



OUCH: Stone fish stings are painful.
Photo: Brett Wortman

Man, 40, latest to be stung by stone fish with rise in sightings

A MAN was rushed to hospital with a suspected stone fish sting on Saturday, making him the latest victim in a spate of injuries and sightings.

About 5pm, Surf Life Saving Queensland reported the 40-year-old man was treated by lifesavers on

scene at Bulcock Beach, Caloundra before being transported to hospital in a stable condition.

A man in his 40s was also stung by a stone fish at Happy Valley last Thursday and was hospitalised at Sunshine Coast University Hospital in a stable

condition.

A 27-year-old man was stung in January at Bulcock Beach and was also hospitalised.

At the time, SLSQ reported he was the third person to be stung in two weeks.

Last month, Maroochydore man Brian Kesby pulled two of the creatures from the water while checking his crab pots in the Maroochy Waters canal.

A paddleboarder pulled another from the shallows at Mooloolaba Spit.

NSW win doesn't tell future LNP 'underdogs' at ballot

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FAIRFAX MP Ted O'Brien has weighed in on Gladys Berejiklian's New South Wales "excellent" win, but warned it didn't signal a clear win for the LNP in the upcoming Federal Election.

Ms Berejiklian became the first woman to be elected NSW Premier following Saturday's state election and will lead the Coalition into its third-term in office.

At the time of writing, 64.6 per cent of the vote had been counted with the LNP still needing another seat to obtain a majority.

Mr O'Brien said while he took confidence from the result, he couldn't deny the difference between State and Federal elections.

"At the federal level there's no doubt our backs are against the wall and the LNP is the underdog but the NSW result reminds us about the importance of a strong economy to provide jobs for people's livelihoods and building infrastructure for people's liveability and to pay for public services for people's health and well-being," Mr O'Brien said.

"I think when it gets into the detail about what certain seats delivered it's hard to transfer that to Queensland. There will always be differences from state to state and seat to seat."

"It's an excellent result from



NSW VOTES: Fairfax MP Ted O'Brien weighs in on election.

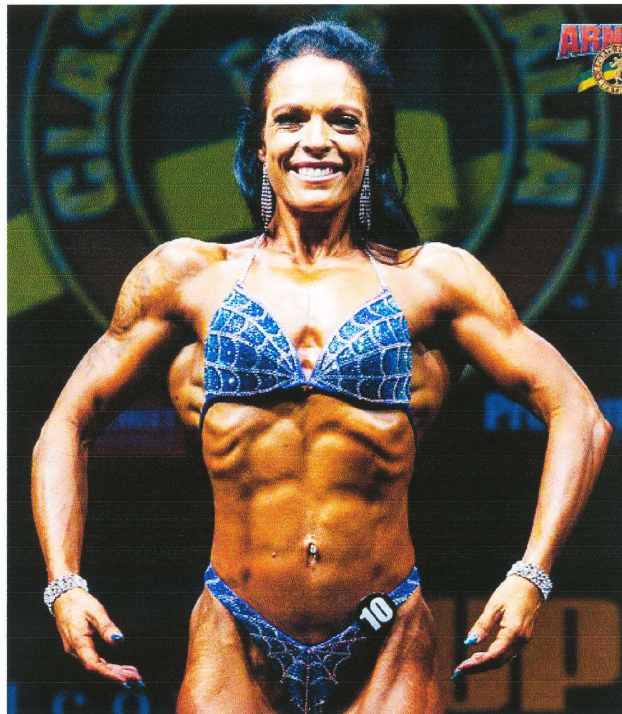
which we can take some optimism for the federal campaign but we have to be careful not to draw too many conclusions at a detailed level."

When asked about preference deals with One Nation, Mr O'Brien said he wanted voters to hold the power.

"My personal position has been to encourage the individual voter to take maximum of control of their own ballot sheet and determine who they wish to preference," he said.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has insisted the Coalition would not do a preference deal with One Nation, but said his position equally applied to other parties.

"I don't see those comments being directed at One Nation in particular, more that the PM isn't interested in negotiating a nation-wide deal with any party," Mr O'Brien said.



STRONG WOMAN: Renee Archer has achieved so much since starting to compete as a body builder four years ago. She now has her sights set on competing in Las Vegas in 2020. Photo: Contributed

From overweight to body builder

AT 35kg overweight and facing the prospect of a double knee replacement, Renee Archer thought the strength training she'd been recommended as an alternative was the "easy way out".

Four years later, Renee has her sights set on the Olympia stage in Las Vegas after taking out a number of state body building titles.

The Caloundra businesswoman won the Masters Figure Division, Open Figure Division and Figure Overall title at the IFBB Arnold Classic qualifiers in Queensland earlier this

month.

Five days after that, she travelled to Melbourne to compete at the Arnold Classic in Melbourne.

She won the masters again and came third in Open Figure.

Renee said being told she had rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 35 was a "bit of a shock", but after starting strength training she was soon hooked on feeling stronger.

"I'm going to compete again hopefully at the end of the year for the nationals and then the following year

achieve my dream (of going to Vegas).

"It's changed my life for the better."

"Not only am I healthier, I inspire a lot of women my age to go out and get out and do something."

She said her journey wouldn't have been possible without her "amazing" coach Scott Hipwell from Muscle Hut and her supportive family.

"I pretty much have one rule, I don't compete unless my family is there watching me," Renee said.

"They are amazing."

Briefs

Teen hospitalised

EMERGENCY services attended a man who had fallen four metres at Horton Parade in Maroochydore on Saturday at 3.08am. Paramedics including critical care paramedics treated one male in his late teens for head injuries. The man was transported in a serious but stable condition to Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

Car hits tree

A MAN was hospitalised with chest injuries after a car crashed into a tree on Friday night. A Queensland Ambulance Service spokesperson, a single-vehicle crash at School Rd, Yandina was reported to emergency services about 11.30pm. The man was transported in a stable condition to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

Landcare workshop

JOIN the Noosa and District Landcare as they explore sustainable land management practice, discussing all things soils, pasture and water management to support a healthier property, livestock and water catchment. Special guests Steve Burgess, Dick Barnes and Tim Scott will speak at the free workshop at the Cooroy Memorial Hall on April 23 from 5pm. Light refreshments, tea and coffee are supplied. For more information contact projects4@noosalandcare.org.au 5485 2155.

Three rescued

SURF Life Saving Queensland reported two 10-year-old boys required assistance while swimming outside the flags about 10.45am yesterday at Alex Heads. Three minutes later, a further report came through that a 14-year-old boy was rescued from the same spot. A SLSQ spokesperson warned parents, "please supervise your children, lifesavers are not a baby sitting service".

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