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GOLDEN PARADISE BEACH RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Inc

Hi to all our members and the wider community.

Date 07/12/2025

I apologise for the delay in getting this Newsletter out on time; however, illness/injuries, major software updates, have meant unavoidable delays across many areas, and as a result, we have been in catch-up mode for several weeks.

VALE: Janine Macleod passed away in November 2025. Janine was the Association's Treasurer for over 7 years and will be sadly missed by the Committee and our members as well as the Community in general.

Annual Community Christmas Party.

The Association's Annual December Community Christmas function, unfortunately, had to be cancelled this year. Several factors caused this decision, but it will return next year.

Info Centre & Art Gallery.

The new Information Centre and Art Gallery hit a slight pause in October and November, with some supplies & installation being delayed.

We have now teamed up with the WSC Middle Of Everywhere Campaign, and new signage will jointly display the Golden Paradise Beach Community Tourist Park & Middle Of Everywhere Brands. New promotional material has arrived and is being prepared and sorted for distribution.

Our digital systems are almost all in place, with StarLink Internet now operational.

The new external TV cabinet and 65-inch information screen will be installed on the 8th Dec 2025, thanks to Brett and the team from AMEC INDUSTRIES. The display programming will take place shortly after.

Business District Christmas Displays.

The Association is continuing to support the Golden Beach Town Business District by providing and maintaining the street Christmas decorations from December through to January each year. This Year, we have added additional units to the official display area, complementing last year's Xmas Trees.

GPBRRRA New Lease.

The Association has now signed a 9-year lease with Wellington Shire Council covering the whole of the **Golden Paradise Beach Community Tourist Park Area.**

The new lease will provide appropriate positivity for future planning and work within this site, which has taken approximately 5years to reach.

On behalf of the Committee of Management

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Ken Dyster (President)



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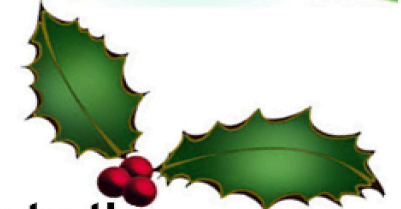


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FROM THE NURSERY TEAM

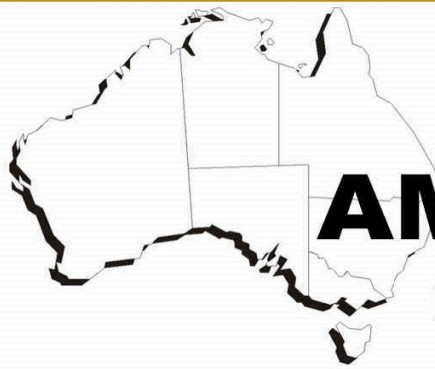
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Hi Everyone, Ahhh Summer! The season when golfers bravely battle the heat and when the fairways dry out enough so that the ball goes an extra 20 metres.

Summer is one of the best times to be out on the course and we look forward to seeing you at the club over the holidays. Remember: water is your friend, sunscreen is your savior, and a cold beer after the round is practically a medical necessity.

We were deeply saddened by the recent passing of long-term member Janine MacLeod. While she wasn't a golfer, she was a passionate supporter of our club and played a key role in several community groups. Her celebration of life was held at the club on November 8th, attended by many friends and family who came together to honour her memory. It was a heartfelt gathering and we extend our sincere condolences to Janine's family and loved ones.

Monthly Medal Winners

August - Glenn Towers

September – Glenn Vandeleur

October – Gavin McCarthy

November – Steve Hirt

Trophy Day Winners

September 13th- Golden Beach General Store Trophy – Bill McGran

September 27th Golden Beach Real Estate Trophy – Paul Farmer

October 11th Presidents Cup – Gavin McCarthy

October 25th DB Patterns Trophy – Kevin Clare

November 1st - Melbourne Hoardings Cup – Mick Allen

November 22nd – One Plan Surveyors Cup – Glen Vandeleur

The 2026 Calendar of Events will be out soon

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Our Clubhouse and Bar is open on Fridays from 2.30pm and Saturdays from 11.30am. Please come along and visit our lovely clubrooms and give golf a go. We can supply you with buggy's, clubs and balls.

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Have a very Merry Christmas & a Safe and Happy New Year – from all of us.

Sharon Aspinall – Secretary
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A big warm welcome to everyone, with a bit of an update with what's happening at the Seniors.

As you may well know our meetings have now returned to the Golden Beach Community Hall bimonthly. Our next general meeting will be on the 9th of December at 11am until about 1pm. We are having a bit of a Christmas get together.

Happy for you to bring a plate to share, there will be Tea Coffee Sandwiches provided.

On the 8th of December is our annual Christmas lunch again at Shirleys café in Sale with all the details in your November newsletter.

On Thursday 23rd October had an outing to Gumbuya Park in Tynong along with our friends from Loch Sport Seniors, A great day was had with a Roast Buffet Lunch, followed by a walk around the Wildlife and Fauna enclosures, with an interactive bird show thrown in by the rangers. Well worth a visit with the grandkids, as you also have the ride park attractions as well.

Planned outings in 2026.

12th Feb: We have an outing to the Berry Dairy Farm in Maffra Details in your newsletter.

13th March to 18th March 5-day Merimbula trip again details are in your November newsletter.

If anyone would like more details on our current planned and future activities feel free to contact myself or one of the committee Neva, Greg L, Christine, Chris, on the number above or on the newsletter.

We are always looking for new members, Membership is only \$20 with some exciting activities planned in 2026.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoyable time with family and friends.

Ian Haysom President



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GOLDEN BEACH FIRE BRIGADE



Hi to the Golden Paradise Beach Community

I would like to introduce myself to the Residents of Golden Beach & Paradise Beach Community. Hi, my name is Vince Ingram & been a resident of Golden Beach for 8 years.

I am now the Captain of Golden Beach Fire Brigade & have been in the CFA as a Volunteer for over 50 years & bring a vast range of skills with me to benefit the Community of Golden Beach & Paradise Beach & its Brigade.

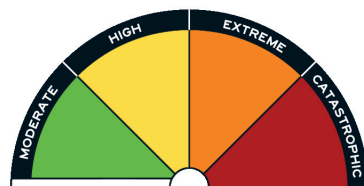
My first Task is to build up our firefighters & are looking for new members to join our Fire Brigade. If you are interested, you are welcome to come along to our monthly Meeting, which is on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm to have a Chat.

If you cannot make it & still think this might be for you, you can give me a Call Mob 0412621037

A Reminder that the Fire Danger Period is now enforced, which means No Burning Off without a Written Permit Issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District Office.

Regards Vince Ingram 182 Shoreline Drive Golden Beach.

Know Your Daily Fire Danger Rating



Stay aware of the fire danger rating and know what to do.

Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire could be if one started. The higher the rating the more dangerous the conditions. Fire Danger Ratings feature in weather forecasts during the fire season.

Everyday you should:

- » Monitor conditions and official sources for warnings.
- » If a fire starts near you, take action immediately to protect your life.
- » Do not wait for a warning.
- » Adhere to local regulations governing fire activity.
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	What does it mean?	What should I do?
CATASTROPHIC	<p>If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. 	<p>For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire. » For your survival, do not be in bushfire risk areas. » Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before. » Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave and help may not be available.
EXTREME	<p>Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » These are dangerous fire conditions. » Expect hot, dry and windy conditions. 	<p>Take action now to protect your life and property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Check your bushfire plan and that your property is fire ready » If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts. » Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas. » Leaving bushfire risk areas early in the day is your safest option.
HIGH	<p>Fires can be dangerous.</p>	<p>Be ready to act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area. » Decide what you will do if a fire starts. » If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bushfire risk areas.
MODERATE	<p>Most fires can be controlled.</p>	<p>Plan and prepare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.

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Natural gas will be transported from the storage facility to an onshore processing plant near Longford via an underground pipeline. Having gas in storage and available for use on peak days will help balance the energy market and ensure security of supply as more renewable energy enters the system.

We will keep the community informed about various stages of the project. The next stage of the project that we want to highlight is our drilling campaign.

GB Energy is planning to commence a gas drilling campaign during the second half of 2026. The drilling activity will be in Victorian State waters (Vic/RL1(V) permit) just over 4km offshore from Golden Beach, in water depth of approximately 20 meters. The drilling activities will take approximately 140 days to complete, and will be conducted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The rig will operate in accordance with international safety & environmental standards and will have an approved Safety Case and Environmental Plan. More information on what you can expect can be found [here](#), by emailing info@gbenergy.com.au or by calling us on 1800 423 637.

The GB team are also in town and available to chat on the first Thursday of every month at Foodworks, Golden Beach from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

GB Energy would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



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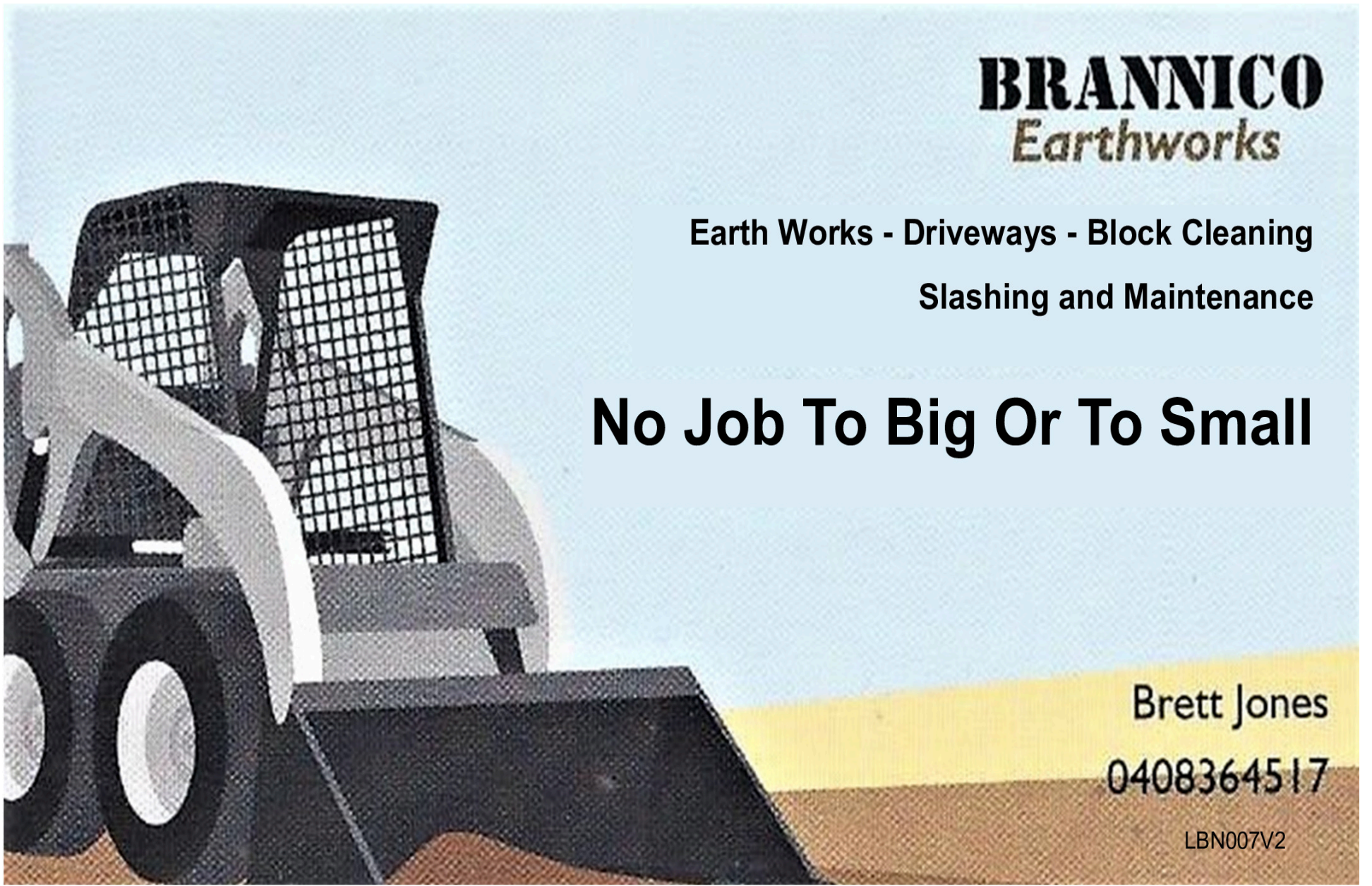
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Welcome to Summer and the lead up to the **“An Aussie Christmas”** display.

The Golden Paradise Beach Community Centre Committee of Management Inc. will be hosting the “Aussie Christmas” display from 12th December 2025 to 12th January 2026 on days when volunteers are available. The display will be in the main hall and front windows with lighting to enhance the displays. This community project is supported by sponsors and Wellington Shire Council. Coles, Woolworths, Bunnings, GB Foodworks as well as Sonja, Joy, Christine, and the committee have all made significant contributions to the planning and implementation of the display. Thank you for your support.

The very skilful Golden Paradise Beach Men’s Shed volunteers created the “Six White Boomers” enhancing the Aussie theme of the display. Local artists will also contribute to the display and feature windows.



Christmas decorations have been donated from the Loch Sport & Golden Beach communities.

INVITATION Come along to Opening Night on Friday 12th December 2025 @ 6pm. With the initial switching on of our lighting display, some light refreshments will be served and concluding with the drawing of the Christmas Hamper raffle. Entry to the display is free. We would appreciate the completion of a visitor survey to assist us with plans for improvements for next year. For further information or RSVP please email secretary@gpbcc.org.au

Christmas Hamper Raffle \$2 a ticket or 3for \$5 Drawn 12th December On Sale Now

Roof Repairs We are pleased to report that essential roof repairs were completed by Tequa, funded by Wellington Shire Council, & a small contribution from the committee of management.

Maintenance We were able to replace the stage carpet with a 60/40 grant from Wellington Shire Council. Monthly maintenance includes monitoring essential safety tasks and using contract workers as required for specialist tasks.

WSC Outreach Library Will not be operating 25th December or the 1st of January 2026

Craft Group Will not be open 23rd & 30th of December.

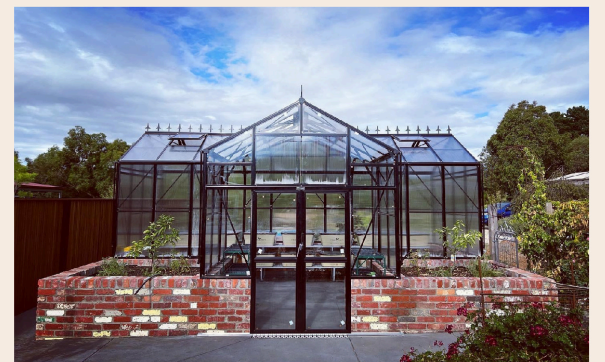
Volunteers – We are looking for people with admin skills and creative ideas. Do you have 1 hour per week to support the community centre? Pop in and have a chat with us.



The venue is available for hire. Email us and we will send you the hire forms and additional information from Wellington Shire Council.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.
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Valerie Kilner President - Golden-Paradise Beach Community Centre



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20th Anniversary Celebrations

The 23rd of October 2025 marked the 20th anniversary of the Official opening of the Golden Paradise Beach Bowls Club by the then Federal Member for Gippsland The Hon. Peter McGauran M.P. To mark this occasion 22 Members and Guests attended a dinner at the Causeway Diner where club memorabilia, including the original hand made Club Shield, was on display and many stories were shared about the original planning, fundraising and construction of the bowling green by a very small group of passionate locals – which commenced as an Indoor Bowls Club.



The Club took advantage of this gathering to award our newest Life Member, Mr Murray Bowdsworth. As immediate past President, Murray worked tirelessly through the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain the facility whilst other Members and Visitors were prevented from gathering. Murray has coached and mentored many new members starting out on their bowls journey, always with a smile and a joke or two. Congratulations Murray very well deserved!

Barefoot Bowls & Summer Games

Coming to Friday nights and Saturdays over summer we are planning a 6-week program of fun and games for all ages. At this stage we are looking to a program that includes:

- Barefoot Bowls, BBQ and BYO on a Friday 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- Pickle Ball and BYO on a Saturday 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Croquet (to be advised)

Groups of up to 8 players (Adults and Children) ALL equipment and free tuition provided.

Experienced Pickle Ball players - we need your assistance with equipment and coaching – give the club a call

Dates are yet to be finalised so watch out for the Banners to go up at the entry to the Reserve or check our Facebook Page for details coming soon!

Social Bowls

Members, Guests and Visitors are welcome to join us for Social Bowls **every Wednesday and Saturday at 12:45 pm**. Bowls provided, no experience necessary. Green Fees are only \$5 for Visitors. So come and join us.

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The VMMR committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish you all a **Merry Christmas** relaxing along the coast.

Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets are on sale outside Golden Beach Foodworks or at Spoil Yourself Hair & Beauty mid week. Drawn 13th December. All proceeds go to the Maintenance Fund to assist with management of the reserve. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle.

The Golden Beach Australia Day Weekend Fishing Carnival committee have been very busy planning the 2026 carnival. Go to their social media page for more information about the Saturday morning market on the oval and Fishing Comp activities over the weekend.

Save the Date - Cent Night Auction - Saturday 24th January 2026

It's on again!! Great Family Fun with lots of prizes to be won!

Thanks to Karlina & Craig from Golden Beach Garden & Building Supplies, the Major Sponsor this year. This family friendly community event will be taking place at the Golden Beach Community Hall.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. BYO drinks and nibbles.

Bring cash to purchase Auction Tickets



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Early bookings are preferred so we can prepare food and have enough staff on hand. M:0456 486 993 Please advise of any dietary restrictions at the time of booking.

**Due to staff shortages we will be closed
27th December and the 3rd of January
Re-Open 10th of January**

Future Maintenance - We are hoping to secure funding to upgrade the disability parking surface and install drainage. The septic system is also requiring new drainage.

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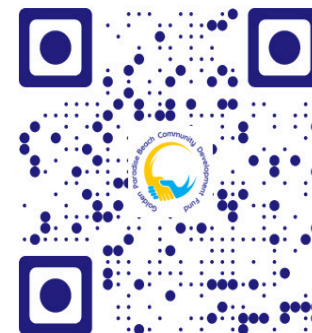
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Our major milestone for this quarter was our first AGM held at the Bowls Club on October 17th, with all members of the Executive nominating for the next 12 months. The Executive remains the same, with Sarah Adams, Kym Clark, Alex Rae, Bruce Chynoweth and Andrew O'Rorke on board for the next 12 months.

We are seeking to expand the Fund and invite community members who wish to participate to contact info@gpbcdf.org.au to introduce themselves. We want to ensure that anyone interested and aligned with our goals has the opportunity to get involved. Depending on the number of responses, we will consider organising an informal gathering to progress this further.

The announcement by the Victorian Government that the offshore wind auction will be delayed into 2026 has added further uncertainty to already muddy waters. The Fund has met with Blue Mackerel and Navigator North recently to further understand their positions and potential outcomes. We hope to meet with Iberdrola before Christmas for similar discussions.

Erin Lord from GB Energy has been meeting locals outside the General Store on the first Thursday of each month to discuss their project over coffee, and anyone who wishes to learn more, or have a chat is welcome to drop in from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The Fund has attended and is exploring possibilities with the "Golden/Paradise Beach Clean-Up Community" group regarding potential assistance with rubbish issues, particularly over the summer.

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Merry Christmas – Andrew O'Rorke (President) – president@gpbcdf.org.au

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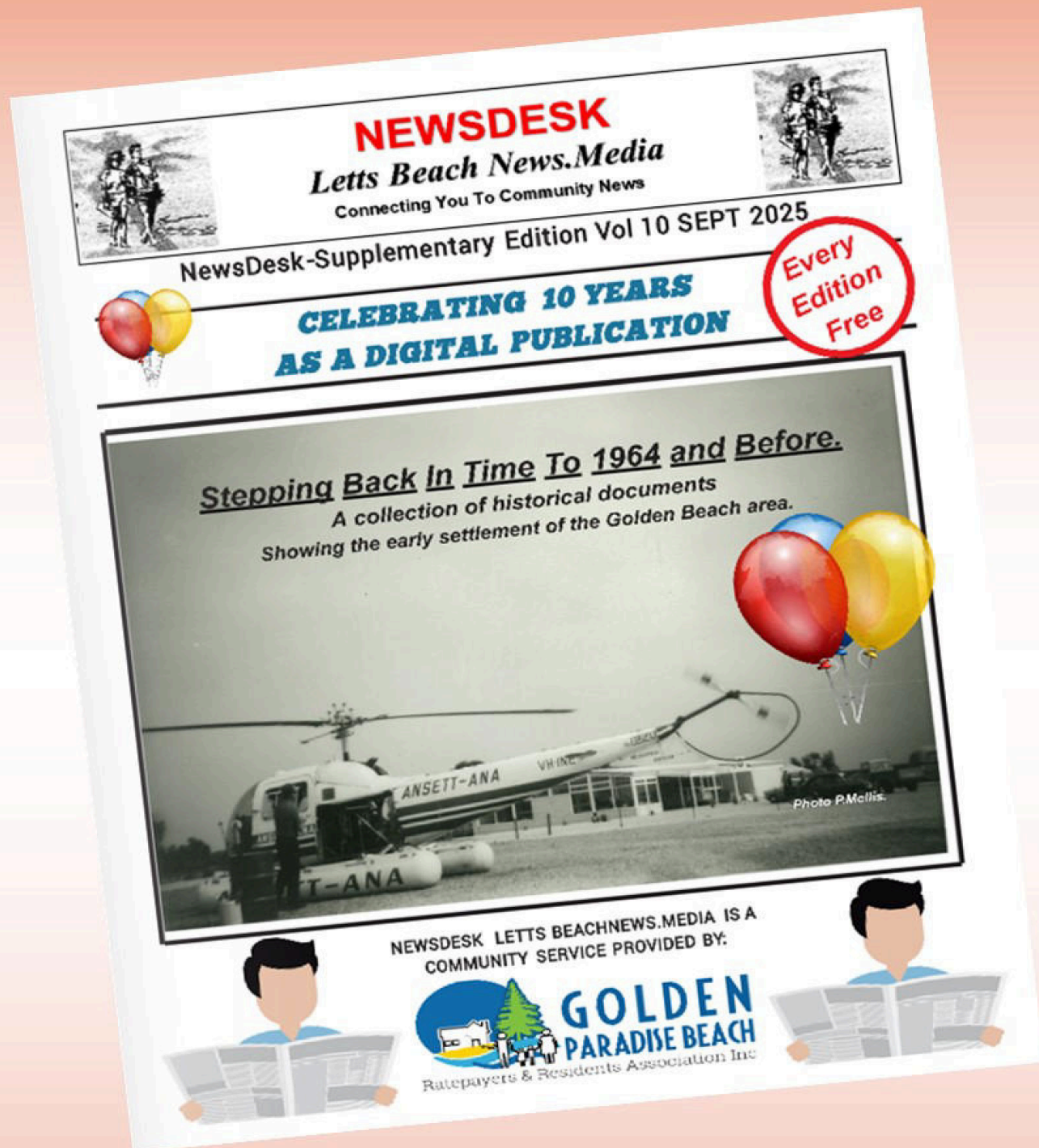
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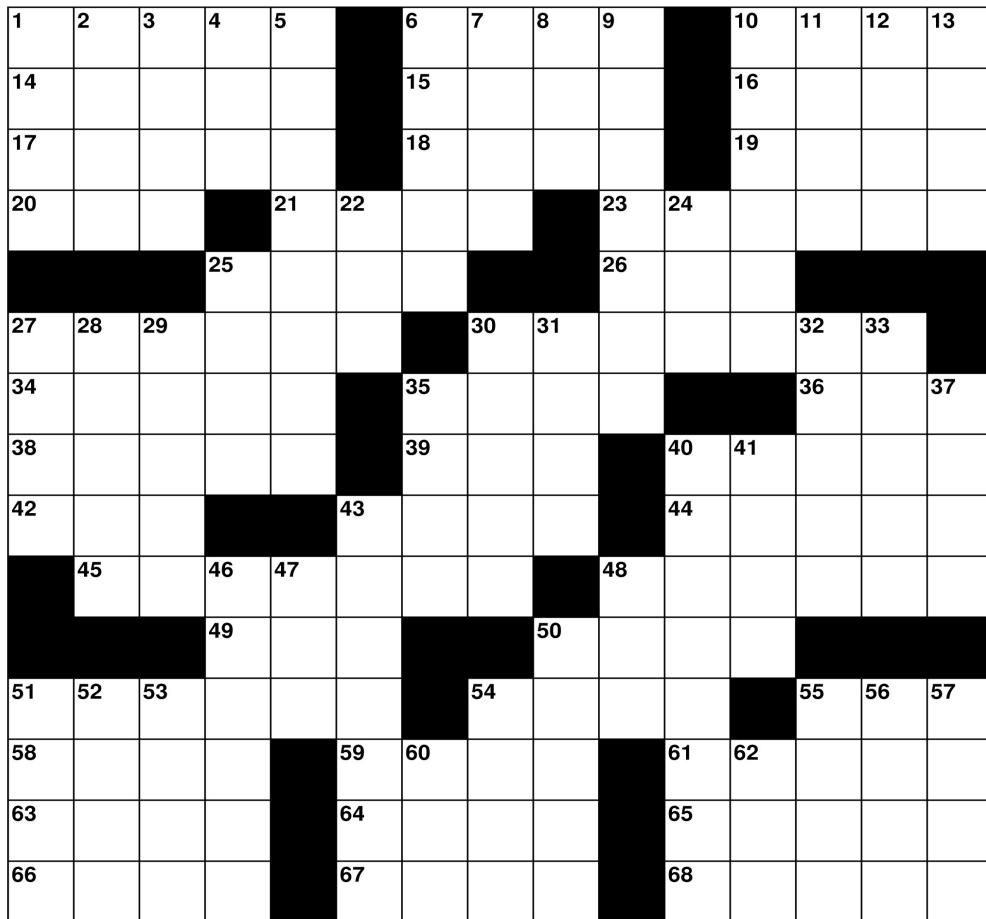
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Feature Crossword Puzzle

SLEIGH RIDE

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ACROSS

- 1 Large draft animal with mane and tail
- 6 Frozen form of precipitation
- 10 Small drink
- 14 City
- 15 European monetary unit
- 16 Happy cat sound
- 17 Forest god
- 18 Dale
- 19 Fake butter
- 20 Compass point
- 21 Supper
- 23 Ruler
- 25 Ponder, with "over"
- 26 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
- 27 Kitten's neck
- 30 St of connecting straps by which a animal can pull an object
- 34 Quay
- 35 Upper body muscles
- 36 Hertz
- 38 Not fronts
- 39 Picnic visitor
- 40 Leer

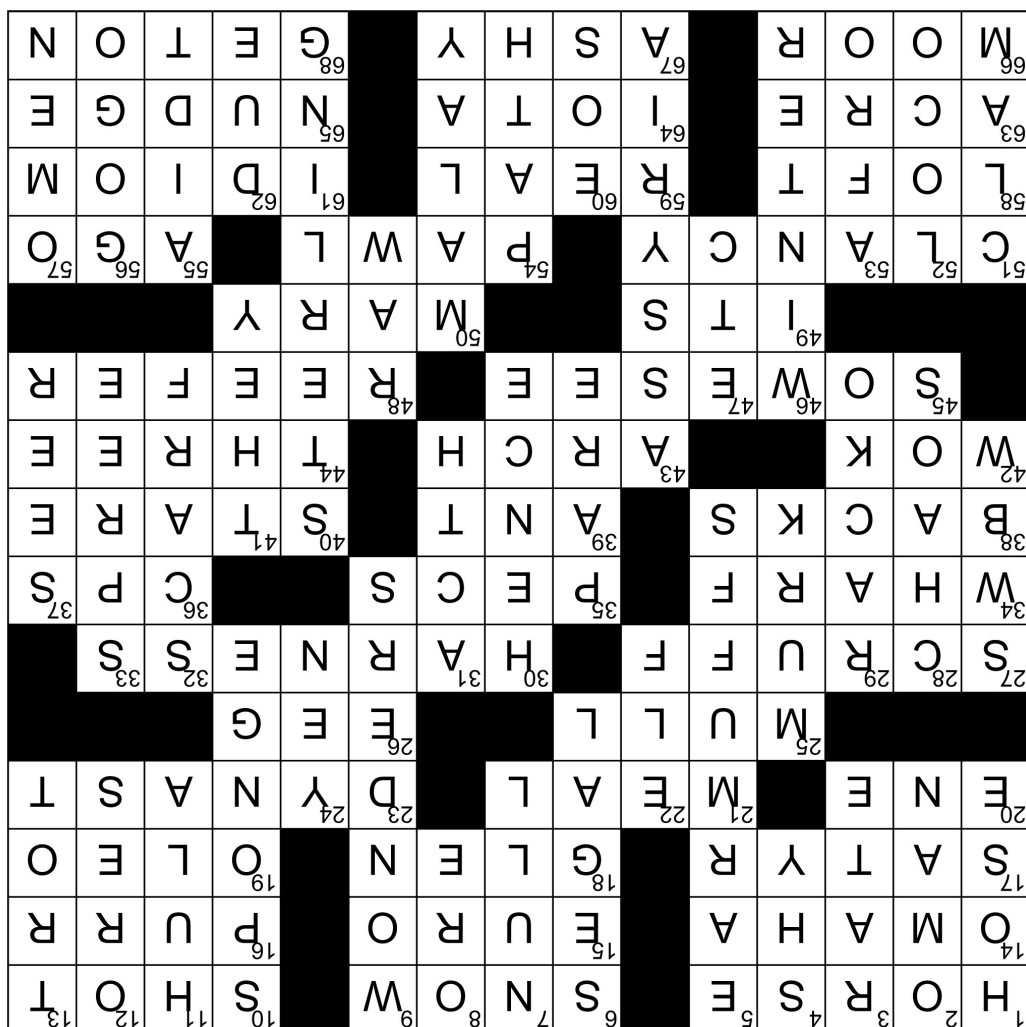
- 42 Chinese cooking pan
- 43 Flex
- 44 Trio
- 45 Thus (3 wds.)
- 48 Joint
- 49 Possessive pronoun
- 50 Christ's mother
- 51 Author of "The Hunt for Red October"
- 54 Stop
- 55 Gone by
- 58 Attic
- 59 Valid
- 61 Expression
- 63 Land measurement
- 64 Small particle
- 65 Poke
- 66 Anchor
- 67 Livid
- 68 Mount (2 wds.)



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SLEIGH RIDE



Solution:

DOWN

- 1 Tube
- 2 Asian nation
- 3 Order
- 4 Timid
- 5 Warm covers for ears
- 6 George, plaster cast artist
- 7 Invalidated
- 8 Unrefined metal
- 9 Ponders
- 10 Kitchen cleaning tool
- 11 ___ hoop (child's toy)
- 12 Mined metals
- 13 Horse gait
- 22 Pixy
- 24 Shekel
- 25 Fog
- 27 Southwest by west
- 28 Disorder
- 29 Brand of Tile game
- 30 Away
- 31 Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
- 32 Wool, silk or flannel cloth worn around neck
- 33 Revelry
- 35 Skin

- 37 Oracle
- 40 Type of silver
- 41 Those people
- 43 Ancient Asian country with Nineveh as its capital
- 46 Coldest season of the year
- 47 And so forth
- 48 Rare
- 50 Thailand's Peninsula
- 51 Shellfish
- 52 South of the border crazy
- 53 Big hairdo
- 54 Trail
- 55 Nearly horizontal entrance
- 56 ___ girl
- 57 Sign
- 60 Goddess
- 62 Rightful



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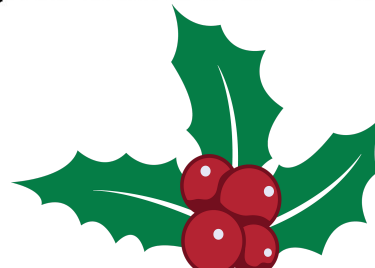
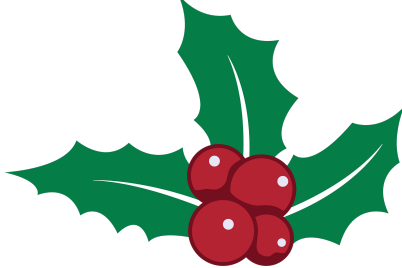
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