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Clean Up Australia Day in Booral

The Inaugural Event

On Sunday 4th Feb 2018 a happy band of residents joined forces to clean up our suburb as the first ever Clean Up Australia Day ac-
tion



Message from Acting Mayor Cr George Seymour

As many residents may be aware, I have been appointed as Acting Mayor following the position becoming vacant. The position will be permanently filled at a by-election on Saturday 5 May 2018.

It's a role I don't take lightly. While I have been Acting Mayor previously due to sickness, holiday leave or travel, this is different. I feel the weight of the role and know what is required.

First and foremost, it is important that confidence in our Council is restored.

Over the past few years, too much focus has been placed on the turmoil within Council ranks with the result being too many community issues and concerns have drifted into the shadows.

The Fraser Coast community deserves a Council that truly listens to its people with empathy, understanding and selflessness.

In coming weeks, my chief goal is to visit people right across the region; from Boonoroo to Brooweena and Burum Heads to Bauple.

The Fraser Coast is a big region but not so big that the voices of all our people can't be heard.

I hope that in the weeks ahead I can fulfil the trust that has been placed in me to carry out this role. I am committed to doing everything I can to help our region and community prosper.

Local Lock the Gate group, East Booral Water4Life Group are holding a community update meeting on Saturday 28th April 2018 at the River Heads Community Hall 2pm regarding the threat of shale gas fracking in the region. This year is an important year. Come along and be informed.

Message from The President's Desk

Hello all,

Thanks to those who attended our last meeting (they seemed to attract the rain lol).

We spoke about the spread of Singapore Daisy (ground cover with yellow flowers) and that it will take a concerted effort to stop it; the Indian Myna birds still appear to be around; and planned for Clean Up Australia Day. It is great to see community involvement to protect our beautiful area.

A big thankyou to those who attended our FIRST Clean Up Australia Day! Although only 9 of us, in a couple of hours we made a big dent in the rubbish that is littered and dumped around here. (You are also in the running to win an Ipad thanks to Fraser Coast Regional Council). Great effort! Special mention goes out to our youngest team member Michael aged 12, how wonderful to see our youth step up and care for their environment!

We did road edges along Mathiesen, Allerton, Pinney and Temily Roads and through the bush reserve.

Amazing (or sad, disgusting) what you find- we picked up a dozen 80litre bags of rubbish including plastic bottles, glass, household rubbish etc. as well as building materials, steel, a vacuum cleaner, tyres, gear box? and 2 porta-loos (thankfully empty), along with kangaroo bones which we left in situ.

There is still more in the bushland which I will report to council (obviously trailer/ute loads). Tragic that some people see the bush as a free tip, especially as we have such a good, convenient waste facility at Nikenbah. (Climbing off my high horse now...)

It has been suggested we have regular (bi-monthly?) pick-ups and try to gain access to the foreshore, we can co-ordinate supply bags and arrange disposal. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us. Our next meeting is on Sat 7th April at 3pm Community Park Oslove Drive (BYO chair).

All welcome.

Cheers

Lisa



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Fantastic to see community support on Clean Up Australia Day. Thank you also to the unsung heroes who walk the streets daily in our gorgeous location, picking up strewn litter on their regular excursions.

I am inviting the community to offer their recommendations for services within the Booral areas. This way we get to know our local tradespeople and can support them within their local suburb. We recently had some repair and renovation work done to our home by Andrew and Dave of Andrew L. Clough Property Maintenance and Renovation and would highly recommend their services. Along with their skills they are also lovely guys who always have a cheery word and smile to brighten your day. Contact Andrew on 0497991912 for an obligation free quote.



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a photo or a story you would like covered,
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Next BCA Meeting

Sat 7th April, 2018 at 3pm

At the Booral Community Park, Oslove Dr, East Booral

Letter to the Editor

A big thumbs up to our local ERGON employees. A neighbour PAUL, and an Electrical Contractor CHRIS CAVE.

Recently, one Sunday afternoon, about 4.30 we heard a very loud bang outside, on investigating we found our next door neighbour in a state of shock, after finding that her metal electricity pole had snapped off at the base and fallen across their driveway .pulling down power lines.

Our neighbour rang an emergency number and within a very short time an Ergon employee arrived.

He managed to disconnect the power line and made the area safe. He then informed our neighbour that she would have to get an electrician to install another pole and internal electrical installations, as Ergon does not provide that service.

Our neighbour rang quite a number of local electricians only to find they were all very busy, and would take two to three days before they could look at the job.

Luckily she contacted a Chris Cave, who was at the time on holidays down on the Gold Coast, he managed to contact his employees and they arrived on the job Monday.

Chris Cave also organized a new pole and a digger to do the job.

Our neighbour Paul across the road, lent a generator to keep the fridge and freezer going.

Ergon arrived back Monday afternoon and connected electricity to the property.

The combined team work allowed all of this to be done in 24 hours.



Well done to all!

Joe Reed

Through the eyes of



philosophies of the younger generation

Question asked to James (7 years)

"What do you think is going to happen in the future?"

Answer: "My birthday, and Christmas."

"What do you want to be in the future, what job?"

Answer: "A teacher. Well, for this this week anyway."



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COUNCILLOR EVERARD'S CORNER

March here all ready and Easter is just around the corner, 2018 is going way too fast!
Well, there has been a lot going on around the region as we are all well aware.



The highlight for me in a very busy environment has been the works that have been started on the new River Heads Boat Ramp.

This project has been a very long time coming but seeing the construction under way is a major step forward for the boating community and part one of an ongoing development that now requires all levels of Government to pull together and work as a team to allow the expansion of the car and trailer parking.

Parking has been a problem for a long time and Council has started work on the process of working out what is the best outcome for the community.

As you may have noticed we are in the process of construction of a public toilet for Oslove Drive Community Park. Construction was delayed due to supply problems and we are now full steam ahead. It will up and running by the next community meeting.

For these residents who have taken the time to contacted me in relation to phone and internet services, a little update for you. I have a meeting with the General Manager Metro/South East Qld Telstra Consumer, Telstra Retail to discuss services in the Booral and River Heads areas as well as the rest of the Fraser Coast.

I have many question that have been passed on and looking forward to trying to understand the service challenges and what can be done going forward.

Sewage for Booral:

As you would have noticed there has been contractors working on the installation of new water pipes along River Heads Road.

I can confirm that Council at this stage has not gone out to tender on for Sewage at River Heads or Booral and at this stage has no plans to do so.

Council has been getting calls on the topic and thought it had best be addressed.

What's On:

Just a little reminder of Julia Morris visit to the Brolga. Julia on Saturday the 12th of May for her Lift and Separate Golden Jubilee Tour. I hear this is one of the funniest shows going around.

For tickets please contact the Brolga on 41216060 or visit www.ourfrasercoast.com.au

Fraser Coast Regional Council:

It is no secret that the past 12 months have not been ideal for Councillors, Council staff and the community. The Governor's decision brings finality to the speculation, distraction and turmoil that we all have been experienced during this period.

It is business as usual at Council and I will continue to do my best for the residents of the Fraser Coast.

Our community has suffered enough and it is time for a line to be clearly drawn in the sand and for us to get on with the job; the Fraser Coast has been over looked for long enough by the higher levels of Government and I will be working to Unite the Fraser Coast and lead us into a positive future; with this in mind I am planning on putting my hand up for the position of Mayor of the Fraser Coast.

It is time for us to go forward and I am inviting you to work with me to make a Unite the Fraser Coast and take our communities forward.

Just a little reminder about my March community chat which will be held from **9.00 to 10.00 on Tuesday, March 27 at Oslove Park**. I encourage you to call in if you have any Council matters to discuss. If you can't make it, I am happy to visit you at home. To make an appointment, please contact me on 0448 045 041 or email: darren.everard@frasercoast.qld.gov.au



Kind Regards
Darren Everard
Councillor Division 7

BOORAL COMMUNITY CHAT
February Community Chat with Darren Everard
Tuesday 27th March 2018 ~ 9am to 10am



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The rental market has been going very strong with properties being snapped up as soon as they hit the market which is a great sign. But we now are in desperate need of more rental properties for our qualified tenants that have missed out on other properties.

If you are not happy with your current agent or have an investment property sitting vacant please contact us so we can fill your property.

Work is well underway on the floating pontoon jetty down at the boat ramp. We should see construction finished within a couple of months and it will be a huge benefit to both locals and visitors.

You may have seen some Telstra vehicles getting around the area lately, they are running cable for NBN to come into effect later this year.

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