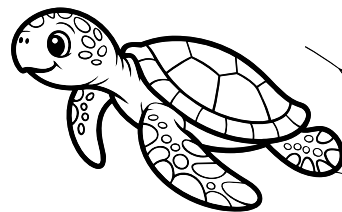


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Monday 12th October

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Wednesday 14th October

TADCA Senior's Day

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Craft and Chat 9:00am to 11:30am - contact Kaye Rogers - 0484 961 364

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Committee Members - Keith Lee, Karen Jobson, Andrew Stevenson, Natasha Daley and Colin Chalker



TADCA's newly elected committee

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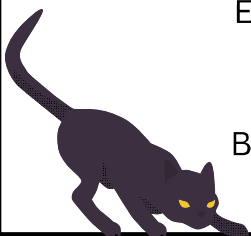
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TADCA PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Meg Chalker



Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM. It was a wonderful turnout filled with great conversation, thoughtful questions, and plenty of community spirit. AGMs always mark a moment of renewal, and this year's gathering truly set a positive tone for the year ahead.

While we have some familiar faces returning to the committee, I'm delighted to welcome some very new faces as well — bringing fresh ideas, new energy, and a shared commitment to keeping Toogoom thriving. I am honoured to continue in the role of President, and I'm pleased to introduce your newly elected Executive Committee:

- Meg Chalker — President
- Jenny Andrawatha — Vice President
- John Upton — Secretary
- Amy Sadler — Treasurer & Chatter Editor

Our committee members for the year ahead are:

- Colin Chalker
- Keith Lee
- Andrew Stephenson
- Karen Jobson
- Natasha Daley

This wonderful blend of returning members and new volunteers gives us a strong, enthusiastic team ready to carry TADCA forward.

As we begin this new chapter, we're already building on the achievements of the past year — from hall improvements and successful events to strengthened partnerships with the Fishing Club, Rural Fire Brigade, and RSL. With Amy continuing to produce The Chatter and our committee stepping confidently into their roles, I'm excited for what we will accomplish together.

Thank you for your ongoing support, your involvement, and your belief in our community. Great communities grow when people give a little of themselves.

□ □ □ **Together, let's make this a wonderful year.** □ □ □

TADCA EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October

Wednesday 14th - Seniors Day, 10am to 2pm

November

Sunday 29th - Twilight Christmas Fair 3 to 7pm



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Calendar of Events

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and heaps of other great local information

The TADCA team would like to congratulate Rhys Wood on winning the Ted Weber Individual Achievement Award for business, volunteering and sports at the 2026 Fraser Coast Ability Awards.

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Toogoom Fishing Club's annual family Fishing Comp for 2026 got underway on Friday 25th September 4pm. Early registrations promised to be another big year and we were not disappointed. Up on last years numbers, anglers hard work was soon rewarded. The clubs "Catch and Release" weigh station at the Toogoom jetty saw a steady stream of happy anglers from morning until evening. As the various species writhed and wriggled on the scales, it took the expertise of the club's senior anglers to steady the catch, before being placed into the "Live Fish Tank" ready for their release back into their wild habitat. A terrific process for onlookers to see. President Jim Andrewatha said it had been a terrific community event!





Toogoom Fishing Clubs Annual 2025 winners were celebrated in both junior and senior categories. Presenters Len Wood, Vice President of the Club and Peter Raftos from the Toogoom RSL as families cheered on, under a perfect blue sky at the Toogoom Community Hall.





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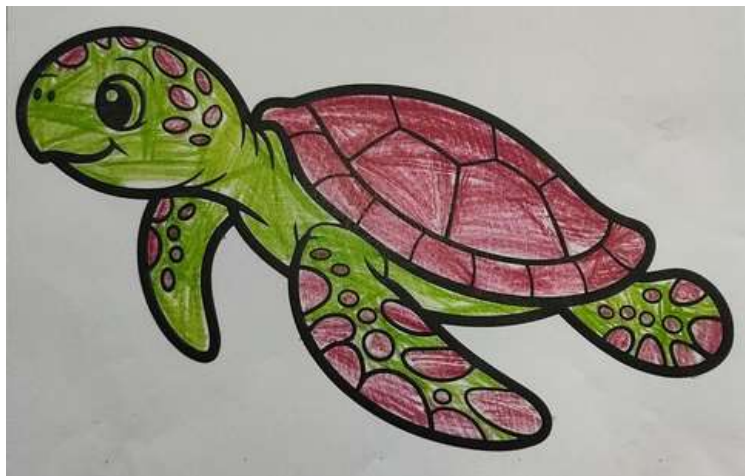
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We were blown away by the incredible response to our “Name our Turtle” colouring in competition. The artistic colouring, fantastic storytelling and creativity with naming made our judges job very difficult indeed.

After much deliberation the winners were decided as follows:



0-5 years old colouring in winner - Connor. Connor's vibrant turtle caught the eye of our judges with its contrasting green and dark red colouring.



6 - 12 years colouring in winner - Zoey. Zoey's turtle also had an incredible back story that filled the space on the page and most of the back of the page as well. We think Zoey has a bright future as a creative writer or even a journalist, perhaps a future Toogoom Chatter Editor?...



13 years + colouring in winner - Shimona. Shimona's gorgeous turtle has the most amazing rainbow shell and the adorable heart on its nose won the judges over. This section nearly didn't get included but after seeing how many “big kid” entries we had it was apparent that many of us are definitely still young at heart.

Name the Turtle - This was the hardest section of all to judge as it included all entries from all age groups. There were so many great names that our judges felt the need to include a couple of honourable mentions; “Swim Shady” submitted by Annaka and “Shellvester Stallone” submitted by Riley. Both of these had the judges giggling. Eventually the judges settled on the name “Turpacita” which was submitted by Ruby. They felt Turpacita was original, unusual and made our turtle sound exotic and well-travelled.

Huge congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who entered!

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Jane explains the local situation. "We live with koalas: but our koalas are struggling. We are determined to utilise the best science to improve our knowledge and implement conservation actions to ensure their survival. Our koalas project aims to provide a better picture of what plants Fraser Coast koalas are eating and using, along with assessing their health, and examining habitat connectivity."

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BINGO, SOUP & SLIPPERS NIGHT

by Amy Sadler

TADCA's first Bingo, Soup and Slippers night brought the community together for a fun-filled evening of delicious food, lively bingo, generous prizes and plenty of laughter.

A Warm Welcome and a Lively Night

TADCA Vice President Andrew proved he may have a promising back-up career as a bingo caller. He kept the numbers moving and the laughs coming, with quick jokes, friendly crowd banter and plenty of shared giggles with the room runners.

Food, Drinks and Decorations

Event Coordinator Jenny Andrewartha and her merry band of helpers served a sensational spread of homemade soups and delicious desserts in the colourfully decorated hall. The Chatter Bar—staffed by TADCA and Toogoom Fishing Club volunteers—was also kept busy throughout the evening.

Prizes and Highlights

Local businesses once again showed their generosity by donating a wonderful range of prizes. The evening included:

- Bingo prizes for lucky winners
- Raffles and lucky table prizes
- A best-dressed competition that added extra fun to the night

A Fantastic Community Response

Guest numbers exceeded the committee's expectations, and it was wonderful to see the hall filled with fun, laughter and community spirit. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many saying they would love to see bingo return as a regular event.

THANK YOU!

The TADCA team extends a heartfelt thank you to Allen Property, BWS Eli Waters, Cafe 63, Men's Haircuts Eli Waters, News Express Eli Waters, Priceline Pharmacy, Property Together, That's Amore Cafe, The Salty, Toogoom Pharmacy, Windmill Cafe Eli Waters, Norma, Wendy, Jenny, Colin and Anita for all the generous prize donations (sorry to anyone we may have missed). Also, a massive thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered or otherwise helped make the first Bingo, Soup and Slippers night such a success.



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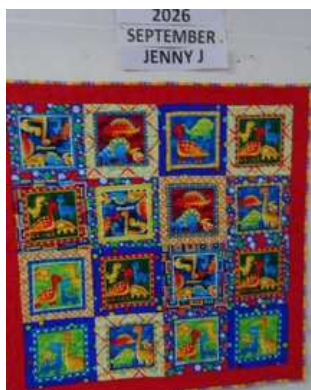
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Our Facebook page TOOGOOM PROJECT LINUS QUILTS received a lovely acknowledgement from a mother of a young baby that received a quilt from the Qld Childrens Hospital. They love their quilt and use it for play and tummy time at home now. The lovely Helen T. was the maker of the quilt.

Our local MP has again delivered @ 60 quilts to the hospital this month for us – having a trusted regular delivery to Brisbane is an extremely helpful service!



We have started making Xmas quilts again this year ready for delivery in late November with the last sitting of parliament.



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For full event details visit the Fraser Coast Events Calendar or Brolga Theatre Website

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WetSide Water Park

WetSide Water Park will reopen on Wednesday 9 September 2026 following its annual winter maintenance shutdown, with visitors invited back to enjoy another season of water play and family activities.

Entry to WetSide is free, however there is a cost for the waterslides. For more details, visit

www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/wetside-water-park

Australia Day Awards 2027

Nominations are now open for the 2027 Fraser Coast Australia Day Awards, giving the community the chance to recognise the people and groups making a difference across the region.

Award categories for 2027 include:

- Citizen of the Year (26 years and over)
- Young Citizen of the Year (under 26 years)
- Sport and Wellbeing Award (all ages)
- Arts and Culture Award (all ages)
- Community Group or Organisation of the Year

Nominations close - 3 December 2026

More details at www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/australia-day

New chapter for Howard Community Centre

A new chapter is beginning for the Howard Community Centre, with Fraser Coast Regional Council opening the facility to wider community use and planning for its long-term future.

At its meeting today (Wednesday 26 August 2026), Council agreed to add the Howard Community Centre to its community hall hire arrangements after the facility's management recently returned to Council following the end of the previous lease.

The hall and toilet facilities will be available for hire under Council's existing Community Hall fee structure, consistent with comparable facilities across the Fraser Coast.

Bookings will be available through Council's online booking system, while the commercial kitchen will not be available for hire at this stage.

Cr Byrne said the popular Howard Country Markets would also continue, with the Howard Progress Association holding markets at the centre on the first Saturday of each month.



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TOOGOOM RFS NEWS

by Geoff Boyle - Toogoom RFS Social Media Correspondent



Queensland Fire has put our region onto **Bushfire Preparedness Level 3** - triggering, amongst other actions by Queensland Fire;

Local Fire Permits have been revoked and any 000 fire call will mean more appliances dispatched for the initial response. This means that our brigade members are likely to be called to more than their usual number of fire calls.

We are also moving into school holidays a time when we have received reports of small fires, sometimes started by kids looking for something to do.

Besides a potential maximum penalty of life imprisonment the following fines may result.

Lighting a fire on a beach adjoining a recreation area lake carries a maximum penalty of 80 penalty units (\$13,816).

Breaching a park fire prohibition notice or lighting a campfire outside a designated, cleared fireplace carries a maximum penalty of 165 penalty units (\$28,495)

* Fires along the beach are prohibited and can result in prosecution.

What Level 3 Means;

Increased Risk: Higher risk of severe or difficult-to-contain bushfires due to hot, dry, and windy weather.

Heightened Readiness: The Queensland Fire Department scales up its operational readiness, resources, and public warnings.

Action Required: Residents in affected regions should review their bushfire survival plans, prepare their properties, and monitor local conditions closely.

Activities:

Over the past month, our volunteers have worked alongside other brigades to respond to fires across the region, joined several Strike Team deployments, and managed scheduled hazard reduction burns.

We also held an Open Day at the station which was very well attended by the community. Our thanks go to those who generously offered donations on the day.

For more information on volunteering with Toogoom Rural Fire Service:

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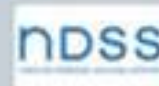
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TOOGOOM & DISTRICT RSL SUB-BRANCH NEWS

by Geoff Boyle - Toogoom and District RSL Social Media Correspondent

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

On October 3rd there is a **Special General Meeting** scheduled.

The Board urges all Service and Social members to attend this meeting as we need to address the requirements of RSL Queensland contained in the Agenda emailed to all listed. We are required to hold a Special General Meeting to present two Special Resolutions relating to the Constitution for eligible members to vote on.

AFGHANISTAN25 Commemorations

On Sunday 11th October we commemorate the 25th anniversary of Australian involvement and service in Afghanistan (2001 – 2020) under Operation Slipper and Operation Highroad.

Toogoom & District RSL Sub-Branch will hold a commemorative service at our compound (138 O'Regan Creek Rd) commencing 1500 hours (3 PM) on Sunday 11th October, followed by light refreshments. We warmly welcome those who wish to attend.

For further details, contact:

President Peter Raftos – 0431 349 502

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Z PAC THEATRE

by Marjolijn Dudgeon

Once upon a time long ago, in 1964 to be exact, a group of people who loved theatre formed the Hervey Drama Circle with Lyn Dahl who was a long-time respected journalist at the Chronicle, as the leader and St Joseph's Parish Centre as their home.

In 1968 the group moved into a small theatre in Newhaven Street, Pialba, a renovated army hut, which was officially opened by the member for Isis Mr J.R.Blake. The group, which now became The Hervey Bay Little Theatre began producing full length plays with such notable successes as *The Woman in a Dressing Gown*, *The Loudest Whisper*, *A Taste of Honey* and *Barefoot in the Park*.

As more young people came along with their parents to rehearsals a separate Junior Theatre was also formed in 1968, which quickly grew to 70 to 80 students.

In 1978 in a local community of only seven to eight thousand people, after a very long and sustained fundraising campaign, stage one of the present premises was officially opened. A wide range of fund-raising ventures were used and involved progressive dinners, the first Bingo in Hervey Bay, an Act-a-Thon, a town wide door-knock for donations as well as donations from groups such as the Lions club as well as dramatic productions.

The State Government gave a \$20,000 subsidy to help build the \$45,000 building. The existence of the Junior Theatre, which was one of the largest of its type in the state, was considered to have played a large part in winning the grant. The new Theatre formed a part of a mini-cultural centre, which was established on a reclaimed rubbish dump, land leased from the City Council. It stands next to the Hervey Bay Historical Society Museum, which has also grown over the years and the Bay Gem Club.

After further fundraising and with a loan from the council and a further government grant stage two of the Theatre complex was finished in 1988. This substantially enlarged the theatre by building a new stage behind where the original stage finished and included a fly tower, a new bio box and covered foyer space.

Since then, improvements have continued in terms of major upgrades to lighting and sound systems, building raked flooring in the auditorium, improving bar facilities and dressing room facilities and more storage with buildings and containers added.

Another name change, to more clearly differentiate between the Hervey Bay Junior Theatre and the Hervey Bay Little Theatre, occurred in 1994 to become as the theatre is now known, The Zephyr Street Performing Arts Community Theatre, or Z-PAC Theatre for short.

The theatre has already presented four amazing shows to the public this year with *Inspector Drake's Last Case*, *Mosquitoes*, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* and *Revlon Girl*. All have been of a very high standard with many shows being booked out as word of mouth spread of these great productions.



“Blithe Spirit”

The next wonderful Z-PAC Theatre show *Blithe Spirit* by the incomparable comic writer, Noel Coward, is in rehearsal and ready to captivate audiences on Opening Night Friday 2nd October and running for three weekends.

Blithe Spirit is directed by Lesley Reid, who is a multi-talented local artist and teacher with a good number of years in the school room as well as many areas of arts practice under her belt. These range from painting and running art classes, designing and creating costumes for many Macabre Theatre productions including the amazing and visually exciting *Shrek*, acting, stage managing, assisting directing and running interactive workshops at the Bond Store and the home of *Mary Poppins*, the Story Bank. This is her first foray into taking on her own production and she is simultaneously exhilarated by the exciting ride and slightly terrified! Though with an experienced and exceptionally talented cast she is confident that the production will be a smash hit as the recent production in Sydney proved.

The play was written by Noel Coward and first produced in 1941 but has been a favourite with theatre audiences ever since! It is a sparkling and witty comedy about an experienced novelist Charles Condemine, looking for inspiration for his next novel in which he wants to feature a homicidal medium. He invites the local medium Madame Arcati to run a séance at a dinner party he decides to hold at his home. Unfortunately, mayhem and chaos ensue as Madame Arcati in a trance inexplicably materialises the ghost of his dead wife Elvira. Sparks fly as the present wife, the very alive Ruth, has to counter the delectable but naughty spirit's scheming and mischief, with Charles caught in the middle.

Think of the glamour and polish of the world inhabited by these characters thrown into disarray by ghostly shenanigans and wildly exotic mediums and you have a perfect recipe for a delectable evening of fun and laughter in your local theatre.

Bookings are open and are on the theatre's website: zpactheatre.com.au

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Brisbane (Roma St)	11:00am	4:55pm	Howard	10:42am
Maryborough West	2:48pm	8:35pm	Maryborough West	10:59am
Howard	3:06pm	8:54pm	Brisbane (Roma St)	2:50pm

Rail Bus Connections Tilt Train (Northbound)			Rail Bus Connections Tilt Train (Southbound)			
Maryborough west railway station to Hervey Bay			Hervey Bay to Maryborough west railway station			
Departing	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat and Sun	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sun	Departing	Daily	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat	
Maryborough West	2:58pm	8:45pm	Urangan Boat Club bus shelter	8:55am		
Old Maryborough Station	3:08pm	8:55pm	Torquay - The Beach Motel	9:05am		
Pialba - Hervey Bay transit centre arrive	3:48pm	9:32pm	Scarness - Sunseeker Motel	9:15am		
Pialba - Hervey Bay transit centre	3:53pm		Pialba - Hervey Bay transit centre arrive	9:25am		
Urangan Boat Club bus shelter	4:13pm		Pialba - Hervey Bay transit centre	9:45am	4:35am	
Torquay - The Beach Motel	4:23pm		Old Maryborough Station	10:30am	5:15am	
Scarness - Sunseeker Motel	4:33pm		Maryborough West	10:40am	5:25am	

Hervey Bay to Maryborough west railway station			Maryborough west railway station to Hervey Bay			
Departing	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat	Departing	Daily	Mon, Thu, Sat	Tue & Fri
Pialba - Hervey Bay transit centre arrive	1:28pm	7:22pm	Maryborough West	11:05am	6:08am	6:45am
Old Maryborough Station	2:18pm	8:07pm	Old Maryborough Station	11:15am	6:18am	6:55am
Maryborough West	2:28pm	8:17pm	Pialba - Hervey Bay transit centre arrive	11:55am	6:58am	7:35am

Brisbane to Cairns - Spirit of Qld (Northbound)		Cairns to Brisbane - Spirit of Qld (Southbound)	
Departing	Mon (VC71), Wed (VC75), Fri (VC79) and Sat (VC81)	Departing	Mon (V982), Wed (V972), Fri (V976) and Sun (V980)
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Maryborough West	7:37pm	Brisbane (Roma St)	9:00am

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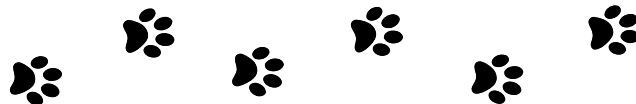
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Trusted care for your furry, fluffy and whiskered friends in Toogoom and surrounds. Next time you're heading away, book your critter a cosy stay at Critter Creek.

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- Critter Creek care hours are 8-10 am and 3:30-5 pm, seven days a week, with 24-hour pick-up and drop-off for every early bird and night owl.



Wag your tail and call Kennel & Cattery: 0418 368 206



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Australia

Ticketing information

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translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares
or call us on 13 12 30.

Monday to Friday		Saturday	
Route number	711	711	
W Torquay Road at Bay Plaza	am 8.45	am 7.15	
1 Stockland Hervey Bay Shopping Centre	8.50	7.20	
6 Burrum Heads Rd near Orchid Dr HnR	9.20	7.45	
4 Riverview Dr near Sunrise Cr HnR	9.23	7.48	
8 Burrum St Shops	9.25	7.51	
9 Burrum St at Torbanlea St	9.26	7.52	
10 Howard St at Burrum Heads Hall	9.27	7.54	
12 Pialba Burrum Heads Rd near Toogoom Rd HnR	9.38	8.05	
13 Toogoom Rd at Delrose Court HnR near Hall	9.39	8.06	
14 Mark Ave near Lorikeet Ave HnR	9.40	8.07	
17 Kingfisher Pde near Sea Beach Way HnR	9.43	8.10	
19 Jeppeson Rd at Desmond Dr	9.47	8.13	
21 O'Regan Creek Rd near Carkeet Rd HnR	9.49	8.15	
1 Stockland Hervey Bay Shopping Centre	10.08	8.33	
W Torquay Road at Bay Plaza	10.13	8.38	

Monday to Friday		Saturday	
Route number	711	711	
W Torquay Road at Bay Plaza	pm 1.40	pm 1.50	
1 Stockland Hervey Bay Shopping Centre	1.45	1.56	
21 O'Regan Creek Rd near Carkeet Rd HnR	2.04	2.14	
19 Jeppeson Rd at Desmond Dr	2.07	2.17	
17 Kingfisher Pde near Silverleaf Tce HnR	2.10	2.19	
14 Mark Ave near Lorikeet Ave HnR	2.12	2.21	
13 Toogoom Rd at Delrose Court HnR near Hall	2.13	2.22	
12 Pialba Burrum Heads Rd near Toogoom Rd HnR	2.14	2.23	
6 Burrum Heads Rd near Orchid Dr HnR	2.22	2.31	
4 Riverview Dr near Sunrise Cr HnR	2.26	2.35	
8 Burrum St Shops	2.28	2.37	
9 Burrum St at Torbanlea St	2.29	2.38	
10 Howard St at Burrum Heads Hall	2.31	2.40	
1 Stockland Hervey Bay Shopping Centre	3.03	3.10	

IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please be advised that all Wide Bay Transit Urban services operate on a cash-only basis. We currently do not have card payment facilities on board. Please have the correct change ready for your driver.

The crystal ball to see it all



Get real-time service updates.



Route 711

Route map





Update from Your Local Member

Pialba–Burrum Heads Road and Anson Road Intersection

Roadworks have now commenced at the intersection of Pialba–Burrum Heads Road and Anson Road as part of important upgrades to improve the intersection and cater for the continued growth of the surrounding area.

I encourage all motorists travelling through this area to allow additional time for their journey, exercise patience and take extra care around road crews and other motorists while these works are underway.

The Queensland Government, together with developers in the immediate area, has made a significant investment to ensure this intersection is upgraded to meet the needs of the community and road users into the future. While these works are taking place, I ask everyone to be considerate of other motorists and to follow all traffic management directions.

Maryborough–Hervey Bay Road / Pialba–Burrum Heads Road Intersection

I am also continuing to advocate strongly for the necessary funding to upgrade the Maryborough–Hervey Bay Road and Pialba–Burrum Heads Road intersection. With significant residential growth occurring in the surrounding area, ensuring our road infrastructure keeps pace with this growth is extremely important.

I am working to ensure that both the Federal Government and Queensland Government provide the funding required to deliver this important upgrade. I will continue to advocate to both levels of government and push for a joint commitment to the project. Our growing community needs infrastructure that is capable of supporting residents, families, businesses and visitors for many years to come.

Come and See Me at My Mobile Offices

I am continuing to take my office out into the community so residents can speak with me directly about the issues that matter to them.

You can find me at:

Nikenbah Markets

Third Sunday of each month

Eli Waters Shopping Centre

Fourth Wednesday of each month

If you are attending the markets or doing your shopping, please drop by and say hello. I am always happy to have a chat and hear what is important to you and your family.

If you have a **state-related matter or concern** that you would like me to address, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My team and I are here to assist wherever we can.



Updates from Michelle Góvers

Your Councillor for Division 5 - Fraser Coast Regional Council



In September I had the pleasure of welcoming new

Toogoom Citizens!!!!

In our Citizenship Ceremony

Held at the Brolga Theatre

Septembers Councillor Chat was held in
Olender Park,

residents are welcome to attend these
chats,

they are held every month on rotation
and are
advertised by Council website and social
media pages.



A Better Way to Vote

In 2028, Queenslanders will go to the polls threetimes for Local, State and Federal elections.

I recently put forward a motion asking the LocalGovernment Association Queensland, to raise with the Electoral Commission Queensland, whether our votingprocesses could be made safer, more accessible and more dignified for residents, candidates, volunteers and staff.

My fellow Councillors unanimously voted totakethe motion to the LGAQ conference, and I understand many Councils are considering it.

At the last election, residents faced long waitsintheheat, often without any shade, seating or accessible facilities. Candidates, volunteers & residents also spentlonghours outside polling places, unfortunately experiencing unacceptable behaviour and frustrated voters.

My aim is to hopefully see the ECQ modernisetheprocess, including more telephone and postal voting, better facilities and accessibility, and less congestionaround polling places.

Voting is an important part of our democracy. Everyone should be able to cast their vote safely and with dignity.

www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au If you wantto have your say on all things Fraser Coast, council have a dedicated platform for you to do so. Register at: - Fraser Coast Regional Council (engagementhub.com.au)

Cheers Michelle

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KIDS CORNER

WHAT IS A GHOST'S
NOSE FULL OF?

BOOOOOOGERS!



WHY DON'T VAMPIRES
HAVE MORE FRIENDS?

BECAUSE THEY ARE A PAIN IN THE NECK.



PUZZLES

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

A	J	Y	A	Q	R	U	Y	K	S	J	N	Y	U	E
M	T	A	B	D	L	F	G	J	O	T	U	D	E	A
Z	O	V	S	N	O	T	L	E	K	S	X	S	B	S
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BAT
BOO
CANDY
COSTUME
MASK
MONSTER

MUMMY
PUMPKIN
SCARECROW
SKELTON
SPIDER
SPOOKY

TREATS
TRICK
VAMPIRE
WEREWOLF
WITCH
ZOMBIE




September riddle answer....
Can you make eight eights add up to 1000?
 $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000$



WHAT DO YOU CALL A WITCH
WHO GOES TO THE BEACH?

A SAND-WITCH.

September Sudoku solution....

8	9	1	4	6	5	2	3	7
3	7	5	8	2	9	1	6	4
2	6	4	3	7	1	9	8	5
1	2	8	6	9	4	7	5	3
6	3	9	1	5	7	8	4	2
5	4	7	2	3	8	6	9	1
4	8	3	7	1	6	5	2	9
7	5	6	9	4	2	3	1	8
9	1	2	5	8	3	4	7	6

Toogoom and District Community Association Inc.

140 Toogoom Rd, Toogoom 4655

secretary@toogoom@toogoomcommunity.com.au

Membership Form

The Toogoom and District Community Association Inc (TADCA) is an incorporated association which leases the land from the Fraser Coast Regional Council for community use and events. The management committee is comprised of a group of volunteers who manage all facilities on the grounds and co-ordinate events for the benefit of the community in order to raise funds for maintenance and operating costs of the grounds, hall, sporting facilities and outbuildings.

Your annual membership fees help to support our community by providing a well maintained facilities to hold community events and offer a meeting place for a wide range of activities.

Membership is \$10 due at the start of each financial year and open to person 18 years +

New and renewal memberships please complete full form.

Applicant Details

Full Name Membership Type ☐ New Applicant ☐ Renewal
Email Address Phone Number
Street Address City Postcode

Do you currently attend or volunteer with a group or activity at The Toogoom Community Hall? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details

What skills would you be willing to volunteer to assist with TADCA events, fundraisers and maintenance of the hall and grounds?
(Please circle all that apply or add your own)

Cooking, Handy Person jobs, Decorating, Mowing & Gardening, Cleaning, serving food, heavy lifting, moving items with your van or ute, Tech/IT support, arts & crafts,

Proposed member signature Date

Please note that your membership is not active until ratified by the current committee. TADCA meetings are currently held approximately once per month. TADCA reserves the right to decline a membership request. You will be notified when your membership becomes active.

Proposed and Seconded By (must be current financial members of TADCA)

Proposers full name		Years as a TADCA member	
Proposers Signature		Date	/ /
Seconders full name		Years as a TADCA member	
Seconders Signature		Date	/ /

Payment Details

Payment Details ☐ Cash ☐ Direct Deposit

Please forward application to
email: secretary@toogoomcommunity.com.au

In Person: Leave in the drop box next to the hall office door
when the hall is open.

Post: 140 Toogoom Rd, Toogoom 4655,
PLEASE DO NOT POST CASH.

Account Details

BSB: 014 699

Account #: 295013078

Account Name: Toogoom and District Community Assoc.

Reference: Mship First Initial Last Name (eg Mship J Smith)

Office Use only

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Register Updated

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Receipt Issued

☐

Email Payment Confirmation

This form active from 26/08/2026

CRAIGNISH COUNTRY CLUB HOTEL

WEDNESDAY STEAK NIGHT

300g Sirloin,
cooked to your liking.
Served with chips
and salad,
plus your
choice of sauce



\$22⁹⁰

\$26.90 Non
members

THURSDAY POT & PARM NIGHT

Chicken Schnitzel w/ chips
& salad. Included in the
price is a cold pot of
beer. *PLUS choice of
topper *selected beer
and cold drinks



\$24⁹⁰

\$28.90 Non
members

SATURDAY NIGHT WINE SPECIAL

Purchase any 2 a-la-carte
meals on Saturday night
and included in the
price is a bottle of
wine to enjoy with
your meal* 18+ only
*selected wine
varieties only



KIDS EAT FREE!

MONDAY, TUESDAY & SUNDAY NIGHT

Purchase any main meal and
your child eats for free*
*Must be U14 yrs & present.
Max 2 kids meals per main meal.



LUNCH SPECIALS

Selection of delicious Lunch Specials,
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Available for lunch service only.
Every Day!

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Members &
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT

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Tickets on sale from 5pm, drawn 7pm.

\$5 for 5 Numbers

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