

# KONA COUNTDOWN

**THE** countdown is on to the draw this month of another Hyundai Kona at the Bribie RSL Club.

Excitement is building as members hope they will be the one to collect the mid-year car giveaway at 4pm on Sunday, July 28.

With the Blue Lagoon Hyundai Kona parked in the club's foyer for patrons to inspect, interest has

escalated as entries pour in.

Club general manager Janelle Barraud says that following the huge popularity of the promotion featuring two Hyundai Konas in the last quarter of 2018, members now possess a chance to win the popular model again.

"This time we've chosen the fresh colour of Blue Lagoon. Already comprehensively appointed, the

2019 Hyundai Kona Elite features several enhancements, including satellite navigation as standard and an upgraded sound system," Ms Barraud said.

Once again the club has partnered with local dealership Grand Prix Hyundai to source the car.

Members have been receiving automatic entries throughout the club from May 6.

"One entry is generated with every \$10 spent on food, beverage and Keno and with every \$50 played on a gaming machine during the promotion," Ms Barraud advised.

"Members also can receive an additional ticket at random by swiping their membership card at one of the three entrance kiosks.

"On the draw day, every member will receive a free ticket through the

kiosks.

"One lucky member will win the car at 4pm on July 28. Every half hour from 11am during the draw day we will also be giving away 10 prizes of \$250 cash to lucky members in the club.

"As usual, members will have to be present in the club on July 28 to win."



■ RECEPTIONIST Vicki shows off the Hyundai Kona up for grabs this month.

## Botanic bonanza

HAVE you heard the news about the new Botanic menu?

Club executive chef Jeremy Burrows-Casey has unveiled a selection of innovative dishes that has tongues wagging and mouths watering.

Feedback from club patrons indicate a swelling seal of approval for the ground-breaking menu, which Jeremy describes as throwing a curve ball.

Examples of his inventions include steamed Hervey Bay scallops with spiced carrot puree and soy pearls and slow-cooked beef rump with wild mushroom and truffle risotto and smoked beetroot ribbons.

He said the club had taken a 180 degree turn in direction with a real subtle



undertone in the dishes so that a diner can incorporate everything on a plate in one mouthful.

Turn to page 3 for more on how Jeremy has taken dishes from Michelin star venues and given them a twist.

*Members...*

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# Strike me lucky



■ TEAM member Amy presents Amber Hansen with \$150 to assist with participating in tenpin bowling's Holt Challenge.



QUEENSLAND this year is hosting the 27th annual seniors nationals challenge for tenpin bowling.

The competition in Toowoomba will run over two weeks in August-September with bowlers from all states and territories competing for the glory of being the No. 1 in the country. Respective divisions include restricted, classic and open challenges.

Team member Jo (above) presents \$150 each to Terry and Vivienne Bissell to assist with costs for the challenge.

Vivienne Bissell of Sandstone Lakes has been competing in the competition since 1997 and said the camaraderie among the bowlers was second to none.

“This year Queensland will be putting all their efforts to being No. 1,” she said.

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# Makeover will please patrons

**T**HE new Botanic menu is receiving favourable feedback from members and patrons.

Club executive chef Jeremy Burrows-Casey said it had been just over a year since Botanic diners had been treated to a culinary makeover.

“The new menu started on June 1 after I decided to throw staff and our clientele a curve ball,” Jeremy said.

“This is an entirely new menu apart from established club favourites such as parmies and schnitzels. Outside of that it is a brand-new look.

“We have made a 180 degree turn in direction with a real subtle undertone in the dishes so that a diner can incorporate everything on a plate in one mouthful.

“There is a lot more balance to the menu and the plating is a lot nicer.”

Jeremy said the menu took in a lot of Australian national dishes and very multi-national themes with Indian-inspired cuisine.

“I have taken dishes from Michelin star venues and given them a twist,” Jeremy

said.

“I also have upped the ante on the quality of our produce and am using a local retailer as well as our Rocklea market source to guarantee the best in fruit and vegetables.

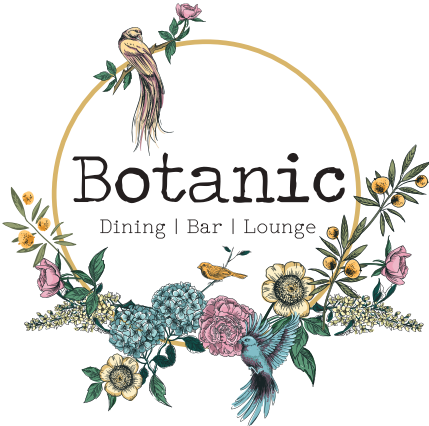
“We are acquiring organic eggplant, pawpaw, bok choy and soft leaf mixtures locally, which is maintaining the standard and freshness.”

Jeremy, who has directed the club’s food operations for almost six years, said patrons had responded well to the changes.

“What I want is more honest feedback from our patrons, whether it is positive or negative, as long as it is constructive. That means I can tweak the menu before we lock it in,” he said.

“I don’t have one favourite from the new menu. It is all gorgeous. They all stand out and they all have their own peculiarities.

“And don’t forget, we continue to offer our fantastic promotions each week, with Monday and Wednesday ½ price members meals, Thursday steak night and \$15 mid-week lunch specials. There is something for all tastes and budgets.”



## New Winter Menu



■ SLOW cooked beef rump with wild mushroom and truffle risotto and smoked beetroot ribbons.



■ VANILLA and saffron poached pears with roasted macadamia nut ice cream and saffron glaze.



■ WOK-TOSSED seasonal vegetables with Asian greens, flat rice noodles, crushed peanuts and Thai-style sauce.



■ SMOKED chicken breast with pearl couscous stuffed baby bell peppers and bunya nut pesto.



■ STEAMED Hervey Bay scallops with spiced carrot puree and soy pearls.





■ RUTH and Col Erhardt, with their son Tony and partner Michelle, celebrate Tony's Birthday over dinner in Botanic.



■ THIS photo was taken in 1976 by Eleanor McCellum, the first female bar attendant at the club. Pictured from left are Jane Ryan, Roy McCallum, Jane and Arthur.

## PLAYERS EMBRACE SYSTEM

FURTHER to the story in last month's Beacon edition, club operations manager John Brittain is delighted to report that the introduction of Card-It PLUS across the gaming floor on June 12 was a great success.

"Members and visitors alike have embraced the system which now pays all gaming machine winnings to a card," Mr Brittain said.

"Our staff have been pro-active in ensuring that all players are aware of the changes."

Mr Brittain re-emphasised the benefits to players of card-based play.

"With their membership card inserted in a machine, members can earn valuable rewards points as they play and, of course, receive entries into our daily promotions, including the new

Hyundai Kona being drawn in July," he said.

"Members can also select Break-Away to securely reserve their machine while they take a break from play. Card play means no waiting for a payout when you want to move machines or leave the room.

"A few players still elect to play without a card inserted and our regular gaming staff will still serve

you at the machine with a payout card. Our staff will also collect your winnings from the cashier for you if requested and continue to provide the usual service on the gaming floor.

"Card-It PLUS is allowing our staff to spend more time with our players improving our already exceptional customer service standards.

"A small number of machines

still accept dollar coins following the change, including the popular old favourite jackpot links Fast Lane and Jackpot Carnival.

"Winnings and payouts from all machines will transfer to a member's or visitor's card and the cash can be redeemed at the cashier or at the Cash Redemption Terminal in the gaming room."

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IN JULY



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<b>Monday 15th</b> TERRY SCOTT at 10.30am BOTANIC ½ price Members meals Lunch & Dinner FORTUNE COOKIE 1pm VIETNAM Veterans Raffles 5pm-6.30pm TRIVIA 7pm	<b>Tuesday 16th</b> FREE BINGO Eyes Down 10am REACH FOR THE STARS 11am NAVAL Association Raffles 4.30pm-5.30pm BOTANIC 6pm-8pm Wine & dine	<b>Wednesday 17th</b> FLING THE FLUFFY 11:30am BOTANIC ½ price Members lunch Noon-2pm BINGO 2pm-4pm BOTANIC ½ price Members dinner 5.30pm-8pm	<b>Thursday 18th</b> JOKER JACKPOT 4pm ENTERTAINMENT DAVID LEE Noon BOTANIC \$15.95 Steak night 5.30pm-8.00pm RAFFLES 7pm BINGO/EYES DOWN 7:30PM	<b>Friday 19th</b> OYSTER Deal \$15.50 RAFFLES 5.30pm BOTANIC 6pm-9pm FASTER CASH FRIDAYS 4pm ENTERTAINMENT THE CLAPTOMANICS 8pm	<b>Saturday 20th</b> SPIN 'N' WIN MONSTER RAFFLE 1PM-3PM BOTANIC KIDS ACTIVITIES 6.00-9.00PM RAFFLES 7pm ENTERTAINMENT CAUGHT IN THE ACT 7.30pm	<b>Sunday 21st</b> MEAT & WINE MARKET PROMO Drawn at 5pm MEMBERSHIP Draw 5.30pm BOTANIC OPEN Lunch & Dinner
<b>Monday 22nd</b> BOTANIC ½ price Members meals Lunch & Dinner FORTUNE COOKIE 1pm VIETNAM Veterans Raffles 5pm-6.30pm TRIVIA 7pm	<b>Tuesday 23rd</b> FREE BINGO Eyes Down 10am REACH FOR THE STARS 11am NAVAL Association Raffles 4.30pm-5.30pm BOTANIC 6pm-8pm Wine & dine	<b>Wednesday 24th</b> FLING THE FLUFFY 11:30am BOTANIC ½ price Members lunch Noon-2pm BINGO 2pm-4pm BOTANIC ½ price Members dinner 5.30pm-8pm	<b>Thursday 25th</b> JOKER JACKPOT 4pm ENTERTAINMENT ONE VOICE Noon BOTANIC \$15.95 Steak night 5.30pm-8.00pm RAFFLES 7pm BINGO/EYES DOWN 7:30PM	<b>Friday 26th</b> OYSTER Deal \$15.50 RAFFLES 5.30pm BOTANIC 6pm-9pm FASTER CASH FRIDAYS 4pm ENTERTAINMENT TRACEY CHAPMAN TRIBUTE 8.30pm	<b>Saturday 27th</b> SPIN 'N' WIN MONSTER RAFFLE 1PM-3PM BOTANIC KIDS ACTIVITIES 6.00-9.00PM RAFFLES 7pm ENTERTAINMENT THE VIBE TRIO 7.30pm	<b>Sunday 28th</b> MEAT & WINE MARKET PROMO Drawn at 5pm MEMBERSHIP Draw 5.30pm BOTANIC OPEN Lunch & Dinner
<b>Monday 29th</b> BOTANIC ½ price Members meals Lunch & Dinner FORTUNE COOKIE 1pm VIETNAM Veterans Raffles 5pm-6.30pm TRIVIA 7pm	<b>Tuesday 30th</b> FREE BINGO Eyes Down 10am REACH FOR THE STARS 11am ENTERTAINMENT ROB ROSENLUND Noon NAVAL Association Raffles 4.30pm-5.30pm BOTANIC 6pm-8pm Wine & dine	<b>Wednesday 31st</b> FLING THE FLUFFY 11:30am BOTANIC ½ price Members lunch Noon-2pm BINGO 2pm-4pm BOTANIC ½ price Members dinner 5.30pm-8pm	<b>At the heart of the community since 1977</b>			



## FRIDAY, JULY 12

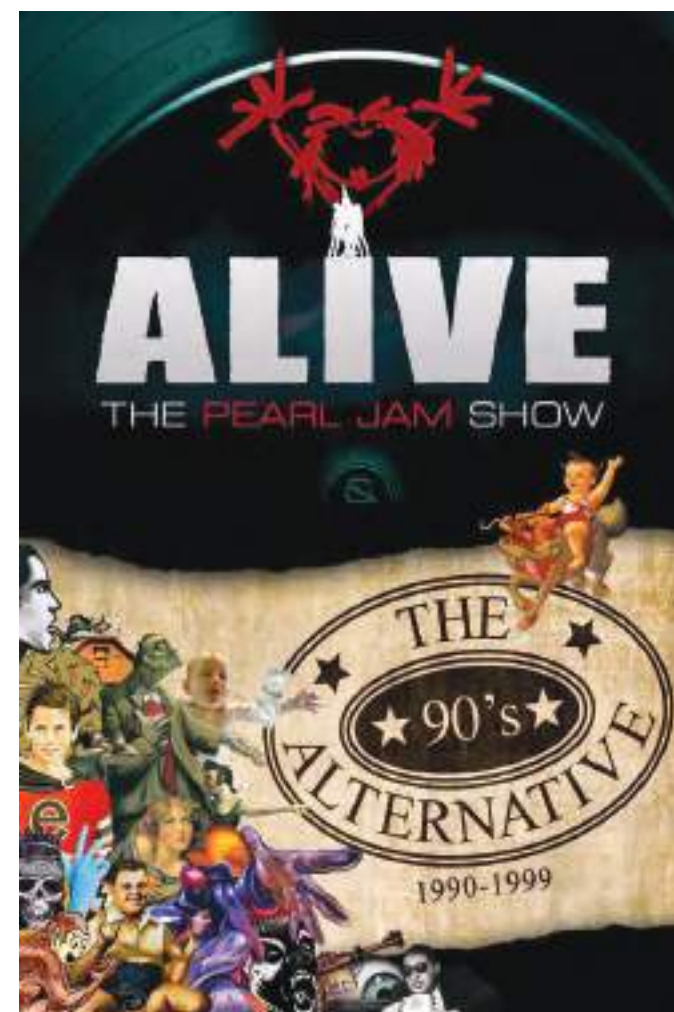
BRIBIE RSL Club this month presents Alive, the Australian tribute to Pearl Jam, one of the most iconic bands in rock history.

With a massive catalogue of nine studio albums spanning more than two decades and record sales exceeding 60 million worldwide, Pearl Jam have not only survived being the most popular band of the 90s grunge explosion, but thrived in its aftermath to become one of the most influential and enduring rock acts of all time.

All the members of Alive are true Pearl Jam fans and bring decades of cumulative musical experience from the leading rock acts of Brisbane and the Gold Coast to a show that is backed by awe-inspiring sound and lighting.

Eddie Vedder's rich baritone growl is brought to life by vocalist Mark Hennessy and his commanding stage presence truly re-creates the epic experience that is Pearl Jam live.

From the unforgettable melodies of Betterman, Daughter and Last Kiss to the



angst-ridden grind of Alive and Jeremy and the unbridled aggressive crunch of Even Flow and Animal, this two-hour

show on Friday, July 12 is packed end to end with unforgettable sing-alongs and classic guitar rock anthems.

## SATURDAY, JULY 13



ALLAN CAMERON BAND

THURSDAY,  
JULY 18  
DAVID LEE

## FRIDAY, JULY 19



## THE CLAPTOMANICS

THE Claptomanics are Sunshine Coast-based musicians who began performing mainly Eric Clapton or Cream numbers to local audiences whenever they got the opportunity.

Now they also do a range of other material, notably Joe Cocker covers and other classic rock from the 60s and 70s.

They are still broadening the repertoire and have included numbers from artists diverse as the Rolling Stones, the Doobie Bros and Steely

Dan, not to mention a string of blues material, usually known as Clapton favourites. A few solitary singles from artists such as Procul Harum, the Doors and Atlanta Rhythm Section are also sprinkled through the program.

Although the group's musicianship is highly commended, it is the vocal harmonic mix that often surprises listeners with its sweetness, in support of the virile vocals of the Voice, Ken Gamble, who regularly gets standing ovations for his big Cocker voice.

## SATURDAY, JULY 20



caught in the act

## SATURDAY, JULY 27

THE VIBE  
TRIO

## FRIDAY, JULY 26

TRACEY  
CHAPMAN  
TRIBUTE

ANDREA Kirwin and her band perform the music of Tracy Chapman at Bribie RSL next month with a night of world-class entertainment.

A Sunshine Coast local and folk festival favourite, Andrea has been performing around Australia for more than a decade and has put together a fantastic show of her idol Tracy Chapman's songs for other Tracy fans to enjoy. Friday, July 26 will be a night not to miss if you love great live music (and Tracy Chapman).

Andrea is an Australian-Fijian Singer-songwriter/producer based on the Sunshine Coast.

Originally from Townsville and the

eldest daughter of a Fijian preacher, Andrea grew up singing three-part harmonies with her siblings and learnt piano from an early age. Music was her constant companion throughout her education, however it wasn't until her 21st birthday that Andrea was gifted a guitar by a good friend and she began writing songs after being inspired by her first live concert by Australian artist Clare Bowditch.

Over the past 12 years, Andrea has been steadily building a national following since first taking to the stage as one half of duo/band The Andi and George Band in Canberra in 2007 and as a solo artist from 2009 to now.

## TUESDAY, JULY 30



ROB Rosenlund from Wickety Wak would be well remembered for his popular impersonations of Kermit the Frog and the late John Denver.

Since Wickety Wak disbanded in 1990, Rob has been a successful solo entertainer working regularly at clubs in and around Brisbane and up to the Sunshine Coast. At his shows, Rob entertains the audience with Kermit's Rainbow Connection and a popular range of songs from the 50s through to today's current hits.

Two humorous songs often requested are The Bricklayer Song and It's me again Margaret.





## SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

# GODS OF GRUNGE

GRAB your favourite flannelette Shirt, Doc Martins and ripped jeans and get ready for all your favourite grunge hits.

Grunge became commercially successful in the first half of the 1990s, due mainly to the release of Nirvana's Nevermind, Pearl Jam's Ten, Soundgarden's Badmotorfinger, Alice in Chains' Dirt and Stone Temple Pilots' Core.

The success of these bands boosted the popularity of alternative rock and made grunge the most popular form of hard rock music at the time.

Although most grunge bands had disbanded or faded from view by the late 1990s, their influence continues to affect modern rock music.

Gods of Grunge, on Saturday, August 17, is a tribute show is not just for fans of grunge but for those who love live music.

It features three 45-minute sets featuring the biggest grunge hits plus a few forgotten songs that will have you moshing all night long.



## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30



ABBALIVE is the most perfect reproduction of ABBA you will ever see and hear!

The days of tribute shows making fun of ABBA's music and Swedish accents are gone.

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ABBALIVE refuses to be just another ABBA tribute show! Each of the team members is a specialist in his or her respective instrument, not only in qualifications and performance, but in lecturing and teaching as well.

Over a six-month period, ABBALIVE

meticulously dissected the songs of ABBA and carefully placed every note and magical harmony back together to create a brilliant replica of these wonderful songs.

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After selling out shows throughout Australia and internationally for more than five years, ABBALIVE is your best choice for the closest experience to ABBA you will find.

Catch their show at the Bribie RSL Club on Friday, August 30.

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JULY 3

JULY 10

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

FROM Australia to south-east Asia, the South Pacific, New Zealand and Macao, The U2 Show – Achtung Baby is regarded as one of the best U2 tribute acts in the Southern Hemisphere.

The four-piece band, who not only talk the talk and walk the walk, but also sing the songs, bring their high-intensity celebration of Ireland's greatest rock stars to the Bribie RSL Club on Friday, August 2.

The U2 Show – Achtung Baby is a two-hour riot of melody, rhythm, costumes and lights, as the band traverse the hit-studded history of Bono and the lads.

The concert covers U2's early work from their debut album Boy (1980), right through to songs from the most recent album, 2017's Songs Of Experience. The Sweetest Thing, Lemon, New Year's Day, One.

If U2 had a hit with it, The U2 Show – Achtung Baby will play it. This is a full choreographed performance incorporating costume changes and visual effects as seen in actual U2 concerts.

The U2 Show Achtung Baby are led by a vocalist whose talent and charisma rivals Bono himself. Michael Cavallaro possesses an extraordinary voice and undeniable stage presence.

Dressed in any of the several Bono-esque



costumes he wears during the show, eyes masked by Emporio Armani sunglasses, and with a strut that bows to no man, he fully embodies the look, sound and spirit of the Irish rock icon.

Michael is backed by the stunning talents of guitarist Peter Kalamaras (The

Edge), bassist David Attard (Adam Clayton) and drummer Craig Jupp (Larry Mullen Jr).

Taken together, the look, sound and energy of The U2 Show – Achtung Baby creates the unmistakable magic of U2.





# Bribie Sports Club

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■ MEN'S carnival winners Bribie Island with five wins and 40 shots.

## Carnival success

A VERY successful men's carnival weekend was held on Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9.

A total of 112 players from all over south-east Queensland and northern NSW competed.

It was fantastic to see many members contributing from raffle ticket sellers, barbecue cooks, umpires, scorers, members behind the scenes and many of our ladies members giving great support.



■ SECOND-PLACED Kawana with four wins and 56 shots.

## Sue triumphant

THE Bongaree ladies B grade singles was played recently with Janice Mason and Sue Francis playing in the final.

It was a great game with Sue taking the win with a score of 26-21. Well done ladies.



■ GAIL Parker is presented with the winner's badge and cheque by the Moreton Bay District LBA president.

## Gail the victor

GAIL Parker and Sandi Hodges competed in the MBDLBA novice singles over two weekends.

Sandi and Gail played in the semi-finals and finals with Sandi unfortunately beaten in the semis by her

opponent's last bowl by 25-24.

Gail however won her semi and also the final 25-16. Great to see our novices playing so well. Congratulations ladies.

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# Letter from D-Day hero

**ON June 5, 1944, Sub-Lieutenant Richard Pirrie sat down to write a letter to his family.**

"My dearest mother, Dad, and boys," he began. "Well, my dears, the pressure is on now and as soon as the weather improves we sail for the greatest event in the history of the world."

"By the time you receive this you will surely have heard some of the bare details. This is the greatest armada that ever was formed. A colossal feat of organisation; the product of years of planning and hard work."

"Yesterday morning our chaplain came aboard and with the soldiers, Canadians, we received General Absolution. If anything happens, it is just the will of the Sacred Heart. I will leave this, and hope and trust in God that I will conclude in a few days."

Pirrie never finished the letter. The following day, June 6, he was the first Australian killed on D-Day.

Tasked with spotting German gun positions, Pirrie was part of the first wave of landing craft to reach Juno Beach during the Allied invasion of Normandy.

Known to his British crewmates as "Digger", Pirrie had the dangerous job of piloting his landing craft close to the beach so that he could tell a naval artillery observer where to direct gunfire on to the German defences.

He had performed a similar task during the invasion of Sicily the year before, but this time disaster struck.

Pirrie and two others were killed instantly when his landing craft struck a mine and was simultaneously hit by enemy shell-fire close to the shore. It was his 24th birthday.

A copy of his unfinished letter is on display as part of the Australian War Memorial's latest exhibition, D-Day: the Australian story, which tells the story of the thousands of Australians who risked their lives to play a part in the liberation of western Europe 75 years ago.

"D-day has long been thought of as a foreign story – British, French, Canadian, and American – but we know that some 3300 Australians were involved in the operation," exhibition curator Shane Casey said.

"We know also that 13 Australians lost their lives just on D-Day itself. It's one of those events in world history that was a defining moment; it changed the course of the war and liberated France and western Europe from Nazi occupation, taking pressure off the Soviet armies in the east, and shortening the war,



and what we want to do is tell the Australian side of that story."

Described by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill as "much the greatest thing ... ever attempted", Operation Overlord was the largest naval, air and land operation in history, and one of the most significant events of World War II.

It was a mammoth undertaking. More than 6000 Allied ships and landing craft put to sea from ports along the length of the British south coast, supported by 12,000 aircraft.

In the early hours of June 6, Allied forces stormed ashore the heavily defended beaches of northern France, supported by 24,000 glider-borne troops and paratroopers aboard 1200 transport aircraft and 700 gliders.

"The whole of the south of England was just awash with Americans, Canadians, French, Aussies and Brits," Casey said.

"The sheer magnitude of it was profound and one of the things that really strikes you when you read the accounts of the people who were there is that they all knew that this was the biggest event they were ever going to take part in and that it was one of the greatest events that the world had ever seen."

Casey said Pirrie's story was particularly poignant.

The eldest son of six children, "Dick" Pirrie was born in the Melbourne suburb of Hawthorn in 1920 and was studying law when the war broke out.

A talented athlete, he had given up a promising football career with the Hawthorn Football Club when he enlisted in the Royal

Australian Navy. He was later seconded to the Royal Navy aboard HMS Invicta.

For his "gallantry, leadership and determination" on D-Day, Pirrie was posthumously Mentioned in Dispatches. He had performed his task with "great skill" and "his conduct and bearing greatly encouraged his men".

Robert Raymond, a war correspondent for Sydney's Daily Mirror who was posted on HMS Invicta and had befriended Pirrie, also wrote of his bravery.

"Digger never had a chance," he wrote in a report on his friend's death, "but the Canadians fighting ashore today know what he did – and won't forget".

A fellow officer, Lieutenant Tom Longford, wrote to Pirrie's mother to express his deepest sympathy.

Pirrie, he wrote, had performed his duty "so courageously and efficiently" that "on our portion of the beach not one of our troops failed to get safely ashore".

"The whole flotilla is deeply grieved by the loss of so deeply loved and much respected friend," he wrote. "His friendly nature, cheerful, willing devotion to all his duties, and his firm belief in the ultimate good of all things made him an officer with whom we are all proud to have served."

Today, Pirrie's name is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, which lists the names of 15,993 sailors of the British Commonwealth who were lost at sea.

**D-Day: the Australian story is on display in the mezzanine area of Anzac Hall until September this year.**



## PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

**11.30am for noon on Saturday, August 3 at the Bribie RSL Club**

**Tickets \$20 per head for Sub-Branch members and partners, Women's Auxiliary, War Widows and \$50 for visitors**

**Ticket includes two-course lunch, beer, wine, soft drinks**

**Tickets available from Sub-Branch office**

## Padre on board

PADRE Pierre van Blommestein is no stranger to military matters.

As a South African citizen, Pierre was required to complete two years' fulltime national service and then eight years in the Reserve Forces.

He served as a chaplain in the South African Army, trained as an infantry officer and was posted to the Brigade HQ in the forward operational area in then South West Africa (now Namibia) where South African regular and irregular forces were holding back the Communist incursion into southern Africa by Russian, Cuban and East German forces.

He worked in the forward military surgical unit at Oshakati and participated in an operation into enemy-held Angola.

After his initial period of fulltime service was completed, Pierre joined the Transvaal Scottish regiment for his Reserve service and it was here that Pierre could indulge his passion for wearing the kilt.

After the required eight years, Pierre volunteered to stay on as regimental chaplain, finally serving 17 years with The Jocks.

Pierre has written a book, Carry on Padre,

which relates the story of his military experiences.

In January 2000, Pierre immigrated to Australia with his family, taking up various roles as a minister in the Uniting Church.

Since then, Pierre has also served four years as chaplain and national welfare officer to the South African Military Veterans Organisation in Australasia (SAMVOA), where his role was to provide support systems for South African veterans living in Australia.

Pierre and his wife Cherie moved to Bribie in July 2016 as the minister of the Uniting Church on Webster Street and they have happily embraced the Bribie lifestyle of groups, activities and walks on the beach.

Pierre has assisted at a number of RSL events since his arrival and was appointed RSL chaplain at the AGM in February.

Pierre knows from his own experience the effects that military service has on body and mind, and as RSL chaplain, would like to be of assistance to veterans and their families.

His details are available from the RSL office and on the noticeboard and veterans are welcome to contact him.



## Luncheon attended

**THE Bribie Island RSL Women's Auxiliary enjoyed Tewantin-Noosa's 84th birthday luncheon on Friday, June 7.**

**A total of 19 ladies attended and Bribie "have been banned in future" for taking home so many raffle prizes. The meal was really lovely and followed by birthday cake.**

**Pictured are our ladies having a good time.**

**The Terry Scott Show is an enjoyable outing and we need more people to come along to it.**

**It is the third Monday of every month at the RSL Bribie in the auditorium**



**with a \$6 entry and \$6 for the meal (optional). Morning tea is also provided. We have raffle prizes and the proceeds of the raffles go to charities**

**on the Island and the meal (optional). The show starts at 10.30am.**

**Tickets available at the club reception or on the day. All welcome.**





■ MEMBER Rosemary Blyth was unlucky for this fish to come up short.

## Maroochy fishers go swimmingly

ONE of the more enjoyable Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club trips away is the weekend at Maroochy River Bungalows, which is normally planned just after Mother's Day.

All the bungalows have recently been renovated as they were starting to look a bit tired so there was a new feeling of excitement as the trip away drew nearer.

The cabin draw had been completed but it wasn't just the riverside members who were excited. It appears everyone happy with the results of the draw to the point where about 16 of our members decided to book the bungalows for the Thursday night as well.

The weather was perfect. Not too hot and not too cold, although there were a few showers about, but that didn't deter some of the fishing fanatics from launching their boats to search for that special spot.

The next morning had seen the sun for quite a few hours before the noises started and one by one the boats headed off in search of the big ones.

It was just before lunch when the rest of the members started to arrive and everyone seemed to be very happy with the quality of their accommodation.

The shoreline in front of the bungalows had transformed into a mass of boats of all sizes with everyone carefully placing their anchors into a position where the boats wouldn't collide.

Even Nigel George finally positioned his beautiful boat after draining all the water from the hull.

Funny how there seemed to be a lot of space around Sea Hunter. Gary and Lynn Hunter had recently moved to the Sunshine Coast so it was good to see that they took part in the activities.

Even though Gary was moving quite slowly the pain was not enough to prevent him from taking part in the fishing competition.

The sun was still below the horizon when the first boat left the shore and it wasn't long before the rest of our fishing fanatics were stirring the muddy water.

Gary and Eleanor were first timers so they putted gently towards the mouth of the mighty Maroochy, with obviously no idea what they were doing.



■ MIKE Phillips was seen frantically pumping yabbies from the shore just outside the cabins.

All the rest knew where they were going so it was pretty obvious that someone had led Gary and Eleanor up the garden path.

There were plenty of little fish to be caught but it seemed that all the big ones were hiding until Rosemary latched on to a monster. She fought the fish for a long time as Trevor chased it all over the area with the boat until a massive mullet finally came on board.

Rosemary's smile soon turned into a look of disbelief as Trevor stated that the 74cm jew was a mere centimetre under the legal length. A small tear formed under Rosemary's eye and slowly rolled down her cheek before she wiped it away and continued to fish.

Any other considerate husband would have used a rolling pin to lengthen the fish that tiny amount needed to allow Rosemary to weigh in the biggest fish she had ever caught.

The competition had been scheduled to end at 4pm but many of the participants had already gathered to the weigh-in station by 3.30 to witness the event.

Surprisingly, there were quite a few good bream and flathead appearing out of the eskies with most of them swimming away unharmed after being weighed.

Gary and Eleanor were one of the last to arrive back at the cabins and it appeared that Gary had a rather big grin on his face as he presented a couple of large flathead. It seems that the many years of maritime experience had finally paid off.

## Perfect setting for golf

SUNDAY morning, with a somewhat grey and foreboding sky, did what it looked like doing while Bribie Island RSL Golf Club members were driving to Woodford on June 2.

Just before tee-off the heavens did open but it was the lightest of showers and only lasted 15 minutes.

Once the sun came through the clouds quickly disappeared and then it was just perfect for golf in the first round of the best of three.

Some members decided not to take on the challenge due to the possibility of showers and for other reasons, of course, so our numbers were reduced slightly to 22 players.

The course was, as usual, wide and open good fairways and the greens were as true as ever.

Our winner was Jack Pipia, who not only had a great game of golf but also took out the game day raffle prize, kindly donated by Handicapper Paul Hagger.

Unfortunately there is a downside. After winning with 46 points, he will not be playing off a 45 handicap for



■ CAPTAIN Ernie receives his life membership shirt from president Mark.

a while.

The last match of the single matchplay was also played and it was a great game right down to wire with Craig alexander winning over captain Ernie on the final hole.

NTPs: Men's: 11th Trevor Quinn, 17th Ron Kunde. Ladies: 17th Karran Quinn. NAGA Mark Larsen.

The second round of the club championships and putting competition was always going to bring a good field and Sunday, June 16 was no surprise.

A total of 30 players turned out on a beautiful Bribie course for the event, which catered for two divisions owing to the numbers.



■ PRESIDENT Mark with Woodford winner Jack Pipia and ex-president Bruce with runner-up.



The expected shower turned up as the final groups played the last hole, then the players headed down to the RSL Sports Club for the traditional barbecue and a few bevies. Our thanks to the club for providing us with these facilities. It is greatly appreciated.

The day saw then return of long-time member Peter Evans, the division one winner, whose putting was reported to be outstanding.

Our division two winner was Merv DuKamp who also had a blistering round which the handicapper is currently reviewing. This undoubtedly will result in a drastic reduction in his handicap.

Division one winner Peter Evans net 69, runner-up Ernie Hall 72.

Division two Winner Merv DuKamp net 63, runner-up John Estreich 67.

NTPs: Men's: 4th Archie Leishman, 7th Peter Evans, 14th Trevor Quinn, 16th John Estreich. Ladies: 4th Karran Quinn, 7th and 16th Thurl Levings.

Men's putting Peter Evans and Mark Larsen 29 putts. Ladies putting Thurl Levings 32. NAGA Kevin Hobbs.

## TRIP TO TEWANTIN

A GREAT day of bowls and fellowship was had by 52 members of the Bribie Island Social Lawn Bowls Club on the June 16 trip to Tewantin Noosa Bowls Club.

The host club provided a delicious lunch after which the players hit the greens for some serious and not so serious bowls.

Winners on the day included Bob Robinson, Pam Watson, Delma Ponton and Peter Ditchburn.

The next trip will be to Caloundra Bowls Club on Sunday, July 21.

Members are reminded to be at the RSL on Monday, July 1 at 8.30am to secure a seat on the bus.

If you are unable to attend at this time contact games director Colin Hodges on 5497 6749 so your name can be added to the waiting list



■ MEMBERS of the Bribie Island Social Lawns Bowls Club enjoy a game at Tewantin Noosa Bowls Club.

New members are always welcome. Any bowler interested in joining or seeking more information can contact president Peter Ditchburn on 0418 754186.

## Bowlers wanted

OUR club is on the lookout for new and former members to come and join us in playing indoor bowls at the Bribie RSL.

Games are held in the wonderful atmosphere of the RSL auditorium and our members are the friendliest you will find.

The bowls are played every Friday morning starting at 9am, concluding at noon, and on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm concluding at 9pm. Arrival half an hour before starting times on both occasions is appreciated.

Morning tea and biscuits are provided and new members are shown the basics of the game.

If you have played outdoor bowls previously, then you will readily adapt to the

indoor version. The first two games are complementary and then a fee of \$3 after that applies. Annual membership is \$1.

The bowls are the same size as those used in outdoor bowling clubs and are provided free. Participants only need to wear soft-soled shoes so as not to damage the carpet greens.

Plenty of exciting activities happen throughout the year and people of all ages are welcome. Coaching is ongoing and free for those who request it.

If you would like more information, ring publicity officer Peter Robinson on 0417 736 390.

Finally, the next competition will be the open pairs on July 3.

## NEWS ITEMS

Contact Cloe Einam at the club direct on 3400 1340 or publisher Myles Mclvor on 5448 1371.





1. Ash Bialas and Zoe Sutton take in the club's outdoor dining area. 2. Joan and Leigh Royce enjoy a drink in the lounge. 3. Judith Pacey swipes her card in the members kiosk. 4. Kath and Geraldine Newnegin lunch at Social. 5. Doug Marsen selects a nice drop in the bottleshop. 6. Ron and Fay Wales dine in Botanic. 7. Maureen Heard, Diane Cracknell and Jan Calkin catch up at Social. 8. Rolf and Ingrid Widmaier and Stefanie and Adam Grice bring Bruce the dog along to Social.



## Gecko Birthdays

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Emily Guest  
Meika Williams  
Aleah Tolmie  
Jack Delzia  
Lydia Pires  
Alex Mellick  
Sarah Russell  
Elias Matouk  
Tylar Masters  
Leo Galjaardt  
Blake foreshew  
Zavier Lambert  
Emelia Carling

Harrison Geddes  
Nathaniel Lennon  
Maddison Jeffrey  
Nicolas Dalu-Wilson  
Erin Pandal  
Blake Wishart  
Connor Allinson  
Katie Crase  
Seth Reilly  
Jackson Moore  
Erin Arthy  
Reece Berezwick  
Ferghus McAleer  
Mitchell Laundon  
Niamh McAleer  
Mikayla Bear  
Koby Bear  
Jack Meers

Ethan Bain  
Aimee welsh  
Liam Haidle  
Brayden Maas  
Hamish Ramsay  
Chloe Williams  
Myla Molloy  
Jessica Miles  
Oscar Miles  
Sam Albertson  
Mackenzie Wuerschling  
Hayley Drew  
Hannah Thornton  
Piper Quarell  
Isabelle Quayle  
Kiara Paterson  
Imogen Atkins  
Dylan Kitchener  
Kaiden Cebulski

Kirra Tappenden  
Joseph Lorenz  
Axl Brown  
Maya Grace Carr  
Todd Hustler  
Elijah Brook  
Flynn Hanson  
Ivy Heyma  
Matilda Heyma