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Micro Bats – The natural answer to mosquito & midgie problems?

Micro bats aren't cute and cuddly but they are a natural predator of mosquitoes and midges.

As long as you don't go around trying to catch hold of one, they are harmless.

The protected flying mammal can weigh as little as three grams and provides a vital service by feasting on pest insects such as weevils, midges, flying termites and disease-carrying mosquitoes.

They are known to have eaten as many as 400 mosquitoes in a single night.

These little micro bats also known as insectivorous bats weigh from 3g to 150g with wingspans of around 25cm.

John Parsons from Fraser Coast Micro Bats Inc is working in conjunction with The University of the Sunshine Coast to establish micro bat colonies at three locations (River Heads Reserve, Kingfisher Park and the grounds to the east of the Community Hall). Most of the colonies were destroyed as the early settlers cleared the land for farming and they lost their natural habitat. Fortunately research has found that with careful management there are still enough micro bats in the area to re-establish the micro bat colonies. River Heads Progress Association is providing funding to support a project which is being undertaken by the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The first phase will see 42 bat boxes installed, 14 of which are already in place at Kingfisher Park and a further 16 have been placed at the Community Hall. They have been attached to existing established hardwood trees. As there are not enough hardwood trees in the Reserve, poles will be installed. They have been positioned in groups with the hope to establish small colonies at different locations within each area. There are also 100 boxes also on a private property in Dunderwan and six in Maryborough.

Bat boxes are a natural and relatively cheap alternative to insect control, with each box costing around \$40 and capable of housing families of two to 10 bats.

So could this be the 'natural' solution to the mosquito and midgie problem for Booral? If anyone is interested in learning more, the Fraser Coast Micro Bat group will host an information display in the USC Library foyer at Hervey Bay from 22-24 November (according to USC website) for people interested in installing the boxes around their own properties.

More information can be found at the Fraser Coast Micro Bat Group's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/frasercoastmicrobats/>

Vicki
Wildlife Officer BCA



Photo credit: abc.net.au

Message from The President's Desk

Hello All,

Winter is half-over in the great part of the world we live in! Flowering gums, amazing birdlife, whales to watch, plenty of sunshine- no wonder so many southerners come here!!

I recently attended Community Engagement workshops, great that we have a Council looking for input from community on a large range of issues from infrastructure to the environment, I look forward to sharing the results.

I would like to thank Council for their quick response to our littering (dumping on Matheison Road issue). Signs erected, surveillance and now cameras installed in an effort to stop it happening and catch the person responsible.

The dumping appears to have stopped but no other news as yet.

Our next meeting is our AGM, all Booral Community Associations executive positions will be declared vacant then nominations and voting to be followed by our general meeting.

Saturday August 4th @ 3pm Community Park Oslove Drive. BYO chair. Family friendly . Hope to see you there!

Cheers

Lisa



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to new members Mick, Penny, Samantha and Cindy! Great to see you at our last meeting. We look forward to your input in the future.

Congratulations to our Div 7 Councillor Darren Everard for becoming Deputy Mayor for the Fraser Coast region. I'm sure Darren will do a great job in his new role!

Following on from our Myna Bird article in the last edition, John Williams is conducting a talk at Hervey Bay Library on Friday 17th August 12pm.

*Thanks to the community working to keep this a great suburb to live in!
Violet Whitaker ~ Editor*

"Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing" (Rollo May)



HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have anything you would like to contribute,
a photo or a story you would like covered,
either email to allaboutbooral@gmail.com
or post to PO Box 1143 Hervey Bay Qld 4655

Your name and contact information must be supplied before anything is published.

Next BCA Meeting & AGM

Saturday, 4th August 2018 at 3pm

At the Booral Community Park, Oslove Dr, East Booral

Local Business Recommendations

Recommendation for Repco Urangan Service Centre:

“Recently I had a vehicle malfunction in Pialba (of course after shopping and on a rainy day!) I have not had positive experiences with mechanics lately, so when the Tow Truck driver asked where I would like it to go to, I remembered a neighbour saying how good Repco was.

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IT technician Justin Scott recommended by V. Whitaker ~ “Very helpful and professional, home visits.” (See our classifieds).

Residents, please keep an eye on your dogs. There have been reports of dogs roaming the streets and accessing private properties at East Booral. A white dog, a tan dog and a black/brown dog have been sighted several times in broad daylight running loose on private property. Some complaints have already been made to Council.

Through the eyes of



philosophies of the younger generation

An observation made by Cindy (5 years) at the ice-skating ring:
“It’s made of “pathetic” ice” not synthetic ice!

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

Answer: “I love making dresses!”

Well, good on you Cindy, keep that up, it’s a skill we need to preserve. You might be a fashion designer one day!



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COUNCILLOR EVERARD'S CORNER

Welcome to the August Edition of the Booral Bulletin.



Well and this year is flying by and before we know it Christmas will be here!

2018 has a very busy so far and we still have a fair bit of work going on right across the region - as you will have noticed with the amount of roadworks taking place around the region.

For those of you who have contacted me in relation to the addition of a turning lane at Woods Rd, I have had feedback from the state saying they will investigate the matter. It has not been budgeted for and they are aware of the problem; I will continue to lobby for an upgrade in the meantime.

I thank Maree for organizing the community visit with Telstra again for her efforts. I have been in contact with Maree several times since to discuss the matter and I have been informed that Telstra have listened to the community and are actively seeking land for the placement of another phone tower in the Booral area.

A very positive set forward.

What's On:

Lots going right across the region and I encourage you to get involved.

- Blessing of the Fleet Saturday July 21 Great Sandy Straits Marina
- National Tree Day on Sunday, July 29 Council Reserve on Doolong Road, opposite Baycrest RSL Care
- Over 50's Lifestyle Expo Friday August 3 Baptist Church Hall, Nikenbah
- Hervey Bay Seafood Festival Sunday August 12 Fishermens Park Urangan
- Whale Parade and Concert Saturday August 18 Hervey Bay Esplanade

Paddle Out for Whales Sunday August 19 1pm to 4pm, from Ernie Organ Park, Torquay

Just a little reminder that if you see matters that require urgent Council attention please contact the Council call centre on 1300 794929. There have been times that I have missed vital calls on important issues which could not be helped. Please note the call centre is manned 24-hours a day.

Also a little reminder that my July and August community chats will be on Tuesday the 31st July and Tuesday the 28th of August 9am to 10am 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
Community Chat with Darren Everard
Tues 31st July & Tues 28th Aug 2018 ~ 9am to 10am
Oslove Drive Community Park, East Booral



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