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DIVISION 8

Flyer 101

Representing Bray Park, Lawnton, Petrie, Strathpine and parts of Joyner and Kurwongbah.

Welcome to Flyer 101 the final edition from me. I will be officially announcing my retirement at the 25 January meeting. I'm doing a little presentation for this and have combed back over the 30 years and found some pics I thought I'd share. The Flyers have gone from this to what you see today. A huge change in what we can show to you. 65 very simple ones from Pine Rivers days.

Division 7

PINE RIVERS

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>Welcome to Flyer 20. I have had two requests from residents to insert an article of community interest.

Creek Study

The first is from the Education Officer (a Div. 7 resident) for the Pine Rivers Catchment Management Association which monitors and suggests improvements for the Pine Rivers catchments. She has been working with a group of Year 6 students from Bray Park State School monitoring water quality in Four Mile Creek. Here is a précis of their findings.

After the heavy rain in Park-Meach the water was flowing at 1 metre/4 Sec. Water quite turbid pH was 7.4 which is normal for freshwater. Dissolved oxygen was in the "good" range.

There were plenty of animals. Specimens seen included: green tree snake, water dragon, numerous birds and more.

A study of water bugs was made to determine water quality and due to their abundance, quality was deemed to be "excellent".

Creek vegetation was in average condition with "verge" (up to 30 metres from bank) to be in poor condition. Numerous weeds such as Umbrella tree, Singapore Daisy, Ribbon and Loner Cassia (probably from resident's backyards).

Pollution survey was mainly plastic bags, foam and cigarette butts.

Overall opinion - water quality and creek not too bad but rubbish is disappointing.

The children are conducting "Waterwatch" with the Pine Rivers Catchment Association. To find out more about the association please phone Peter Hayes on 3205 0992.

The USA

Not a local advisory group but the University of the Third Age. There is a Pine Rivers Campus. Their motto is "Learning for Lifetime and Pleasure - with no end - or - term exams".

For a small amount for you can have access to a wide variety of classes and activities. New members are always welcome, there are no age restrictions and all classes are held in the daytime.

Some of the topics offered are Genealogy, Computers, Tapenstry, Art, Azechaiki Travels, French, Spanish, Strolling through History, Tai Chi, Bridge, Patchwork, Psychology, Mah Jong, Current Affairs Discussion. For any enquiries please contact the Secretary on 3205 1054.

Park Grass

Thank you for your forbearance in park mowing over the summer and autumn. With the amount of rain we have had it's been a problem keeping up as the grass grows behind you. It's also not advisable to have the mowers in parks when the ground is soggy as they leave wheel ruts which are dangerous when the ground dries out. Now the colder (if) weather is here it should stop growing so quickly. We hope.

Native Wildlife

Career:

Just a reminder that we now have a family in the Division who take on the job of caring for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. If you find any of the above please contact, or take the animal or bird to the Straycare Family at 34 Auckland Drive or phone them first on 3205 3105.

I've had the chance to watch your children grow from Grade 1 to adulthood. I've seen these two go from School Captains at Lawnton SS to School Captains at Bray Park High, then go off to Uni.



It has been a pleasure to represent you at all the ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies and Vietnam Vets Days.

As well as locals, Maree and I have met some fabulous people over the years.



AUSSIE ARVO

Friday 26 January 2024
2:00pm - 7:00pm
Lawnton Aquatic Centre

FREE RIDES FREE ACTIVITIES LIVE MUSIC POOLSIDE DISCO

Aussie Arvo



Things of interest in Division 8

Being an old teacher I enjoyed immensely the annual Battle of the Brains and Interschool Disk Golf competitions with year six students every year. BoB has now been going for 30 years and the disk golf for 22 years. The other councillors have assured me they will continue these events for your kids.



Tree planting was a big part of our job in the early years as there were huge tracts of park land that were just grass. Kids from all the local primary and high schools loved to get out of the classrooms and come down to the local park or creek bank to plant a tree for the koalas and other wildlife. This is the bank of Four Mile Creek near the bridge over Kensington Way. I loved using the dingo to dig the holes and spread the mulch.



It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the various sporting club committees over the years. They are usually salt-of-the-earth people who are there for the benefit of the kids. I just considered it my job but I was blown away to be presented with a "Thank You" plaque by Brian for the assistance I had given Pine Central Hornets Footy Club over the last 30 years at

their recent AGM. Thank you as well to Bray Park High, Pine Rivers High, Bray Park, Lawnton and Strathpine West SSs for their recognition and gifts at final assemblies. It just about brings a tear to my eye to think my 40 something year involvement with schools in the area is coming to a close. It has also been delightful to receive phone calls and emails from residents thanking me for my thirty years service and wishing me well in retirement.



I will certainly miss all the contact I had with the various groups out in the community.

I will still be around and plan to be part of some groups, play bowls at Pine Rivers and golf at One Mile so don't be shy and please say hello.

I mentioned Maree in the last Flyer but didn't really talk about our two children. They were 10 and 4 when I was first elected and also missed out on having me around a lot of the time. I did say this to them once but Katrina said, "Dad, we got to do and see things that most kids wouldn't." They were also very supportive over the years and I'd like to publicly thank them for that support. Funnily enough, neither were interested in going into politics. They do love this area and both have settled fairly closely, Matt at Eatons Hill and Katrina at Lawnton. Maree and I will now be seeing a lot more of them and the four grand kids.

Good-bye, best wishes and good fortune to you all,

Mick

The Media - You've Gotta Luv Em

Just my final take on the media, seeing as this is my last chance. Mainly the electronic media, but print also, these days try to shock and awe you all the time. Using fear-based reporting they make you want to keep watching or reading to find out about the next disaster. Listening to the news the other night, which I rarely do, you would think cyclone Tracey was coming instead of the usual summer storms I've been experiencing for the last 60 years. Sensationalist reporting on natural disasters and hazards causes unnecessary panic and fear at times when we need our residents to be calm and prepared. Alarmist messages as though we're in an apocalypse won't keep people safe when disaster does strike. Please check the messaging of trusted sources like QFES, BOM and Council's Disaster Dashboard for accurate and up-to-date information during a disaster.



MORETON KIDS FESTIVAL

PINE RIVERS PARK

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

MORETONKIDSFESTIVAL.COM.AU

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Pine Rivers Art Gallery

130-134 Gympie Road, Strathpine, next to Officeworks
Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10am-4pm

**All the best, from Martin Edge
Until the 16 March 2024
Free exhibition**

Martin Edge is a celebrated painter who has been working as a professional artist for the past 15 years. Exhibiting consistently since 2008, Martin has earned national and international recognition. Besides his art practice, Martin is a proud ambassador for Autism Queensland.

All the best, from Martin Edge is an art exhibition developed by Moreton Bay Regional Council in partnership with The Culture Crusader.

The Culture Crusader is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

To find out what's on in our galleries and museum, visit moretonbay.qld.gov.au/galleries-museums.



Mosquito Season

Summer weather provides ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Our mosquito management program monitors and treats mosquitoes to keep their numbers as low as possible with aerial spraying via helicopter, that targets mosquito larvae, along with ground treatments.

To assist in reducing mosquito numbers in your area:

- empty any containers around the home that are pooling water
- change the water in bird baths and pet bowls regularly
- cover rainwater tank gaps with netting.
- We love living near water and so do mossies so use insect repellent when outside especially at dawn and dusk when they are most prevalent.

For more information, visit:

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/mosquitoes



Strathpine Library After School Fun

Board Game Club

Third Monday of the month - 3.30pm-4.30pm

Grab your friends after school for some friendly competition with our board games and card games. All ages welcome. No bookings required.

Lego Engineers Club

Fourth Monday of the month - 3.30pm-4.30pm

Develop design thinking and engineering skills as you build and create with LEGO® bricks. Meet other brick fans and complete challenges, group builds and more! Ages 4-12, families welcome. No bookings required.

LOUD - After hours at the Library

Ages 12-17 years

Bookings required.

First Wednesday of the month 6.00pm-8.00pm

The library stays open for you to play computer games, hang out with friends and listen to music. Tickets are released a month before the next session.

ReadUp program

The ReadUp Program runs all year round for young library members. Children get their ReadUp cards stamped every time they visit the library and borrow a book. Every six

stamps wins a special ReadUp certificate and all members are invited to our awards ceremonies.

Strathpine Library had 4 ReadUp ceremonies this year. I had the pleasure of

presenting 60 happy children with their medal and certificate. Make sure you join the library and start using your ReadUp card so you can also be a part of the action! My grandkids, Zara, Lachie and Hayley were also part of the program.



For further library information please call the Strathpine Library on 3480 6698 or visit:

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries



SAT 10 FEB
THE MILL WATERPARK | 8AM - 12PM
FREE EVENT



Our City of Moreton Bay

With Mayor Peter Flannery



DISASTER DASHBOARD

We all know that living in Moreton Bay means being prepared for extreme weather all year round, but this summer is particularly unpredictable with bushfires and storms both presenting a threat.

City of Moreton Bay is helping you prepare should the unthinkable happen, by providing a free emergency warning system called MoretonAlert.

Receive real-time SMS, email or voice message before and during an emergency weather event by signing up today at moretonbay.qld.gov.au/moretonalert

The success of this service relies upon having accurate information, so now is the time to make sure your details are correct and up to date so you don't miss out on critical information that could save your life.

Current SMS subscribers will have already received a text message from the number (04 0817 0536) to update their details, so it's safe to save this number and be confident that it isn't spam. We will be following up with an email next month.

For all other information during an emergency event, please visit Council's Disaster Dashboard to get updates on bushfire warnings, sandbag stations, evacuation centres, road closures, and so much more.



Scan and bookmark the Dashboard via the QR code or visit disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

I trust you had a good break over the holiday season and here's to 2024!

In our first full year as a city, 2024 will see Council continue to focus on the needs of our communities first, including advocating for our fair share of funding especially for infrastructure, while also conserving our distinctive lifestyle and wildlife corridors, against the backdrop of population growth.

Realising our priority of 'going green as we grow', Council will roll out the first phase of a dedicated food organics and garden organics (FOGO) waste kerbside collection service from late 2024. Phase one will see the introduction of a garden organics collection service (GO) where lime green lidded bins will be distributed. Once processing facilities have been secured, waste collection will transition to a complete FOGO service. FOGO will increase our city's recycling rate, reduce landfill and see resources produced from recovered materials.

Another significant step forward is the allocation of council-owned land at Dakabin for the construction of a dedicated wildlife hospital. Currently, a gap in the SEQ wildlife hospital network means injured wildlife rescuers travel up to two hours for animal care. We're urgently seeking financial support from state and federal governments to bring this vital facility to fruition.

Council's ambitious goal of protecting 75% of City of Moreton Bay's landmass from development will ensure that housing and infrastructure to accommodate a booming

population is balanced with the preservation of our flora and fauna.

This commitment to balance growth extends to housing and homelessness challenges. The Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) outlines key activities addressing affordability and homelessness over the next five years. We're offering council-owned land in Morayfield and Caboolture for potential social, affordable or crisis housing developments, guided by changes in our Community Leasing Policy.

We're also continuing the Attraction of Affordable Social Housing Development Policy, waiving fees for developers. Already, this initiative has helped people experiencing homelessness secure accommodation at Bric Housing's recently completed 18-dwelling accommodation block at Redcliffe with more to be realised this year.

And we're taking the cost-of-living pressure off families with Council's extensive calendar of free events from movie nights to Lunar New Year celebrations.

Council looks forward to continuing to support our communities, protect and enhance our natural spaces, and maintain sustainable lifestyles this year as we work together to bring our living city vision to life.

Best wishes for a fantastic 2024 in City of Moreton Bay. There's nowhere else I'd rather be!

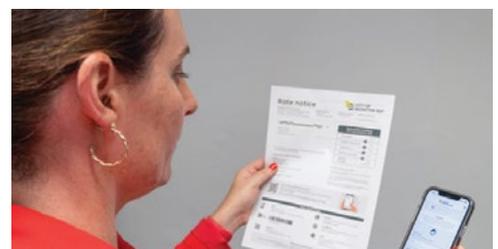


Is being healthy and active your new year's resolution?

Council delivers a wide range of community services and programs to drive healthy and active lifestyles in Moreton Bay.



Scan the QR codes or visit moretonbay.link/active-lifestyles to check out what's on in your area and get started today.



A faster, more flexible way to pay your rates is here!

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You can choose to pay your rates in smaller, more frequent payments and never forget a payment again. It's easy to set up, you can check your balance at any time and even adjust how often you pay. Visit payble.moretonbay.qld.gov.au to create a free *Payble* account.