset you need, or that infamous Pilates burn. No expense has been spared on their HPE Reformers, purpose-built to ensure every movement in the Pilates repertoire can be performed safely and effectively.

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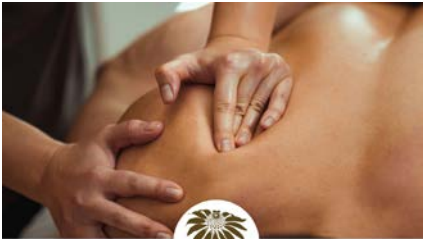
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## Reflections from my Heart

with Rashida Cottrell



### The Brain on Grief: Love Learning a New Shape

Grief doesn't just affect the heart. it reshapes the brain. When we lose someone we love, the brain perceives this as a threat. The amygdala, our emotional alarm system, becomes overactive. It floods the body with signals of distress, trying to keep us safe from a world that no longer feels familiar.

At the same time, the prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain responsible for focus and decision making slows down. This can make simple tasks feel overwhelming. Foggy thinking, forgetfulness, and emotional swings are not weakness, they're signs your brain is working hard to process change.

The default mode network, which helps us reflect and imagine the future, is disrupted too. Our brain still expects the person we love to return. It takes time for it to redraw this internal map.

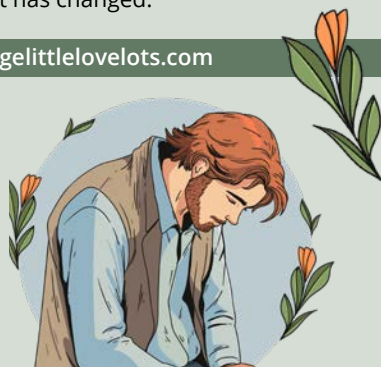
Grief is not something to "get over." It's something the brain must gently rewire itself around. Over time, with rest, support, and presence, new neural pathways form.

Be patient. Be kind. Your brain is not broken ... it's healing.

Grief is not the absence of love.

It is love, learning to live in a world that has changed.

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# Tom's Spinal Flow Success Story

Angela Bauer shares the healing journey that freed one man from years of scoliosis pain.

I first met Tom at the Conscious Life Expo. He was enduring significant pain from scoliosis – a spinal curvature he'd had since childhood – which had deeply impacted his confidence, mobility, and overall quality of life.

I noticed immediately that emotional stress was playing a major role in his spinal blockages, alongside the physical stress of the curvature and pelvic misalignment. As a Spinal Flow Technique® practitioner, I see this all the time. People think they have a physical pain when really they have a spinal blockage.

The first step was an initial consultation to assess his spine and create a personalised plan. The results were remarkable. Over time, Tom experienced a significant unwinding of his scoliosis, increased freedom of movement in his back, ribs, shoulders, and hips, improved posture, better sleep, more energy, and greater confidence.

Here's what Tom shared:

"During a Spinal Flow session with Angela, I feel deeply relaxed as my body begins to unwind. I have mild scoliosis, and I can actually feel it releasing – it has improved significantly. Afterwards, I notice lasting freedom of movement in my back, ribs, shoulders, and hips. Over time, I've experienced noticeable changes in my energy and posture, with my chest feeling more open.

I continue to see Angela because I've never felt these kinds of changes with anyone else – truly life-changing.

From my very first assessment, I knew this was different. Initially, I dismissed



Spinal Flow, thinking it was just another treatment that wouldn't help. I was proven very wrong.

Angela is a true professional with an uncanny ability to sense what you're feeling and to help release those blockages. I thoroughly recommend her."

The Spinal Flow Technique draws on the client's own body intelligence, it works by releasing layers of stored physical, emotional and chemical tension helping to reset the nervous system so the body can heal naturally.

In Tom's case, it addressed the root cause of his pain – and the same approach can support many other health challenges while also enhancing overall well-being.

To discover if Spinal Flow could help you, book an initial consultation at [transcendhealing.com.au](http://transcendhealing.com.au) or join a free community info session: 18 Sept, 7 Oct, 16 Oct. Call 07 5227 8688 to book.

## Spread your Wellness Wings

with Janice Johansen



### Chicken Consommé

When the cooler weather sets in, nothing comforts quite like chicken consommé; a clear, delicate broth, brimming with flavour and nutrients. Unlike heavier soups, it's light yet nourishing.

Garlic and ginger give a warming kick, while offering immune boosting and anti-inflammatory benefits to help fend off bugs. Lean chicken breast provides protein for muscle building and important bodily functions, while vegetables are full of fibre, antioxidants and vitamins.

This simple, nourishing consommé is as good for the soul, as it is for the body.

### RECIPE

#### Ingredients - Serves 4

- 1.5 L chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 chicken breasts, diced
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 2 tsp crushed ginger
- 2 carrots, peeled, chopped
- 2 potatoes, peeled, diced
- 1 small broccoli or 2 zucchinis, chopped
- 1 tsp of chilli flakes (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### Method

- Bring stock, garlic, and ginger to the boil on medium heat (5 min).
- Add the chicken and simmer (2 min).
- Add the carrots and potatoes; when starting to soften, add greens.
- Cook until tender - Stir in chilli (optional), season, and serve hot.



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## Good Food

with Gemma Brown



# Cocoa-Chews for Snacking

Sometimes our bodies crave something sweet, salty, or crunchy—especially in humid climates where dehydration is common. The key is to be a Smart Snacker: swap chips, chocolate, and lollies for options high in protein, fibre, healthy fats, and natural sugars.

My go-to? Our homemade Cocoa-Chews. They're chewy, sweet, a little salty, and thanks to the nuts, crunchy and packed with protein too.

## RECIPE

### Ingredients

20 dried dates  
4 tbsp cocoa powder  
2 tbsp maple syrup  
1 cup rolled oats  
1 cup desiccated coconut  
Handful of walnuts  
(or other nuts) for topping



### Method

Pour ¼ cup hot water over the dates and let sit for 1–2 minutes to soften. Mash with a fork.  
Add cocoa, maple syrup, oats, and coconut. Mix well with a spoon or your hands.  
Roll 2 tbsp of mixture into a ball, flatten into a cookie shape, and place on a plate.  
Press a walnut piece into the centre of each and refrigerate.

### Optional Topping

Melt chocolate over simmering water. Dip each chew, sprinkle with salt and coconut, then refrigerate until set.

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If you've been thinking about selling, now is the perfect time to start. The combination of fresh seasonal appeal and increased buyer activity can help your property stand out. Simple touches like tidying the garden, giving your home a fresh coat of paint, and letting in as much natural light as possible, can make a big impact.

Spring also has a psychological advantage. Buyers tend to see this season as the ideal time to secure a property and settle in before the end of year holidays. The energy in the market is higher, and well presented homes generally receive stronger interest.

The new disclosure rules mean it's important to get advice early in your selling journey. The new rules can seem a little overwhelming at first, but our team can help you understand exactly what's needed and make the process smooth and straightforward. Understanding what needs to be provided upfront will not only keep you compliant but will also give buyers the confidence to act quickly.

Whether you're ready to list now or are simply exploring your options, there's no better season to take the first step. Spring is a time of opportunity and with the right preparation, it could be the season that leads you to your next chapter.

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# Comino's Shops during World War II

By historians Anne Wensley,  
and John & Janice Groves

Long before plastic bags, EFTPOS machines and mobile phones, Caloundra's shopkeepers wrapped goods in brown paper, tied with string. The shopkeeper kept a pencil tucked behind his ear, ready to jot down an order or tally your bill. It was a different era — a friendly smile came free with every purchase and news of the day was shared over the counter. 85 years on, the memories of that simpler world still linger.

One of our town's most loved shops and prime examples of good old fashioned friendliness, stood at 26 Bulcock Street: Comino's Drapery.

For decades it was the go-to for thread, buttons, zippers and all manner of haberdashery — the kind of store where you could buy a single needle or just the right length of ribbon.

But before the counters were lined with sewing essentials, the building had already lived through one of the most dramatic chapters in Caloundra's history.

During the last years of World War II, Caloundra was a changed place. Declared a restricted zone, it was dotted with military camps and patrolled by soldiers from nearby Fort Bribie and Battery Hill. Military police stood watch at key intersections, and Caloundra Primary School was commandeered as Army Headquarters. Residents carried Civilian Registration ID cards at all times, and local children attended only half-day lessons in the Scout Den on Orsova Avenue, where air-raid drills were a part of the curriculum.





It was in this setting, in 1940, that Greek immigrant Cosmo Comino built two adjoining shops: a fruit store and a Greek milk bar. The milk bar became a favourite with locals and soldiers, who would sometimes park tanks on the unsealed street while stopping in for milkshakes and snacks.

As the war intensified, Cosmo offered the back of his empty shop, free of charge to soldiers for rest and recreation. It became a place to relax, swap stories, and sometimes, miss the boat back to Fort Bribie.

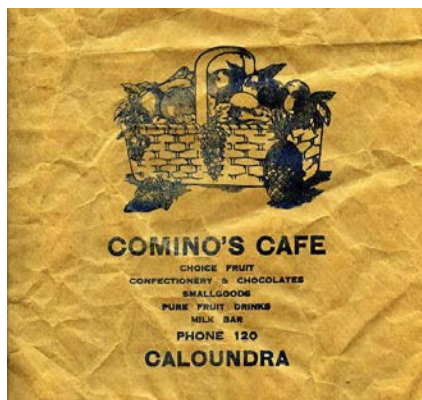
In 1946, with peace restored, the once-empty shop found its true calling as Comino's Drapery.

Cosmo's son, Emmanuel "Mannie" Comino, took over in 1957 and ran the business for over five decades. To generations of locals, Mannie wasn't just a shopkeeper, he was a storyteller, a gossip-collector, and a friendly face behind the counter. Legend has it, he proudly claimed to have "the cheapest haberdashery prices in Australia," and if you stopped by for a few buttons, you'd often leave with a smile and the latest community news.

Local historian Anne Wensley recalls, "I always found it a joy to pop in and listen to Mannie's stories and look

around at his amazing display of goods."

Comino's Drapery closed in 2016, ending a 70-year tradition. Today, the building is home to White Pepper Homewares and The Guitar Den. In a nod to the past, White Pepper has kept elements of the original decor — including the old ceiling fan and timber wall linings — preserving a little piece of Caloundra's yesteryear for the next generation.



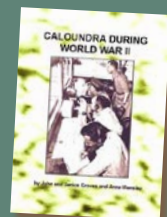
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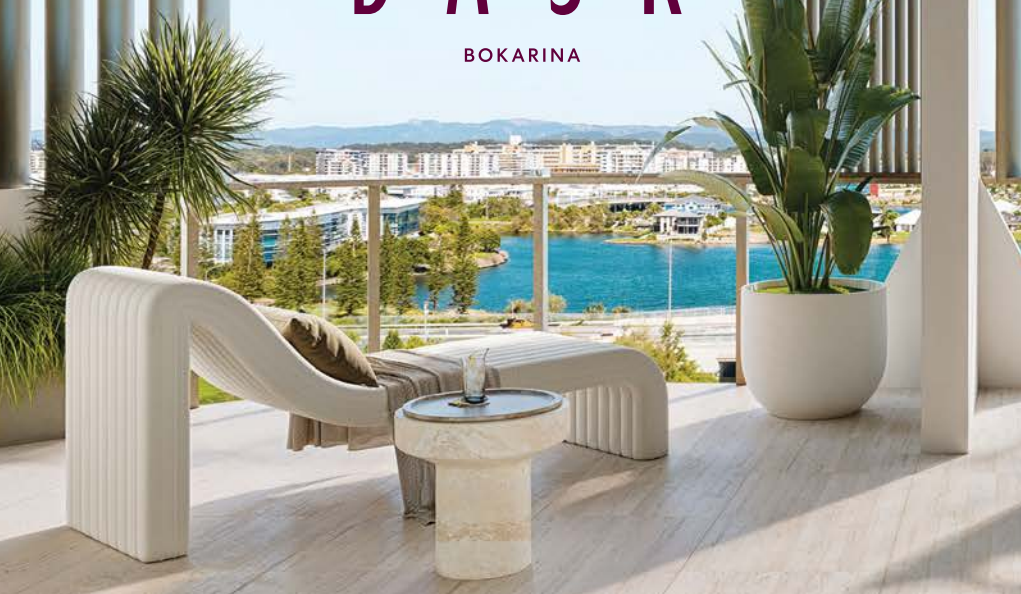
## Caloundra - During World War II

Local historians Anne Wensley, John Groves, and Janice Groves have authored numerous books on Caloundra's history. These books are available at the Book Shop at Caloundra and the Caloundra Lighthouse on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Also available directly from John and Janice Groves at 0434 680 312 or Anne Wensley at 5437 0011. Please reach out if you have any Caloundra history to add to the files.



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# Salty Fishing Charters

Caloundra's newest fishing charter is purpose-built for fishing

When marine operator Bruce Bezuidenhout and veteran skipper Dave Palermo met on an ocean charter trip they got to talking about a boat. Dave was selling, Bruce was buying. The interaction sparked a partnership that's now brought Caloundra its first dedicated fishing charter—Salty Fishing Charters.

Bruce grew up by the ocean in South Africa with family fishing trips a regular occurrence. When they moved to Australia, weekends still meant time on the water and by 2005 they had turned that passion into business, collecting aquarium fish and later exporting live coral around the world. It was successful, but after nearly two decades it was time for change. "We decided to look into a fishing charter," Bruce says. "Because, that's what we knew best—fishing."

That's where Dave came in. He'd been around charter fishing since 1991, starting out as a deckhand in Redland Bay before earning his skipper's ticket a few years later. With more than 30 years on the water, Dave knew the pitfalls of trying to repurpose old boats. His advice was clear: "If you want to do it properly, you've got to start from scratch."

So they did. With a naval architect and Capalaba boatbuilder, they designed Cape Runner—a vessel purpose-built for charter fishing. "Everything below the waterline is the builder's hull," Bruce explains. "Above, it's a blend of Dave's experience and our vision of how we wanted to operate." The result: a stable, roomy fishing platform they believe is the best of its kind on a vessel under 12 metres.



Launched in 2021, Cape Runner first operated out of Manly, then Hervey Bay, where Bruce also runs whale-watching and marine tours. But the scuba market there proved tough. “We looked at Caloundra and realised there wasn’t a single charter boat here,” Bruce says. “Pelican Waters Marina told us they’d love one, so we brought the boat down.”

Salty Fishing Charters runs offshore adventures ranging from five to twelve hours, and calm-water family trips in the Pumicestone Passage, often timed for sunset. Families, beginners, and seasoned anglers are all catered for. Seasonal catches include mackerel, dolphin fish and snapper, while year-round “bread-and-butter” species like bream, flathead and whiting keep rods reeling.

For Dave, Caloundra is a dream location. “The ocean’s right at your front door,” he says. “There’s shallow reef producing snapper and sweetlip, and further out, the Nine Mile and

Hutchinson Shoal. Plus, less current makes for easier, more relaxed fishing.”

Looking ahead, Bruce and Dave hope to bring down a second vessel—a 10-metre South African Gemini RIB capable of carrying 18 passengers—to run snorkelling and Tangalooma trips. Longer term, Bruce envisions a second custom-built boat, designed with full accessibility in mind.

For now, the Salty crew are simply keen for locals and holidaymakers to come aboard and experience what they’ve created. “We’ve built a boat with 360-degree fishability, and we want to share it,” Bruce says.

With bait and tackle taken care of, all that’s left is to cast a line, soak up the salty sea air, and ultimately, catch some fish.

Salty Fishing Charters set out from Pelican Waters Marina. To book your spot, scan the QR code or visit [saltyfishingcharters.com.au](http://saltyfishingcharters.com.au).



# CALOUNDRA CATCHES



Ruby caught a surprise juvenile black marlin while reef fishing on the Caloundra 5 mile with dad Damien



Shaun got this ripper grass sweetlip fishing the shallow reefs off Caloundra



Ben and son Scout on an early morning walk with a Bribie Bar tailor



Troy Cassar-Daley loves his beach fishing catching some dart and a permit in surf on Bribie



These beauties were reeled in off Caloundra on tours hosted by Caloundra's newest fishing adventure, Salty Fishing Charters.





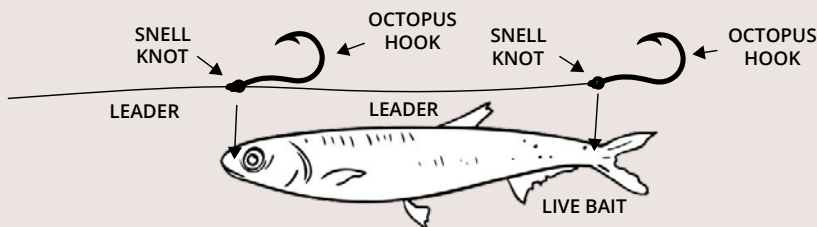
Orry with a solid cobia from the Caloundra 5 mile



Joe got a surprise queenfish while spinning the beach with metal lures for tailor



Granny caught and released this beautiful 92cm flathead near the Alfred breakthrough on Bribie Island



## TIPS, RIGS & TECHNIQUES

With Granny & Orry



### THE SNELL HOOK RIG

The snell rig is a handy setup when you're fishing with bigger baits and want to run two or more hooks without using gang hooks. Unlike gang hooks, a snell rig gives your bait more natural movement, making it especially effective with live baits while still letting you place a stinger hook down near the tail.

Ideally, you match the rig to the size of your bait: put the front hook through the nose and the rear hook near the tail.

With squid, place the front hook in the top of the hood and the rear one in the head.

Most live bait or octopus-style hooks work well for snelling. Ideally look for a hook with a bent over eye. They can be offset or non-offset and comes down to personal choice. Snelling two hooks together is simple, and if you're unsure, there are plenty of YouTube tutorials to walk you through the knot.

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## Salty Sessions

With John Henderson

### Choosing a Wetsuit

Hi crew! When picking a wetsuit, there are three things to decide: style, thickness, and zip type.

For style, springsuits have either long or short arms and short legs, and steamers have long arms and long legs.

If you feel the cold, go for a steamer. I find the 3/2 thickness is fine for the Sunny Coast. This means the rubber is 3mm thick on the chest and back, and 2mm thick on the arms and legs.

A 2/2 springsuit is usually fine for Caloundra, where the water temp is rarely below 18 degrees.

Around here, the main benefit of a wetsuit is not so much for the cold water, but to reduce the wind chill on your back and chest.

Zip options are zipless, front, or back zip. I prefer back zips—they're easier to get in and out of, and usually cheaper.

If you want to get into surfing, my best advice is to have a lesson with an experienced surf coach. Talk to Russell at North Caloundra Surf School (0411 221 73), or John at Caloundra Surf School (0413 381 010).

**Aloha from John**  
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## Moffat Beach Netball Club

**M**offat Beach Netball Club, in Golden Beach, is a vibrant sporting club with about 130 members. President Erin Shevelling leads with passion, supported by committee members Julie Jones, Annette, Shiree, and energetic sponsorship coordinator Josephine Stewart.

Catering to all ages—from Net Set Go (5–10 years) to junior competitive teams—the club plays a crucial role in fostering grassroots netball. It provides pathways for players to progress through regional and state-level programs such as Queensland Premier League, USC Thunder, and Sunshine Coast Lightning.

Beyond the court, Moffat Beach Netball Club meaningfully impacts the local community. It promotes teamwork, leadership, fitness, and community spirit through sport.

Families and volunteers are actively involved, creating a strong sense of belonging and connection.

Events such as the annual Presentation Day and seasonal competitions bring the community together in celebration and support of youth development.

With a commitment to skill-building and personal growth, Moffat Beach Netball Club continues to be a cornerstone of the Caloundra sporting community, helping young people thrive both on and off the court.

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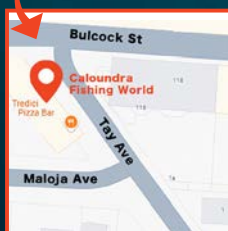
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