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Note from the Editor

Did you know the word April comes from the Latin verb *Aperire*, meaning “to open”? It feels wonderfully fitting. Across the country, the intensity of summer begins to ease, the air softens, and the season quite literally opens the door to something gentler.

Autumn isn't just about falling leaves and golden light – it's also a time when gardens burst into fresh colour. Chrysanthemums, salvias, camellias, grevilleas, cosmos and dahlias all come into their own, blooming in rich, vibrant tones that brighten the cooling days. It's one of my favourite seasons of the year – there's something about the change in temperature and the shift in light that feels both calming and inspiring.

April also brings a flurry of activity across the region. School holidays run from April 3 to April 19 – much to the delight (and perhaps slight apprehension!) of parents and carers everywhere. In this edition, we explore some of the fantastic activities on offer to keep everyone entertained and, most importantly, sane.

With Easter arriving this month, there are also plenty of family-friendly events to keep the kids smiling – from egg hunts to community celebrations.

And as the month draws to a close, we pause to honour ANZAC Day – a time for reflection, remembrance and gratitude.

April truly is a month of opening – to new seasons, new beginnings and meaningful moments shared together.

A sneak peek at what's inside this issue!

Dress up, show up, and make a difference at the **Work Ready Op Shop Ball**. This special evening combines a fantastic night out with a powerful purpose – collecting pre-loved or unworn corporate workwear to support local job seekers. (Page 12)

Stereo City Nights is the official **Odyssey Festival's** 70s dance party, held the night before the main event, this ticketed event will feature Melbourne based eight-piece sensation Yacht Rock Revival. Get your costumes ready for a night of dancing and fun! (Page 14-15)

Join hundreds of fellow dog lovers for **A Dog's Day Out** at Dayman Park in Hervey Bay. This tail-wagging community event celebrates responsible pet ownership while bringing everyone together for a fun and friendly morning. Grab the lead, bring your dog, and be part of the excitement. (page 13)

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“Better Days” ARE AHEAD AS PETE MURRAY HEADS TO HERVEY BAY

By Kim Parnell



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When Australian singer-songwriter Pete Murray takes to the stage at the Sounds of Rock Music Festival on Seafront Oval, Saturday, September 19, fans on the Fraser Coast can expect an afternoon filled with heartfelt lyrics, crowd favourites and the unmistakable voice that has become part of the soundtrack of Australian music for more than two decades.

With a career that has produced some of the country's most loved songs, Pete's appearance is set to be a major highlight of the festival lineup in Hervey Bay. His music has connected with audiences across generations — something the singer himself still finds remarkable.

His breakthrough album *Feeler* catapulted him into the national spotlight, followed by successful releases including *See The Sun* and *Blue Sky Blue*. The albums delivered fan favourites such as *Better Days*, *Opportunity* and *So Beautiful* — songs that continue to resonate with listeners today.

But despite the success, Pete admits he never expected his career to unfold the way it has.

“It's funny,” he says with a laugh. “But it took me about eight years to actually listen to *Feeler* because I didn't think it was good enough. I really struggled with it and thought it was going to fail.”

The album's eventual success caught him completely off guard.

“When it started to take off, I was absolutely surprised. How big it became was just incredible.”

What made the album's rise even more unusual was how steadily it grew in popularity.

“I think it stayed in the charts for over a year before it went to number one, which is crazy,” he recalls. “Looking back now, there are songs on that album that people still connect with so deeply.”



When asked where the inspiration for his music comes from, the answer is simple: life itself.

“Life's not easy — but I always try to have some sort of positive twist in my songs. Music can motivate people and help them see things in a different light.”

That philosophy has had a profound impact on listeners.

“For songs like *Opportunity* and *Better Days*, I've had people tell me those songs actually changed their lives,” he says. “Some have said my music helped them through really tough times when they couldn't see a way out. To hear that someone listened to a song and it helped them keep going — there's no greater compliment in the world than that.”

Those emotional connections are something Pete feels most strongly when performing live.

“Anytime a crowd sings the lyrics back to me, it's pretty special,” he says. “You see people with tears in their eyes, others laughing and singing with their friends. It's a real mix of emotions.”

Over time he has also noticed something remarkable about his audience.

“The songs have touched people across different generations,” he explains. “You've got grandparents, parents and kids all coming to the shows now. People who were in their twenties when they first heard my music are bringing their own kids along. It's pretty amazing to see.”

Songwriting is often a solitary process, and Pete's creative approach has evolved over the years.

“For a long time, I'd just sit in the bathroom because it had better acoustics,” he laughs. “I'd come up with music and melodies and then start working on the lyrics.”

“Originally, I used a tape machine to record ideas, but later I started filming myself on iMovie. Being able to see what you're playing makes it a lot easier to remember later.”

These days, life looks a little different.

“I've got four kids now, so there's definitely a little less time to write,” he says.

Born in the small Queensland town of Miles and raised in Chinchilla, about four hours west of Brisbane, he says growing up in the country helped shape his outlook on life.

"If you're brought up in the country you tend to stay pretty grounded," he says. "I also didn't have success until my early thirties, so I'd already lived a fair bit of life before all that happened."

Becoming a father around the same time also kept things in perspective.

"I had my first son when I was 30, just as things were starting to take off," he says. "When you've got a family, that becomes your priority."

In recent years Pete has continued to release new music while also celebrating the songs that first made him famous. His eighth studio album, *Longing*, brought together ideas he had been developing over many years.

"Some of those songs had been sitting around for a while," he explains. "I'd work on them a bit, put them away for a couple of years, then come back and add more. Eventually it all came together into something that flows really nicely from start to finish."

The album has been warmly received by his fans.

He is also revisiting some of his earliest work.

"I've started re-recording the *Feeler* album with my live band," he reveals. "It gives the songs a slightly different flavour. I really loved going back into the studio and revisiting them."

Another important reason behind the re-recordings is ownership.

"I'll own the master recordings this time," he says. "I think every artist should own their masters. Back in the early days the deals weren't great, and you didn't really have much choice. But the industry is changing."

When Pete arrives in Hervey Bay for the festival later this year, his music will be front and centre.

"People can expect a lot of the old hit songs," he says. "There'll definitely be plenty of sing-alongs. There will also be a few surprises as I might mix in a few newer ones as well," he says."

Pete says he is particularly looking forward to returning to the region.

"I haven't been to Hervey Bay for a long time," he says. "The last time I drove up there in my Kombi van and stopped in Tin Can Bay to see the dolphins, then went on to Seventeen Seventy. That would've been about twenty-five years ago."

After so many years of writing, recording and touring, Pete says he still feels incredibly grateful to be doing what he loves.



"I feel really blessed that I'm one of the few musicians in Australia who can do this full-time," he says. "The music industry is incredibly tough. It's hard enough to have one hit song, let alone a lengthy career."

Longevity, he believes, comes down to dedication — and loyal fans.

For fans planning to attend the festival, Pete has one simple suggestion.

"Before we come to town, listen to the new album and the old songs," he says with a smile. "You'll enjoy the show even more."

And if there's time between touring and family life, he still enjoys one of his favourite pastimes.

"I love surfing," he says. "I don't get out as much these days with the kids keeping me busy, but whenever I can, it's the perfect way to relax and reset."

When he steps onto the stage at the Sounds of Rock Music Festival, one thing is certain — Pete Murray's songs will once again bring thousands of voices together in a moment that reminds us why live music remains so powerful.

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But what if we could imagine even more?

At the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre, we believe imagination is one of the most powerful tools a community has. It helps us remember who we are and inspires us to shape who we want to become. That's why HBNC are inviting the entire community to take part in Illuminate: 100 Days of Imagination starting in April.

This is not just another event to mark on your calendar. It is a gentle interruption to the rhythm of everyday life. For 100 days, Hervey Bay will become a canvas for imagination. Through simple events, signs around town, and small 'micro-activities', we are inviting everyone from our youngest children to our most senior elders to rediscover their sense of wonder.

Some key events include: Youth Pitch Event, 29 of April to hear ideas from our young poeple; Volunteer Conference, 19 May to learn about the future of volunteering; The Great Easter Eggs-pedition in the Botanic Gardens during the April school holidays and Stage Two of the Art Story Wall: Where I Belong? launching for local creatives to share why they love living in Hervey Bay.

While this campaign is fun and creative, it also has a deeper purpose. At HBNC we are currently planning the next four years for 2030, and we want that future to be shaped by the community. Every idea, every story, and every dream shared during these 100 days will help inform the HBNC Strategic Plan. We want a plan written with the voices of the community, the people who walk our Esplanade, raise families here, run businesses, volunteer, and call Hervey Bay home.

There is no right or wrong way to participate. It might be sharing an idea sparked by a sign in the park, a conversation over coffee, or a creative dream you've been holding onto for years. If you would like to get more involved, visit the website to see the activities and events being delivered during April - June.

HBNC has established a Dream Team who meet every Friday from 10am - 2pm at the Neighbourhood Hive, where community members come together to share ideas, create projects, and imagine what's possible. Join us for the next 100 days and let's bring the village back, one imagination at a time.

Tanya Stevenson
CEO, Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre





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Dress code for the ball is formal, and guests may like to consider a pre-loved option, or give that once used ballgown a second outing.

Council's Jobs Ready Trainer Pauline Rees said they'd seen

firsthand how something as simple as a pair of dress shoes rather than sneakers that might have been the only option, gave someone the confidence to not only land a role but also have something to wear in the early days of employment.

Jobseekers in local employment programs have done the hard yards on bettering themselves, building confidence, resume writing, interview skills, getting the right tickets but looking the part goes a long way to feeling the part.

"These are the little things that make a big difference," Tina Davey, Director Bayside Transformations said. It's also a practical and waste-reducing way to help clean out your wardrobe and give clothes (and most importantly, another person living in our community) a new life.

The ball will be held at the Clubhouse Hervey Bay on the 1st of May. Tickets can be purchased via the QR code.

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VIEW Clubs bring women together in friendship and fun

How many people know what a VIEW Club is? Is it for photography lovers? Artists painting a scenic outlook? Or simply what you see when gazing out a window?

No – it's none of these. VIEW stands for Voice, Interest & Education for Women and is a national women's volunteer organisation that has proudly operated in Australia for just over 65 years. Through its partnership with The Smith Family, VIEW supports the education of students experiencing disadvantage, helping to change young lives through learning.

VIEW Clubs bring women together in friendship and fun, enriching lives and connecting with like minded women contributing to those less fortunate than themselves.

Here on the Fraser Coast, there are three daytime clubs warmly welcoming new members aged 18 and over. Hervey Bay VIEW Club, formed in 1995, meets on the second Monday of each month at 11.00am. Fraser Coast VIEW Club, established in 2007, gathers on the first Thursday of each month at 11.30am. Both currently meet at the Kondari Hotel in Urangan. Maryborough VIEW Club, formed in 2020, meets at the Maryborough Citizens' Memorial Club in Lennox Street on the second Friday of each month at 11.30am.



Meetings follow a similar format, with official business kept brief, followed by a guest speaker or activity and the opportunity to enjoy lunch, dinner or coffee together. Each club raises funds in its own creative way – from trading tables and raffles to book exchanges and member-led initiatives.

There is a one-off joining fee of \$30 and an annual membership of \$30, with a small \$5 meeting fee to cover raffles and lucky door prizes. Meals are at members' own cost.

The Development Committee is also exploring a fourth club for women unable to attend daytime meetings.

For enquiries, please contact Jean on 0425 253 064 or email jeanjennings06@gmail.com.

The VIEW website has a mass of information at www.view.org.au. Clubs also regularly post information on Facebook.

A paw-some day of fun at the DOG'S DAY OUT



It's set to be a bark-tastic day of fun, with the much-loved A Dog's Day Out returning to Dayman Park, Urangan on Sunday 19 April from 8am to 12 noon.

Fraser Coast Regional Council Animal Management Spokesperson Cr John Weiland said the event continues to be a favourite for local families, celebrating responsible pet ownership and bringing the community together for a fun morning out.

"This popular event attracts hundreds of dog owners and their families and is a great platform for local businesses to showcase their products, services and expertise," Cr Weiland said.

"The event will feature dog-related stalls alongside food stalls, pet advice and tips, demonstrations, and fun competitions including best-dressed dog, best dog trick and owner look-alike.

"On the day, free microchipping will be available, with Council's Customer Service team on hand to register pets free for the first time," he said.

"On the Fraser Coast, it is compulsory for dogs to be registered with Council from 12 weeks of age and within 14 days of owners moving to the region.

"Ensuring your dog is registered and microchipped helps reduce the number of animals that end up at the animal facility and makes it easier for Council to reunite lost pets with their owners."

Cr Weiland said desexing delivers significant benefits, including reducing unwanted litters, roaming and aggressive behaviour, and lowering the risk of certain health issues.

"A Dog's Day Out is one of our most cherished community events on the Fraser Coast. It's always full of energy, colour and wagging tails, and we're thrilled to be bringing it back again this year for everyone to enjoy," he said.

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Stereo City Nights is the official Odyssey 70s dance party

By Kim Parnell

The night before the Odyssey Festival lights up the Maryborough Showgrounds on Saturday, July 25, there's only one place you'll want to be — right in front of the big stage for Stereo City Nights: 70s Dance Party.

Stereo City Nights is the official Odyssey 70s dance party, and it promises a glittering, groove-filled night under the open sky. Expect a high-energy DJ spinning the biggest hits of the decade — the kind of songs that instantly transport you back to roller skates, shag carpet and Saturday night countdowns. And adding even more sparkle to the evening is Melbourne-based eight-piece sensation Yacht Rock Revival, delivering a special set celebrating the smooth, sun-soaked sounds that defined 70s light rock.

Yes, there will be glam. Yes, there will be platform shoes. And yes, you absolutely should come dressed in your best 70s finery.

One of the things I love most about what I do is chatting with passionate people about what makes their world tick — and learning something new along the way. During my conversation with Susan Marsden from Yacht Rock Revival, I discovered that “yacht rock” is not, in fact, rock music played on a boat (which, if I’m honest, is what I had vaguely imagined).

It’s actually a genre. A very specific one.

“In the beginning, I chose the genre because I was sick of playing Jessie’s Girl and Run to Paradise,” Susan laughs. “I wanted to do something smoother — the music I grew up with.”

She didn’t even realise it had a name at first.

“I was putting together all my favourite songs — Toto, The Doobie Brothers, Boz Scaggs, Christopher Cross — and I walked into a record store and asked the guy if he had any

of them. He said, ‘Oh, you want the yacht rock section.’ I thought, the what? But there they all were, grouped together. That’s when I realised it was actually a genre.”

For Susan, yacht rock is pure nostalgia.

“It takes you back to where you were when you first heard that song. I remember hearing Rosanna while I was roller skating on a Monday night. It’s that feeling. The harmonies are slick; the production is beautiful — it’s fantastic music.”

Long before Yacht Rock Revival was born, Susan had been singing since she was eight years old. After moving to Melbourne, she worked the pub and club circuit, eventually forming her own cover band, Flirt, which became a duo. But something was missing.

“We were playing classic pub rock, and I really wanted to dig into something more meaty — more intricate. That’s when I decided to step away from the duo and create a larger band that could really do this music justice.”

And when Susan commits, she commits completely.

“I own the band, I manage it, I run it. I do all the costumes — every suit you see on stage, I made. I shop vintage all over the world for shirts, shoes, jeans and jewellery. We immerse ourselves in the genre. It’s cheesy, but it’s classy.”



For those discovering Yacht Rock Revival for the first time, Susan is quick to point out this isn't your standard tribute show.

"One of the biggest differences is the world-class musicianship on stage. It's not just a show — it's a full-scale immersive experience that transports the audience back to the golden age of smooth."

Think tight vocal harmonies, soaring sax solos, authentic vintage styling and a playful stage presence that captures the spirit of the era.

Behind the fun, though, is serious dedication.

"This isn't music you can rehearse once and take on stage. We had 20 rehearsals before our first gig to make sure we got it right. The harmonies are huge. The arrangements are complex. But when you look out and see nothing but smiling faces, it's worth every minute."

And smile they do.

"In our audiences, all you see is joy. People singing, dancing, reminiscing. I can't stop smiling on stage either. It's brilliant."

What surprises Susan most is the number of younger fans in the crowd.

"I'll see 20-year-olds singing every word and I'll ask, 'How do you know this?' They say, 'Our parents raised us on good music.' It's being passed down. The songs are real. The bands wrote their own material. The lyrics were layered and meaningful. It touches you."

Yacht Rock Revival's line-up reads like a dream team of seasoned performers. Susan leads on vocals, joined by Pete Newmarch on male lead vocals and guitar, Tom Petrason on guitar and vocals, Rob Powell on bass and high harmonies, Joe Petrolo on keys and piano, Paul Van Ross on synthesiser, saxophone, soprano sax, flute and vocals, Fab Giorgio on drums and Javier Fredes on percussion.

Together, they recreate the lush, polished sound that defines the genre.

Susan's personal favourite track?

"It has to be What a Fool Believes by Michael McDonald featuring The Doobie Brothers from 1978. It's considered the number one yacht rock song in the world."

Yes, there is apparently an official ranking system — the Yachtski Scale — a 0–100 rating that determines whether a song truly qualifies as yacht rock. Susan assures me it's real.

"There's always debate about what counts. The name was tongue-in-cheek, but the music is taken very seriously. It's huge in the United States and it's really growing here in Australia too."



And the song that consistently blows the roof off?

"Lido by Boz Scaggs. When we use that as our encore, the crowd are jumping up and down, scream-singing. It's amazing."

Then there's the look.

"I go for the Farrah Fawcett hair," Susan laughs. "Big hair, aviator sunglasses with blue and pink reflections, platform shoes — which the boys hate because they hurt — necklaces, captain's hats."

Yes, captain's hats. In fact, you can buy your own at the merch stand, along with T-shirts, pens and stickers.

But beyond the costumes, the choreography and the note-perfect harmonies, what truly sets Yacht Rock Revival apart is the joy.

"We have 100 per cent fun. The band members are the best bunch of people I've ever known — apart from my children," she adds quickly. "We have an absolute ball on stage. When we see the happiness in the audience, it comes right back to us. We're high as a kite when we walk off. It's a brilliant feeling."

If Susan could sail into the sunset for a jam session with one original yacht rock legend?

"It would have to be Michael McDonald. He's the godfather. Christopher Cross and Kenny Loggins are right up there too — but if I had to pick one, it's Michael McDonald."

So, if you're heading to Odyssey Festival on July 25, do yourself a favour and arrive the night before. Dust off the flares. Tease up the hair. Slip on those platforms.

Stereo City Nights is your invitation to step into a time machine — one filled with smooth grooves, soaring harmonies and the kind of feel-good energy that lingers long after the final note fades.

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Tickets for Stereo Nights and the Odyssey Festival are available at www.odysseyfestival.com.au.

Odyssey
FESTIVAL 2026

Saturday, July 25
Maryborough Showgrounds
www.odysseyfestival.com.au

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2026

Wed, Apr 1

Pilates in Motion

(Every Wed)
5.30pm – 6.30pm

Cost: \$5 – Take yoga mat & Cushion

The Tree House: Urangan Wellness Centre

Wed, Apr 1

Film Industry Networking Event

(Event by Screen Fraser Coast)
6pm – 8pm

Tickets via Humanitix
Cinema Foyer

The Hervey Bay Boat Club

Wed, Apr 1

Grow It Local Day

1pm – 3pm

Free event. Tickets limited
via eventbrite

Halcro Street Community Garden
Pialba

Wed, Apr 1

Grow It Local Day

8.30am – 10.30am

Free event. Tickets limited
via eventbrite

Lupton Park Community Garden
Maryborough

Sat, Apr 4

Hervey Bay Parkrun

(Every Saturday)

Brief 6.50 am

FREE 5km timed event

Urangan Pier

(Don't forget your barcode)

Sat, Apr 4

Maryborough Parkrun

(Every Saturday)

Brief 6.50 am

FREE 5km timed event

Cheapside St

(Don't forget your barcode)

Fri, Apr 3 - Sun, Apr 19

School Holidays

Events/activities

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Fri, Apr 3 - Sun, Apr 5

FAMILIES: Easter Fishing Competition

By Burrum Heads Amateur Fishing Club

Lions Park, Burrum Heads

Cost involved

Head to:

www.burrumheadsfishing.com.au

Sat, Apr 4

FAMILIES: Poona Easter Festival

(Poona Community Progress Association)

8am – 8pm

Free entry

Updates on the Poona Community Noticeboard

9 Snapper Dr, Poona

Mon, Apr 6

Women's Walk & Talk Hervey Bay

5.15pm – 6.15pm (every Monday)

Meet at the All Abilities Park – Adventure side (near BBQs)

Free event

Tues, Apr 7

FAMILIES: Easter Family Fun Day in the Botanic Gardens

10am – 1pm

Cost: Free

Great Easter Eggs-Pedition, Apr 3-19

Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens

Elizabeth St, Urangan

Tues, Apr 7

FUNDRAISER: Easter Tombola

(Fraser Coast Hospice Association)

9am for a 10am start

Free entry – Raffle tickets available for purchase

Harvey Room - Hervey Bay RSL

Wed, Apr 8

Brolga Backstage Tours

10am – 11am

Tickets: \$5, includes morning tea

Friends of the Brolga: Free

www.brolgatheatre.org

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

Fri, Apr 10

Rising in Rhythm Tour

Presented by Beck Hall

6pm – 9pm

Ticketed event via Humanitix

Pialba Memorial Hall, Hervey Bay

Sat, Apr 11

Suitcase Rummage

9am – 12pm

The Shedding

Fraser Street, Torquay

Sat, Apr 11 - Sat, May 2

FAMILIES: Emerging Creatives: Youth Art Show Showcase

Youth Week Exhibition

Gatakers Artspace, Maryborough

Sat, Apr 11 - Sun, Apr 19

KIDS: Fraser Coast Youth Week

For events, head to the link

www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/youth-week

Mon, Apr 13

FAMILIES: Magic & Circus Show

Maryborough City Hall

2 shows - 10am & 1pm

Ticketed event

<https://events.magicandcircus.com.au/events/magicandcircusshow>

Tue, Apr 14

Neighbourhood Night Studio Active Clubs Network – Access & Inclusion

6pm – 8pm

Cost: Free

Registration – www.hbnc.com.au

Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre

Charles St, Pialba

Thu, Apr 14 & 28

FAMILIES: School Holiday's Makerspace Mastery for Young People & Families

3.30pm

Cost: Free – Bookings required

Hervey Bay Library

Wed, Apr 15

Drum Tao – Samauri of the Drum

7.30pm

Ticketed event

www.brolgatheatre.org

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough



Fri, Apr 17

Exhibition Opening

3 new exhibitions

6pm – 8pm

Cost: Free

Gatakers Artspace, Maryborough

Fri, Apr 17

Wildlife Talks

1pm – 2pm

Free: No bookings required

Hervey Bay Library

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Sat, Apr 18

AUDITIONS:

The Revlon Girl
9.30am
Z-Pac Theatre, Scarness
www.zpactheatre.com.au

Sat, Apr 18

Flickerfest Hervey Bay

(Presented by Screen Fraser Coast)
6pm – Red Carpet
6.30pm – Screening
Ticketed event
Big Screen Theatres
Tickets via humanitix

Sat, Apr 18

CONCERT: Red Hot Summer Tour

1pm
Ticketed event
www.ticketmaster.com.au
Seafront Oval, Hervey Bay

Sat, Apr 18

ARTIST TALK: Kevin Rogers

11am – 12pm
Free event – registration is appreciated
Gatakers Artspace, Maryborough

Sun, Apr 19

FAMILIES: A Dog's Day Out

(Event by FCRC)
8am -12 noon
Best dressed dog, trick and owner look alike
Dayman Park, Urangan



Sun, Apr 19

FAMILIES: Hervey Bay Race 5k, 10k and 2k little dingos walk

(Event by Fraser Coast Runners and Walkers)
6am
Urangan Pier
Visitors, \$5 adults - \$2 kids
Morning tea provided

Sun, Apr 19

FUNDRAISER: HBTC Community Teams Triathlon

(Event by Hervey Bay Tri Club)
300m swim, 10km ride, 3km run
Dress up!
Cost involved
www.herveybaytriclub.org.au
Hervey Bay Surf Lifesaving Club

Sun, Apr 19

FAMILIES: Stage Show - Bluey's Big Play

3 sessions
Ticketed event
www.brolgatheatre.org
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

Mon, Apr 20

Writing Workshop with Jane Smith

(Presented by Fraser Coast Libraries)
10am – 12pm
Bookings essential
Cost: Free
Hervey Bay Library

Sat, Apr 25

Ireland the Voyage

7.30pm – 9.20pm
Ticketed event
www.brolgatheatre.org
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough



Sat, Apr 25

ANZAC Day

For list of services head to:
www.rslqld.org



Sun, Apr 26

Sunday in the Park + Band Hall Handcraft Markets

9am – 1pm
Queens Park, Maryborough

Thu, Apr 30

Sportsman's Dinner Origin Legends Gilly & Webcke

6.30pm
Hervey Bay RSL
Tickets: www.herveybayrsl.com

If you have an event to add for future editions, please send details to whatsonfrasercoast@outlook.com.

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GIG GUIDE

LIVE MUSIC ON THE FRASER COAST

April
2026

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HERVEY BAY

Hervey Bay Boat Club

Fri 03, 6.00 pm, Club Closed*

Sat 04, 6.00 pm, Brian Speirs

Sun 05, 2.00 pm, Peter Baker

Fri 10, 6.00 pm, Diamonds & Rust Duo

Sat 11, 6.00 pm, Frank Benn

Sun 12, 2.00 pm, Shaun Beckett

Fri 17, 6.00 pm, Derek Smith

Sat 18, 6.00 pm, Dean Gray

Sun 19, 2.00 pm, Brian Speirs

Fri 24, 6.00 pm, Joel Spence

Sat 25, 6.00 pm, Shannon Young

Sun 26, 2.00 pm, Peter Baker

Weekly Residents

Every Tue, 12 pm, Neil Wenk

Every Thu, 5 pm, Neil Wenk

Hervey Bay RSL

Sat 4, 8pm, Red Betty

Fri 10, 11.30am, Trevor Judge

Fri 10, 6pm, Aaron Westlake

Sat 11, 8pm, Forbidden Road

Fri 17, 11.30am, Trevor Judge

Fri 17, 6pm, Bevan Spiers

Sat 18, 8pm, Smooth Velvet

Fri 24, 11.30am, Trevor Judge

Fri 24, 6pm, Brian Speirs

Sat 25, 12.30pm, Doug Edwards

Sat 25, 8pm, Dogwood Crossing

Sun 26, 12pm, Frank Benn

Beach House Hotel

Main Bar

Sat 4, 9pm, DJ Nixon

Sun 5, 2pm, Franky Busta

Fri 10, 9pm, Shane Allsop

Sat 11, 9pm, Dancefloor Confessions

Sun 12, 2pm, Aaron Westlake

Fri 17, 9pm, Diamonds & Rust

Sat 18, 9pm, Dogwood Crossing

Sun 19, 2pm, DJ Croosky

Fri 24, 9pm, Derek Smith

Sat 25, 9pm, Rhubarb Tarts

Sun 26, 2pm, Shannon Young

Scarborough Bar

Sat 4, 4pm, Sam Maddison

Sat 11, 4pm, Scott Angeles

Sat 18, 4pm, Capi

Sat 25, 4pm, Frank Benn

The Clubhouse Hervey Bay

Sat 4, 6pm, Scott Angeles

Fri 10, 6pm, Kev Carroll

Sat 11, 6pm, Will Ramage

Fri 17, 6pm, Joel Spence

Sat 18, 6pm, Sam Maddison

Fri 24, 6pm, Shannon Young

Sat 25, 6pm, Emma Newman



MARYBOROUGH

Carriers Arms Hotel

Sat 4, 9pm, Saltwater Cartel

Sun 5, 2pm, Open Mic with Dave & Dizzy

Fri 10, 9pm, Dogwood Duo

Sat 11, 9pm, The Wannabees

Sun 12, 2pm, Open Mic with Dave & Dizzy

Fri 17, 9pm, Frank Benn

Sat 18, 9pm, Dogwood Crossing

Sun 19, 2pm, Trainwrecks

Fri 24, 9pm, Dust Trio

Sat 25, 9pm, Marshall Brothers

Sun 26, 2pm, Open Mic with Dave & Dizzy



Maryborough Services Club

Fri 3, 9pm, DJ Croosky

Sat 4, 8pm, Sweaty Palms

Sun 5, 1pm, Emma Newman

Fri 10, 9pm, DJ Croosky

Sat 11, 8pm, Saltwater Cartel

Sun 12, 1pm, Mia Rose

Fri 17, 9pm DJ Croosky

Sat 18, 8pm Rhubarb Tarts

Sun 19, 1pm, Derek F Smith

Fri 24, 9pm, DJ Croosky

Sat 25, 8pm, Whiskey Mountain Boys

Sun 26, 1pm, Shane Van Wamelen

Maryborough Sports Club

Thu 2, 7.30 pm, Rock n Rolla Billys

Fri 10, 7.30 pm, Neil Wenck

Sun 12, 12.00 pm, Derek Smith

Fri 17, 7.30 pm, Brian Speirs

Sat 18, 7.00 pm, Luke O'Shea

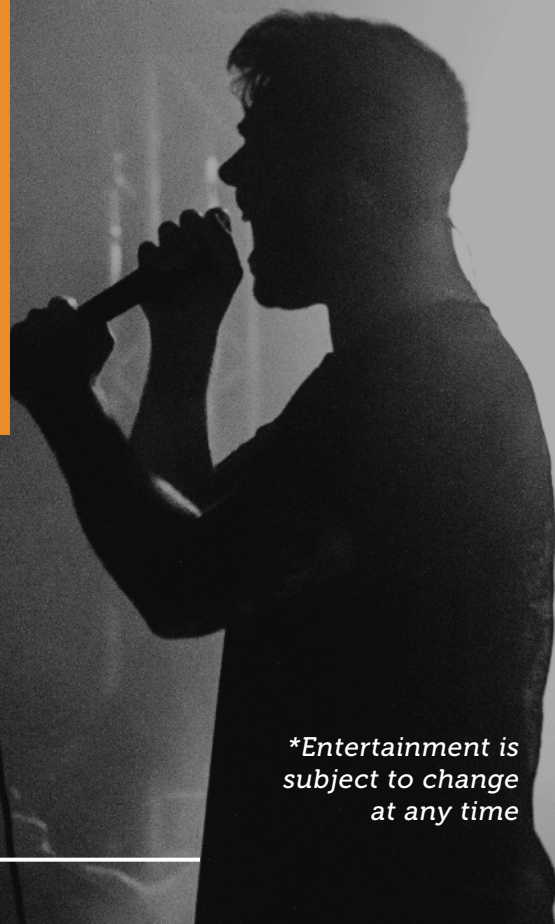
Fri 24, 7.30 pm, Red Betty

Sat 25, 7.00 pm, Billy Guy

Sun 26, 12.30 pm, End Of Month

Draws – Billy Guy

Thu 30, 7.00 pm, Open Mic Night



*Entertainment is
subject to change
at any time

Childers Heritage Day Returns Bigger and Better in 2026

History, heritage, and hands-on experiences will once again take centre stage when the 5th Annual Childers Heritage Day takes place on Saturday, May 9, promising an exciting program of demonstrations, tours, music, and family-friendly fun.

From 9am to 1pm, many of Childers' much-loved heritage venues and regular participants will open their doors, inviting visitors to step back in time and celebrate the town's rich past.

Appearing for the very first time is Dan Davie, a two-time World Champion Blacksmith, who will be showcasing his craft at the event. Founder of Metal Masterpieces Blacksmithing, Davie is known for creating striking handcrafted metal sculptures and custom commissions while teaching traditional blacksmithing techniques. Visitors will have the chance to see his artistry up close as he demonstrates his craft alongside students from his FORGEAHEAD program, which blends creative skills with therapeutic learning. Davie has previously wowed crowds at the Gympie Heritage Fair and Murgon Heritage Day.

The Federal Hotel Childers will join the Heritage Day lineup. Visitors can explore the hotel's fascinating rooms on guided tours from 9am to 12 noon, while food lovers can enjoy a heritage-inspired menu during the week leading up to the event. On the day itself, breakfast will be served from 7am to 11am—the perfect way to start a morning of heritage discovery.

Traditional crafts will also feature prominently. The talented ladies from the Fraser Coast Lace Makers will demonstrate the delicate art of button lace making within the grounds of the Childers Historical Complex, showcasing skills that have been passed down through generations.



Christ Church Anglican Church - Patchwork Quilts



5th Light Horse Regiment Hervey Bay Troop

Also joining the celebrations is new business, Rusty Hide Leather Co., run by craftsman Rick Wright. Visitors can watch demonstrations of belt making, whip plaiting and leather art, and even learn some of the techniques themselves.

Horse lovers will be particularly well catered for this year. The 5th Light Horse Regiment Hervey Bay Troop will grace the forecourt of the Isis RSL, while over at the Childers Historical Complex visitors can meet Bluebell and Saxon, the region's much-loved Clydesdales. Adding to the historical atmosphere, the Great War Living History Group will also be on the complex grounds.

Meanwhile, the beautifully restored Paragon Theatre will be home to the Perfectly Imperfect Collective, where visitors can grab a coffee from the espresso bar, browse market stalls, and admire the theatre's stunning historic interior.

For those who love textiles and heritage crafts, patchwork quilt displays will be open at two local churches this year. Christ Church Anglican Church will welcome visitors from 9am to 1pm, while Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be open with guides on site between 9am and 11am.

Music and games will also be part of the festivities, with the Childers State School String Orchestra performing from 9.30am, followed by traditional children's games organised by the Heritage Church leaders.

Organisers say more announcements are still to come, and visitors are encouraged to keep an eye on the Childers Heritage Day Facebook Page for updates.

The 2026 event will be especially meaningful, as it also marks 50 years since the founding of the Isis District Historical Society Inc, the Childers Heritage Day hosts.

As part of the nationwide Australian Heritage Festival, Childers Heritage Day transforms the entire town into a living showcase of history, craftsmanship, and community spirit.

With new attractions, treasured traditions, and plenty to see and do, the 5th Annual Childers Heritage Day is shaping up to be the biggest celebration yet.

Mark your calendar – Saturday, May 9 – and experience a day when history truly comes alive in Childers.

EXPLORE THE REGION ON FOOT

MUDLO NATIONAL PARK

The view from Pearson's Lookout is spectacular

Written by **Fraser Coast Mayor, George Seymour**

Shinrin-yoku is the Japanese term for forest bathing. This is something that I think we can all benefit from. Spending time in nature and being immersed in wilderness is highly beneficial for health and wellbeing.



A really significant forest that I enjoy spending time in is at Mudlo National Park, just outside of the charming town of Kilkivan.

This rare patch of native hoop pine vineforest offers both a short flat walk through the forest (Scrubby Creek Circuit) and a steep climb up to Pearson's Lookout which provides a spectacular view back towards Kilkivan.

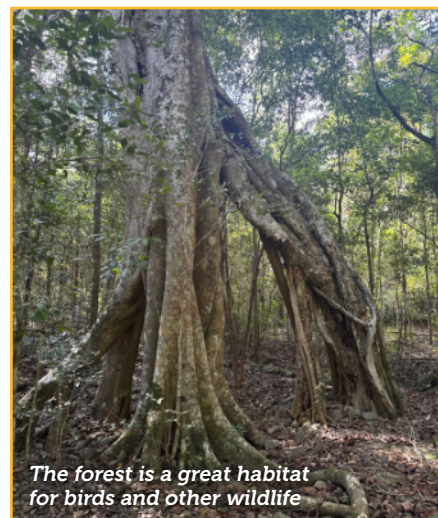
As you set off on the short walk, you immediately know that you are somewhere special with diverse and dense vegetation shading out the sun. Fallen trees and rocks on the ground are covered in moss. There are some really spectacular giant fig trees, and the forest is alive with birdsong.

Majestic Bunya Pines tower above the forest canopy.

There are two creek crossings, sometimes there is water to walk through.

The steep track up to Pearson's Lookout branches off of the Scrubby Creek Circuit and requires a bit of work to get to the top. But I found it worthwhile for the views and the changes in vegetation you see as you climb high above the dense forest canopy below.

In our busy modern lives, we should all take time for forest bathing in places like Mudlo National Park.



The forest is a great habitat for birds and other wildlife



Moss lines the forest floor where trees have fallen



Technology Sessions

Tech Workshops

One-hour classes covering a range of topics are held at Hervey Bay and Maryborough Libraries.

Maryborough Library Hervey Bay Library

Wednesdays
9:30am

Thursdays
9:30am

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OUR PEOPLE, OUR PAST

Robert Huxley Furnishings

Compiled & written by member Susan Bowes
Maryborough District Family History Society

On a recent trip into New South Wales chasing family history information and cemetery headstones, I was given the name of a Robert Huxley who owned a furniture store in my hometown of Maryborough, Queensland.

This came as quite a surprise as I was only aware of my maternal grandparents having lived in Maryborough and buried in the Maryborough Garden of Rest Cemetery. Through research, I found Robert, and his wife lived in Maryborough for approximately eleven years yet returned to Cairns where they died and are buried.

Prior to coming to Maryborough, an article on Trove dated 27th September 1935 from the Johnstone Rivers Advocate & Innisfail News, stated that Huxley owned a furniture store in Innisfail; Robert Huxley & Co. and was the agent for Singer sewing machine and parts. From Trove searches it is suggested that Robert Huxley Furnishings was operating in Maryborough from 1939 to 1950; a total of eleven years. (Trove, Huxley Furnishings, Sale dated 30/06/1950)

Upon coming to Maryborough, Mr. Huxley took over the emporium owned previously by Mr Charteris (Trove Article dated 16th August 1939) and renamed the business, Robert Huxley Furnishings. The business was situated at 219 Adelaide Street, where the Friendlies Discount Pharmacy occupies today. A photograph of the Huxley's store at that time is yet to be found.

In a Maryborough newspaper clipping, it was said that Huxley Furnishings was an up-to-date emporium with a policy of courteous service and high-quality merchandise. Huxley believed in giving everyone a 'fair go' and provided customers with easy payment terms and the ability to hold the goods at his store for up to six months. It was said that the business held



ROBERT HUXLEY
(Proprietor Huxley's Furniture Showrooms)
Robert Huxley - Trove

FURNITURE BARGAINS FOR MARYBOROUGH

Mr. R. Huxley's Enterprise

With a lifetime of experience in the furniture business Mr. Robert Huxley has come to Maryborough from the north and taken over the furniture emporium previously trading under the name of Charteris, in Adelaide-street. Mr. Huxley has been associated with firms of such high repute as Messrs. Heatley and Sons of Townsville, and for six years conducted his own business, at Innisfail, until a short time ago when he sold out to Messrs. Heatley and Sons and decided to come south. As a merely cursory glance of his windows will show, Mr. Huxley has some outstanding lines in quality furniture. He is featuring the latest designs in well-made and elegant looking furniture and his showroom amply demonstrates his ability to furnish any home with distinction. To mark his entry into business in Maryborough Mr. Huxley is holding a sale when a discount of 10 per cent. will be given to all customers. He is able to supply a complete range in any style or period furniture and all furnishings inseparable from a well set up home—carpets, curtains, and linoleums—will be features of his stocks. The business will be carried on as under the previous management and the public is cordially invited to call in and inspect his establishment. Mr. Huxley is prepared to offer easy terms to purchasers, and soliciting a continuance of the custom afforded to his predecessor he asks the opportunity of satisfying new customers of his business.

16th August 1939 - Trove



Huxley's Furniture Store possible location is where the Friendlies is now

a large stock of household items that could easily fit-out an entire home.

Mr Huxley was also a Westinghouse agent, which provided another valuable service to the Wide Bay Community.

Trove dated 21st February 1940; the Maryborough Chronicle had posted an "Appreciation Notice" from Mr. H. Dale of Brooweena thanking Mr. Robert Huxley for the cot that had arrived safely at their home.

Mrs. Huxley was also active in the community with a notification in Trove Maryborough Chronicle dated 27th April 1946 as playing Bowls at the Doon Villa Bowls Club.

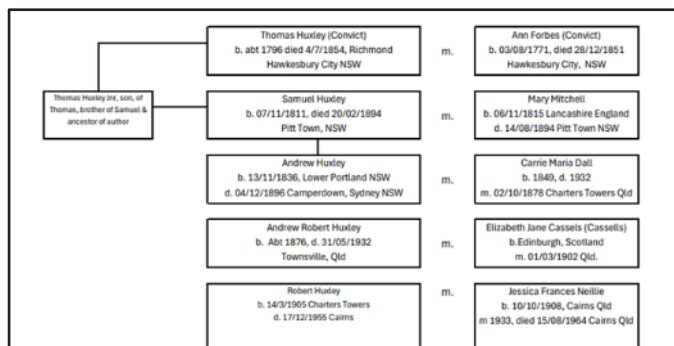
As stated in Trove, Maryborough Chronicle 7th August 1948, Huxley was community minded and patron of the Maryborough Canine Club with his Collie being a fine specimen of its breed. Huxley Furnishings displayed in their window; the trophies won at these events.

It appears that he was not always in the good books as he and twenty-two notable Maryborough businessmen were fined £25 plus 6/- costs for drinking on an August Sunday at the Australian Hotel during prohibited hours; the licensee was also charged for keeping her premises open for the sale of liquor during the prohibited hours. (Trove, Maryborough Chronicle dated 27th September 1949).

Although Robert and his wife, Jessie Francis (Nee Nellie) bore no children, Robert's ancestors can be traced back to the first and third fleet of convicts, which is viewed as an honour in today's society, yet possibly frowned upon in the early 1900s.

It is sad to think that Robert Huxley was only into five years of retirement in Cairns before he passed away from pneumonia. He was 55 years of age and was buried in Cairns Cemetery.

A chart below shows the lineage between Robert Huxley of Maryborough and Thomas Huxley, convict and farm owner NSW.



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Photographs, articles & chart from Find-a-Grave, Trove & Ancestry

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RAFFLE REUNITES WINNER WITH ISLAND

Dreams have come true for Sydney resident Lukas after winning a \$135,000 Toyota Landcruiser in a charity raffle.

Moving to Australia from the Czech Republic a decade ago and embarking on a road trip from Cairns to the Gold Coast which included a tour of K'gari, Lukas has dreamt of returning to the world's largest sand island for his own four-wheel-drive adventure.

That dream became reality on February 26 when Lukas and his partner Martina flew to Hervey Bay to collect his brand new 79 Series V8 Landcruiser and headed straight for the island.

"Although we live in Sydney, K'gari is a special place for us. Ten years ago, when we did a road trip from Cairns to the Gold Coast, one of our stops was K'gari. Back then, we only did a one-day bus tour.

"But we fell in love with the place instantly, and from that day on, it became my dream to come back in my own car and explore this amazing island at a more relaxed pace, driving my own 4WD. At the time, I didn't even know whether I'd ever come back to Australia, as it's literally on the other side of the world from the Czech Republic. But a couple of impulsive decisions brought me back here."

Lukas said although he has visited K'gari since his initial visit, it remains a special part of the world.

"When I found out that Raffle for a Cause was based in Hervey Bay, my first thought was that if I won the car, the very first thing I'd do would be to take it straight to K'gari.

"I don't think there's a better car to explore K'gari, there's also no better place to properly test it. Even if delivery to Sydney was an option, I would still have preferred to pick it up in Hervey Bay — just for the chance to visit my favourite place in Australia again and enjoy the road trip home in my new dream car."

Lukas purchased multiple tickets in the raffle because he knew it was supporting a good cause and that with only



Cruiser winner at Maheno wreck

3,000 tickets sold, his chances were better than most raffles.

"What stood out about Raffle for a Cause for me was how transparent it seemed. Only 3,000 tickets, plus the raffle is backed by a charity, so part of the money doesn't go to some influencers but is used for a good cause.

"I kept imagining how cool it would be if I won the car. Of course, I knew the chances were still pretty low, but I just hoped it was worth a shot — and if I didn't win, at least the money would go towards a good cause."

Lukas said he had never won anything before and didn't consider himself lucky.

"I'll never forget the feeling when I picked up the phone and was told that I won the main prize — I was literally speechless."

Lukas said the welcome he received on arriving in Hervey Bay and the effort the team from Wide Bay Toyota made to register the vehicle in NSW prior to his trip was impressive.

"A big thanks to everyone at Rally for a Cause and to the team at Wide Bay Toyota dealership for putting the car on NSW rego plates and making it all happen for us.

"This is something I will never forget."



OPINION PIECE: AN ERA OF CHANGE

By Andrew Sadler

FX of Coffee

We live in an ever-changing world, with technology changing faster than ever and no doubt will get faster the more AI takes over.

I have to decide whether to keep up to date as much as possible with technology, so principally I don't get left behind, or do I remove myself from it all together and retreat to a place where I still feel comfortable. Sometimes I would like to keep my skills up to date, yet my trust in AI is at an all-time low and I definitely don't trust the big players in the App Market, primarily because, all of my life I have been taught and had reinforced "Protect your Privacy!"

Companies that insist you give them all of your details yet have a poor record of protecting it, whether losing it through hackers or "On Selling" my information, don't fill me with warm fuzzies!

Go to the ATO and download the APP via these same sites not the secure ATO. Do my banking and here we go again, download the APP from

the same sites. Everything we need to do is attached to these few websites. To me it appears that too much is being controlled by the very few self-appointed power brokers of the world.

Now, I am sure that there is a reasonable explanation for all of this, that would surely put my conspiracy mind at rest! Considering that conspiracies are usually a trick or smoke and mirrors on reality.

Yet alas, here I am stuck in the age of technology where you're damned if you do and damned if you don't. It makes it exceptionally difficult to do things without some technology. Where once options were proffered, currently there is a lot of, "Well if you don't download this APP then you can't do what is required!" In other words, you have no choice!

We once fought for self-determination and free choice, perhaps in the disguise of technology, this is being eroded.

Maybe this is the very time that we should be keeping up with technology, because it is the few older ones of us that remember the past discrepancies brought by the few that are now affecting us and will do into the future. Unfortunately, the majority of younger generations really haven't had to realise that the past always repeats itself, so to know the past is to understand the future.

Don't be a sycophant by being told what to think, be an individual and think outside the square for yourself. Fealty went out with history, push it back into history to remain the relic it should be.

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WHAT'S ON THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Looking for ways to keep the kids entertained during the school holidays? From family-friendly activities to fun community events, there's plenty happening across the region to help make the break extra special. Here are just a few great school holiday events to add to your calendar.

POONA EASTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 4

From 8am

Poona Community Precinct

Boutique Markets, Massive Car and Bike Show, food vans, helicopter rides, live entertainment. Fun for the kids.



EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Tuesday, April 7

10am – 1pm

Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens

Cost: Free

The Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens and Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre invite families to a fun-filled Easter Family Fun Day during the school holidays.

Enjoy a great morning out with activities including the Great Easter Eggs-Pedition, petting zoo, Easter Bonnet Parade, face painting, rock painting, arts and crafts, outdoor games, plus food and drink vans.

The Great Easter Eggs-Pedition returns for its third year from 3–19 April, inviting families to explore the gardens and discover 12 giant Easter eggs designed by local artists. Collect a passport from the Orchid House (or download one from the HBNC website), follow the clues, and complete the trail. Once your passport is complete, take a photo and upload it via the QR code at the event to enter the draw.

This self-guided adventure is perfect for all ages and can be enjoyed at your own pace.



EMERGING CREATIVES: YOUTH ART SHOWCASE

Saturday, April 11 – Saturday, May 2

Cost: Free

Gatakers Artspace is excited to present a Youth Week Exhibition celebrating the creativity of young people aged 12–25 across our community.

This curated showcase will offer emerging artists a supportive, professional exhibition experience and a suite of valuable take-away assets.

Art submissions have now closed.



MAGIC AND CIRCUS SHOW SPECTACULAR

Monday, April 13

2 session times – 10am & 1pm

Maryborough City Hall

Something MAGICAL is coming to Maryborough City Hall! Get ready for a 60-minute thrill ride of unbelievable magic, circus stunts, comedy, and high-energy fun that will leave the whole family cheering for more!

Starring Jason the Magician - master of mind-blowing illusions, and Rhett the Circus Star - flips, tricks, and fearless fun you have to see to believe, this show rolls eye-popping magic and world-class circus into a hilarious show for all ages.

Tickets: <https://events.magicandcircus.com.au/events/magicandcircusshow>.

BLUEY'S BIG PLAY – THE STAGE SHOW

Sunday, April 19

9.30am, 12.30pm & 3.30pm

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

The global hit Bluey's Big Play returns to Australia after delighting audiences from New York's Madison Square Garden to London's Royal Festival Hall.

The Play is a theatrical adaptation of the Emmy® award-winning children's TV series, this live stage show features an original story by Bluey creator Joe Brumm, with new music by Bluey composer Joff Bush.

Tickets: www.brolgatheatre.org.



A DOG'S DAY OUT

Sunday, April 19

8am – 12pm

Dayman Park, Urangan

Cost: Free

Bring your furry friend along to A Dog's Day Out, a fun, family-friendly community event celebrating all things dogs.

Enjoy a relaxed morning with best-dressed dog, best trick and owner look-alike competitions, market stalls featuring pet products and services, and helpful information on pet health and welfare.

Free first-time dog registration and microchipping will also be available on the day.

Bring the family – and your four-legged companion – for a paw-some morning out.

YOUTH WEEK MARKETS CITY PARK TWILIGHT MARKET

Thursday, April 16

Time: 3pm - 8pm

Pialba, Hervey Bay

Cost: Free

To celebrate Youth Week 2026, Hervey Bay Regional Gallery and Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre are hosting the 'Youth Makers Market: City Park Twilight Market' to allow young creatives and entrepreneurs on the Fraser Coast to showcase and sell their handmade arts & crafts and pre-loved items.

These markets are also being held in conjunction with Youth Week: Gatakers Makers Market.



Arise+Shine

with Tania Comerford



Gratefulness

Gratefulness is so powerful.

In the past year I've been experiencing the immense power of gratitude at a much deeper level.

Seven months ago gratefulness was my overwhelming feeling when I lost my husband. I was surprised but truly grateful for that.

Gratefulness is not a surface level token gesture to make you feel a bit better. Gratefulness rewrites you to your very core and it flows into every single thing you do!

The opposite of gratefulness is feeling sorry for ourselves and focusing on what's going wrong.

I'm currently in Fiji with a cyclone passing south of us.

I'm on my first solo international adventure. So, it's a big deal for me with a lot of excitement, and some nervousness and sadness at travelling without my travel buddy of 37 years.

I planned and prepared for my trip, and some things have not gone to plan:

- they overbooked my first flight and I was on standby.
- the edge of a cyclone arrived in Fiji just after me
- The humidity wet the contents of my suitcase
- 3 days in Fiji were spent indoors as everything was cancelled due to extreme weather.

I had shrugged it all off as the unexpected that can be expected when travelling.

But yesterday when I woke in Fiji needing to urgently see a Dr - the layers were feeling a little heavy and I have to say that I started to feel a bit sorry for myself and started to focus on all that had gone wrong. I started to feel concerned about my health flying onto the US.



But gratefulness (the state I usually live in) started rising up:

- I was delighted to discover I had booked accommodation just a few metres from a medical centre
- The Dr was amazing
- I caught the fun Bula Bus to get my script filled

I went to bed last night feeling so very grateful in the midst of all the challenges:

- the bad weather meant I rested up and listened to long-awaited valuable podcasts
- I was safe, dry, fed and slept very well during extreme weather
- I had electricity with wifi connection to loved ones and the comfort of aircon
- the medication was working and much better resolved now
- all my needs were met, and I could see the good in it all.

Our mindset matters. My heart-felt encouragement is - if you want to have a better life - focus on all you're grateful for. Gratefulness can literally change everything about your life.



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Out and about on the Fraser Coast!



RSL Sub Branch member Rob Smith with two of the wreaths



Mayor George Seymour, Councillor Denis Chapman & Deputy Mayor Sara Faraj with Vagas the horse



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Purple Poppy Day
Freedom Park, Hervey Bay
Photos by Kim Parnell



David Lee MP takes part in the special day



John Dines with his dog Scout

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Out and about on the Fraser Coast!

Erica Drury from Rose Life Care gives the thumbs up for charity



Despite appearances, Gail Ciavarella isn't that nervous. She's done this before!



**Hoist Ya Boss
Fundraiser for
Fraser Coast Hospice
Hervey Bay Hotel**
Photos by Kim Parnell



Jasine Leslie from both Bluecare and the Hospice reaches new heights



Dr Nick Yim from Hervey Bay Doctors, about to be hoisted for charity by Handy Hire



Staff and volunteers of the Fraser Coast Hospice are on hand to answer any questions

TIDE TIMES URANGAN

APRIL

	Time	m		Time	m
1	0211	0.81	16	0132	0.83
	0809	3.79		0735	3.72
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	2037	3.60		2009	3.83
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	0841	3.69		0815	3.71
	TH 1459	0.74		FR 1442	0.52
	○ 2109	3.63		● 2051	3.97
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	0911	3.55		0854	3.61
	FR 1524	0.76		SA 1518	0.51
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4	0358	1.04	19	0354	0.80
	0939	3.38		0935	3.43
	SA 1548	0.82		SU 1556	0.60
	2207	3.55		2220	3.98
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	1006	3.17		1019	3.19
	SU 1614	0.92		MO 1634	0.75
	2236	3.44		2310	3.84
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Fraser Coast Markets



MARYBOROUGH

Maryborough Rotary Markets
Adelaide and Ellena St, Maryborough
Every Thursday - 7am to 12pm

MARYBOROUGH

Sunday Mixed Markets
Tinana Markets on the Field
Every 2nd Sunday of the month
7am - 12pm - 0447 407 008
Tinana Football Club - Soccer Fields
maryboroughsmm@gmail.com

HERVEY BAY

Torquay Beachside Markets
Opposite the Torquay Hotel
Every Saturday
7am to 1pm

HERVEY BAY

Koala Markets - Kruger Court
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday
6am to noon

HERVEY BAY

Nikenbah Markets
Hervey Bay Animal Refuge
Nikenbah-Dundowran Rd, Nikenbah
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month
6am to 12 noon

HERVEY BAY

Markets at the Pier
Pier Park, Urangan, (in front of Jetty)
Every Wednesday & Saturday
7am to 12pm

OTHER AREAS

Glenwood Community Produce Markets
Pepper Rd
2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
8am to 9:30am

OTHER AREAS

Brooweena Markets
Historical Village, Smith Crescent
4th Sunday every 3rd month
8am to noon

OTHER AREAS

Bauple Markets - Band Hall Road
4th Saturday of the month
7am - noon

OTHER AREAS

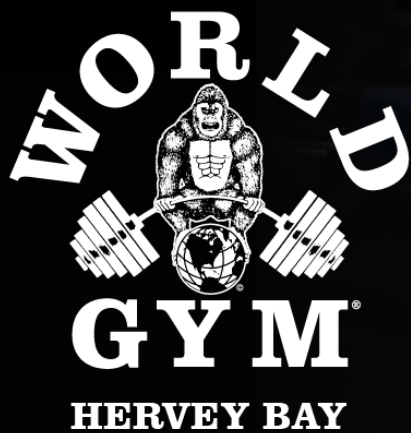
Howard Country Markets
Howard Community Centre,
Steley St, Howard
1st Saturday of the month
7am to 12 noon

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