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The stretch of foreshore at Booral is particularly pleasing to explore with interesting birds, views out over the water to Woody Island and kangaroos skipping through ancient mangroves.

Among the pristine natural features there is evidence of human occupation including artefact scatters of pottery shards and broken bottles from a homestead built nearby more than 150 years ago.

But there is a much larger story here in the intertidal zone with the ever-

changing line where the sea meets the land. The landscape and seascape are inscribed with rich cultural meaning. A cultural meaning from a living culture that has thrived on this country for thousands of years. Here, where the tide breathes in and out, one can get an appreciation of Butchulla connection to country.

The landscape has been shaped to interact with the tidal changes through the careful positioning of rocks to create a number of fish traps. Looking out to sea from the traps you can see Dayman Point at Urangan, Woody Island and K'gari (Fraser Island).

These traps were part of an important food trail that ran from Urangan to River Heads. The Butchulla people were able to obtain fish, turtles, crabs, oysters and shellfish along the mangroves, mud flats, in the creeks and of course in the traps. Beside the "dhalba" system is a more recent rock structure; a shelter wall and jetty built by the Aldridges family who took up the adjacent land and built a homestead overlooking this section of the foreshore in the 1850s.

The department of Environment and Resource Management, Queensland State Government, state that the name "Booral" was derived from the Kabi language of the Butchulla group or tribe, associated with the sky god "Beiral" - or "Burral", place of shell mounds. Carbon dating of adjacent shell midden sites suggests usage of this site as early as 3100 BC.

(Extract ~Fraser Coast Chronicle 5th Dec 2017)



Hello All,

Summer is officially over! I don't think our weather got the memo lol. Great to see a bit of rain around, hopefully more on the way.

Clean Up Australia Day done again, a Big Thank you to Amanda for supervising our site due to my unexpected change of plans. Rubbish collected along the gravel part of Mathieson (a little less than last year) and Booral Road. The usual- bottles, cans, take away packaging and assorted household rubbish. Great work to the locals who attended, absolutely brilliant to see so many kids join in. People like you make Booral the great community it is!!

Have a look at Amanda's Clean Up Hervey Bay site on FB and join her on her weekly rubbish pick-ups all over Hervey Bay. To report dumped rubbish please contact council on 1300 794929 (they will remove ASAP).

If anyone receiving the Booral Bulletin would prefer not to, please contact us (e-mail, face book or text 0403113869) with your address and we will let our deliverers know.

Any suggestions/feedback welcome.

Our last meeting saw our new Treasurer, Vicki Avcin voted in, thankyou Vicki for accepting and continuing on as Wildlife Officer as well.

Our next meeting is Sat 6th April. Guest speaker is Tina Ravenau , Community Development Officer from Fraser Coast Council.

New residents and non-Booral Community Association members very welcome, we value your input/feedback and it is a great chance to meet locals and have a chat. Community Park Oslove Drive 3pm BYO chair.

Cheers
Lisa



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thank you and welcome to our new Treasurer Vicki Avcin who is also our wonderful Wildlife Officer. We are thrilled that Vicki has taken on this role and appreciate her huge contribution to the BCA. We are looking forward to working with Vicki for many years to come and enjoying her wildlife articles.

May you all have a special Easter, remembering It's true meaning, which is a way to renew daily hope and acknowledge sacrifices that have been made. Stay safe whilst travelling and at home.

Violet Whitaker ~ Editor

"Children grow up hearing how broken the environment is, how broken beyond repair. Plant strawberries together, make wild medicine, paint the sunrise. Show them proof that for every act of destruction, they can sow a seed, however small, of beauty." ~ Nicolette Sowder



HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have anything you would like to contribute,
a photo or a story you would like covered,
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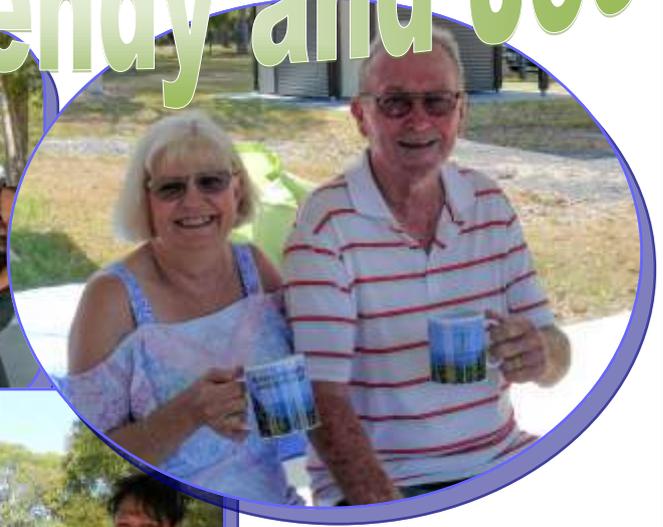
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Next BCA Meeting

Saturday, 6th April 2019 at 3pm

At the Booral Community Park, Oslove Dr, East Booral

Farewell Wendy and Joe



Thank you
for a wonderful
time



Is it legal to feed the birds?

There are no Federal laws saying you cannot feed local native birds/wildlife. In some places you can actually be fined for feeding them. Some parks, beaches, shopping centres do have signs stating 'Do Not Feed the Birds'. But what if for your amusement you feed them in your back yard?

So, if we want to feed the birds in your garden then there are a few very simple rules you should follow to make sure you feed them the correct way.

Remember they survive by eating nectars and pollen, some are grass feeders, and that is their natural diet.

Regularly feeding them means they come to rely on humans for food and you are introducing foods that are not natural to them. So feed small amounts at irregular times. Avoid anything processed.

Always make sure bowls and dishes are clean. Clean bowls/dishes and water bowls/bird baths daily and fill with fresh water (especially in hot dry weather). Even the roos and other animals will appreciate it.

Attract natural wildlife to your garden by planting trees, such as hakeas, acacias, casuarinas and eucalyptus which all provide natural food for visiting birds.

Remember that the feeders are really for us, rather than the birds. They don't need them, but they don't seem to mind.

Vicki
BCA Wildlife Officer

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COUNCILLOR EVERARD'S CORNER

The year is flying by and Easter is just about with us!

I am sorry about the mix-up with community chat in February with some miss communication on my part with that one as I was out of town on a course. I am very sorry for any trouble that was caused.

At the February chat there was comment about hooning in the East Booral area. If you have concerns about hooning please contact Policelink on 131 444 in the first instance and let the police know.

There is lots going on across the region in the coming months and I will remind you about the upcoming Australian Street Rod Federation's 24th Annual Nationals that will be hosted on Fraser Coast at the Maryborough Show Grounds. The event will be open to the public on the 20th & 21st of April and you will see around 800 of the nation's finest cars on show including a few very special ones from East Booral!

Grants:

Grants for community groups to make an impact on Fraser Coast biodiversity, environment and waterways are open. Groups can apply for up to \$2,000 to assist with projects that make a positive and ongoing contribution to our biodiversity, environment and waterways. The grants could include project funding or through the provision of Council services. Applications close on Friday, March 22.

Council's Community Engagement and Development Unit can assist groups develop and submit project applications. All applications will be assessed by a panel comprised of a community representative and Council staff. Priority will be given to projects that contribute to environment protection, monitoring and rehabilitation; revegetation and establishing native vegetation corridors and buffer zones and pest management.

More information is available on the Community Environment Grants go to

www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/grants

A very early date claimer for the upcoming Andrew O'Keefe "Shouts" Johnny O'Keefe at the Fraser Coast's Brolga Theatre on Friday 11th October.

The show has some quality reviews and tickets are selling fast. For more information and tickets please visit:

www.ourfrasercoast.com.au

Community Chats:

Just a little reminder that my Community Chats will be: **Tues March 26th & Tues April 30th at Oslove Drive Community Park , East Booral at 9.00 am – 10.00 am.** 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](tel:0448045041) or email: darren.everard@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Council Contact:

For 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 & Deputy Mayor



BOORAL COMMUNITY CHAT

Community Chat with Darren Everard

Tues 26th March & Tues 30th April 9am to 10am

Oslove Drive Community Park, East Booral



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February got off to a great start with enquiries streaming in on land and houses with 5 contracts within just 7 days. One property even selling for the full asking price within just one hour of listing!

We have been experiencing lots of interest in higher end blocks of land around the \$250,000 to \$260,000 which is great to see and most people are wanting to build asap.

Rentals are still very thin on the ground with available properties being snapped up as soon as they hit the market. We currently only have 2 properties available.

If you are having trouble renting your property or not happy with your current agent please give Tracey a call on 4125 7777 and she will look after your every need.

We have had some great news that there will be a new doctor operating out of the River Heads Shopping Village as of March, check in with Mark at the Pharmacy.

And finally a huge thank you to all the local Rural fire fighters who risked their lives to keep residences safe as the huge fire ravaged parts of Booral over the weekend. Their swift actions saved many homes and lives and for that we are forever grateful.

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