

CooloolaCoastToday

HOW GOOD IS LIVING

OPEN 7 DAYS

RAINBOW BEACH, QUEENSLAND

07 5486 3227

www.rainbowbeachinfo.com.au

12504913-DJ-32-21

i



Christmas lights winner
PAGE 2

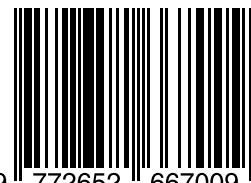


Fond farewells
PAGE 4

Phone: 5321 3050 Trades and Classifieds: 1300 666 808

\$3.00 Inc. GST 9 772652 667009

ISSN 2652-6670



Santa, having a read of the Cooloola Coast Today, with pilot Glen Cruikshank of Rainbow Beach Helicopters and Elf Kayleigh Gibb before they take off to see the children waiting to meet Santa at the Rainbow Beach Community Christmas Party!

Santa arrives at Rainbow Beach in style

Santa arrived at the Rainbow Beach Community Christmas Party in style, thanks to pilot Glen Cruikshank of Rainbow Beach Helicopters and Elf Kayleigh Gibb.

Hundreds of people waited patiently on

the green at the Community Hall to welcome Santa and kick off the festivities.

Every child had a photo taken with Santa by Jess McKenzie of Rainbow Beach Wedding Photography and the stunning

backdrop was created by Jenna Irving-Agnew of Events in Bell Tents. Boomerang Bags created 100 bags for the children to take home. A great community effort.

MORE PAGES 10-11

Teewah Tools still around

There are always a few who spoil it for the majority and last weekend while most visitors and campers at Teewah were well behaved, several incidents of poor and dangerous behaviour stood out.

Thirteen penalty infringement notices (PINS) were issued for various offences by five officers on patrol from the Department of Environment and Science (DES).

Compliance manager Mike Devery said one driver was observed purposefully swerving a four-wheel-drive up and down the beach then turning to drive up a vegetated dune at speed.

STORY PAGE 3

Volleyballers the best in Australia

What an achievement for two teams from Tin Can Bay P-10 School, who last week won gold at the Australian Volleyball School's Cup at the Gold Coast.

Both year nine teams were awarded Champions of Australia in division two.

Dave and Suzie Arthur said it's been ten years since the last double medal for Tin Can Bay and said it was an "unbelievable achievement from a high school of less than 100 kids."

STORY PAGE 5

Speed drop call

By Lee McCarthy

Feedback is being sought from the public for a proposed speed limit change for watercraft at Double Island Point and needs to be submitted by 8 January 2022.

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) said the

proposal was looking at reducing the speed to six knots and is asking people to submit feedback to ensure change.

"Marine zone legislation is about better managing our waterways at a local level to balance the needs of maritime users with local

community concerns about amenity."

There have been many reports over the past three months with locals contacting authorities upset with the lack of action taken to stop the jet skis and Thundercats racing in the Double Island Point lagoon close to visitors

and moored boats.

While there are penalties and on the spot fines for exceeding the speed limit, locals report they just stop their activity when a ranger or police officer drives by.

STORY PAGE 3

RAINBOW BEACH HORSE RIDES

The awards speak for themselves

0412 174 337 • www.rbhr.com.au

BOOK YOUR BUCKET LIST ADVENTURE TODAY



CooloolaCoastToday

The editor's desk

It's been a treat to see people visiting the Cooloola Coast enjoying the sunshine and surf and local events, with many never having visited the region before.

The Santa Community Parties in Rainbow Beach and Cooloola Cove attracted visitors from the Sunshine Coast and Kin Kin, along with hundreds of locals lapping up the Christmas Spirit.

Both events were organised, run, and cleaned up by volunteers and while a few years ago the fear was that volunteers were going to be retiring, this new band of energetic community minded locals across the Cooloola Coast are very welcome. Most have other businesses and are involved in organisations such as the Commerce and Tourism and Community Centre while raising families and like the days of old, are giving back to the community that supports them.

It is easy criticise others from the sidelines while not putting your own hand up but if everyone can try to support and help those who are volunteering, they will get better results and feel appreciated. Many volunteers at the community centre work full time, and when an event is drawing close the hours are increased tenfold. The same for our local Vinnies which is manned by volunteers and who are expecting a busy six weeks of school holidays.

Both the Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay schools held their end of year bashes last week and again, volunteers were the backbone of these events. I think the way forward is through volunteering and if someone is prepared to give up their time to volunteer, everyone should roll up their own sleeves to help out - as most do.

Thank you volunteers!

- Lee McCarthy



Not the way you want to spend your weekend. The burnt shell of a car near middle rock last week captured by The Ice Man, Rob Gough.



This car burnt to a crisp between Rainbow Beach and Double Island Point last week. Caught on camera by the The Ice Man, Rob Gough.

Another vehicle goes up in flames

By Lee McCarthy

The Ice Man, Rob Gough is always in the right place at the right time when you need ice, coffee or ice cream and he also gets to meet celebrities who are enjoying some time out on Gympie's famous beaches.

This week he was again front and centre as he came across the scene of a burning car on the eastern side of the Coloured Sands near the lagoon.

According to Rob, on 11 December, at 10.45am, a middle aged couple were enjoying

their day, and with no notice their car caught on fire.

While he heard there was talk of a transmission issue with the car, he said they were definitely not doing anything wrong.

"It was nearly in the same spot as the last one a couple of months ago."

He said everyone was safe and it was, "a reminder to live life to the fullest because you never know how quickly your life can change."

Rob is one of the members of the Double Island Point UHF Committee, which received

a grant to update the UHF repeater to help keep Double Island Point visitors and Rainbow Beach locals in touch with vital services and improve communication on the popular stretch of beach.

The service has provided a much-needed UHF channel in the Double Island Point area, on channel 7 and 37 so people can still

receive emergency information when their mobile telephone does not receive reception and why it is important to keep the channels clear.

CONTACT US

CooloolaCoastToday

Telephone: 07 5321 3050

Website:
GympieToday.com.au

Editorial:
Email: newsdesk@GympieToday.com.au

Advertising:
Email: advertising@GympieToday.com.au

Classifieds:
Phone: 1300 666 808
Email: sales@networkclassifieds.com.au

HOME DELIVERY &
DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
Phone: 1300 170 885
www.todaysservices.com.au

EDITORIAL
Rose Astley Journalist
E: rose.astley@GympieToday.com.au

Donna Jones Journalist
E: donna.jones@GympieToday.com.au

Arthur Gorrie Journalist
E: arthur.gorrie@GympieToday.com.au

Erle Levey Journalist
E: erle.levey@GympieToday.com.au

ADVERTISING
Andrew Guiver General Manager
E: andrew.guiver@GympieToday.com.au

Lee McCarthy
E: lee.mccarthy@GympieToday.com.au

DEADLINES
Advertising Bookings Friday 3pm
Classified Bookings Tuesday 10am

Published by Gympie Today Pty Ltd ACN 642 169 891.
Publisher Damian Morgan.
All material is copyright to Gympie Today Pty Ltd.
All significant errors will be corrected as soon as possible.
Distribution numbers, areas and coverage are estimates only.
For our terms and conditions please visit GympieToday.com.au/terms-and-conditions/

Deserving winners for Christmas lights

By Lee McCarthy

The winners of the Gympie Today Christmas Lights Competition from the Cooloola Coast were thrilled with their win and the amazing prize of cash and vouchers.

Lyle and Theresa Fear, who have lived in Canberra Avenue in Cooloola Cove for nearly four years, said they love Christmas and love sharing the Christmas spirit.

"We do it for the kids in the area who love it" and people including Theresa's mum Marion Roffe said it "makes her feel more Christmassy."

"From 3pm onwards there are streams of people walking along the new footpaths and stopping to look at the lights."

"Even though I don't have children, I still love this time of year."

Theresa said it only took one day to put up their hundreds of lights but have been tweaking the display ever since, well mainly Lyle she said.

"There are so many other great displays in Cooloola Cove but they didn't enter. We are telling them to enter next year."

Theresa said they hold an orphans Christ-



Winner of the Gympie Today, Cooloola Cove Christmas Lights competition, Lyle and Theresa Fear in front of their home in Canberra Avenue.

mas each year and she also won a prize at the recent Ambulance Flower Show with her Tequila Sunrise rose entry.

Theresa is also the driving force behind the Cooloola Cove Christmas Party held last weekend at the Veterans and Community

Hall and the recent Seniors Expo held at the Bowls Club.

Congratulations Lyle and Theresa, a great win and it is great to see it is awarded to people who exude community and Christmas spirit.

Keira supports the Brotherhood's toy drive

By Lee McCarthy

Well done to Keira Powers, a student from Rainbow Beach State School who initiated the schools inclusion in the annual Christmas Toy Run organised by the Military Brotherhood.

The Military Brotherhood is a Military Motorcycle Club and Ex Service Organisation supporting current and ex service members and comprises serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members and motorcycle support riders.

The club is community based with a commitment to local charity and welfare organisations as well as local business support schemes.

This year, thanks to the Keira, Rainbow Beach State School also became a collection point to gather toys or goods for children and

families in need in the region.

Keira's mother Marissa said she was surprised by the generosity of the students because the toys donated were not just old toys, they were good toys and she and Keira were thrilled with the volume donated.

"It was wonderful to see the students donate many of their own toys, thinking of children less fortunate than themselves."

Melissa said Keira would like to thank her fellow students and the community for supporting such a great cause.

"She is hoping that it will become a cause that the Rainbow Beach community will support each year."

Members of the motorcycle club plan to visit the school in the New Year to thank the students.



The Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club President Stephen 'Moose' Ollier with Keira Powers and Stephen O'Shea during the toy drive for charity.

Time for jet skis to ski off

By Lee McCarthy

Feedback is being sought from the public for a proposed speed limit change for watercraft at Double Island Point and needs to be submitted by 8 January 2022.

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) said the proposal was looking at reducing the speed to six knots and is asking people to submit feedback to ensure change.

“Marine zone legislation is about better managing our waterways at a local level to balance the needs of maritime users with local community concerns about amenity.”

There have been many reports over the past three months with locals contacting authorities upset with the lack of action taken to stop the jet skis and Thundercats racing in the Double Island Point lagoon close to visitors and moored boats.

While there are penalties and on the spot fines for exceeding the speed limit, locals report they just stop their activity when a ranger or police officer drives by.

The MSQ website says, “Even at slow speeds your boat will create a wash. Look behind at your wash and be aware of the impact this can have on other boats, people in the

water or the shore.”

“For safety reasons, it may be necessary to stay well below these limits depending on the conditions.”

“Travelling at the speed shown on a speed restriction sign does not guarantee you are not creating excessive wash.”

- The following restrictions apply throughout Queensland whether signs are present or not.**
- A speed limit of 6 knots
 - within 30m of boats anchored, moored to the shore or aground, a jetty, wharf, pontoon or boat ramp
 - within 30m of people in the water
 - within 60m of people in the water when operating a personal watercraft

Some visitors say they want the wider area from the Leisha Track on the northern side to the Leisha track on the Southern side as a “Go Slow” Zone and if people want to operate their personal watercraft (PWC), commonly referred to as jet skis they need to take it away from people enjoying the peace, quiet and safety.

If you wish to submit your feedback, please email consultation@msq.qld.gov.au by 8 January 2022.



You only have a few weeks to submit your feedback on the proposed change to reduce the speed limit to six knots at Double Island Point

Teewah Tools still around... DES hands out 13 PINS

By Lee McCarthy

There are always a few who spoil it for the majority and last weekend while most visitors and campers at Teewah were well behaved, several incidents of poor and dangerous behaviour stood out.

Thirteen penalty infringement notices (PINS) were issued for various offences by five officers on patrol from the Department of Environment and Science (DES).

Compliance manager Mike Devery said one driver was observed purposefully swerving a four-wheel-drive up and down the beach then turning to drive up a vegetated dune at speed.

He said the vehicle damaged the vegetation on the dune and became bogged.

“The driver was directed to carefully unbog the vehicle then rebuild the impacted section of the dune and issued with two \$275 PINS for allegedly driving without due care and attention and driving on a vegetated dune.”

He said the behaviour damages these areas and significantly impacts the world heritage and national park values of this amazing place.

“A number of drivers were observed to be not wearing a seatbelt when beach driving, and are now dealing with a fine of \$275 each.”

He said people have been thrown from vehicles and suffered serious injuries or been killed during rollovers and other accidents on the beach.



Don't be a tool. Respect the beach and the people who also come to enjoy the Gympie region

“Doing donuts on the beach and other reckless driving behaviour is putting drivers and their passengers at risk, especially if people are not wearing seatbelts.”

Mr Devery said other offences including people camping without permits or not having a vehicle access permit, with one group of campers falling asleep while leaving an unlawful campfire unattended.

“At approximately 11pm on Saturday night, about 40 or 50 young people were detected having a party in a camping area, which included strobe lighting, extremely loud music and excessive alcohol,” he said.

“The group was directed to turn off the music and immediately clean up the numerous cans, bottles and other litter strewn over the area.”

Nearby campers commended the rangers for addressing the behaviours and keeping the peace.

“Teewah is one of the most popular camping areas in Queensland, and visitors need to respect the rules, respect fellow campers and respect the environment.”

“It is time to change behaviours at Teewah, so everyone stays safe, and families can peacefully enjoy their camping experience.”

The following incidents of alleged unlawful behaviour were observed and PINs were issued:

- 3 x \$275 PINS for drive without due care and attention
- 3 x \$275 PINS for driver not wearing seatbelt
- 1 x \$275 PINS for passenger not wearing seatbelt
- 1 x \$689 PIN for unauthorised fire
- 1 x \$275 PIN for drive on vegetated dune
- 1 x \$206 PIN for no Vehicle Access Permit
- 2 x \$275 PINS for unlicensed driver
- 1 x \$137 PIN unauthorised keep of dog in a national park
- 1 x direction to leave for unauthorised camping

To report a hoon phone Policelink on 134 666 or report online at <https://forms.police.qld.gov.au/launch/trafficincident> where you can attach photographs or videos of the incident electronically on the online forms. You will need a current email address and need to have witnessed the incident.



YOUR LOCAL AGENT.
rainbowbeachrealty.com.au

Andrew Hawkins | Principal
☎ 07 5486 3900 ☎ 0408 736 711
📍 4/12 Rainbow Beach Road, Rainbow Beach



Fond farewells at Rainbow

By Lee McCarthy

End of year school break ups are a lengthy week-long menagerie of gift giving, shirt signing, watermelon eating, choir singing fun and in the middle of it all there is a concert.

Rainbow Beach School held their concert last week which included the presentation of leadership and class awards,

As the students who are leaving say their good-byes and the preppies perform with gappy toothed giggles and parents beam with pride, there

is also a lot of reflection on the past year.

This year the emotion was heightened as was two long servicing teachers who have been at this small school for seventeen years were moving on, with Lynne Chamberlain retiring and Mr Milesen moving on to Tin Can Bay School.

The school also says goodbye to much loved Chappy Ronnie, who has been a wonderful asset to the families of the community and parents are

distressed to see her leave.

School Principal Steve Bennett said of Mr Milesen: "We are the luckiest school around to have had him here."

"In his class, every child belongs, and they are challenged to do the best work they can do. He is irreplaceable."

Mr Milesen said he felt so supported by the community and said he will cherish the memories and the relationships he has formed.

"I will treasure these for the rest of my life. I have yellow and blue running through my veins."

"To my colleagues I extend my thank you and to the parents and children, my deepest gratitude."

During his speech Mr Milesen said of all the opportunities in life, the students who graduate from a school such as Rainbow Beach State School have a great start to their future.

Mrs Chamberlain was moved to tears when presented with a stunning floral arrangement and the genuine warmth offered by Mr Bennett and the school community for her many years of service.

He thanked her for looking after generations of children.

"She is like a magnet for the little kids and always has the time of day and a keen eye for those that need a bit more attention."

Another highlight was the school choir who performed four songs with Cherie Mason who recently led the school to an eisteddfod win in Gympie.

Cherie was a teacher for forty years, twenty of those as a music teacher and has been a volunteer at the school for the past four years helping to develop this award-winning choir.

Each class performed a presentation with the highlight the composite four, five and six class singing 'We're the kids of Coolica' sung to the tune of Kim Wilde's 'Kids in America', which received triple triple claps.

The event ended on a high with the Dance Club performing two dances which were choreographed and created by two former students, Tabitha Permezel and Daisy O'Neil.



Lynne Chamberlain is retiring this year and will be greatly missed by everyone



Dedicated and much loved school principal Steve Bennett hosted the moving concert and award presentation

Tabitha and Daisy who are now in high school in Gympie, offered to teach the primary students dance on Sundays and have taken them under their wing to produce a well-practiced delightful performance.

Congratulations to the winners of the Class Awards for the student who tried the hardest and had the most amount of growth.

- Prep Kye; Grade 1 Marlee; Grade 2 Josie; Grade 3 Thomas; Grade 4 Xavier; Grade 5 Dan; Grade 6 Haylee

Congratulations to the school leaders for 2022 who are:

- Cultural and Arts Captains Lily and Astarlia
- Cooloola House Captains – Seb and Luciano
- Fraser House Captains – Kiera and Blake
- School Captains Charlotte and Sonny

Mr Bennett encouraged the students to enjoy the last few days of school for 2021 and said he looked forward to hearing the news from students who will now leave to complete high school in Gympie.



Mr Milesen who is leaving the Rainbow Beach school after 17 years to teach at Tin Can Bay pictured with his teacher aide Theresa Dargusch



Ex students Tabitha Permezel and Daisy O'Neil have given up their Sundays to teach students dance



And the women's winners of the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup division 2 for 2021 areTin Can Bay! Congratulations.



While the year ten boys didn't grab a medal they played well and represented the school like champions. Coaches Bec Arthur and Louise Masri.

Best in Australia

By Lee McCarthy

What an achievement for two teams from Tin Can Bay P-10 School who last week won gold at the Australian Volleyball School's Cup at the Gold Coast.

Both year nine teams were awarded Champions of Australia in division two.

Dave and Suzie Arthur said it's been 10 years since the last double medal for Tin Can Bay and said it was an "unbelievable achievement from a high school of less than 100 kids".

They said both teams played finals at the same time and they both went to deciding sets and within minutes of each other won gold in nail biting fashion.

"What makes it more amazing is that we had students from year seven playing up in our year nine team."

The five day tournament was taxing on the students psyche as well as bodies.

"Luxie is going for scans on her injured knee today but without her we would have been lost."

"The courage from the kids against massive schools with enormous budgets not to mention the physical advantages in size that we had to overcome was awesome."

"The saying 'the bigger they are, the harder they fall' was one of our mantras."

Dave said: "As coaches we are so happy and as parents we are so proud. I have tears writing this. What a year it has been!"

Dave thanked his brother Tony Arthur and Louise Masri who took the reins while he was away fighting his own battle.

"Without you none of this happens! The



Congratulations to the Tin Can Bay School men's grade nine team who have been crowned the gold winner of the men's division 2 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup for 2021!

youth of our region are better because of you."

Dave said he overheard the boys talking after the tournament. "One of them said in these

exact words, 'this is the best thing I have ever done'."

Memories forever!

Fireworks on this year New Years Eve!

By Lee McCarthy

There are few better ways to say goodbye to 2021 than celebrating with fireworks, friends, and family at Rainbow Beach.

The Gympie Regional Council, is bringing a firework spectacular to the beach with the

show starting at 9pm on Friday 31 December

Local businesses are gearing up to feed and water the extra guests with permission given to businesses on the main street to expand their footprint into the street which will be closed for the party.

The epic fireworks display will be held on the

beach in front of the Rainbow Beach Surf Club and there are many vantage points to watch the show in the parks overlooking the ocean.

The event is proudly brought to you by Gympie Regional Council.

For more information, visit www.gympie.qld.gov.au

Mozzie blitz

By Lee McCarthy

Have you noticed how the mozzies seem to be worse since the rain and spending too long outside on dusk can lead to a lot of arm and back slapping?

Gympie Regional Council says it is involved in two Queensland Health programs monitoring the prevalence of mosquito-borne diseases within the region.

Regulatory Services Portfolio Councillor, Jess Milne, said that Gympie Regional Council's involvement in surveillance programs was an important piece in the bigger puzzle.

"We know that cases of mosquito-borne diseases such as Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest Virus and Dengue Fever are more common further north of our region," she said.

"But the type of mosquitoes that can carry these diseases are in our region too, so it's important to keep track of how these diseases may be travelling so that we can take action as quickly as possible, if required," said Cr Milne.

One surveillance program is the Queensland Peri-Urban Alphavirus Surveillance Program, which monitors common nuisance mosquitoes that breed in saltmarshes, mangrove swamps, creeks, lakes and flood waters.

These mosquitoes are monitored with the use of light traps housing a card impregnated with a special honey mix.

"When the mozzies get caught in the traps, they feed on the honey and their saliva is captured on the card," said Cr Milne.

"The cards are sent away to a laboratory where Ross River or Barmah Forest viruses may be detected in mosquitoes' saliva."

The other surveillance program is the Rapid Surveillance for Vector Presence (RSVP) program, which monitors container-breeding mosquitoes.

These mosquitoes like to breed in places like your old tyres, plant pots and unscreened rainwater tanks. The presence of these mosquitoes is monitored by the use of Ovitrap.

This is a bucket style trap housing a strip of material to encourage mosquitoes to lay their eggs. Any strips containing eggs are then sent to a laboratory to test for invasive dengue mosquitoes.

Councillor Milne said that Gympie Regional Council is in the midst of the 2021/2022 program with council staff setting traps throughout the region.

"Our participation in these monitoring programs is vitally important so we can continue to contribute to the state-wide data, understand the movement of mosquito-borne diseases throughout Queensland, which may impact our region, and ensure that we can quickly take action, if required," she said.

You can find out more about the programs by visiting <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/diseases/mosquito-borne/resources>.

RAINBOW BEACH AQUATIC CENTRE AQUA AEROBICS

Tuesday 7am
Wednesday 7am
with Sarah from Cooloola Coast Pilates

* Cardiovascular Exercise * Toning Exercises
* Pilates in the Pool? Let's Try it!

and Monday 7am
Thursday 8.30am
with Bec from
Rainbow Beach Health & Fitness

E: aquatic@rainbowsportsclub.com.au Ph: (07) 5486 3191

Rainbow Beach Sports Club

Members Christmas Party

Sunday 19th Dec 2021 from 2pm

FULL & SOCIAL MEMBER GIVEAWAYS



Courtesy Bus Available

Boat Raffle Draw!



7 Turana St, Rainbow Beach | Ph 07 5486 3191

RAINBOW BEACH SPORTS CLUB
presents
2021 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
FRIDAY 31st Dec 2021

so fresh Vibes
with DJ ROLY

AFTER 10PM 18+ ONLY

THEME 90'S & 00'S PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

FREE ENTRY

COURTESY BUS 5.00PM TO 12.30AM

LATE NIGHT HOT BOX FOOD

RAINBOW BEACH SPORTS CLUB Ph: (07) 5486 3191

Open in time for Christmas

By Lee McCarthy

Carly Ladas is proud to throw open the doors to her new gift store called Our Store, which is set in Little Parliament Cafe in the middle of the main shopping precinct of Rainbow Beach.

Carly said Our Store was born with both the locals and domestic travellers in mind with “a deep yearning to celebrate and nurture Australian creatives with a flair for timeless, functional and quality products.”

“Our carefully curated collection of goods offers mementos and keepsakes for homebodies, beach dwellers, lovers of Australian fashion and little ones.

“There have been no shortcuts to finding suitable stockists, no catalogues, just a deep respect for independent Australian businesses who are considered, ethical, sustainable, cool and do things really damn well.”

Carly said the project kicked off at the end of April and grew organically.

“Having had the cafe for almost a year at that point, we knew our target market and we knew there was a gap in Rainbow Beach’s retail offering.

“Our Store compliments the cafe while offering a point of difference for our patrons. We are all about providing something a little different.”

“It brings me so much joy to open the doors of Our Store as I truly believe in every brand we stock. Pargo provides clean drinking water to those in need. Raie eyewear provides a monthly donation to save Koalas and plants one tree with every sunglass purchase. Olli Ella is certified B Corporation which meets the highest standards of social and environmental impact. Brie Leon uses hand-made beads and natural pearls, their packaging is made of recycled paper and unbleached calico and their design focuses on everyday, classic and timeless pieces that can be treasured for years to come.”



Welcome to new business Our Store, part of Little Parliament in Rainbow Beach

While she said it takes a little longer to be considered and selective the end result is a shop full of products that they truly love.

“We know exactly what each brand stands for, there is transparency with production, no fast-fashion, just a sweet little selection of timeless Australian treasures.”

Take the time to wander through the store and enjoy testing the oils or lotions, trying on of the jewellery and sunnies after a delicious cappuccino a couple of steps away.

Switch your Home Care Package today.

Home Care Assistance are changing the way we age through respect, compassion and real support.

When you switch your Home Care Package to Home Care Assistance, a highly qualified carer will be at your door to help you with whatever you need most.

Call us to make the switch and get real help from a real person, 24 hours a day.



5491 6888

Homecareassistancesunshinecoast.com.au

Kendall Morton
Director

The entire Team from
Century 21
Gympie & Cooloola Coast
would like to wish you a



Merry Christmas

07 5489 8000
69 Monkland Street, Gympie

CENTURY 21.
Platinum Agents

07 5488 0734
5a, 1 Dolphin Ave, Tin Can Bay



School Principal Steve Bennett with some of the 2022 parents excited after the recent announcement of a Kindy for Rainbow in 2022

Rainbow set for a kindy

By Lee McCarthy

Excitement is high at Rainbow Beach State School now that a kindergarten has been officially approved and will commence in 2022.

Registrations are now open and you can contact the school to book your child in to be in the inaugural kindy class of 2022.

A departmental spokesperson said: "It is a great time to ensure kindy is the next step in your child's early learning journey."

"Kindergarten is where children continue their love of learning. A place where your little one will make friends, explore new environments, build confidence and have fun learning."

They said Kindy offers meaningful experiences and interactions that support your child's early learning, wellbeing and development, now and into the future and kindy counts for a lifetime.

"Our State Delivered Kindergarten program is a place where children can explore new environments and have fun learning with friends, take part in play-based learning, expand their physical abilities, build their confidence and enhance their social skills.

Kindy also builds lifelong skills that will benefit your child well into their future.

Some of the local parents with kindy aged children, met this week to discuss the program with Principal Steve Bennett and find out information about eligibility and age requirements.

The school plan to hold another meeting for any parents who weren't able to attend this week but urge you to register your interest now.

Talk to the Rainbow Beach School Principal Steve Bennett about the new kindy program by phoning 5486 9333 or drop into the school reception.

Buy up to win big

Winning \$2500 sounds like a dream, especially at Christmas, but if you go along to the Community Christmas party, it could be you!

The annual Community Christmas Party is being held at the IGA Tin Can Bay car park on 17 December from 8am to 12 noon.

To be in the draw to win the mega cash prize of \$2500, you just have to spend \$30 or more at one of the participating businesses and be there for the draw at 11.30am*.

IGA Tin Can Bay, Cooloola Guardian Pharmacy and The Sands Centre Pharmacy are all participating businesses so drop in, grab some products, spend your money

and that is your entry.

Kristy Heit from IGA said there is going to be free live music, jumping castle and face painting and there will be a BBQ with all donations from the BBQ going to a local community group.

She said they want it to be bigger and better than last year and everyone is welcome to come along, have your face painted, enjoy the music, and have a chance to win the big prize.

You have got to be in it to win it so get along to the Tin Can Bay IGA car park and join in the fun.

*T's and C's apply



The ukulele club played at last years IGA Christmas party which is on again this year 17 December 8am to 12 noon

Come and say hello and enjoy our new deck!

Coffee and cake everyday from 10am overlooking the ocean!

Thanking all our guests for a fantastic year Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Club open from 10:00am daily till late

Lunch everyday from 11:30am – 2:00pm
Dinner everyday from 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Breakfast Sundays from 8:00am – 10:00am



Phone: 07 5486 3249
www.rainbowbeachsurf.com.au

WEEKLY SPECIALS

On Sale Wed 15th Dec. to Tue 21st Dec. 2021. While stocks last. Visit iga.com.au for more info.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY 17 DECEMBER | 8AM - 12NOON
MEGA CASH GIVEAWAY 11.30AM
\$2500!!

1/2 PRICE

\$849
kg
Australian IGA
Half Leg Ham



Country Chef
Pavlova 500g
\$1.19 per 100g
\$5.95
ea



Australian Whole
Festive Chicken
\$6
kg



Cadbury Favourites,
Toblerone or Ferrero
Gift Box 172-373g
Selected Varieties

\$7
ea
SAVE \$7

\$1.30
ea
SAVE \$1.30



\$4.70
ea
SAVE \$4.70

Pepsi or Solo
1.25 Litre
Selected Varieties
\$1.04 per Litre



Peters Original Ice Cream
4 Litre Selected Varieties
12¢ per 100mL



\$2.25
ea
SAVE \$1.50

Smith's or Doritos
Chips 90-170g
Selected Varieties



Australian
Medium Cooked
Tiger Prawns
\$27
kg



Australian
Blueberries 125g
\$24 per kg
\$3
ea

Australian Boneless
Pork Leg Roast
\$9.95
kg



Christmas FRESH

Serving suggestions



\$10
ea
SAVE \$10

Dynamo Laundry Liquid
1.8 Litre Selected Varieties
\$5.56 per Litre



\$1
ea
SAVE \$1

Fantastic Rice Crackers
100g Selected Varieties
\$1 per 100g



\$1.90
ea
HOT BUY

Handee Original 2 Pack
or Double Length Paper
Towel 1 Pack
\$1.50 per 100 sheets



\$6.60
ea
HOT BUY

Energizer Max AA 10 Pack
or AAA Batteries 8 Pack

DON'T FORGET FOR Presents



\$2.95
ea
SAVE \$3

Pepsi Max Cola or
Schweppes Mixers 4x300mL
Selected Varieties
\$2.46 per Litre

1/2 PRICE



\$3
ea
SAVE \$1.20

Mersey Valley Spreadable 150g or
Cracker Barrel Cheddar Cheese 130g
Selected Varieties



\$14.90
kg

Australian Cherries



BUY THIS TO SUPPORT



1/2 PRICE SPECIALS ON NOW
SCAN & SUBSCRIBE TO SAVE!

VISIT iga.com.au or CALL 1800 622 579
for details of your nearest store and other great offers

f LIKE US IGAAustralia

✉ SUBSCRIBE to receive the latest offers
and promotions iga.com.au/newsletter

Savings are off regular prices. In certain stores, some regular prices have been reduced to ensure you receive the lowest competitive price so savings shown may differ from the actual saving in your store. Price Match at participating stores only. Prices matched weekly to Woolworths or Coles everyday shelf price, excludes specials. Terms and conditions apply. To find out more, visit iga.com.au/pricematch. Specials not available at IGA X-press. Liquor products available only at IGA Plus Liquor stores. Some items may not be available at all stores. We reserve the right to limit purchases to reasonable quantities. Commercial quantities not supplied. See in-store for details. We reserve the right to correct printing errors. Pricing and specials not available via 3rd party online delivery platforms.

Save Time Shop Local

RAINBOW BEACH IGA

Rainbow Beach Road, Rainbow Beach
Phone 5486 8700 | Open: 6am – 8pm 7 days

TIN CAN BAY IGA

46 Gympie Road, Tin Can Bay
Phone 5488 0084 | Open: 6am – 7pm 7 days



A huge crowd came to the Rainbow Beach Community Christmas Party last weekend.



Trent O'Dare with Calin, Oscar, Edith and Rubi came from Kin Kin to enjoy the event.

Celebration of community

By Lee McCarthy

A community is nothing without volunteers and the annual Rainbow Beach Christmas Party held last weekend was proof the community is in safe hands, with everyone rolling up their sleeves to help.

Hosted by volunteers from the Rainbow Beach Community Centre, the party was a hit, with families coming from miles away to watch Santa arrive in a helicopter thanks to Glen and Diana Cruikshank of Rainbow Beach Helicopters.

Boomerang Bags volunteered their time with donations of material to make one hundred bags for the children and Jess McKenzie of Rainbow Beach Wedding Photography again photographed Santa and kids big and small who wanted to meet him with help with staging from Jenna Irving from Events in Bell Tents.

The market was filled with laughter as well as scrumptious food including decadent desserts from Martine and the popular African delights, along with home made gifts and goods and a barbecue manned by volunteers.

As dusk fell, Clan Van Entertainment entertained the crowds with their fire twirling and Glo Show, followed by Joel Makauskas with and then Aspy Jones thrilled the crowds.

Everyone agreed the Community Centre along with all volunteers created a stunning event for the community and along with Santa, brought the Christmas spirit to Rainbow.

President of the Community Centre, Elisa Seul wanted to extend special thanks to Kropy and Marnie for donating the event set up and volunteering at the bar; Rainbow Beach Helicopters, Rainbow Beach Wedding Photography and Events in Bell Tents plus the volunteers from the Community Centre, Rainbow Beach Boomerang Bags and of course Santa who is so busy.

"We are proudly closing 2021 with another successful event. It took everyone involved months of preparation and we achieved our goal to bring the Christmas Spirit into the community and it even exceeded our expectations," she said.

"Together we can do so much for our community."



Kirrily, Zahner, Chloe, Kelly and Lucas from the Sunshine Coast visiting for the first time and having a great time at the party organised by volunteers of the Community Centre.

RAINBOW BEACH
BARBER SHOP

Now doing Ladies Cuts & Colours' with Nikki

We thank everyone who has supported our new business.

Merry Christmas & Keep Safe

48 RAINBOW BEACH ROAD,
SHOP 6

Open Christmas Hours
Tue Wed Thur Fri 8.30-3pm
NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY

12525613-AV50-21

Rainbow Beach Tourist
Information Centre

7th Wave Surf Shop

From our family to yours,
We wish you all a Happy, Safe
and Merry Christmas
and thank you for shopping
with us!

We will remain open across the
Christmas Holidays...except for
Christmas Day itself

Open
7am to 5pm
7 days a
week!

Sam and Maureen

07 5486 3227

www.rainbowbeachinfo.com.au

12525609-SG50-21

THANK YOU and
Merry Christmas

Thank you for such a warm welcome to Rainbow!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and
a prosperous New Year!

We look forward to celebrating our first festive
season here with you all ...

Classic Cocktails, Ice cold beer,
Open for lunch and dinner daily, also great
coffee and cakes.

Taking bookings for New Years Eve
Positioned right on the water at
Carlo Point Marina, Rainbow Beach

Quay Carlo, Carlo Point, 363 Carlo Road
Rainbow Beach | 07 5486 8809
Darren, Clare, Phoebe and Georgia

12527107-BL52-21

Stay Healthy, Stay Strong and have a
Merry Christmas.

Our Volunteers are looking forward to a
more inclusive and better 2022.

We thank you all for your ongoing support.

We will be closed from the
22nd December till the 9th January
rainbowcommunitycirs@gmail.com

12525639-BL50-21

Beach & Bay
Weddings & Events
would like to wish
everyone a very
Merry Christmas
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

0400 747 680
beachandbayweddings@bigpond.com
www.beachandbayweddings.com.au

12525612-AV50-21

The true spirit of Christmas
lies in your heart.
Let us all try to remember
to be kind to each other.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to our
wonderful community.

Rainbow Escape Charters
Phone: 0428 868 087
www.rainbowescapecharters.com.au

12525649-SG50-21

Enjoy your Families this Christmas

And thanks to all for your kindness this past
year and looking forward to many more
weddings and joy in 2022.

Occasions by Carolyn - Celebrant
0418 791 564
occasionsbycarolyn@gmail.com
PO Box 510, Rainbow Beach

12525446-BL50-21

IT'S THE
CAMPING
SEASON
SALE

We wish you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a safe and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Wayne and Cheryl

Rainbow Beach Fishing and Camping
Cnr Clarkson & Rainbow Beach Rd,
Rainbow Beach
(07) 5486 8100
rainbowbeachfishingandcamping@gmail.com

12525607-AV50-21



Who said sitting on Santa's lap was just for kids. Sue Fitzgerald proves Santa loves bigger kids too.



Rob, Hugh and Jack excited to see Santa arrive.



Jess McKenzie and Jenna Irving volunteered their time to organise and take photos of all the children and Santa.



Denise, Gary and Lisa found some shade to wait for Santa and enjoy the markets.



Kay-Lynne, Edie, Theo, Paul and Carly Ladas loving the excitement of the Community Christmas Party.



Rainbow Beach

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION CENTRE

Accommodation Rainbow Beach offers a broad range of luxury, mid range and affordable beachside holiday houses and units to suit all tastes and needs. Less than an hour from Gympie! Book your next escape today.

Phone: 07 5486 3411 or visit:
www.accommodationrainbowbeach.com.au

Contact us today for all your property needs:

Rainbow Beach Sales: Dee and Andy White on 0411 093 389

Cooloola Cove/Tin Can Bay Sales: Debra Mason on 0409 764 879

Holiday Letting: Katie Winzar on 5486 3411

Permanent Rentals: Kim McIlroy on 5486 3411 and

Tania Biggers on 0474 002 394

Drop in and see us at Shop 2/8 Rainbow Beach Road, Rainbow Beach or Shop 4/46 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Cooloola Cove (Woolworths complex)

Online: www.cooloolacoastrealty.com.au

***Residential Sales**

*** Permanent Rentals**

*** Holiday Accommodation**



Full marks to all involved

By Lee McCarthy

It was an exciting finish to the school year with Rainbow Beach School students competing for their respective sporting houses to take glory in the pool.

Only four points separated Fraser House from Cooloola House in this tightly fought competition, with Blake and Sonny leading Fraser House to victory in the winning minutes of the day.

School principal Steve Bennett said it was an amazing day where everybody's efforts and sportsmanship were outstanding.

He said he was proud of the way the children competed and encouraged each other.

Congratulations Fraser House and with the new house captains for 2022 announced there is a big job on their shoulders over the next twelve months.



The best fun about the end of the school year is the swimming carnival and these students from year 2/3 class are looking forward to cooling off.



Fun and enthusiasm were the ingredients for a successful school swimming carnival for 2021 (front) Marlee, Charlie, Lyla, Ollie, Owen, Sofia and Hazel (back) Finn, Liam and Henry.



Waiting for their turn to compete at the Rainbow Beach State School Swimming Carnival - Jasmyn, Jamieson, Amaya, Ruby, Keira, Astarlia, Dan, Baylen, Charlotte, Kai.



Everyone lent a hand, new student Kiana is helped by Layla in her first carnival for the school.



Cousins Max and Dan enjoying the shade at the school swimming carnival.

To all our Listeners, Members and Sponsors

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Thank you from your local radio station 91.5FM

TCB Fishing Club winners

By Alan Rippon

Tin Can Bay Fishing Club members have had a bit of a lean time of late with the rain and the wind – did I mention rain? Even the hardest of our club members has found getting onto the water a bit difficult lately. To say the weather has been challenging is a bit of an understatement.

The club held a couple of social events during the month, all of which were well attended including a morning tea at the Bay Art Gallery and breakfast at Temptations by the Water.

We were also very active in fundraising with our Chocolate Wheel at the Tin Can Bay Markets and selling snags at Bunnings.

On the fishing front all but one trip had to be cancelled due to the weather. A few of our more dedicated members have been out and about. Derek Andrews has had a bit of luck collecting a few Mangrove Jack on live bait and squid, and in one case he caught a Jack on yabbies while chasing Whiting.

There have been solid catches of Mangrove Jack; Flathead, Whiting and Trevally reported by members, with the Jack averaging in the 44-48cm range. There have also been the odd Cod and Barramundi being caught in the larger creeks, with Bream being quite active around the jetty at Tin Can Bay.

Fishing Tip

Have you thought about chasing Whiting and Flathead using plastics? If you haven't there are several that seem to do the job, one is the Berkley Gulp Sand Worm.

You use it as you would a normal beach worm, and at the end of the day if you have any left, you simply seal the bag the bait came in and put it away for another day, so nothing goes to waste as it would with thawed worms.

Just a word of warning thought, make sure the zip-lock bag is properly closed otherwise the scent will leak out and after a week your tackle bag will smell like you left real worms in it.

My tip is to fish the flats in the last two hours and first two hours of the outgoing tide. Target the small gutters deeper water, try to keep your bait moving.

If you're interested in knowing more about the Tin Can Bay fishing Club just look us up on Facebook or visit our web page www.tincanbayfishingclub.com.au

Congratulations to the winners

Best of Species Awards

Bream 37cm Ron Cox; Cod 99cm Ron Cox; Crab 20.5cm Malcolm Kay; Flathead 71cm Derek Andrews; Grass Sweetlip 61cm Ian Nowell; Mangrove Jack 52cm Malcolm Kay; Nannygai 55cm Ron Cox; Pearl Perch 43cm Dan Lyell; Squid Ian Nowell; Red Emperor 89cm Ian Nowell; Slatey Bream 79cm Ian Nowell; Snapper 63cm Lester Cross; Trevally 72cm Marquis Chapman; Tuskfish 71cm Derek Andrews; Whiting 40cm Tony Punch.

Perpetual Trophies

Best Four Crabs 2021 Malcolm Kay; Ladies Freshwater Champion 2021 Carol Slockee; Men's Freshwater Champion 2021 Marquis Chapman; Over-the Bar Champion 2021 Ian Nowell; Ladies Championship Shield 2021 Noela Kay; Men's Championship Shield 2021 Ron Cox; Mark Wotherspoon Memorial Award 2021 Ron Cox; Neil Finney Memorial Award



Derek Andrews with his 45cm Mangrove Jack on live bait.



The Tin Can Bay Fishing Club members enjoyed a morning tea at the Bay Art Gallery.

2021 Ron Long; Furphy Award 2021 Doug Brown Weigh Master, Jon Constable said the Furphy Award 2021 is awarded to someone for an embarrassing or amusing event during the year and winner. He said Doug Brown was the stand out winner for neglecting to put his bungs in.

The top winners are dedicated fisher people who go out during rain, hail or shine and the Neil Finney memorial is like a best and

fairest for the member who is always there doing what needs to be done without fanfare.

The Best of Species award is the for the largest fish in each species for the fishing year which ends on 31 October and the new 2021/2022 season begins on 1 November.

"We are strictly a catch and release club where you lay the fish on a brag mat or a measuring mat, and take a photo and submit that

to the weigh master, then release your catch."

He said this allows the breeding females to be released and the industry is then much more sustainable.

The awards were presented at the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club 2021 Christmas party held at the Cooloola Coast Club where a two course meal and nibbles were served and Jon said the meal and staff were excellent.

Your local tackle shop

for all your boating & fishing needs.

Local knowledge







Shop 1 The Marina, Emperor St
Tin Can Bay, QLD 4580 | ph-(07) 5486 4744
e-chandlery@bigpond.com | www.tcbchandlery.com.au

- On water 24hr fuel
- Full range of chandlery
- Paints & antifouls
- Bait • Tackle • Ice • LPG






Leanne McClintock, Cheryl Soanes, Jim Soanes and Terry Steele helping out.



Blaik, Teneale and Heath Reibel, Tanya and Donna Horvat at the Cooloola Cove Christmas party.

Santa comes to Cooloola

By Lee McCarthy

According to organisers, the Cooloola Cove Christmas party was a great day and they want to thank everyone who came along with special thanks to everyone who helped.

Secretary of the Cooloola Cove Friends and Residents Theresa Fear said it was a brilliant day with great weather and lots of support.

“Santa arrived in the fire truck which was a highlight for the kids.

“Just Jen and the Ukulele Group kept us entertained, and Daisy gave the kids a Christmas makeover.”

“The obstacle course and jumping castle as well as the YAP field games helped to use up the sugar rush from slushies and fairy floss.”

She said the barbecue was popular as was the Red Dog 2 U coffee trailer.

Theresa wanted to thank everyone who helped as well as the craft market stall holders and the entrants in the Christmas craft competition.

“The twilight carols topped off the evening.”

“Thanks to those who attended and those that helped put out on our community day.”

Special thanks were again given to the Gympie Regional Council for providing the funding for this community event.



Costa, Chelsea and Joey Spanner enjoying the activities provided by YAP



Bonnie and Jackie Bate loving the fun and activities at the Cooloola Cove.



Roland Holt and Mayra Rice found the best place to be in the shade at the Christmas Party.



Daisy Peake from Facenator with Destiny Everson.



Elizabeth and Shelley Bird keeping hydrated and getting their energy up for the next event.



Everleigh McDonagh making the most of the events face painting and fairy floss.

Trades & Services

I WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU! CALL ME TODAY!

I offer mobile computer support to you!

I specialise in helping everyone between home computers and small/medium businesses across the whole Gympie region including the Cooloola Coast so give me a call today!

SIMPLEINFOTECH

"We take care of the complex to keep things simple for you"

0426 217 282 richard@simpleinfotech.com.au
www.simpleinfotech.com.au

12522417-DL48-21

GREEN COAST BATHROOMS

Complete Bathroom Renovations:

- Waterproofing
- Wet area repairs

All Aspects of Tiling and Stone Work:

- Floors
- Pools/Pool areas
- Feature walls

Nic Sansom **0432 961 288**
Nic@greencoastbathrooms.com.au
www.greencoastbathrooms.com.au

12520883-SN46-21

RAINBOW BEACH AUTO ELECTRICS

ALL 12V/24V REPAIRS, INSTALLS AND SALES

- SOLAR KITS
- SOLAR REGULATORS
- ELECTRIC BRAKES
- DUAL BATTERIES
- BATTERIES
- STARTER MOTORS
- ALTERNATORS
- UHF & RADIOS

7 KAROONDA RD, RAINBOW BEACH
0499 144 678
www.rainbowbeachautoelectrics.com.au

ABN: 52 540 0116 623 RTA: AU45220

12512223-DL38-21

100% AUSTRALIAN OWNED

Choose Followmont

We Support Local **LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED**

SERVICE is important to us, and we make your business our priority.

- Servicing the WHOLE of the Gympie Region!
- Offering services to all parts of Qld & NSW

Followmont TRANSPORT
Delivering for QLD & NSW

Michelle Barry 0427 585 663
www.followmont.com.au

12510418-SN66-21



**GYMPIE 4x4
ACCESSORIES**



**We have the ARB Gear
to get you to your
next adventure**



Supply and Install



Now stocking ARB recovery gear at Rainbow Beach Holiday Village

**Bull Bars
Canopies
Winches
Spot Lights**

**Towbars
Nudge Bars
Seat Covers
Electric Brakes**

**Dual Battery Systems
UHF and Antennas and
much more**



**GYMPIE 4x4
ACCESSORIES**

6 Kelly Drive, Gympie QLD 4570

(07) 5482 7474

Merry Christmas

to all my clients
past, present & future

It has been a HUGE year in Real Estate and I have
had the pleasure of helping many people begin
their next chapter.

Good luck to those that have taken this time to
move closer to their family.

And a huge welcome to those who have chosen the
Cooloola Coast to call home.

THANK YOU for letting me be apart
of your journey.

Paul Downman
0407 181 404

CENTURY 21



12527517-CG51-21