

many post social media messages of support



Family and friends at the funeral service for Gin Gin teenager Pheobe Bishop. Picture: NewsWire/John Gass

always be gratefully remembered and deeply appreciated.”
The online funeral notice for Pheobe – affectionately known as “Nanny McPhee” – said she was late of Gin Gin and formerly of Windsor, NSW.

“Beloved daughter of Kylie and Ray, Kevin and Stacey. Dearly loved sister of Jamie, Jesse, Kaylea, Ruby-Leigh, Aybel and sister-in-law to Janay,” it said.

“Loving aunty to Tallullah. “Much-loved niece, cousin and friend to many.”

After the service, hundreds lined the driveway outside as a white hearse carried Pheobe’s coffin to her final resting place as rain started to pour and a rainbow appeared.

Pheobe’s mother Kylie Johnson said in a statement the family was “devastated this is something we have had to navigate”.

“This is absolutely everybody’s worst nightmare; however, we promised to get ‘Phee’ home and give her a send-off that Phee would approve of and that’s what will happen,”



Kaylea Bishop, the sister of teenager Pheobe Bishop (right), at the funeral service in Bundaberg on Monday. Pictures: NewsWire/John Gass, supplied

she said. “I would tell people to hug their kids a little tighter, tell them you love them multiple times a day, watch that silly movie, dance to the song and capture every moment in your memories.”

On social media, many left messages of support for Pheobe’s family on the day of the service. “Fly high beautiful. Too good for this cruel world and now finally at peace,” one woman wrote on this publication’s Facebook page.

“Thinking of your family and friends today.”

Amity Joye said: “You deserved better Phee, Rest in peace sweet girl.”

Joshua Scott wrote: “May your family all hold each other as you get farewelled and allow them to grieve and heal day by day. Everyone misses you little mate.”

Denise Mac added: “May the Angels wrap their arms



around you and give you the love and peace you deserve Pheobe.” Kathy McCalman said Pheobe would be forever young, “Rest in heavenly peace,” she said. “You have your wings now, go fly with the angels and be free. Always be remembered.”

At a recent vigil, Ms Johnson, flanked by her daughter Kaylea Bishop, said Pheobe made no apologies for her wild heart. Ms Johnson said her

daughter “left normal and regular to explore the outskirts of magical and extraordinary” and that she would be remembered for that brilliance.

Pheobe’s boyfriend Levi, in a statement read out by a relative at the vigil, said Pheobe’s “absence echoes louder than words can say”.

“Seventeen years, a brief dance of light,” he wrote. “Yet in that time, you touched hearts in many ways that will never fade.”

“You were a spark, bright, bold and unafraid, as her family has shared with us today, a soul who embraced life with open arms now in the stillness we hold on to the warmth of your spirit, the kindness in your eyes and the joy in your smile.”

“Though your journey was cut short, your impact endures with every whispered memory, with every tear shed and every heart that carries you forward, you live on rest now, dear Pheobe, in the peace you deserve and know that you are loved forever and always. Love from Levi.” Kaylea choked back

tears as she told the vigil 17 years “was never enough for our life”.

“But in the short 17 years that she was with us, God she gave us a run for our bloody money,” she said. “She was a cutthroat person, but she seen the good in everyone.”

“If she had opinion about you, you were sure to find out about it, whether you liked it or not, but that’s just the way Pheobe was. But she was loyal to the core, to everybody she loved, respected and valued in her life.”

Ms Johnson, who took to social media almost every day to raise awareness around the disappearance of her daughter, was among family members saying goodbye.

Bundaberg Mayor Helen Blackburn has spoken to Ms Johnson several times.

She said the community did not “feel like what it is normally, and I know that that’s how everyone’s feeling”.

“But we are a kind community, and we are a community that will come together when times are tough,” she said.

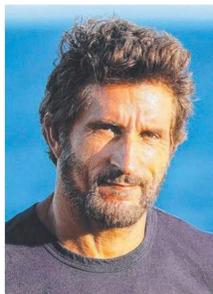
Alzheimer’s pill win

A once-a-day pill that could completely revolutionise the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease has reached a significant milestone after the Australian biotech firm behind the potential wonder drug acquired its 100th patient in its trial.

The trial of the “holy grail” drug is being conducted by Australian company Actinogen Medical, which has spent the past decade

developing the pill originally discovered by researchers at the University of Edinburgh.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recently granted Actinogen Medical the nonproprietary name “emestedastat” for its new drug Xanamem, and gave it a first-in-class, a rare global endorsement that placed Actinogen as one of the most promising players in neuroscience worldwide.



Jonathan LaPaglia

Survivor: ‘I’m flaming gone’

Jackie Epstein

Australian Survivor host Jonathan LaPaglia has been controversially axed ahead of the reality show’s 14th season.

And the host revealed he’d been dealt the ultimate blindside when Channel 10 called to say they are “going in a different direction”.

“Ten can confirm that the upcoming season of Survivor: Australia V The World will be

the last series hosted by the formidable Jonathan LaPaglia (JLP),” a Ten spokesperson said on Monday.

LaPaglia has helmed the Ten show since its revival in 2016 and has already filmed the upcoming 13th season of Survivor, titled Australia V The World, which was shot in Samoa and will hit screens in the coming months. The popular host was well liked by fans. “Australian Survivor has

seen some of the most epic blindsides over the last 10 years, but this one might just be the craziest of them all ... because it happened to me,” LaPaglia posted to Instagram.

“I received a call from the Network thanking me for all my hard work and dedication to the show but for next season they are ‘going in a different direction’. Ratings had dipped a bit recently and they wanted to do something drastic.”