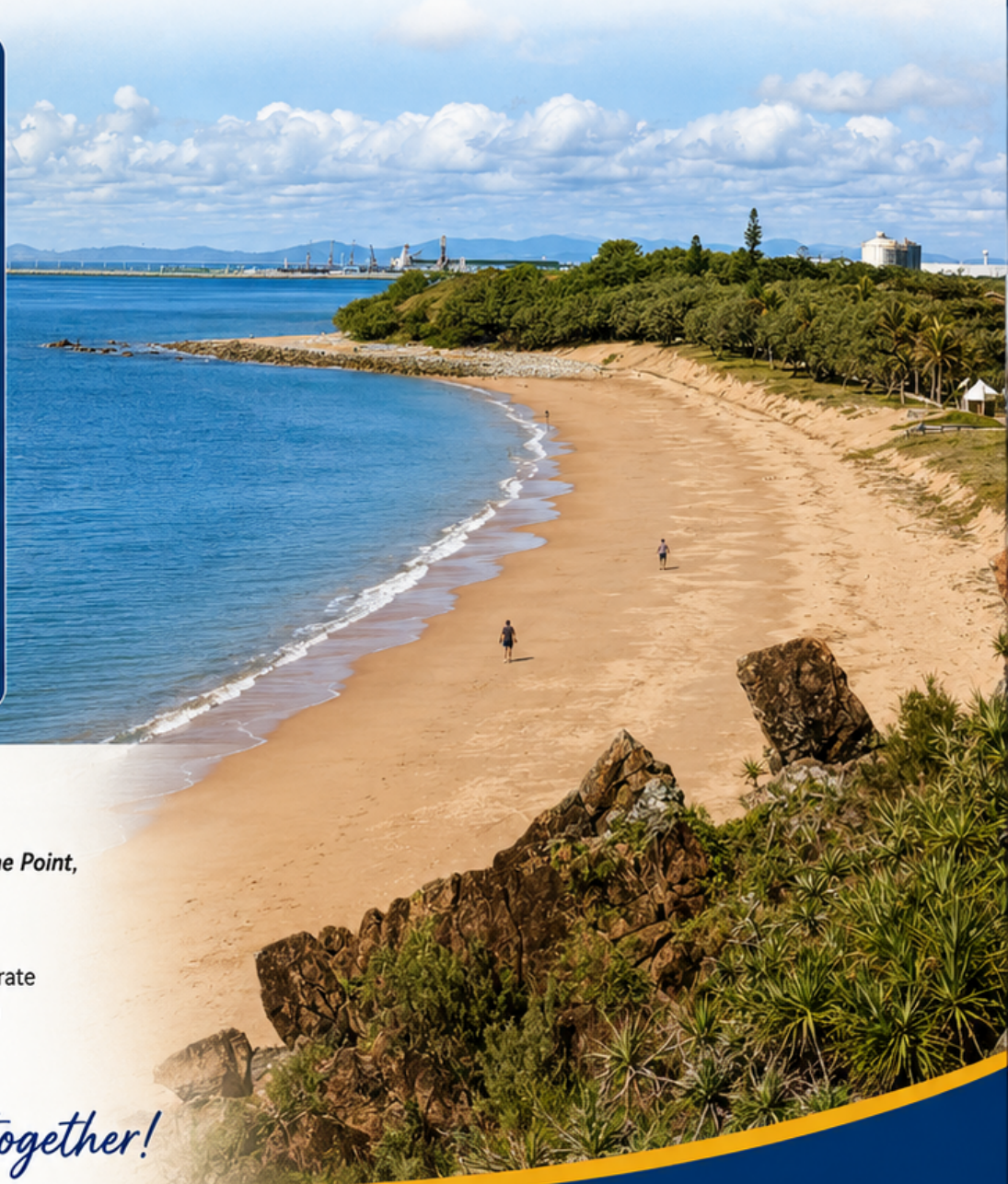


OUR COMMUNITY • OUR VOICE • OUR FUTURE

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Welcome!

This is the first edition of *Progress at the Point*, your quarterly newsletter from the Slade Point Progress Association.

We're here to keep you informed, celebrate our community, and work together for a stronger, safer and more connected Slade Point.

Let's make progress together!



CONNECT

Bringing our community together through information and events.



ADVOCATE

Representing our residents and local issues.



SUPPORT

Supporting projects that improve our lifestyle and facilities.



SUSTAIN

Working for a safe, clean and sustainable Slade Point.



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of Progress at the Point for 2026. The Slade Point Progress Association has had a very busy start to the year, and we're excited to share updates on the projects, events, and initiatives that are helping make our community stronger and more connected.

Our mission remains the same – to advocate for what matters locally, celebrate our unique lifestyle, and create opportunities for everyone who calls Slade Point home.

Inside this edition you'll find news about what's happening in our neighbourhood, important safety information, upcoming events, and stories that highlight the people and places that make Slade Point such a special place to live.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, and supporters for your ongoing involvement – your voice helps shape the future of our community.

I encourage you to stay informed, get involved, and share your ideas with us. Together, we can continue making great progress at the Point.

Warm regards,

Ken Fuller

President
Slade Point Progress Association



**STRONG
COMMUNITIES,
REQUIRE STRONG
VOICE, MAKE
YOURS COUNT.**

LATEST LOCAL NEWS

Positive Momentum Continues Across Slade Point

It has been another busy and encouraging quarter for Slade Point, with several community initiatives gaining momentum and providing positive outcomes for local residents.

Markets Return to the Point

One of the biggest success stories this quarter has been the return of the Slade Point Community Markets. Organised by the Slade Point Progress Association, the markets have enjoyed three successful events during April May and June, attracting local residents, visitors, stallholders and community groups. The markets have provided an opportunity for local businesses and community organisations to connect with residents while creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for families and visitors.

The strong turnout and positive feedback received so far have reinforced the importance of community events that bring people together and showcase everything that makes Slade Point special. Our next Community Market is at Splash Fest event on the 8th of August and then returns to the third Sunday of the Month on September 20 at the Community gardens



New Community Notice Board Nearing Installation

A new Community Notice Board has now been completed and is expected to be installed shortly near the butcher shop on Slade Point Road.

The notice board will provide a central location for community groups, local organisations and residents to access information about upcoming events, important announcements and local activities. Once installed, it will become another valuable tool in helping residents stay informed and connected.

New Website Launched

The Slade Point Progress Association has also recently launched its new community website. The website has been developed as a central hub for local news, event information, project updates, meeting notices and community resources.

Residents are encouraged to visit the website regularly to stay informed about local developments and upcoming activities.

 www.sladepointpa.com.au

Future Dog Park Plans Progress

Residents may also be aware that planning continues for a proposed fully fenced off-leash dog park within Slade Point. Following extensive community consultation, Mackay Regional Council has supported the development of the facility at Wren Street Oval adjacent to the Community Hall. Detailed design work is continuing, with the project representing a significant community-driven outcome.

Looking Ahead

With community events returning, improved communication channels now available and several local projects progressing, Slade Point continues to demonstrate the strength and pride that exists within our community.

The Slade Point Progress Association encourages residents to stay involved, attend local events and continue sharing ideas that will help shape the future of our suburb.



Stay connected:
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CRIME REPORT

Slade Point Local Crime & Policing Trends

Recent Queensland Police Service (QPS) data shows a 7.8% drop in assaults and a 4.2% decrease in drug offences across our wider district.

While general property crime sits well below the state average, opportunistic theft rose slightly by 1.7%.

In response, local police launched a targeted blitz, recently arresting 15 offenders on 76 property charges.

Furthermore, under Jack's Law, police have conducted over 6,000 proactive weapon scans in our region to keep public spaces safe.

New e-Bike Laws Now in Force

To combat rising injuries, Queensland introduced a massive e-mobility crackdown on 1 July 2026. Local riders and parents must note these vital changes:



Seizure Powers: Police can now seize and destroy modified e-bikes that exceed motor-assisted speeds of 25 km/h.



Licence Mandate (Starts 31 August):

Riders aged 16+ must hold a valid driver's licence (Learner's permitted). Teens aged 12–17 without a licence can only ride under direct parental supervision.



Under 12 Ban: Children under 12 are completely banned from riding e-bikes on public paths and roads.



Parental Fines: Parents face automatic \$518 fines if their child is caught riding an illegal or underage device.



Speed & Alcohol: Speed limits are capped at 12 km/h on footpaths. A strict 0.05% BAC alcohol limit now applies to riders, backed by roadside testing.

Lock your cars, secure your homes, and ensure your family's e-bikes comply with the new rules.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Have ideas, concerns or feedback about issues that affect Slade Point?

The Slade Point Progress Association is here to listen and act on behalf of our community.

Your input helps guide local projects, improve our neighbourhood and ensure Slade Point remains a great place to live.

Get in touch and let us know what matters most to you.



SHARE YOUR CONCERNS

Report local issues, provide feedback or raise a concern.



SUGGEST IDEAS

Have an idea for a project or event? We'd love to hear it.



GET INVOLVED

Join a committee, attend meetings or volunteer your time.



CONTACT US

Email us at sppaincorporated4740@gmail.com or visit our website.



Together, we can make a difference.
Strong communities, require strong voice, make yours count.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Meet Ken Fuller

President, Slade Point Progress Association

We're proud to shine a light on Ken Fuller, the President of the Slade Point Progress Association. Ken has a deep passion for our community and a strong commitment to making Slade Point an even better place for everyone.

With a background in education, leadership and local sporting organisations, Ken brings energy, vision and a can-do attitude to everything he does.

Ken's Commitment to Slade Point

Ken is dedicated to listening to local residents, supporting community projects and advocating for improvements that enhance our lifestyle and environment.

He believes that strong communities are built on connection, collaboration and looking out for one another.

“It's a privilege to serve as President of the Slade Point Progress Association. Together, we can achieve great things for our community.”



What do you love most about Slade Point?

The strong sense of community and the people who care about making it a great place to live.



What are you most excited about for the future?

Seeing our community projects come to life and continuing to build a connected, vibrant Slade Point.



How can residents get involved?

Come to the meetings, join in at our events, share your ideas and let your voice be heard!



LOCAL LEADERSHIP

Ken works closely with local groups, council and residents to ensure Slade Point's voice is heard on important issues that matter to our community.



COMMUNITY FIRST

From supporting local events and markets to advocating for facilities and services, Ken puts the needs of our community at the heart of everything he does.



VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Ken is passionate about sustainability, improving public spaces and creating opportunities for all age groups to enjoy what Slade Point has to offer.



HAVE A CHAT

Ken is always happy to hear your ideas, concerns or suggestions. Get in touch and be part of shaping the future of Slade Point.

LOCAL HISTORY CORNER

Our local history is part of what makes Slade Point such a special place to live.

Each quarter, we'll share stories, photos and memories that celebrate our past and connect our community.

If you have any historical stories, photos or information to share, we'd love to hear from you!



👁️ A view of Slade Point, Mackay ca. 1950. Houses pictured front the Esplanade, and McCready's Creek is visible on the right of the photograph.

📷 Mackay Regional Council Libraries Heritage Collection #04014,

A Story That Stands the Test of Time

The suburb of Slade Point was officially renamed on 1 January 1967, having previously been established under the name Amhurst.

The original name honoured Francis Tyssen Amhurst, an influential 19th-century pioneer who arrived in the Mackay district and developed major sugar plantations on the north side of the Pioneer River. Amhurst later served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (M.L.A.) for the Kennedy district from 1875 until his death in 1881.

The name persisted for decades, notably used for the local school when it opened in 1939 as Amhurst State School, and it survives today via Amhurst Street.

The post-war transition to the modern name was chosen to align the growing residential community with the prominent coastal headland it occupies.

The geographic feature itself was charted and named "Point Slade" in June 1770 by Lieutenant James Cook during his voyage aboard the HMS Endeavour. Cook named the point after Sir Thomas Slade, the Surveyor of the Royal Navy who famously designed Lord Nelson's legendary flagship, the HMS Victory.

Following the official 1967 suburb name change, local infrastructure quickly followed suit, leading to the renaming of the local education hub to Slade Point State School.

Preserving Our Local Heritage

The Slade Point Progress Association is committed to preserving our local history for future generations.

- ✓ We encourage residents to share memories and stories
- ✓ We celebrate the people and events that built our community
- ✓ We recognise the importance of protecting our local landmarks and historical places

Understanding our history helps us appreciate where we come from and inspires us as we plan for the future.



Do You Have a Story to Share?

We'd love to hear from you!

If you have any historical photos, stories or information about Slade Point's past that you think is interesting or worth sharing, please email us at

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LOCAL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



Community Spotlight: *Discovering the Heart of the "Bowlsie"*

There is a unique kind of magic at the Mackay RSL Memorial Bowls Club (our beloved Slade Point Bowls Club). Nestled right next to Cathy Freeman Park at 30 Wren Street, this is so much more than just a place to bowl—it is a welcoming extension of our neighborhood living room. As a cornerstone of local history and a proud RSL Memorial club; it effortlessly bridges generations. It provides a relaxed seaside where long-time locals, military veterans, and young families share stories, laughs, and a cold drink.

Whether you are a seasoned bowler tracking the bias across the grass or completely new to the sport, there is a space on the green for you. The club truly comes alive during Wednesday and Saturday afternoon social bowls, alongside laid-back barefoot bowls sessions that are perfect for a casual weekend with friends.

Step inside the clubhouse, and you will find the vibrant community spirit stretching well past the rinks. Thursdays are a local highlight, with doors opening at 6:00 pm until late for the weekly Thursday night pool competition, alongside regular community events and solemn annual gatherings like our ANZAC Day services.

Planning a visit or organizing an upcoming birthday, family reunion, or community function? You can easily hire the venue by chatting with the friendly team at (07) 4955 1932.

Drop by this week to say hello and see why this little club holds such a big place in the heart of Slade Point!



WEEKLY OPENING HOURS

Wednesday	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Social Bowls)
Thursday	6:00 pm – Late (Thursday Night Pool Comp!)
Friday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Social Bowls)
Sunday	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm



30 Wren Street,
Slade Point QLD 4740



(07) 4955 1932



Follow us on Facebook:
Mackay RSL Memorial
Bowls Club

*Where community
comes together.*



Our Community Garden & Markets

Our community garden is located in the grounds of the Bowls Club. It's also home to the Slade Point Community Markets on the third Sunday of each month from 8:00 am – 11:00 am.

Come along, enjoy the markets, grab a coffee and support local!



COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Proudly presented by
SLADE POINT.
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

SPLASH FEST

MACKAY 2026

**SATURDAY
8 AUGUST
2026**
10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Everyone Welcome! ♥

HUMPBACK WHALE MIGRATION

TURTLE NESTING SEASON

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL DISPLAYS

FOOD & MARKET STALLS

OCEAN-INSPIRED FUN

Bring your family, friends, and community spirit
for a day of ocean celebration! ♥

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COMMUNITY MEETING with **NIGEL DALTON** MEMBER FOR MACKAY

**TUESDAY,
4 AUGUST 2026**
6:00 PM
**SLADE POINT
COMMUNITY HALL**



Be informed. Be involved. Be heard.

An agenda will be emailed to
SPPA members closer to the time.



SLADE POINT *Community Market* SHOP LOCAL – SUPPORT LOCAL

**SATURDAY,
20 SEPTEMBER 2026**
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
**BOWLS CLUB
GROUNDS**
**30 WREN STREET,
SLADE POINT**



*Enjoy a great morning, meet local
stallholders and support our community!*

DONATE YOUR CANS & BOTTLES *Every container counts!*



You can support the Slade Point
Progress Association by donating
your eligible containers using
our member number below.



Thank you for helping us make Slade Point
an even better place to live! ♥

SPPA MEMBER NUMBER C11770684



Use this member number
at the refund point.



Want to have a better connectivity on the internet?



Fibre upgrades now available
in Slade Point, come and talk
to nbn local at the meeting on
the 4th August – to check your
free eligibility.

Better connection. Stronger community.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & GET INVOLVED

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Our new Community Notice Board is almost here!

Located near the butcher on Slade Point Road, the notice board will become a central hub for community information.

It will feature:

- ✓ Community Events
- ✓ Local Club Information
- ✓ Community Announcements
- ✓ Volunteer Opportunities
- ✓ Council Updates
- ✓ Emergency Information
- ✓ Market Dates
- ✓ SPPA News



Keep an eye out for its installation over the coming weeks!

SHARE YOUR STORY

Do you have:

- 📷 Historic photographs?
- 📖 Local history?
- 📅 Community events?
- 💬 Good news stories?
- 🏆 Local achievements?



We'd love to feature them in future editions of Progress at the Point.



Email us at:

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JOIN THE SPPA

Membership helps us:



- ✓ Advocate for our community
- ✓ Deliver local events
- ✓ Improve Slade Point
- ✓ Build community connections
- ✓ Create projects that matter

Everyone is welcome! ❤️

Thank You ❤️

The Slade Point Progress Association sincerely thanks every business, organisation and volunteer who has supported Splash Fest 2026.

Your generosity, partnership and community spirit help create events that bring people together and make Slade Point an even better place to live.

Please support the businesses that support our community.

THANK YOU! ❤️

TO OUR AMAZING INKIND SPONSORS!

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT HELPS MAKE **SPLASHFEST MACKAY** A FANTASTIC DAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY! ❤️



ON BEHALF OF THE SPPA, THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN OUR VISION. WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU ON 8 AUGUST! ❤️



PLEASE SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY. ❤️

STAY CONNECTED



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LOOKING AHEAD

ISSUE 2 – SPRING EDITION
COMING SEPTEMBER 2026

We'll bring you more community news, local history, events, project updates and stories celebrating everything that makes Slade Point a wonderful place to live. ❤️