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PEOPLE POWER WINS!

After nearly three years of hard work, the East Booral Water4Life Group who formed in 2016 are ecstatic that permits to explore for shale gas in the Wide Bay Burnett were extinguished just after New Year. EBW4L who worked tirelessly with Butchulla Traditional Land owners and other community groups across WBB are celebrating the news that Blue Energy permits were not renewed by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

"This is a wonderful day for farmers in the region, who have worked very hard to highlight the severe risks that fracking would pose to our industry. Our community has shown incredible courage and determination to succeed against a shale gas industry that was hungry for our land and water." ~ Local canegrower and soil scientist, Judy Plath.

"We are the custodians of the Land, we stand together against gasfields and fracking! Everything is connected, any damage to Country damages us and our identity. Water is Life and we cannot survive without it. We say No!" ~ Gemma Cronin, Butchulla representative, historian and linguist.

"This outcome shows that unified communities have the power to defend themselves from gas fracking. Farmers, industry groups, Traditional Owners, tourism operators and town residents have all stood as one and put our sustainable industries and our environment above gas industry profits." ~ Vicki Perrin from Lock the Gate Alliance.

Submitted by East Booral Water4Life Group
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Hello All,



Happy New Year! 2019 - here we are!

A great start with the news there will no fracking in our area. A win for community and our environment. We are fortunate to have many resources and industries who will benefit from this outcome, as will future generations. We farewell Wendy and Joe Reed from our community, thank you for your years of contribution, you will be missed. Welcome to the many newcomers to Booral. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your visions for our community.

We will be registering for Clean Up Australia Day again this year. We will meet at Community Park Oslove Drive @ 8am on **Sunday 3rd of March**. Can you spare a couple of hours to clean -up our area?

Bring the kids, water, hats and closed in shoes, we will have bags and some gloves. Sites to be decided. Along the foreshore is one suggestion. Let us know yours.

Our next meeting 3pm on Sat 2nd Feb @ Community Park Oslove Drive (BYO chair).

All welcome.

See you there!

Cheers

Lisa



Business recommendation by L. Rossini:

GCR electrical systems provide Residential, Commercial, Aircon & Solar services in our area. I had a solar system installed last year by GCR. The service from the initial consultation to installation was professional, friendly and very helpful. I recently thought I had an issue with my inverter (false alarm). When I rang I was assured details would be passed on to the relevant person and if needed someone would be around on Mon (this was Fri) to check. On the same afternoon one of the installation team arrived, he thoroughly checked for any issues and assured me there were no problems. Great service & product!



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We have had a hectic year and a much needed break was required once the festivities of 2018 were over. I hope everyone had a good break and I look forward to hearing news items from within and around our community over the coming months.

I would like to welcome all the new residents in the area, some we haven't met yet. For those who are leaving, we hope you enjoyed your time here and wish you a fond farewell Thank you for being a part of our community.

For those who are staying, grab a cuppa, put your feet up for 10 minutes and enjoy another bumper issue of the Bulletin!

All the best for the 2019!

Violet Whitaker ~ Editor

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Let our New Years resolution be this, we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

– Goran Persson



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

Saturday, 2nd February 2019 at 3pm

At the Booral Community Park, Oslove Dr, East Booral

Pir'ri Reserve (aka Woodland Park)



The Pir'ri Reserve (previously known as Woodland Park) is a wonderful natural area owned by the Fraser Coast Regional Council. The land was bought with Council's Environmental Levy funds in 2007 and 2010. The area was well known to the Birdwatchers of Hervey Bay and was criss-crossed with informal tracks.

In 2015 the Council installed marker posts for a short 30 minute walk (one way) beginning and ending along Mathiesen Road and later extended the posts along the track to the River Heads Road entrance on the western side of the reserve.

The Reserve has diverse vegetation types; significantly a rare pocket of preserved rainforest.

Koalas are sometimes seen in the area, as are the occasional wallabies. White-bellied Sea Eagles have nested in the reserve, and the woodland is filled with the delightful calls of bush birds like Yellow Robins, Whistlers, Shrike Thrushes and the Eastern Whipbird.

To register for group walks through the reserve or for more information, contact Peter on 0432 250 213 or by email: ggduckz@gmail.com.

Act of Kindness

The simple act of taking a few minutes to stop and check a dead Kangaroo, saved this beautiful little girl's life yesterday morning.

Local residents travelling into Hervey Bay from River Heads saw the deceased Roo who had been hit by a vehicle and died as a result, and stopped to check there wasn't a live baby on board - there was. Frightened and alone, still snuggled in her dead mum's pouch, the joey would have had no chance of survival if not for the kind actions of the family who stopped and helped her. Very luckily, the joey who has been named 'Petal' by her carer, didn't sustain any injuries in the collision that killed her mum, but was suffering from shock. With supportive treatment and care, she is recovering well.

Please, if you see a dead marsupial (e.g Kangaroo, Wallaby, Possum, Glider, Koala, Bandicoot, Bettong, etc) and if it is safe to do so, stop and check it is not a female with a live baby/ies in her pouch, and to move the body away from the road to help prevent secondary road kill, of birds and so forth that may come to feed on the carcass.

If you are unable to stop and check yourself for whatever reason, please call [Wildlife Rescue Fraser Coast](http://www.wildliferescue.com.au) on 41213146 (24/7), and we can get a volunteer to go and do a pouch check. Please don't assume that someone has checked or called already - they may not have. A huge thank you to the lovely family who helped this joey, and called WRFC immediately for advice and further assistance. Such a simple act of thoughtfulness made the world of difference for her. (Story by Natalie Richardson and photo credit Angela Bell, Wildlife Rescue Fraser Coast)



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COUNCILLOR EVERARD'S CORNER

Happy New Year to the Booral Community from our Division 7 Councillor and Deputy Mayor ~ Darren Everard!



Darren has been very busy over the past few weeks.



Community Chats:

Some changes to Darren's schedule have taken place and his Community Chats will now be on a Saturday morning at the Community Park, Oslove Drive.

The first Community Chat for the year will be on Saturday 2nd February at 9am. This will be followed by a Community Chat later on in the month on Saturday 23rd February.

Darren encourages you to call in if you have any Council matters to discuss.

If you can't make it, he is happy to visit you at home. To make an appointment, please contact Darren on 0448 045 041 or email:

darren.everard@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Council Contact:

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 vital calls on important issues have been missed which could not be helped. Please note the Call Centre is manned 24-hours a day seven days a week.

Kind Regards
Darren Everard
Councillor Division 7



With the excitement of the New Year comes the sad news of the resignation of our wonderful Treasurer Wendy Reed. We thank Wendy from the bottom of our hearts for her dedication, tireless work and commitment to the Booral Community Association for the last 10 years and more!

We will certainly miss her friendly, smiling face, helpfulness and experience. She has contributed in enormous ways to the Community and she and her husband Joe, who has been our Wildlife Officer and volunteer for folding of the newsletters and helping with delivery, will be dreadfully missed!

But we must not be selfish as Wendy and Joe have other dreams to follow and so we wish them both the very best in their new ventures. May you both have the joy, love, peace, good health and happy memories that you both deserve.

Thank you for all the hard work and forming a solid foundation for the Booral Community Association. May the resonance of its achievements follow you everywhere!

God bless and take care.
Yours,
Lisa, Violet & Vicki ❤️

BOORAL COMMUNITY CHAT

Community Chat with Darren Everard

Sat 2nd Feb & Sat 23rd Feb 2019 ~ 9am to 10am

Oslove Drive Community Park, East Booral



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We hope that you all had a happy and safe new year!

We have started the new year with plenty of enquiries on houses and land and a few buyers have wasted no time in signing contracts already.

We have some interesting projects coming up this year with a new sub-division in the works for some new 1 acre lots on Pacific Dr to be released sometime this year. These will be the first new land releases in Booral in many years.

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