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Maleny's gender neutral golf tees have opinion divided

By Richard Owen

SINCE its inception Maleny Golf Club has strived for innovation and is now challenging conventional golfing stereotypes by adopting gender-neutral tees.

Maleny's club Pro Wayne Perske said the new 'Farm', 'Obi' and 'Mountain' markers were designed to enhance flexibility and encourage enjoyment of the course by all players regardless of their gender or ability.

"This means players can choose which tees they want to play from, according to their abilities without the stigma of being boxed into gender roles," Wayne said.

"Our course ratings reflect the difficulty for both men and women and players will be able to play competition golf in mixed competitions from the tee block of their choice."

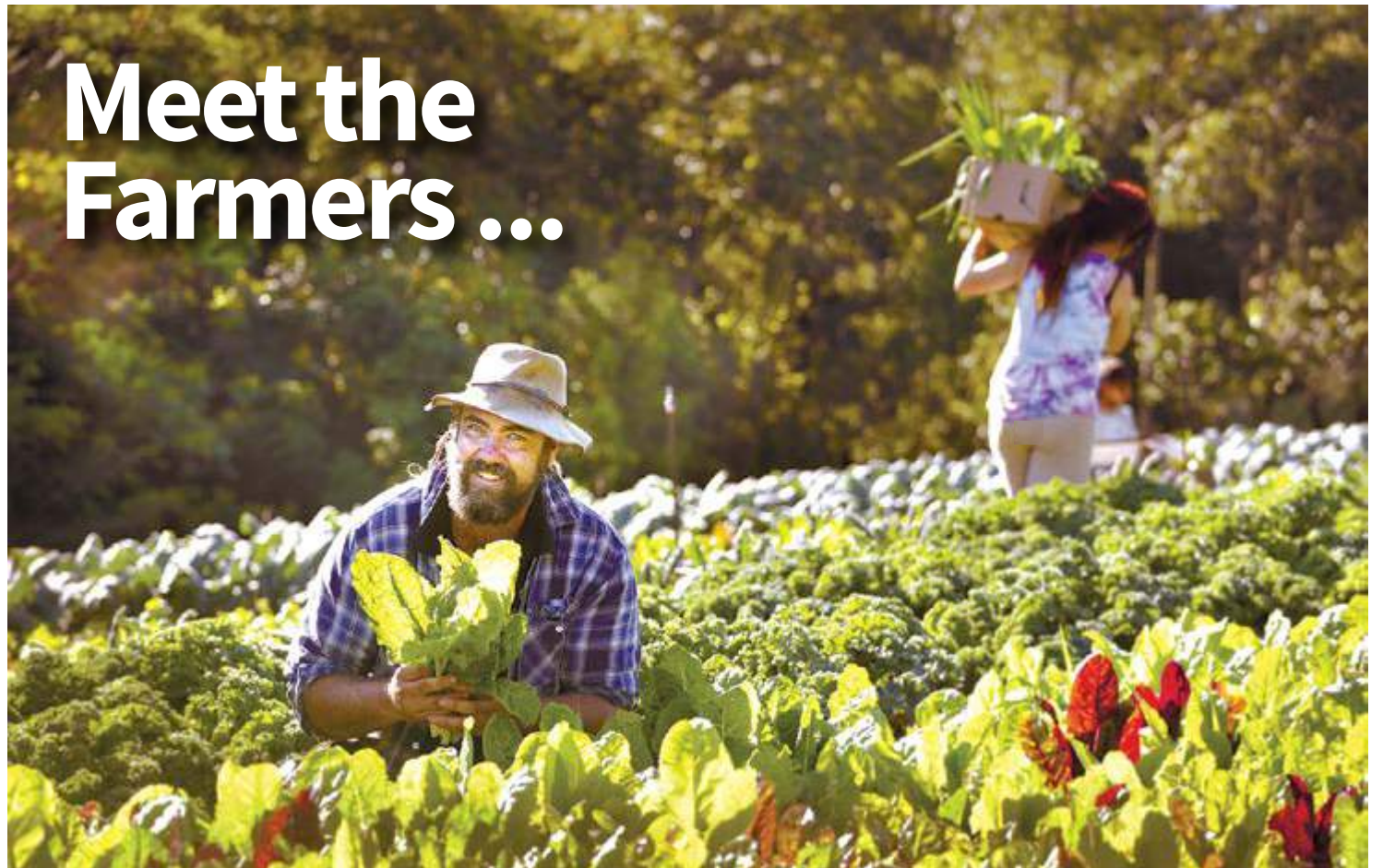
Wayne said some men would prefer not to play from the red markers because they have been designated as ladies tees for so long.

"By playing from a more appropriate tee-box, more golfers will potentially be hitting approach shots with short or mid-irons instead of hybrids and long irons," he said.

"This could result in a more enjoyable round, with better scores and maybe even fewer lost balls."

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Meet the Farmers ...



Last edition the Gazette introduced a new section, Meet the Maker, and it has proved very popular. This week we're introducing another new feature, Meet the Farmer. First off the mark is Mick Dan & Kelly Burton's Good Harvest Organic Farm. Read all about the Woombye farmers on page 6. And stay tuned for more local farmers and makers over the coming months. Email editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au if you'd like to be considered for a spot.

Montville vies for award

THE finalists are in for Queensland's Top Tourism Town. And Montville is one of the 22 towns in the running for the "Small Town" category.

Hosted by the Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) the initiative recognises and celebrates towns that offer an amazing visitor experience.

A win would substantiate Mont-

ville's 5th placing earlier this year in Booking.com's Top 10 Most Welcoming Destinations in Australia.

Chamber of Commerce president Shiralee Cooper praised the tight-knit community for coming together at the last minute to organise a "stunning submission".

"What is remarkable is that we

put our entry together in quick time on a shoestring budget," she said. "Many of the other entries were supported by local government and local tourism bodies.

"We were blessed by having so many people give their time to assist us in pulling this rabbit out of the hat. "Our small team included Alan

Dryden, Lynn Fallon, Xochi Khan and Tamara Large and was assisted by many to make this happen. Andrew Fairbairn of Visit Sunshine Coast encouraged us to have a go. We had great support from Hinterland Tourism Sunshine Coast (HTSC)," she said.

Ms Cooper praised the outstanding

contribution of Peter Bellingham Photography who provided his time and inspiring footage.

"Peter Hook came up with an original draft for our editorial, Lynn from Mystic Mountain Tours designed

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Marker decision has some trolls teed off

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No stigma ... Wayne Perske tees off from one of the new markers as Heather Shortall looks on.

However, anyone keen to win Maleny's next Red Belly Challenge on Wednesday April 21 will be playing off the black Mountain Tees.

The club's recent Facebook post announcing the Tee changes unexpectedly went viral.

It generated media attention here and abroad after attracting thousands of page views and hundreds of comments, some negative but the majority overwhelmingly positive.

The launch of the new tees, the addition of the course's third Par 5 hole and construction of a spacious new infinity edge practice green coincided with celebrations yesterday (13 April) to mark the first anniversary since all 18 holes were opened for play last year.

The golf club's program of continuous improvement will also see a number of new tees on other holes brought into play soon.

They include the Par 3 5th, the 9th which has been extended from a Par 4 to Par 5, and the Par 4 10th, 13th and 15th holes which will generally lengthen the Par 69 layout and enhance safety.

Plans are also afoot for construction of a larger on-site storage shed which will accommodate member's golf buggies.

The longer term focus remains on securing sufficient funding for a permanent clubhouse.

Viral response has April fools pranksters re-floating rum idea, but it's a bit tricky

IT started out as an April Fool's Day joke: to create a "Rum Reef" on the site of a local ship wreck.

It was based on a true story. "In 1880, the vessel The Agnes sank in the mouth of the Maroochy River after striking a large rock. The ensuing salvage effort recovered dozens of cases of Queensland rum and as the history books tell - one hell of a party started," the guys from Woombye's Sunshine & Sons posted.

They then detailed plans to bring those festivities to the 21st century with the sinking and eventual recovery of barrels of their Nil Desperandum rum adjacent to the site of the 140 year-old wreck.

It was posted on April 1. It was a joke.

But the stunt gathered so much interest that they began to think it actually had legs.

"As some people rightly suspected the Rum Reef was all an April fools stunt," said Sunshine and Sons co-founder Matt Hobson. "Even so, we weren't quite expecting the radio interviews, media, and unprecedented interest it generated in our rapidly approaching Nil Desperandum rum release.

"It reinforced that rum drinkers love our slightly wacky ideas. So this will hopefully not be the last you hear of it. It's definitely put some



Sunshine and Sons co-founders Michael Conrad and Matt Hobson prepare to sink their Rum Reef.

real ideas in the pipeline ..."

Matt said the idea of rum being sunk and aged by the surf, sun, and sand was an appealing idea but the practicalities were a barrier. "We'll keep you posted," he said. "Stay tuned."

Light Horse to address National Seniors

THE next monthly meeting for National Seniors Buderim Branch will be held at the Buderim Bowls Club, Elizabeth St, Buderim on Monday April 26 at 9.30am. The guest speaker will be Ian Malcolm from the 2nd Light Horse Regiment, Woombye Troop. Over 50s are welcome to join with members in outings to places of interest & lunches. For more information phone 0458 773 387.

Maleny Arts and Crafts Autumn Fair

THE Maleny Arts and Crafts Group will be holding their Annual Autumn Fair from Friday April 30 to Sunday May 2.

Entry is free, and hours are 9 - 4 Friday and Saturday, 9 - 3 Sunday.

The venue is the Maleny Community Centre in Maple Street. Great range of products, perfect gifts in time for Mothers' Day.



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CENTURY 21
Living Local



Shirlee Cooper ... "Now we need the community to back our entry and vote for Montville as the Top Tourism Town in the small town section."

Montville seeks welcome recognition, president urges people to vote online

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our Itinerary, Angus Richard narrated our script which was then synched with the video by Kathryn at Tony Lawrence's SoundMotion Maleny. All of these people and many more generously gave of their time.

"It was a most enjoyable adventure creating a Montville promo. Now we need the community to back our entry and vote for Montville as the Top Tourism Town in the small town section."

QTIC Chief Executive, Daniel Gschwind, said the Awards showcased the great and diverse destinations of Queensland.

"With the current focus on domestic tourism, now is the time to draw attention to our regional destinations and to put the spotlight on our tourism operators and communities who keep our regions thriving.

The winner of the Top Small Tourism Town Award (population below 5000) will receive a \$7500 Tourism Consultancy and Development Package provided by The Tourism Group.

The winners of the Awards will be decided by the public with voting open until 26 April.



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 • You can vote for Montville here ... www.qtic.com.au/top-tourism-award/top-town-voting/

Small Towns finalists:

Agnes Water 1770, Airlie Beach, Boonah, Canungra, Cunnamulla, Eumundi, Georgetown, Ingham, Karumba, Kuranda, Longreach, **Montville**, Mount Morgan, Orchid Beach, Quilpie, Rainbow Beach, Richmond, St George, Thargomindah, Winton, Woodford, Yungaburra.

Anzac Day at Gympie Road, Nambour, 1961

Thanks to the efforts of Shire Clerk Arthur Henry Brooks and an enthusiastic fund-raising committee, a War Memorial was erected in a small park beside Gympie Road (now Coronation Avenue).

Traffic was diverted for Anzac Day ceremonies, which were held at the location from 1928 to 1989.

A replica cenotaph in Quota Park was consecrated on 22 April 1990 and here Anzac ceremonies are performed in a more peaceful setting to this day.

A plaque from the original cenotaph etched with a text from the Bible, "And Their Names Liveth Forever More" was removed and is now on display at Nambour



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Night-time feral animal surveying taking place

RESIDENTS in Kenilworth, Conondale and Cambroon are advised that council officers will be performing routine night-time feral animal surveying in these areas between April 19 and 21.

Surveying is used to determine the distribution and impacts of feral animals.

The work will be performed using night-time thermal imaging equipment mounted to a council vehicle.

Surveying will be conducted in the following locations: • Walli Creek Rd / Walli Mountain Rd, Kenilworth • Aherns Rd, Conondale • Kilcoy Lane - Broken Bridge Rd, Conondale • Eastern Mary River Rd, Cambroon • Booloumba Creek Rd, Cambroon.

You can report sightings of feral animals in your area to council. Officers are available to assist with education and action for land-owners to minimise the impact of feral animals on their property. For more information mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au or phone 5475 7272.

Festival to light the fuse for more street art murals in Nambour

STREET Art Nambour is planning a major celebratory festival to celebrate another year of murals and fundraise for an expansion of the initiative.

Fuse Fest will be held on Sunday September 12 from 10am to 8pm at Nambour Showgrounds.

The festival involves a "fusion" of artisan breweries, food stalls, artists, craft manufacturers, artist groups & musicians, according to organiser Lorraine Taylor.

And it is all part of a journey towards a bigger vision: "We want to expand the street art concept to other hinterland towns over the next five years and create a trail of not only murals but also of artisan brewers, wine-makers, hotels, cafes and food manufacturers.

"The Map we produce already makes it easy for tourists to view the murals, but we want to expand the concept and add other uniquely local destinations for all to enjoy."

Ms Taylor said overseas travel restrictions had reignited the local and interstate drive market which presented a golden opportunity.

"It has taught us to

appreciate our home states and to venture out on the roads again. But, we need attractions.

"Three years of creating murals has taught us what the public loves. With the help of Sponsors we can achieve a lot. We have the artists and the producers. But we still need all the assistance we can get."

Ms Taylor said this year's Street Art Nambour had a theme of "Tradition". "We are doing 5 murals of those people that helped make Nambour great in the past. As part of that we are featuring Sir Clem Renouf on a wall in Nambour. This will be funded by Sundale Retirement Village on a wall to be decided.

"Sir Clem was from Nambour and was not only a pioneer with Polio vaccines but, according to those who knew him, a lovely man. We want to celebrate his life as part of Nambour's heritage."

About

• Street Art Nambour is a not for profit incorporated association, created by the community to add colour and culture to Nambour. For information contact Lorraine at streetartnambour@gmail.com



Lorraine Taylor, left, is looking for sponsors to fund a mural on the Telstra Building that will look like the rendering above.

Wanted: sponsor for Telstra building artwork

STREET Art Nambour's Lorraine Taylor is looking for funding for a sponsor for a specific work of art on the Nambour Telstra Building in Currie Street. "We need funding to pay an artist to do this mural (see picture). It is a major mural that will put Nambour on the map. We have approval from Telstra and we're ready to go. We just need funds," she said.

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Folk singer Judy Small in concert

LEGENDARY folk singer/songwriter Judy Small, pictured, will perform in a special concert at Landsborough School Of Arts Hall on Saturday April 24 at 7pm.

Judy is known for her feminist, often patriotic, and political songs, usually following a traditional theme. She produced twelve albums, hundreds

of songs and has been described as being among the most popular political singers in Australia.

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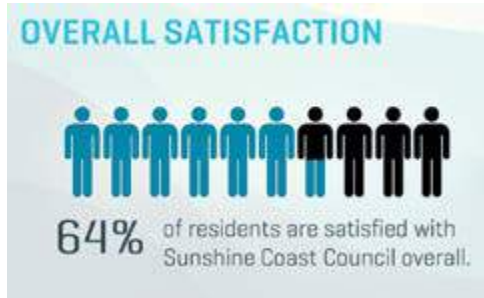
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Council rates 64% for satisfaction

A region-wide community satisfaction survey commissioned by Sunshine Coast Council reveals 64% of residents are satisfied with Sunshine Coast Council overall.

Council says the Survey provides important insight into current community satisfaction with service delivery and ratepayers' liveability priorities over the next five years.

Mayor Mark Jamieson said data gathered from the surveys would continue to feed into the business "to ensure we're delivering what's important to our residents".



What we think they do well ...

Council's strengths, according to public feedback include:

- Conservation and maintenance of beaches and foreshores
- Disaster management
- Promoting the region for tourists and investment
- Support and sponsorship of major events
- Customer contact channels; including access to digital information and services
- Provision of recreational parks and facilities including playgrounds and skate parks
- Waste collection, recycling and material use

How we think they can improve ...

Priorities for Council to work on, according to feedback from the survey included:

- Conservation and maintenance of natural bushland and wildlife
- Provision of community programs
- Planning and control of residential and commercial development
- Supporting local industry and business
- Provision of holiday parks attracting investment to the region
- Regulation of environmental health
- Conservation and maintenance of the water quality in our rivers and creeks
- Quality of sealed roads
- Provision & management of community engagement
- Traffic management on local roads.

The results can be found in the Community Satisfaction Survey Summary on council's Have Your Say website www.haveyoursay.sunshine-coast.qld.gov.au.

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Range Woodcrafters Guild to hold one-day sales event and showcase

THE Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild is holding a one-day sales event.

The club will be showcasing and selling a large array of hand-crafted timber items as well as a selection of timber slabs and turning blanks. All of the woodies timber is sourced locally and sustainably.

There will also be a sausage sizzle. The guild will be hosting timber milling demonstrations and the opportunity for members of the public

to view the facilities enjoyed by members of the guild.

As well, the Event will host Barung Land-care who will provide information about their organisation as well as sales of local indigenous plants species.

Event Location is 230-238 Balmoral Road, Montville (Montville Sports Ground) from 8am-3pm Sunday May 2nd. Parking and entry are free.

Woombye monument stands to ensure we remember them

THE Woombye War Memorial is located in Memorial Park, Woombye. The Lands Department was petitioned by the Woombye Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia in 1920. The petition was granted in December 1920. The Memorial Park was surveyed and gazetted in 1921. The purpose is gazetted as 'Soldier's Memorial'.

The Woombye War Memorial is a monument consisting of a broken column with a laurel wreath around the top and an Australian Commonwealth Military Forces badge at the base. The column is supported by four carved pillars on a sandstone base on a large concrete plinth. The memorial was unveiled on 18 June, 1925 by the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan.

The memorial was produced by A.L. Petrie and cost £121/5/2 (one hundred and twenty one pounds, five shillings and tuppence). Funds were raised for the purpose of erecting a suitable gate. The gates were erected in April/May 1926. — See Anzac Day coverage Page 19



Yandina QCWA offers Craft, Cuppa and Chat mornings

STARTING on Friday 16th April, the ladies of the Yandina Branch of the Qld Country Women's Association (QCWA) are hosting 'Craft, Cuppa and Chat' mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am on the 3rd Friday of the month at the QCWA Hall at 11 Stevens Street Yandina.

It is open to members of the local community with morning tea provided.

BYO craft and join the ladies for a cuppa and a chat or come along to learn new skills like knitting, crochet, sewing or embroidery basics or just see what the crafty ladies are doing. (optional donation for morning tea or craft supplies)

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• What's the best thing about what you do?

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• So, how can we buy it?

Good Harvest Organic Farm pick straight from the farm and deliver to your door via our carefully curated seasonal boxes and custom box orders on a subscription basis. Customers can also opt to collect their box from 2 convenient locations across the Coast. You will also find us at Kawana and Marcoola Farmer's markets every Saturday and Noosa Farmer's markets on Sundays. For those who can't make a weekend market we also have a farm shop at our Coolum warehouse open Wednesday - Friday from 10am - 4pm.

Legendary concert pianist to perform in Montville's renowned auditorium

LEGENDARY Australian pianist Piers Lane will be performing two concerts in Montville in May.

Based in London, Maestro Lane is arguably Australia's most successful concert pianist, and will visit the Sunshine Coast to perform concerts at Lucas Parklands on May 29 and 30.

Ian Lucas, of Lucas Parklands, said he had long hoped Mr Lane would perform at the Lucas Parklands private concert hall, often described as one of the two best venues of its size in the world.

"Piers Lane has captivated music lovers globally for several decades, so we are incredibly pleased that he has made time in his busy touring program to perform for us at Lucas Parklands for Sunshine Coast music lovers," Mr Lucas said.

"He's an inspired pianist who presents the most generous programs to his audiences.

"French concert pianist Pascal Rogé, who played at Lucas Parklands twice 10 and 12 years ago, said he believed, for its size, it is one of the two best performance venues in the world."

The first Piers Lane recital on May 29 will be quite unique: all Chopin, predominantly the Nocturnes, presented at twilight in a room lit by candlelight alone. The second concert on May 30 is a 2.30pm matinee where Mr Lane will present two Beethoven sonatas and followed by the Chopin Waltzes.

"You can imagine how incredibly proud and excited I am that he will be performing here," Mr Lucas said.

The Lucas Parklands concerts and auditorium is located in a private setting near Montville and surrounded by native rainforest, is growing a strong reputation for attracting world class artists and programs. The 150-seat hall features soft lighting and large windows that provide a natural backdrop to an intimate and acoustically brilliant performance space.

"Other performers have commented that they have played in much bigger venues, but they haven't played in more beautiful places.



World class Australian pianist Piers Lane AP will perform two concerts at Lucas Parklands in May.

Photo: Eric Richmond

"And for us, it's wonderful to see how quickly artists and guests become comfortable at Lucas Parklands. They arrive not really knowing what to expect, but very quickly they relax and you can see them enjoy the experience.

"I have met the most remarkable people who have stayed in contact, simply because they have come to my home, they love the setting and surroundings, enjoy playing here and they leave as close friends."

• Mr Lane will perform at the Lucas Parklands concert hall, at Montville, on May 29, 30. For tickets, please phone 0409 623 228 or 5478 5667 or email lucasparklands@bigpond.com. More info: www.pierslane.com & www.lucasparklands.com.au



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What's ON

- Until 17 April: Mona Ryder's Fragile Gardens exhibition at the Old Ambulance Station, Nambour.
- Until May 2: Wildlife Art Exhibition at the Cooroy Butter Factory Arts Centre, 11a Maple Street Cooroy.
- April 17: Nambour Museum is holding a special open day from 10am to 3pm to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the commencement of the Siege of Tobruk.
- April 17: Namba Creek BushCare Group meets 8am Saturday at Model Railway Park entrance off Florence St Nambour.
- April 17 & 18: Sunshine Coast Arts & Crafts Group Fair Montville Community Hall from 9- 4pm both days.
- April 17: Namba Creek BushCare Group meets 8am Model Railway Park entrance off Florence St Nambour.
- April 18: Yandina welcomes the multi award-winning Tony Wagner as guest artist at the country music concert, 24 Steggalls Road from noon.
- April 23 to May 1: Terra Nova, running at Nambour Lind Lane Theatre.
- April 25: Jarrod Murphy live & acoustic Palmwoods Hotel.
- April 28: Gulgung BushCare Group meets 8am Wednesday. Assemble in the car-park behind Repco in Howard St Nambour.
- April 30 to Sunday May 2: Maleny Arts and Crafts Autumn Fair at Maleny Community Centre in Maple Street.
- May 2: Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild One-day Sales Event: 230-238 Balmoral Road, Montville (Montville Sports Ground) from 8am-3pm. Parking and entry are free.
- May 5: Burnside Neighbourhood Watch May general meeting starts at 7pm, Resources Centre, Burnside State Primary School.
- May 7: Ray and the Sunshines (RSL's 90th Birthday Bash) 6.30pm Maleny RSL.
- May 14: Official Opening Nambour Tramway Terminus and Info Centre, Mill Street Nambour 10-noon.
- May 14: Public viewing of Nambour Tramway Terminus and Info Centre, Mill Street Nambour from 3.30pm.
- May 16: Mapleton Library Book Fair.



Mallets away ... keen Nambour Croquet Club players John Carrick, Cheryl Quatember, Wendy Bednall and Shirley Richards.

Croquet: it's like a cross between chess & snooker on a tennis court

IT'S been likened to playing chess and snooker simultaneously on a flat, grass court. It's a game requiring tactical nous and a wide range of special skills: not the least of which is hitting the ball through a hoop from impossible angles.

It's croquet! Sound tough? It is. Especially considering the gap between the outside of the ball and the inside of the hoop is only about a sixteenth of an inch.

But don't let that scare you. Croquet can be played by anyone from 10 years old to 90. In fact Nambour Croquet Club had one member who was still playing at 96.

"Anyone with reasonable fitness can take part," said Spokesperson Patrick Farrell. "It's played out in the open air, provides exercise, helps coordination and is great fun."

"We play three times a week Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9am till noon. The club is located adjacent to the Nambour Bowls Club. First three visits are free. Morning tea is provided and Covid rules are observed."

"We have tuition for interested juniors on Fridays after school." Patrick says all equipment is provided but soft soled shoes need to be worn.

"It is a very friendly club of about 40 members. So give it a try and discover a great game."

Interestingly, they also have a group that plays Mah-Jong at the club on Mondays from 9am till noon. If you haven't played before they'll teach you.

• If you're interested in either phone Patrick 5472 7287 or email berpat@bigpond.com



Nature Watch

Dwarf Crowned Snake

THIS photo of a Dwarf Crowned Snake, in a gloved hand, was taken by Council Community Conservation Officer Debbie McQuattie, who is also a trained snake catcher. The snake was wrapped around the roots of a small camphor laurel Debbie was removing from the regenerating bush at Victory Park Woombye at last Saturday's Bush Care Sunshine Coast working bee. The Camphor Laurel is now gone and the snake continues its happy life. These snakes are tiny, secretive, nocturnal and terrestrial. They hunt small skinks in leaf-litter at night.

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Veronica from Witjuti Grub Bushfood Nursery giving a talk on Native Plants.

Earthy pursuits are growing at Palmwoods Community Garden

AS the hot summer months draw to a close the Community Garden at Palmwoods, otherwise known as 'Soil and Soul' continues to provide a place of learning, growing and connection.

At this time of year there is lots of opportunity to grow vegetables, herbs and fruit but we also see this as a place to grow friendships, learn about plants and our environment and rekindle a connection to nature.

Community Gardens members find that this connection to earthly pursuits helps physically, mentally and even spiritually.

Last year when COVID hit we started a 'Reflection in the Garden' twice a month to provide a safe space to gently allow the symbols and presence of nature to heal and inspire.

We still have our "Growing Together" gatherings on the 4th Sunday of the month and Working Bees on the other Saturday mornings.

Thanks to the funding from Heritage Bank and a donation from Gourmet Garden we were able to purchase a shelter which makes these events and our workshops less weather dependent.

Our Native Plants Workshop, funded by the Australian Government's Communities Environment Program and our Autumn Planting Workshop, with Anne Gibson and sponsored by Sunshine Real Estate, were both well attended and we look forward to more workshops during the year.

• For more information about Palmwoods Community Garden please email: contactsoil.soul@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook. Membership is \$40 per year (\$25 concession) which covers insurance and PCBA membership. Palmwoods Community & Business Assoc lease the land from the Uniting Church.

Blackall Street Site constraints and opportunities:



Potential spaces for amenity, along Blackall Street, are marked in green above.

Potential to re-shape main street for Woombye's public amenity

COUNCIL planners have highlighted potential within Woombye's streetscape to extend the footpath and re-purpose parts of Blackall Street for public amenity.

Extending the sidewalk for pedestrians, gardens and possibly dining is a type of "tactical urbanism" that also serves as a traffic calming measure. It helps slow down car traffic on the adjacent road as well as enhancing the look and charm of the main street.

The realigning is one of a raft of measures under consideration based on community feedback to Council's Blackall Street Streetscape Project.

The Project aims to create an attractive vibrant town centre, tell Woombye's story and improve pedestrian access & parking.

The Project has been allocated \$75,000 for Community engagement & design and \$450,000 for Construction in 2021-22.

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston expects more funding will be forthcoming in future budgets. "A preliminary budget allocation of \$450,000 by the previous council, was never going to be enough to deliver this project," said Cr Johnston. "And I expect significant extra funding from either the June Budget and/or, from a State Stimulus Funding Grant."

Construction is to be delivered mid-2022 after the finalised plan is presented to the public in May this year.

The re-purposing would provide more space for the public to sit, relax and enjoy the atmosphere and character of the traditional main street.

It could include outdoor dining to support local businesses.

Council's next move is to prepare a draft design that will be presented to the public for review.

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Expeditioners Wilson and Bowers (Angus Macklyn and Dave Readett) transfer provisions to their sled for the long journey South.

Lind presents true life story of heroism and tragedy

NAMBOUR'S Lind Lane Theatre is following their last stage play, the hugely popular Arms and the Man, with a true life story of heroism and tragedy.

Directed by Glenda Campi, Terra Nova follows the expedition of Royal Navy Captain Robert Scott and his fellow English explorers to the South Pole in 1911.

Scott has driven his team to the bottom of the earth, through nature's coldest, most inhospitable environment in a harrowing race to be the first ever to set foot on the South Pole.

There they discover that a rival team has beaten them to their goal. Scott's tragic quest of pride and folly tells a human story of those who brave the elements, the lives they leave behind, and the hubris that drives them to catastrophe.

Terra Nova, written by award-winning author Ted Tally is based on journals and letters found on Scott's body.

We hope you can join us at Nambour Lind Lane Theatre to witness this adventure unfolding in all its bravery and tragedy.

Terra Nova opens on Friday April 23rd and runs until May 1st. There will be seven shows, including two matinees. The health and safety of everyone at The Lind is our top priority. Bookings are a must and can be made online at <http://www.lindlane.com.au/watch> or by telephone on 1300 732 764.



Ryan Tyack ... "My first coach told my mum not to bother bringing me back as I'd never be good".

His first coach said he should give up. Now Ryan's aiming for Tokyo gold

MAPLETON-BASED Olympic archer Ryan Tyack is on track to clinch another spot on the world podium with the countdown to the Tokyo Olympics in July well underway.

The 2016 Rio Olympics Bronze medallist has secured a spot on the Australian archery team and has been training up to 45 hours a week, firing off an impressive 250-300 shots a day with Sunshine Coast Archery Club, located at Ballinger Park Sports Complex.

Tyack first discovered archery at age 10, when his mother insisted he get off video games and try his hand at a sport.

"I wanted to do archery or fencing because of the video game I played, so I nagged her, she rang the club and they had an open day that same day," Tyack recalled.

"I was terrible but I loved it. The first coach I had told my mum not to bother bringing me

back, I'll never be good and to just give up.

"She didn't tell me that, but after five years I was able to win a Youth World Championship and I achieved that from doing it again and again and again and working hard at it."

In the meantime, training itself is almost a full-time job for Tyack.

"You do sacrifice a lot of time, my main day job was doing public speaking in schools but that slowed down slightly with Covid. Any support would be very welcome," he said

• Sunshine Coast Archery Club is a not-for-profit sports club dedicated to fostering all aspects of archery. If you are interested in trying your hand at archery book in for a Saturday morning session between 9am-noon at 176 Ballinger Rd, Buderim. Bookings are essential. For more information phone 0408 727 255.

Palmwoods traffic petition: 'We're working on it', says Main Roads

A petition calling for improved road safety at dangerous Palmwoods intersections has attracted over 1100 signatures and the attention of the Department of Transport & Main Roads.

Palmwoods mum Jocelyn Anderson instigated the petition calling for traffic safety measures at the notorious intersections.

Ms Anderson said Palmwoods needed urgent attention especially to the busy intersection under the railway bridge at the Woombye-Palmwoods Road/Chevallum Road and Jubilee Drive/Margaret St junction.

A Transport and Main Roads spokesperson said the department was working with Council on the issue.

"As Jubilee Road and Margaret Street fall under the Sunshine Coast Council's (SCC) jurisdiction, we are working with council to address the safety concerns at these intersections.

"Investigations into possible short-term options to improve safety in the Palmwoods village area, including the Woombye-Palmwoods Road/Chevallum Road and Jubilee Drive/Margaret Street intersections, are continuing.

"Key stakeholders and the community will be advised of any proposed safety treatments or improvements following these investigations.

"In addition, we are undertaking a review of the existing 50km/h speed limit through the town and investigating options for improved pedestrian connectivity within the Palmwoods village area, in consultation with SCC.

"The outcome of these investigations will be known in coming months."

The spokesperson said the location of the Jubilee Drive and Chevallum Road intersections, and rail bridge presented challenging constraints.

"Any upgrade will be significant and require extensive planning as part of a longer-term solution for the Palmwoods community."

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Sunnie and Q-Song Award winning pianist/composer Louise Denson.

Louise Denson Group launch new CD at The Jazz Sessions

THE Jazz Sessions is a regular jazz evening on the Sunshine Coast that features world-class jazz artists in an intimate show with dinner. Gaining a reputation for high-quality entertainment and amazing artists, the shows regularly sell out. Continuing in the vein of presenting world-class artists, the Louise Denson Group, led by Sunnie and Q-Song Award winning pianist/composer Louise Denson, will be launching their new CD at The Jazz Sessions on Sunday 18th April.

The celebration of this new release takes place at The Jazz Sessions at Glass House Brewery, Forest Glen on Sunday April 18 from 5:30pm. Tickets www.stickytickets.com.au/TheJazzSessions.

Tram terminus official opening rescheduled to May 14

THE public will finally get its first look at Nambour's new Tram design at the rescheduled official opening of the Tramway Company's Western Terminus next month (pending Covid restrictions).

The opening was to be held last month but a last minute postponement due to Covid meant the event has now been rescheduled to Friday May 14.

Described by Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien as "a moving piece of street theatre" the battery powered, solar regenerative tram is expected to be operational by April 2022, a build time of 12 months.

The interactive tram will be designed and built locally and has an eye-catching style.

Chairman of the Nambour Tramway Company and Former Div 10 councillor Greg Rogerson said he was immensely proud and relieved that the 'Tram' was being designed locally and built right here on the Sunshine Coast. Engineering Consultants and the designer have supplied the all important engineering and accreditation required by the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator.

The opening will mark a huge milestone in the reimagining of the former sugar town, once the commercial hub of the Sunshine Coast. "This project is a great example of what can be achieved when governments and the community have a dream and work together to achieve it," said Mr O'Brien.

"We're bringing this attraction back to life and we look forward to seeing the tram trundling through Nambour for many years to come. I can't wait to get on board this piece of street theatre and travel along the beautiful streets of Nambour."

More about the tram

• The 'Tram' is expected to be operational by April 2022



"We're bringing this attraction back to life and we look forward to seeing the tram trundling through Nambour for many years to come."

• Until the battery-powered tram is built, the terminus will remain home to the 1968 Petrie Locomotive which was gifted to The Nambour Tramway Co by Bundaberg Sugar in 2014, for locals and visitors to enjoy.

• The battery-powered 'Tram' will run between Nambour Mill Village Shopping Centre and the Southern end of Quota Park between Repco and Aldi, and along Mill and Howard Streets.

Your 'country' needs you! Catchment group offers weed-pulling camaraderie

WITH the great rain recently most things including weeds and local native plants are growing spectacularly on our bush restoration and regeneration sites. Hence Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group needs all the help they can get to control the weeds and plant the replacements. Would you like to help?

Here are some bush care opportunities around Nambour. Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group (PCCCG) provide most things needed (even mozzie repellent), but volunteers do the onsite activities to create the native animal habitat. You'll just need to come in bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat.

"Those who come say it is one of the most satisfying things they do with a couple of hours of exercise in the open air topped off with a cuppa listening to the birds," said coordinator Norm Morwood.



Debbie McQuattie, Council Community Conservation Officer with a "tree popper" used to remove smallish woody weeds.

• Namba Creek BushCare Group, 8am Saturday 17 April. Model Railway Park entrance off Florence St Nambour.

• Gulgung Gung BushCare Group, 8 am Wednesday 28 April. Assemble in the carpark behind Repco in Howard St Nambour and then we spread out into the developing bush on the creek banks. Flat areas to work on was well as some more challenging slopes.

• For more information see the PCCCG Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Petrie-CreekCatchmentCareGroupInc/> or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44.

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From left Nan Cameron, Denise Hauville, Allycia Staples and Susan M Brown as characters who manage to muddle through despite personality differences.

Two one-act shows to feature at Maleny Showgrounds

3BCREATIVE, the brainchild of multi-talented creative Anne Grant, has firmly established itself on the Sunshine Coast as a presenter of new and interesting works as well as a provider of theatre opportunities for a diversity of performers and audiences.

The first show for this year is two one-act plays by local writer Joy Hinckley.

"What I love about Joy's plays," says Anne, "is their deceptive simplicity. These small, humorous works have hidden complexities which are a treat for a director and actors to explore."

The first play, 'Legacy', premiered in a seasonal version as 'The Gift', as part of Maleny Player's Christmas variety program in 2020. It was then presented by Norfolk Amateur Theatrical Society as part of their Norfolk Island Mini-Festival in February. It explores decision making in difficult times through a conversa-

tion between a carer and her elderly client.

The second play, 'Holding the Centre', takes place in a small community centre and explores the personalities and challenges in this little hive of life.

The play was partly written to address the shortage of roles for women in so many play scripts, when the Sunshine Coast has so many talented female actors.

There are four performances only, in small venues, so early booking is advised. Tickets are only \$15 each.

Saturday 24 April, 2pm and 7pm
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Tom Wigzell ... "I am not in the habit of gambling with other people's money, or burdening them with unreasonable fees and commissions".

Conservative approach guides financial adviser's strategy

HAVING worked around the Sunshine Coast as a wealth advisor since 1997 Tom Wigzell of Canaccord Genuity has seen many ups and downs in the markets, including the GFC.

"We have certainly experienced some difficult times in the financial markets and this has informed the way I look after my clients' money," said Tom.

"I am primarily a stock broker and I also do some financial planning. My approach could best be described as conservative and I have a very deep respect for the trust people place in me."

Tom's clients are predominantly self funded retirees, and this factor also plays a role in his approach.

"These are people at the end of their working lives. They are not in the position to go back to work if they lose a significant amount of money. I tend to work in the top end of the share

market and take a 'slow and steady' approach.

"You might not see the flash returns that you might hear about from others. But I am not in the habit of gambling with other people's money, or burdening them with unreasonable fees and commissions either.

"At the end of the day, I aim to help people reach their income goals and secure the best returns they can, in a safe way.

"I am extremely flexible in the way I work and I can see clients at my Nambour home office, or meet them in their own homes, whichever is easiest for them.

"I basically do for my clients, what I would do for myself. I may not be right 100 percent of the time, but I am not cavalier either. We have all worked too hard for our money."

• Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management, Phone 5409 6120, Email TWigzell@cgf.com

Nambour's Studio 4560 Hair & Beauty changes ownership

Nambour's Studio 4560 Hair & Beauty is under new ownership, with shopping centre neighbour Ange Dunne of Burn Candles and Gifts, taking over on Good Friday.

"When the salon came on the market, I saw it as a business opportunity that was too good to pass up," Ange said.

"There is such potential in Nambour in general, and in this location in particular. I am very excited to move forward with my plans for the salon, particularly merging it with Burn Candles and Gifts to offer a completely unique experience for our clients.

"We closed the doors for 12 days to refurbish, and reopened this Monday 12th of April," Ange said. "It has been a pretty hectic couple of weeks, to say the least!"

The salon has been completely refitted with new mirrors, basins and chairs and it has been extended into Burn Candles, which is right next door.

"I have had so many compliments over the years about the atmosphere in the gift shop and



it seemed fitting that I extend that ambience into the salon," said Ange.

"I want both environments to be beautiful and to stimulate and restore the senses. I have found gorgeous affirmations that will be dotted around the mirrors of the salon, luxurious scented candles and oils, and I have even

sourced delicious homemade sweet treats for our salon clients to have with a cuppa while they are having their hair done. I want our clients to feel totally pampered during a visit with us.

Regulars to the popular centre will be pleased to know that there will be familiar faces in the

salon as well as fresh ones. "Between our stylists there is 75 years of experience in all aspects of hair styling," said Ange. "I am very keen for people to meet our team because they are an incredibly talented and passionate group of women.

"I have made the decision to stock and exclusively use Nak hair products because I prefer to use Australian products," said Ange. "And Nak is a fabulous product range which has no paraffins or ammonia. It is a wonderful, gentle product."

Improvements aside, there is still room for growth at the renamed Hair Studio 4560. "There is still a place for a stylist who is on the same page as the rest of our team," Ange said. "Particularly if they are trained and experienced with Nak products. I know that the right person will come along when the time is right. That's the way these things work."

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Invasive weed threatens koala habitat as authorities employ losing strategies: says expert

THE Blackall Range is on the brink of losing its best koala habitat and majestic old growth transitional rainforest unless steps are taken to hold back a flood of the invasive weed Blue Morning Glory.

Well-known Maleny weed expert Jeanette Nobes feared the Western Escarpment right back to Reesville would also be impacted unless containment lines were employed urgently. Ms Nobes said poor management of the weed which can grow between 1-4 metres a day, especially after heavy rain events, was creating a "disaster of almost unrecoverable proportions".

Failure was inevitable unless authorities changed tactics along the Kenilworth Road section at the Witta Reserve end which is the "front line" of this battle.

She said the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Sunshine Coast Council had failed for six years to implement the correct strategies to protect the Witta Reserve. The Reserve is owned by the Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society but is in partnership with Council to help keep it free of invasive weeds.

"I advised Council back then at the meeting I called on the site six years ago, and repeatedly since, what was needed. The Morning Glory had to be prevented from crossing to the western side of Kenilworth Road through the stormwater drains. Two containment lines needed to be built urgently outside the boundary lines of the reserve. But instead they have allowed a 1km river of Morning Glory to travel from the Curramore Soil Dump down to the boundary of the Witta Reserve through the storm water drains. And the containment lines have not been built to halt its march."

Ms Nobes said that it was virtually impossible to eradicate Blue Morning Glory once it took hold in an area. "It grows like a cargo net. The only totally effective management is prevention. You have to build containment lines. Just as you would build a fire break to contain fire.

"Containment lines provide a clear area for access, and so you can turn it back on itself, ready for eventual spraying. Every site has to have a specific management strategy. This situation could have been prevented had the morning glory been stopped from going through the storm water drains to the western side of Kenilworth Road.

Ms Nobes said authorities failed to appreciate how invasive -- morning glory was. "This site has many different areas where different strategies have to be used if we are to be successful. When an invasive weed grows at the rate this one does you have to contain it foremost, just cleaning up what has been left to grow over many years achieves nothing. Because it is still growing at the head, which is what is happening at this site. It is 15 years since the original morning glory was dumped on the Curramore Soil Dump. But despite my requests for it to be sprayed back then, it never was until three years ago, but then only around the dump.

"It seems Main Roads and Council have learned little from the Palmwoods-Montville road morning glory disaster."

Ms Nobes is known locally as the Morning Glory Lady and holds a Diploma in Conservation and Land Management. She has worked in rainforest conservation education and bushcare for over 40 years, having spent fifteen years researching, working on strategies, mapping and photographing its patterns of growth and eradication.

She said it was disappointing that her advice had not been taken on board and she was now unable to do any further work on the site herself. "To think that this forest has stood for thousands of years not impacted by anything at all because of its vertical escarpment. And yet in just 15 years we have brought it to its knees. It is now on the verge of being lost and all the fauna that call it home as well, because of a vine.

"But I do believe we can still save the forest, we have to, it is just going to be so much harder



Main: Jeanette Nobes is extremely concerned about the rapid growth of blue morning glory along Maleny-Kenilworth Road. Top: A koala crosses Maleny-Kenilworth Rd. Morning glory spreads like a cargo net across vegetation.

now. I am calling on Council to pull together all available resources and 6 staff and myself to build the containment lines and other work urgently, if there is to be any hope of saving the Koalas, especially, and the forest."

Responses

Glass House MP Andrew Powell said he shared Ms Nobes' concerns and had written to the Department of Transport and Main Roads and to the Minister. "The TMR stockpile that brought the weeds onto Maleny-Kenilworth Road has been sitting virtually unused and neglected for years now," he said.

"Locals like Jeanette have written to TMR and the Minister. We've even brought key TMR officials out on site to show them the need to maintain or remove the pile but they haven't, and as a result the weeds have now marched in to the pristine nature reserve.

"The government talk a lot about protecting koalas, as they should, but it's disappointing to see them abandon our local wildlife by doing nothing to stop this weed invasion of their own making."

A Transport and Main Roads spokesperson

told the Gazette the department prioritised invasive plant maintenance based on the Biosecurity Act 2014 (the Act), with a commitment to controlling prohibited and restricted invasive plants identified as a high or medium risk by local governments.

"Blue Morning Glory (BMG) is not identified as a restricted invasive plant under the Act, and is not listed as priority species under the Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.

"However, we are aware BMG and invasive plants along Manley-Kenilworth Road near Curramore Road at Maleny are a concern for some members of the community.

"In response, we have previously collaborated with Council on a stand-alone treatment strategy for BMG and other invasive plants at this location.

"In 2018 we provided Council with funding for the treatment of BMG and other invasive plants within the Curramore Road stockpile site and its immediate surrounds. Last year we provided funding to manage invasive plants within the road reserve directly next to the stockpile site. This work has been completed."

Woombye Library book sale success

THE first Woombye Community Library Balcony Book Sale for 2021 was a resounding success.

The day was sunny and weather perfect with what appeared to be upwards of 100 interested readers of all ages keen to find their favourite stories, non fiction books and magazines as well as catching up with friends and other bibliophiles pleased to discuss their favourite authors or hear about new reading opportunities throughout the morning and early afternoon.

An astonishing \$449 dollars was raised for the Library to purchase new books and continue this wonderful community service.



Library volunteers and community members are congratulated for this very successful event and the local support from businesses such as the Sunshine Valley Gazette and others in the Woombye and neighbouring communities who have continued their support of this exceptional local service.

Burnside Neighbourhood Watch

BURNSIDE Neighbourhood Watch's May 2021 general meeting will be held Wednesday May 5 from 7pm at Resources Centre, Burnside State Primary School, Blaxland Road, Burnside.

Come and meet volunteer members of your local Neighbourhood Watch Group and take advantage of the opportunity for a chat with a Police Officer from the Queensland Police Service about any crime-related issues or questions to which you might want answers.

Burnside Neighbourhood Watch Group meets four times a year in the Library/Resources Centre at Burnside State Primary School, and all residents are welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch Queensland is an initiative of the Queensland Police Service, helping to reduce Crime and helping to make Queensland a safer place to live.

Studio23 offers place for people with diverse abilities can connect and create

Shoppers at Maleny IGA or patrons of the Laneway may have become familiar with some of the friendly faces of Studio23 team members over the past couple of years.

Studio23 is a not-for-profit centre in Maleny which was founded in 2018 by Kris Fitzgerald and Craig Cole.

"Basically, Studio23 Maleny is a place where people with diverse abilities can socialise, connect, and create," Kris said. "We started out with just a handful of members and now we have over twenty."

Kris has an adult disabled son and she saw the need for local, accessible and flexible programs for people aged from 18 and over, with disability, or disadvantaged community members. So she enlisted the help of Craig, an experienced support worker, educator and professional musician, while he was teaching art and music at the Sunshine Coast TAFE.

"What we wanted to provide were opportunities in a safe and supportive space for our members," Kris said.

"Some customers wait until Wednesdays to do their shopping just so they can catch up with our members. It is really wonderful."

"We have specifically put together a programme of activities and opportunities that are valuable and fulfilling on many levels. The entire programme is member driven and I think that is why it has become so popular. Our activities run 5 days a week and at the moment, we only have vacancies left on Mondays and Wednesdays."

Studio23 is at the Maleny Community Centre. Members benefit from support on a one to two ratio, or one on one depending on needs.

"We started out playing music one day a week but our members love it so much, it has turned into two days a week," said Kris. "We have enjoyed fantastic support from the Laneway in Maleny, where our musicians are able to go along and gig every second Thursday."

"On Wednesdays our members go to the IGA



Studio23's Erin with Abi from Maleny IGA.

to help out around the shop, including on the registers. This came about because Wednesday is cooking day, and they would go to the IGA to buy their ingredients. It was a bit of a natural progression and has worked out so well that we are continuing with it.

"Some customers wait until Wednesdays to do their shopping just so they can catch up with our members. It is really wonderful."

On Fridays, the team embarks on a variety of social activities, ranging from swimming to bowling, going to the movies or the Zoo.

"It is common for disabled people to find socialising more difficult," said Kris. "We know how important social interaction is and we are determined to ensure that our members have access to the same opportunities for social connection and enrichment that their peers do."

• The Deck Room, Maleny Community Centre, 23 Maple St, Maleny www.studio23maleny.org



Library volunteers enjoy a well-earned coffee break.

New-look Mapleton Community Library

Mapleton book lovers will be pleased to know their local library reopened its doors to discerning members on Monday following a refurb.

And what a difference 14 days makes! For in those two weeks carpenters, painters, electricians and an IT technician worked their magic and produced an innovative streamlined Library.

Even before the renovations, teams of volunteers and members of the Blackall Range Lions Club were involved in clearing the area. They removed all the Library resources and dumped excess fittings from the body of the building. At the conclusion of the modernization, they returned the resources to the revamped home.

The end result is a much more spacious and comfortable area in which to browse away the time studying the Library's up-to-date resources and checking out the latest popular authors, plus some old favourites.

The new-look Library, run entirely by volunteers, welcomes all our clientele back to enjoy these new surroundings and also invites the public to pop-in for a look.

Without a doubt the members will marvel at what a difference some creative changes have wrought plus a successful Gaming grant which partly funded these renovations.

And don't forget our next Book Fair on Sunday, 16th May when there will be some great current novels, non-fiction books and DVD's on offer.



Nambour Museum to hold Open Day honouring our Rats of Tobruk

ON Saturday April 17 Nambour Museum is holding a special open day from 10am to 3pm to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the commencement of the Siege of Tobruk. This is a great opportunity to view the museum's interesting Rats of Tobruk and HMAS Tobruk collection.

Also on the same day the museum will be unveiling their refurbished 'Remembrance Room' where the stories of many of our local heroes are told.

The Siege of Tobruk

By April 1941 the Australian 9th Division along with the regiments of the British Royal Horse Artillery had taken up defensive positions in and around the Libyan port city of Tobruk. So began the Siege of Tobruk.

On April 14 a German attack was repulsed by the Australians and British artillery. This was the first time German land forces had been defeated in World War II. The Australians held Tobruk for eight months.

Holding Tobruk denied the Germans use of the harbour and slowed their advance towards Egypt and the strategic Suez Canal.

The Australians and their comrades became known as the Rats of Tobruk, a name bestowed upon them by a German propaganda broadcaster who described them as rats living in holes in the ground.

In typical fashion the Australians turned the intended insult into a 'badge of honour'. As the 'Rats' never received much recognition for their efforts the Rats of Tobruk Association struck their own distinctive T medal.

Former cabbie's dream car is a VW Bug with a twist

Community Profile Questions
Ian Demack

MALENY Neighbourhood President Ian Demack, as a freshly-minted Arts graduate straight out of Uni, worked for four years as a cabbie in Brisbane. Here are some more things you didn't know about him.

• **Birth date and/or star sign:** Aries. Not that I'm a believer, but apparently red hair is characteristic of the Arian type. Interesting...

• **The last television show or movie you loved?** Mystery Road. Aaron Pedersen holds the entire drama together by the force of his character.

• **One thing on your bucket list?** A bucket list seems too much like tempting fate! But sometime after COVID lifts, the South Island of New Zealand beckons.

• **Best advice you have ever received and who did you get it from?** A teacher once told me 'If something's worth doing, it's worth doing well.' Which would be brilliant advice if I wasn't a perfectionist.

• **What has been your most memorable moment?** Marrying Karen in 1995. She's just as beautiful now as she was on our wedding day.

• **What's one thing you love about your job?** A common thread in most things I've done—as a facilitator, mediator or editor—is helping my clients achieve clarity. Clarity of thoughts, emotions and expression. When they succeed, the feeling is priceless.

• **Your most annoying habit?** Misplacing my car keys. There are just so many places in the house to lose them.

• **What one thing would you like to see happen in the local area?** Affordable housing solutions, to maintain our diverse community



Ian Demack. Photograph: Katie Bennett

Q&A
Profile

on the Range.

• **Best local activity & why?** The Maleny Neighbourhood Centre's free Christmas Breakfast. It really brings the community together.

• **Best thing about your town (apart from the people)?** Having three excellent bookshops in Maleny, with a wide range of rare and unusual titles.

• **Is there a local community group you'd like to give a shout-out to?**

Speak Up Now Stop Domestic and Family Violence on the Blackall Range—an important initiative by the Combined Service Clubs of Maleny.

• **Dream car:** a classic VW Bug with a Zelectric conversion.



Nature
Watch

Our humble hardhead is a true diving duck

HERE is a picture of a Hardhead duck taken by Andrea Weber at Maleny Botanic Gardens.

Hardheads are the only true diving duck in Australia and are commonly found throughout the region. Like the other members of the pochard group, hardheads feed by diving deeply, often staying submerged for as long as a minute at a time.

They slip under the water with barely a ripple, simply lowering their heads and thrusting with their powerful webbed feet.

They eat a broad range of small aquatic creatures, and supplement this with water weeds.

The males have white eyes making them easy to distinguish.

The common name "hardhead" has nothing to do with the density of the bird's skull, instead referring to the difficulty encountered by early taxidermists in processing the head (ewww!).

Alleged armed robbery and assault Yandina

TWO men were due to appear in the Maroochy Magistrates Court on Monday April 12 charged with "enter a dwelling to commit and indictable offence, armed robbery and assault".

This follows an incident in Yandina on Sunday where guns were allegedly pulled on the victim of a violent home invasion where entry was forced at a residence. A 56-year-old man sustained facial injuries in the alleged incident at the Cordwell Road home about 8.30pm.

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Nurse Navigator Ryan Gee and Glennis McAlpine. Glennis has just retired as the Senior Nurse Navigator at Maleny Movement Disorder Clinic and will be greatly missed by patients. Ryan will continue his work alongside Rachael Anderson.

Clinic helps restore movement and bring back quality of life

Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital is helping to restore hope and quality of life for Parkinson's Disease patients through its renowned Movement Disorder Clinic.

The multi-disciplinary clinic treats patients with complex movement problems, such as end stage Parkinson's Disease, and determines a care plan based on individual's needs. Ryan Gee said helping people get back to a more normal life was incredibly rewarding.

"As Parkinson's is such a challenging disease, we strive in the Movement Disorder clinic to make an improvement to our patients symptoms, aiming to give them the best quality of life for the patients and their families," he said.

The Maleny hospital is one of the few in Queensland equipped to care for people with Parkinson's.

Parkinson's Queensland CEO Miguel Diaz said health services like the Maleny clinic were

essential.

"There is currently no cure for Parkinson's so the continued support of Queenslanders will allow us to improve the levels of services, education and the information that is provided to anyone impacted by the diagnosis."

Glass House MP Andrew Powell paid tribute to the Hospital during a visit to Maleny by Really Big Walk fundraisers Joe and Vince Kelly. "As Joe said, my father-in-law has Parkinson's and it wasn't until he got to the Movement Disorder Clinic here, that he really got it sorted and could understand how to treat it and how he could manage it for what will be the rest of his life," said Mr Powell.

"So I hope you understand the impact you have on not only your patient's lives, but on their families as well. And I can't speak highly enough of everything Ryan Gee and the team here do."



Vince Kelly, left, and Joe Kelly, right, were given a warm welcome to Maleny by Member for Glass House Andrew Powell, second from right, Hospital staff and the Parkinson's community.

Maleny welcomes brothers on 'Really Big Walk' for Parkinson's

After walking 270 kilometres over nine days, Member for Greenslopes Joe Kelly and his brother Vince have finished A Really Big Walk, in support of people with Parkinson's in Queensland.

In honour of their parents who were both impacted by a Parkinson's diagnosis, the brothers were eager for a challenge that would push them to make a difference. They finished in Coolool on Sunday.

On Thursday they dropped in to Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital to acknowledge the support their mother received from the renowned Movement Disorder Clinic.

"I guess for me, The Big Walk is also about doing something that I know Dad was unable to do for the last few years of his life, and that Mum is now struggling with, and that is actually walking," Joe said. "Walking is such an important part of health. It's such an important part of life, and you don't know what you have until it's gone."

"My father was diagnosed with Parkinson's in the mid 1990s and after nearly 20 years of managing the condition as best he could, we sadly lost him in 2013.

"My mother was also diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2012 when she was 74 years old.

"There is currently no cure for Parkinson's, so the support services Parkinson's Queensland provide are so important in ensuring those with Parkinson's are able to live a relatively normal life."

Parkinson's Disease is a degenerative neurological condition, which can result in the loss of the ability to walk, eat and speak, as well as presenting problems with depression, memory, sleep and chronic pain.

Mr Kelly said he saw all these symptoms in his mother and most of them in his late father. "It has been really difficult to see the people I love go through these changes."

The brothers had already raised more than \$36,000 by Thursday, with three days to go.

Team provides hope by assisting with speech and swallowing abilities

Nambour's Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy (RHPT) mission is to restore and maintain the speech and swallowing abilities of people living with this complex neurodegenerative disease.

RHPT are hosting an online Q&A session on Wednesday 21 April at 10am to provide information about Parkinson's Disease. The RHPT Speech Pathology team and Sunshine Coast Health Services Nurse Navigators will be available to respond to questions.

RHPT will also be launching their 2021 'Benevolent Bear Auction' at this time.

Bear-maker of 19 years Lorraine Dippelmann, who made five bears for the 'Benevolent Bear Auction', said she wanted to use her ability for good. "I just thought it was a good opportunity to support this new charity and to help the people who suffer with Parkinson's, because we never know what is around the corner for any one of us," she said.

RHPT offers the Parkinson's Voice Project evidence-based SPEAK OUT and weekly LOUD Crowd group sessions established by Samantha Elandary and her team from Dallas USA.

The RACQ Foundation recently provided funds to purchase nine iPads and storage cases to enable RHPT to improve and expand their services to people living with Parkinson's Disease (PD) across the Sunshine Coast and Queensland. The difficulty in providing a face to face assessment and therapy program, weekly LOUD Crowd group sessions and choir activity was made very real with the Covid-19 pandemic. Telehealth was a viable option to provide this service but many participants were unable to access the required technology. These devices have been purchased and are currently being set-up and will enable people to access therapy via tele health.

Parkinson's Voice Project (PVP) also run an international grants program and RHPT



Bear-maker of 19 years Lorraine Dippelmann has made five bears for the 'Benevolent Bear Auction'.

recently received a grant for the third year in a row. This grant supports the provision of SPEAK OUT and LOUD Crowd therapy through training opportunities for Speech Pathologists and Speech Pathology students, as well as speech therapy supplies.

Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy have also received support from local Members of Parliament. Rob Skelton MP paid the invoice for street signage at the clinic and Andrew Powell MP awarded RHPT a Local Heroes Grant to be used to improve indoor signage.

From the 1st August 2020 Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy has provided group speech therapy services without charge. Fundraising, regular and "Pay It Forward" donations are necessary to raise funds to support this vital service.

• Register for the Q&A and "Benevolent Bear Auction" online at <https://rhpttherapy.org.au>

No-one need be alone on their journey with terrible disease

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month. We asked Nambour and District Support Group communications & marketing volunteer Kevin McAney to outline where to find support on the Coast.



Nambour and District Support Group would love to see you join their caring and supportive group.

LIVING with Parkinson's or caring for someone with Parkinson's is full of challenges, but you don't have to feel alone. Support groups affiliated with Parkinson's Queensland (PQI) operate throughout Queensland, and there are four groups on the Sunshine Coast.

A Support Group is an informal gathering of people (peers) who share similar experiences, situations or challenges. They are not therapy groups, they provide peer support.

Parkinson's Support Groups provide members with a chance to meet and talk with others while offering each other emotional and practical support as well as social interaction.

While no two people with Parkinson's are ever the same and it's important to remember that everyone's journey is unique, you are not alone.

What Can Support Groups Do For ME? Parkinson's support groups are ideal for people living with Parkinson's, their carers, friends and family members. Support groups encourage the growth of knowledge. By knowing more about Parkinson's through the experience of others, and through professional resources, you will discover new ways of dealing with your own symptoms and challenges

Support Group meetings typically involve:
• Group discussions and sharing experiences, information, practical tips and advice

- Social activities
 - Guest speakers who are invited to meetings to discuss topical and relevant subjects
- Parkinson's Queensland affiliated Support Groups also have a range of information resources available for members.

The Support Groups use a self-help model coordinated by volunteers, usually a person living with Parkinson's and/or their partner or carer.

The groups appeal to a range of people for a variety of reasons and vary in their dynamics, from the number of members, to the age and interests of the individuals. If you are struggling and wondering where to get help, come and join us at the Nambour and District Support Group on the first Friday of each month for an informal, friendly get-together.

• Nambour and District Support Group PQI Meetings are held at Sanctuary Park Church of Christ, 22 National Park Road, Nambour. We would love to see you join our caring and supportive group. Please call and have a chat with our Coordinator: Ray Clark on 0401 173 336. Other contacts: Parkinson's Queensland Inc. on 1800 644 189 or 3209 1588 or email pqi@parkinsonsqld.org.au. Web: www.parkinsonsqld.org.au

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| 2. THAI SATAY CHICKEN WITH RICE AND STEAMED VEGETABLES (GF) | 5. CURRIED SAUSAGES (GF / DF) – SERVED WITH RICE | 8. PENNE BOLOGNESE |
| 3. BEEF LASAGNE | 6. VEGETABLE COCONUT CURRY (GF / DF / VEG) – SERVED WITH RICE | 9. PENNE CHICKEN CARBONARA |

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| 10. COQ AU VIN – CHICKEN IN RED WINE | 13. CONFIT DUCK WITH ORANGE SAUCE | *MEALS INCLUDE A SIDE OF BAKED POTATOES, EXCEPT THE FISH.
ALL MEALS, EXCEPT THE FISH OPTION CAN BE FROZEN* |
| 11. BEEF BURGANDY – BEEF IN RED WINE | 14. FISH ROULADE WITH LEMON RIESLING SAUCE – SERVED WITH RICE | |
| 12. CHICKEN IN CREAM SAUCE – SERVED WITH RICE | 15. CREAM OF SWEET POTATO SOUP – SINGLE SERVE ONLY - \$8.00 | |

CAFÉ MAPLETON

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| 16. VEGETARIAN FRIED RICE WITH EGG (VEG) | 21. STIR FRY CHICKEN AND MIXED VEGETABLES – SERVED WITH RICE | 26. STIR FRY NOODLES WITH CHICKEN, EGG & VEGETABLES
– WHEAT OR RICE NOODLES |
| 17. VEGETARIAN FRIED NOODLES (VEG)
– WHEAT OR RICE NOODLES | 22. STIR FRY CHICKEN WITH GINGER & MUSHROOM
– SERVED WITH RICE | 27. STIR FRY CHICKEN AND ZUCHINI IN TOM YAM SAUCE (SPICY)
– SERVED WITH RICE |
| 18. BACON FRIED RICE | 23. STIR FRY CHICKEN AND PAK CHOY/LONG CABBAGE
– SERVED WITH RICE | 28. STIR FRY PAK CHOY/LONG CABBAGE WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE (VEG)
– SERVED WITH RICE |
| 19. VEGETABLE OMELETTE | 24. CHICKEN CASHEW FRIED RICE | |
| 20. STIR FRY MIXED VEGETABLES IN SOY SAUCE (VEG)
– SERVED WITH RICE | 25. MALYSIAN FRIED RICE | |

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| 29. HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA (READY MADE) | 33. SAVOURY ZUCCHINI MUFFIN (VEG) – SERVED WITH SALAD | 37. RISOTTO (GF / VEG) – PUMPKIN, SPINACH, FETA & PINENUTS |
| 30. MEAT DELIGHT PIZZA (READY MADE) | 34. CREAMY GARLIC PRAWNS – SERVED WITH RICE | 38. RISOTTO (GF) – CHICKEN, BACON & MUSHROOM |
| 31. CARAMELISED ONION & CHEESE PIZZA (READY MADE) | 35. SEAFOOD MARINARA FETTUCCINE | |
| 32. CHICKEN, BRIE & PROSCIUTTO PIZZA (READY MADE) | 36. PENNE PASTA WITH MEATBALLS | |

MONTVILLE GOURMET BISTRO

ALL MEALS ARE PORTIONED FOR 1 | \$10.00 EACH

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| 39. CHICKEN SCHNITZEL – SERVED WITH VEGETABLES | 44. SUPREME PIZZA – TOMATO BASE, TOMATO BASE, SHAVED HAM,
SALAMI, ONION, CAPSICUM, PINEAPPLE, MUSHROOM, OLIVES,
ANCHOVIES & CHEESE | 48. CHILLI CARBONARA – CHICKEN, BACON, GARLIC, CHILLI, AGED
TOBASCO & PARMESAN |
| 40. CHICKEN PARMIGIANA – SERVED WITH VEGETABLES | 45. LASAGNE (GF) | 49. BBQ PORK RIBS – SERVED WITH VEGETABLES
– SINGLE SERVE ONLY - \$15.00 |
| 41. SAUSAGES & POTATO BAKE | 46. BOLOGNESE – BEEF WITH A RICH NAPOLITANO SAUCE &
PARMESAN CHEESE | 50. POTATO BAKE – SINGLE SERVE ONLY - \$6.00 |
| 42. MARGHERITA PIZZA – TOMATO BASE, CHERRY TOMATOES,
CHEESE & BASIL | 47. CREAMY CARBONARA – CHICKEN, BACON, GARLIC, & PARMESAN
& PARMESAN CHEESE | |
| 43. BUTCHERS BLOCK PIZZA – TOMATO BASE, CHICKEN,
BEEF, SALAMI, HAM, BACON, ONION, CHEESE &
HOLLANDAISE SAUCE SWIRL | | |

THE COTTAGE MEAL RANGE

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| 51. MARINATED SEED MUSTARD & ROSEMARY ROAST BEEF (GF / DF)
– SERVED WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES & GRAVY
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | 62. MALYSIAN SATAY CHICKEN (GF / DF)
– MILD CREAMY CURRY SERVED WITH RICE
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 |
| 52. CRISPY SKINNED LEMON & HERB ROAST CHICKEN (GF / DF)
– SERVED WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES & GRAVY
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | 63. BRAISED PORK, CHORIZO & BUTTERBEAN STEW (DF) – SERVED WITH COUSCOUS
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 |
| 53. TENDER ROAST PORK LOIN (GF / DF)
– SERVED WITH APPLES, ROASTED VEGETABLES & GRAVY
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | 64. ASIAN STYLE CHICKEN & VEGETABLE FRIED RICE (GF / DF)
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 |
| 54. BEEF LASAGNE – WITH LEAN BEEF BOLOGNESE LAYERED WITH BECHAMEL
& PASTA BAKED WITH CHEESE
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | 65. CREAMY COCONUT INDIAN VEGETABLE & CHICKPEA CURRY (GF / DF / VEG)
– SERVED WITH RICE
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 |
| 55. OVEN BAKED BEEF RISSOLES & GRAVY
– SERVED WITH BUTTERED POTATOES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | 66. VEGETABLE LASAGNE (VEG) – SEASONAL VEGETABLE IN NAPOLITANA SAUCE
WITH BECHAMEL, BAKED WITH CHEESE
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 |
| 56. BRAISED STEAK & MUSHROOMS IN GRAVY (GF / DF)
– SERVED WITH HERB BUTTER POTATOES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | 67. SPINACH & RICOTTA CANNELONI PASTA
– WITH NAPOLITANA SAUCE, BAKED WITH CHEESE
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 |
| 57. CORNED BEEF SAUTEED ONION & FRESH HERB WHITE SAUCE (GF)
– SERVED WITH STEAMED VEGETABLES
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | |
| 58. MOROCCAN BEEF SWEET TOMATO GRAVY (DF)
– SERVED WITH DATES, APRICOTS & CINNAMON COUSCOUS
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | |
| 59. SAVOURY MINCE (GF / DF) – LEAN BEEF GRAVY SERVED WITH BUTTERED
HERB POTATOES & STEAMED VEGETABLES
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | |
| 60. CREAMY CURRIED BEEF SAUSAGES (GF / DF) – SERVED WITH RICE
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| 61. COTTAGE PIE (GF / DF) – LEAN BEEF & VEGETABLES SAUTEED IN GRAVY
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Knitfest is a magical arts festival for families

KNITFEST 2021 is an exciting Yarn & Fibre Arts Festival held on the weekend of July 3 and 4, 2021, celebrating fibre arts and crafts, and embracing the town of Maleny.

"We yarn bomb and decorate the main street of Maleny so the town becomes a centre of art, creativity, yarnbombing, workshops, music, trade stalls and craft markets," said Festival Director Debs Swain.

Now in its 5th year and attracting thousands of visitors, it is a magical festival for families to discover new skills, talents and creativity with the use of yarns including knitting, crochet, basket weaving, spinning and weaving, felting and lots more.

"Knitfest features competitions for community groups, art associations and skilled artisans to decorate trees in our beautiful streetscapes with handmade art installations made of yarn and fibre. There is also several competitions for the Best Beanie, Scarf, Shawls, Tea Cosy etc."

The theme for this year is "There's A Dragon



There's no end to what you can knit.

In My Garden".

Knitfest is a not For Profit Community Group run by volunteers headed by Festival & Creative Director, Debs Swain. "We rely on our wonderful sponsors and Community Grants for funding each year."

For more information please visit our Facebook or Instagram page or visit www.knitfest.

Glue traps are cruel traps for wildlife

from Donna Brennan WILVOS Wildlife Volunteers

RECENTLY one of our rehabilitators received a rather distressing call through the WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline. It was about a butcher bird.

This poor bird had one of the sticky mouse trap strips attached to its wing. There was no way the bird could remove it by itself. The lady who found the bird did the right thing and was using a small amount of oil to gradually remove the strip a piece at a time. With the WILVOS carers' help the strip was eventually removed and then the oil cleaned off. The bird was housed in a secure box overnight with food and water provided.

The next morning the bird flew off very strongly, and has since been back to revisit. This was one very lucky bird, thanks to a member of the public who rescued the bird from a slow death, and called WILVOS for help.

These glue traps, or sticky traps, are a very cruel method of catching mice and rats. They may die a slow death, stripping their skin off in their panic to escape or even chewing at their limbs to try to get off the adhesive. Please talk to any shops selling these traps and ask if they would consider removing them from their shelves. There are more humane ways to catch mice and rats.

Some years back I was brought a little feath-



An 8 gram female feathertail glider.

ertail glider that had climbed onto one of these traps. It was an awful job removing the tiny animal, whilst trying not to distress him too much. He even managed to sink his sharp teeth into my finger! Little skinks, wrens and many other animals come to grief on these glue traps. Sometimes inventors can have a very short-sighted view of their product. Seemed a good idea at the time!

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Coast gets ready to welcome back Kiwis

THE Sunshine Coast is rolling out the welcome mat and getting ready to welcome back Kiwi visitors.

This follows last week's announcement by the New Zealand government for quarantine-free Trans-Tasman travel for Australians to start from 11.59pm, Sunday 18 April, 2021.

Visit Sunshine Coast CEO Matt Stoeckel warmly welcomed the news as a critical step for the region's tourism recovery.

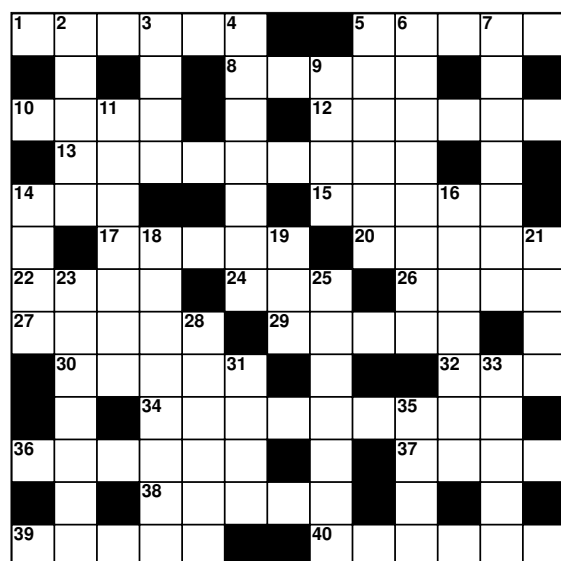
"Prior to the pandemic, New Zealand was our number one international market with 84,000 annual visitors, 650,000 room nights, and an

economic value of \$110 million. It's a market that also has huge potential for the Sunshine Coast and strategically important for the region.

"Previously, the New Zealand holiday visitor would stay for an average of 7.9 nights, and with seasonal direct flights from Auckland, Kiwi travellers have found our climate, nature-based experiences and laid-back lifestyle particularly attractive over the winter months.

"We know there is huge pent-up demand in New Zealand for international travel and have been working in the background to prepare for the borders to reopen."

Gazette Crossword See solution over.



ACROSS

- 1 Preferable
- 5 Causing death
- 8 Lazes
- 10 Nobleman
- 12 Flag
- 13 Moral decay
- 14 Corded fabric
- 15 Time in grammar
- 17 Thickness
- 20 Agitates
- 22 Monkeys
- 24 Droop
- 26 Otherwise
- 27 Inscription on coat-of-arms
- 29 Commerce
- 30 Oozes
- 32 Meshed fabric
- 34 Make a copy of
- 36 Literary ridicule
- 37 Dry and withered
- 38 Cleaning lady (coll)
- 39 Vegetables
- 40 Mournful songs

DOWN

- 2 Dodge
- 3 Soft powder
- 4 Enigmas
- 5 Receivers of stolen goods
- 6 Expressed agreement
- 7 Fishers
- 9 Fasting period
- 11 Full
- 14 Wander
- 16 Muteness
- 18 Star-shaped mark
- 19 Rodent
- 21 Transmitted
- 23 Mailing charge
- 25 Tended carefully
- 28 Cultural productions
- 31 Hurried
- 33 Weird
- 35 Consumer

Maleny receives 156mm in 24 hour dumping

Maleny received an Easter bucketing with 156mm falling in a 24 hour period until 9am Tuesday April 6.

The hinterland saw 80-100mm falls in the 24hrs to 9am Tuesday April 6, but Maleny was the most affected.

Nambour received 24mm on Easter Monday and 81.2mm on Tuesday.

The Bureau of Meteorology said recent heavy rain was a result of the La Niña 2020-21 effect, which was now fading.

At the national level, Australia experienced its wettest, coolest summer in at least five years due to La Niña.

Rainfall was above average across the entire season, and December 2020 was the third-wettest since records began in 1900, according to the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM).

While we are past the height of La Niña in Australia, the BoM is expecting the La Niña will fade and go back to normal conditions by April/May this year.

"Without La Niña we expect to receive normal average rainfall in winter, not exaggerated as we've seen during the summer and autumn," a spokesperson said.

Council seeks input on public transport

MARK a spot in your calendar. Your chance to have a say on the best public transport options for our region kicks off on 28 April 2021.

Over an eight-week period until 22 June 2021, residents and visitors will have the opportunity to provide their valuable feedback on a range of options being considered in a draft Mass Transit Options Analysis report.

The Options Analysis is the second phase in the business case process being undertaken for the mass transit project.

The options considered in the draft report range from bus network upgrades to a quality bus corridor to bus rapid transit, trackless trams, light rail transit and more.

Transport Portfolio Councillor Rick Baberowski said while public transport was a State Government responsibility, council was leading the important planning work to attract state and federal infrastructure funding and needed community feedback and support to achieve that.

"We know we need sustainable and efficient transport options that can move us around quickly as our population grows yet still protect our local lifestyle and environment," Cr Baberowski said. "We are considering a range of options, and we are keen to know your thoughts."

The outcomes of the community and stakeholder feedback about the mass transit options will inform the finalisation of the Mass Transit Options Analysis report, which will then be submitted to council for consideration.

Cr Baberowski said the comprehensive community engagement process would seek community opinion on a wide range of potential options to help council make recommendations to the State Government for further consideration in the final phase of the mass transit business case process, the Detailed Business Case.

There will also be the opportunity to have a say about the various ways in which the forecast growth in the coastal corridor could be accommodated over the decades ahead, from medium rise development concentrated around stations and centres to lower density development dispersed more widely throughout the corridor.

Feedback received about the various ways of accommodating growth will help inform the preparation of the new planning scheme, which is proceeding over the next few years.

Visit council's website and sign up to receive project updates and have your say when consultation begins on 28 April, 2021.

Yandina Country Music

YANDINA welcomes the multi award-winning Tony Wagner as guest artist at the country music concert on Sunday 18th April. Tony is very versatile, so expect to enjoy a range of music styles that will delight the audience. See you at the ACMA Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road at 12 noon. Doors open 10.30am. You'll be entertained with traditional country, and including more upbeat, and diverse crowd-pleasing favourites with a great band and local artists. Walk-ups welcome. Raffle and door prizes, byo lunch, free tea and coffee. Entry \$8. Enquiries 0437 191004. We operate a Covid-safe system.

Sugar Mill locomotive was named in honour of fallen workmate

Leslie Charles (Sandy) Plater was born in Maclean, NSW on 30th November 1918 and moved to the Nambour area with his family in 1921.

Like his father Charles and elder brother Edgar he worked at Nambour's Moreton Sugar Mill. He worked horses on tramline work, fired on the steam locomotives and drove oil locomotives.

He enlisted in the 9/49th Militia Battalion at Nambour on the 11th January 1940 and was taken into the 2/15th Battalion AIF on the 3rd June 1940.

After training at Redbank and Darwin he sailed on the Queen Mary from Sydney on 28th December 1940 bound for the Middle East.

In 1941 Les served in Tobruk during the famous siege and was promoted sergeant on 8th July 1942.

On the 1st September 1942 the 2/15th Battalion participated in Operation Bulimba which was an operation designed to test tactics and strategies for the upcoming Battle of El Alamein.

During this three hour operation the battalion suffered 61 men killed in action [KIA] or fatally wounded including 'Sandy' Plater who died of wounds [DOW] on 2nd September.

These casualties were the worst suffered by the battalion during World War II with almost 30 percent of their total wartime losses occurring in this three hour battle.

Sergeant Les Plater has the unusual honour of having a locomotive named in his remembrance.

After the war the Moreton Mill purchased four small ex-Department of Defence petrol locomotives and one of these was named 'SANDY' by Les' workmates with mill management approval.

The locomotive is preserved and on display at the Nambour Museum.

— Clive Plater (nephew), Nambour Museum



Leslie Charles (Sandy) Plater.



Above: 'Sandy' the locomotive is a tribute to Sandy Plater. Left: The Moreton Sugar Mill Honour Board.



Nambour bomber pilot paid supreme price to spare crew and save English village

WORLD War II pilot Jim Hocking, from Nambour, paid the ultimate price in 1944 when he sacrificed his own life to save his crew and residents of a town in England.

Jim was posted to England and attached to the Royal Air Force [RAF] in August 1943 for training in bomber aircraft. He was promoted to Pilot Officer having completed his training.

The next step for Jim and his crew was to convert to four engine heavy bombers, training on Short Stirlings.

Their final training mission on July 27 and 28 1944 was a night flight, cross country then out over the North Sea. Just 25 minutes after take-off from West Wratting airfield near Cambridge two engines caught fire and the Pilot Officer ordered all crew to parachute to safety while he stayed at the controls to divert it from crashing into the town of March in Fenland.

In saving the town Jim paid the supreme sacrifice. Were it not for his bravery hundreds of people may have died.

... "two engines caught fire and the Pilot Officer ordered all crew to parachute to safety while he stayed at the controls to divert it from crashing into the town of March in Fenland."

His act has never been forgotten by the town about 120km north of London.

On July 28 1988, the 44th anniversary of Jim's death, a memorial plaque was unveiled and dedicated at March's historic Saint Wendreda's church.

In 2015 Jim's bravery was finally recognised by the Australian Government with the posthumous awarding of the Star of Courage which was accepted by Jim's brother Alan.

Alan was honoured that the townspeople of March still remember and continued to honour his brother.

"Out of the tragedy of war a lasting friendship has developed with so many families in the March area, and March is now a second home to members of the Hocking family," Mr Hocking said at the time.

In 2019 the March Museum honoured Jim



Nambour legend ... RAAF pilot Jim Hocking.

with an event to give people the chance to listen to letters he had written.

A book on his life and actions - March Hero - was also showcased at the event.

Jim is also commemorated at the Nambour Museum where a replica of his award is displayed.

The March War Museum has a permanent display which includes a model of Jim in his pilot's uniform and replicas of Jim's medals.

Jim's sacrifice led to the establishment in 1997 of a Friendship City Agreement between Fenland District Council and the former Maroochy Shire Council. It continued with the formation of Sunshine Coast Council in 2008.

Jim Hocking was born in Nambour on the 12th December, 1922, the son of William and Eva Hocking. He attended the Nambour Rural School and then went on to be a foundation student of the Nambour High School. After leaving school he worked at Whalley's Garage in Currie Street, Nambour.

— Clive Plater, Nambour Museum

Anzac Day Hinterland Services

Sunday 25 April 2021 marks the 106th anniversary of the landing of ANZAC troops on Gallipoli. Here's a rundown of Anzac Day commemorations around the readership, pending Covid restrictions.

Montville

• 5.30am: Montville Memorial Gates, Montville Hall. Coffee/tea/ANZAC biscuits afterwards

Maleny

• 4.28am: Dawn Service at RSL Maleny Cenotaph. A Gunfire Breakfast will be served in the hall after the Dawn Service.

• 9.45am: Service at Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital

• 10.15am: Assemble for March along Maple and Bunya Streets

• 10.45am: Community Service at RSL Maleny Cenotaph and Hall. Lunch will be served after the main service.

Mapleton

• 9am: Mapleton RSL Memorial Park, (no march), morning tea afterwards in Mapleton Hall

Nambour

• 5.15am: Nambour RSL Club - march to the wall of Remembrance at Quota Park.

• 5.30am: Dawn Service commences.
• 6am: Gunfire breakfast to follow the dawn service at Nambour RSL Club from 6am to 8.30am. 14 Mathew Street, Nambour.

Witta

• 9am: Service at Witta Cemetery.

Woombye

• 5.30am: The Woombye Dawn Service and breakfast will resume again this ANZAC Day. The Commemoration will be at the Woombye Memorial Park, at the bottom of Blackall Street.

The Service will be conducted by the Woombye Lighthouse Troop and the Salvation Army and Band.

The Gunfire breakfast afterwards will be provided by the Woombye-Palmwoods Rotary in conjunction with the Bowls club. All welcome to attend and remember and place a wreath or flowers.

Yandina

• 11am: Main Commemorative Service begins 11am and finishes at approximately 11.30am.

Followed by lunch/refreshments at the hall.

'For King and Country': 1916 Board honours Mapleton enlistees

SITUATED on a wall inside the Mapleton Hall is an honour board to acknowledge all the WW1 enlistees from Mapleton and Districts.

In addition, in 1979 a seedling from the Lone Pine at Gallipoli was planted at the Mapleton Hall Sportsground in memory of the Anzacs.

This seedling was one of two offered to the Nambour RSL from a consignment sent to Australia by The Turkish Government.

Unfortunately, after some years, this tree struggled & was replaced with one donated one by Maroochy Shire Council Parks & Gardens. The tree was planted by Chairman Ed DeVere & Mapleton RSL Branch President Mr Brian DeVere.

The photo, right, was taken at this memorial tree in 2012: Mr John Crocker the now-retired Mapleton RSL President (middle at front) with four family members of Mr Brian DeVere's family.



Beaufighter pilot, Lloyd Francis Ritchie

LLOYD Ritchie was born in Brisbane on 6th December 1922, only son of Francis and Martha Ritchie of Blackall Terrace, Nambour. In 1928 Lloyd commenced his education at the Nambour Rural School and successfully completed his Junior Examination in 1938. He completed his senior schooling in Brisbane and gained employment with the Commonwealth Bank.

In June 1942 Lloyd enlisted in the RAAF in Brisbane and started training as a Beaufighter pilot at Wagga Wagga, N.S.W. After graduating as a Pilot Officer he joined 31 Squadron which was posted to the Northern Territory in October.

31 Squadron's missions were into the north western areas of the Pacific Ocean plus the Flores, Banda, Timor and Arafura Seas north of Darwin. In August 1944 Lloyd was promoted to Flying Officer. On the 24th September 1944 Lloyd's Beaufighter and another piloted by Squadron Leader Wilber Wackett left Coomalie Creek airfield on a mid-afternoon mission to provide 'top cover' to Catalina Flying Boats.

Returning in darkness the two Beaufighters encountered difficulties locating their airfield due to thick smoke from bushfires and both crashed with the loss of both pilots and Squadron Leader Wackett's navigator. Lloyd's navigator bailed out and was found safe the next day.

Despite locating Lloyd's crashed plane and



an extensive search no sign of him was ever found so he has the unusual distinction of being 'missing in action' on mainland Australia. Lloyd is commemorated at the Adelaide River War Cemetery's Memorial to the missing and the Nambour Museum.

Lloyd's sister Claudia married David Low who served as long time Maroochy Shire Chairman and Queensland Member of Parliament.

— Clive Plater, Nambour Museum



Defence Force traditions for kids

Local author Allison Paterson's new book being released this month has been described as a 'ground-breaking' title in the Australia Remembers series for children.

For "Australia Remembers 2: Customs and Traditions of the Australian Defence Force", Alison

worked closely with the Department of Defence and History and Heritage units of the Navy, Army & RAAF to deliver answers to questions asked by children.

The book is in time for Anzac Day and available at www.bigsky-publishing.com.au, local book stores, or online.



Under 18s lead way for Crushers as Div 1 struggles

Nambour v Maroochydore, at Maroochydore Saturday.

NAMBOUR JC Hire Under 18s are leading the way for Crushers this season with a hard fought win against Maroochydore on Saturday.

A successful last minute penalty conversion by Kye Sherry sealed the win after a great team effort by all players from both teams. Final score was Nambour 32 defeating Maroochydore 30.

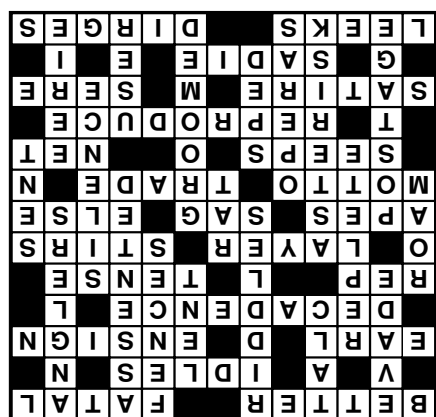
Division 1 lost to Maroochydore 42-24 and

Division 2 were also defeated by Maroochydore 36-16 despite brave efforts by both teams.

Next home games for Crushers is this Saturday 17th April against Caloundra Sharks.

• Under 18s - 2.30pm • Division 2 - 4.00pm • Division 1 - 5.30pm • Open Women - 7.00pm

This will be the first home game for the Nambour Telstra Shop Women's Team so a good crowd is expected to cheer them on.



	Played	Points	Wins
Kawana Div 1 Men	4	16	4
Beerwah Div 1 Men	3	16	3
Maroochydore Div 1 Men	4	13	3
Noosa Div 1 Men	3	13	2
Gympie Div 1 Men	4	10	2
Caloundra Div 1 Men	3	10	1
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DESPITE a career spanning a wide range of industries, Nambour Bowen Therapist, Annie Allan always found herself drawn to natural therapies and helping people.

"I have basically done everything from massage and counselling, to cleaning, to working in Special Education, but I always end up in positions where I am helping people," Annie said.

"Even as a child, I wanted to help people and throughout my entire life I have been fascinated by and studied natural therapies," she said.

"It was in my early 20s that I first discovered Reiki because I was aware from childhood that I had a natural ability and feeling for energy and felt I needed to understand and explore this more so I could utilise it appropriately.

Reiki treats the whole person including mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually, creating many beneficial effects that include relaxation and feelings of peace, security and wellbeing.

"It just made so much sense to me. I have seen people experience relief from all kinds of chronic health conditions and the effect of this has been life-changing for them," Annie said.

Six years ago, Annie began her study of Bowen Therapy and this has complimented her Reiki practice very well.

Bowen Therapy is a holistic remedial technique that aims to treat the cause of joint pain, muscle issues, sports injuries, ongoing or intermittent pain and disease. The technique involves gentle soft tissue movement in a very specific way, stimulating the connective tissue around muscles and successfully addressing the concerns presented. It is safe for children, adults and seniors.

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plementary therapy to existing chiropractic or physiotherapy programs, Bowen Therapy has proven to be an effective technique to manage conditions such as acute and chronic pain associated with musculo-skeletal or neurological issues, fibromyalgia, back pain, lumbago, sciatica, chronic fatigue syndrome, neck pain, arm pain and carpal tunnel syndrome, TMJ syndrome (jaw pain), shoulder pain (frozen shoulder), leg and foot pain (e.g. plantar fasciitis), depression, anxiety and stress, asthma, sporting injuries, traumatic injuries and general joint pain.

"Both Bowen Therapy and Reiki are grounded in energy work," said Annie. "My clients are people of all ages, from all walks of life, with a very broad range of physical and emotional issues. I find that the sooner people come to see me, the better and faster their progress. As with any health condition, the longer you leave it to treat it, the slower, more complicated and difficult it may be to address. Every person responds differently to Bowen"

Annie uses Bush Flower Essences in her clinic, and this ties in naturally with the other modalities she practices. "Flower Essences are gentle remedies that provide us with vibrational healing for a wide variety of conditions, particularly those related to emotional matters, which can often manifest physically," said Annie. "They have been used safely for thousands of years by many cultures to treat underlying emotional causes of disease and to improve health and well-being. They work on harmonising negative feelings and belief patterns and



can be used to treat health and emotional issues, to enhance clarity, courage, joy, strength and commitment to follow personal goals and dreams."

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Maleny Golf Club Results

Saturday 10th April, 2021:

This was the only results I have for reporting this week due to the wet weather so I shall report it both in order of first, second and third places and I shall also report a graded version of these results as follows:-

Our Club held a Mixed Stableford Competition and first place went to Billy Perske with 38 points on count-backs from Garth Bailo, Luke Denny, and Andy Johnson, all with 38 points. Runners-Up went to Carey Catherall with 37 points on count-backs from Matthew Wolski, Rhorgan O'Connor, and Scott Heywood, all with 37 points. Third Place went to Blake Wellington with 36 points.

Now to list the above results in a Graded result:

A Grade

First place went to Billy Perske with 38 points, runner-up went to Carey Catherall with 37 points and third place went to Blake Wellington with 36 points.

B Grade

First place went to Andy Johnson with 38 points, runner-up went to Matthew Wolski with 37 points and third place went to Chris Zilverschoon with 35 points.

Now that the sun is shining again and you wish to play a round of golf with friends or relatives, please phone the clubhouse on 5499 9960 or go to our website at www.malenygolfclub.com and book yourselves in at the time and date you would prefer to play.

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Bald Knob, Beerburrum, Beerwah, Belli Park, Cambronn, Conondale, Coochin Creek, Coolabine, Crohamhurst, Curramore, Elaman Creek, Glass House Mountains, Kenilworth, Kidaman Creek, Landsborough, Obi Obi, Peachester, Reesville, Valdora, Witta and Wootha areas from 19 Apr-19 May, 2021.

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Division 10 upgrades completed

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Reilly Road and Mayfield Street in Nambour recently had a road reseal, while the Quota Memorial Park barbecue shelter replacement and footpath project has now been completed. The upgrade included the removal of the existing shelter and construction of a new picnic shelter with new picnic setting, new single plate barbecue, bin, tap and integrated footpaths. The design includes provision for equal access and a pathway to the other areas and shelters.

Free tree day

I'm pleased to announce there will be a free tree day on Friday 14 May at the Railway Park in Yandina (opposite the Yandina Hotel) from 8-11am. Please pop down if you'd like to collect some new foliage and keep an eye on my Facebook page for event details.

Time for junior stars to shine

Primary school students are invited to enter the 2021 Sunshine Coast Get Ready Schools Competition. I'd love to see another school from Division 10 take the title again, after St Joseph's Nambour won last year.

All you have to do is create a 30-second video highlighting the importance of having a "WHAT-IF-PLAN" so everyone knows what to do when disaster strikes. See council's website for more information. Competition closes 30 April.

Have your say on Nambour parks

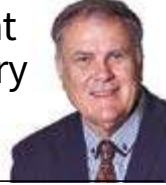
We have some great parks on the Sunshine Coast right here in Nambour and I'm sure many of us have experienced them on lots of occasions. That could be a relaxed picnic at one, exploring playgrounds with little ones, connecting with nature, improving your fitness or celebrating a special occasion – our local parks matter to many people for many reasons.

This is your last chance to have your say on Council's new Draft Sunshine Coast Recreation Parks Plan. This draft plan provides the framework for the delivery and management of functional and affordable recreation parks over the next decade.

Consultation closes this week on 16 April. Visit council's website and click on the "Have your say" tab for more information.

Shelter improved at Woombye Cemetery

Winston Johnston
Division 5 Councillor
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Visitors to the Woombye Cemetery now have an improved shelter available to them. The refurbishment has provided a much-needed facelift, restoring the shelter to near-new condition.

The upgrade delivered a new concrete pad, removal of the defunct storage shed and new pathway/handrail around the ashes wall.

Other works included repainting, replacement of rotten posts/new post supports, removal of the existing weather board wall, new seating, a new bin and stand and the safe removal of old sheeting.

New floodway

Maleny's concrete floodway on Bridge Creek Road (where it meets with Wells Road) will be replaced to improve safety for all road users and make future maintenance easier.

Works on the new concrete structure are expected to begin in late April and are anticipated to be finished by mid-July 2021 (weather and site conditions dependant).

Some undergrowth and vegetation immediately beside the existing floodway must be cleared to provide suitable room for construction of a side access track.

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries requirements have also been considered and fauna spotter catchers will be onsite during excavation and clearing to ensure the well-being of any wildlife.

Thanks for your understanding while works are underway and I urge you to pay close attention to any changed traffic conditions.

Mowing update

As you are no doubt aware, our region has recently experienced heavy rainfall and my office has been receiving requests regarding the length of grass or periods between mowing cycles. Unfortunately, the wet weather does cause delays to our green space maintenance, but council staff and contractors are hard at work servicing sites as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience. If you do see something that needs attention, you can log requests via council's website, livechat, phone 54 75 72 72, or email us at customerservice@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Working together to beat Covid

Rob Skelton
State Member for Nicklin
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I hope everyone had some fun and a chance to relax over the Easter break.

Thank you to everyone in the region for doing their part during the recent lockdown. It is only by working together as a community that we'll be able to beat COVID.

Please keep maintaining your hand hygiene, social distancing and wear a mask when required.

Change to rape defence law

During the last sitting week, the House passed two important pieces of legislation. The Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 was passed, which removes mistake of fact as a defence to rape and sexual assault.

By providing clarity in these laws, and making consent laws more accessible, and with better safeguards, we will have the strong legal system in place to keep more Queensland women safe and hold perpetrators to account.

We have enshrined in the Criminal Code principles like silence does not amount to consent, consent once given can be withdrawn and the self-intoxication of a defendant cannot be relied upon by that defendant to show that they were mistaken about whether or not consent was given and that was reasonable.

This will provide clarity for judges to properly direct juries and get better outcomes for victims.

The Child Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 also passed which seeks to improve permanency outcomes for children in the Child Safety system based on recommendations provided to the Government.

Travel bubble

From Monday April 19 Queenslanders will be able to travel freely to New Zealand without quarantining as part of the Trans-Tasman travel bubble! Our economic recovery is already the envy of the nation, and the travel bubble will only help add to that.

Contact
If you need to contact my office, you can reach them on 5406 4100 or at nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au

Killing 'Building Queensland'

Jeffrey Addison
Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



The 'Building Queensland Act 2015' received Assent on 6 November 2015.

It established Building Queensland (BQ) as an independent statutory authority on 3 December 2015.

In a nutshell, their role was a Queensland version of Infrastructure Australia.

They were to lead the development of detailed business cases for projects with an estimated capital cost of delivery of \$100 million or more and assist with those between \$50-100 million.

One of its very first tasks was to examine the Beerburrow to Nambour Rail duplication (B2N) and produce the Business Case.

That detailed Business Case (of which we only ever saw a summary) was presented to the Building Queensland Board in the final quarter of 2016.

I met with BQ in November 2016 for a briefing on the project.

What's interesting is the correspondence that the BQ Board Chair Mr Alan Millhouse received on 26 November 2020 from Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, Mr Stephen Miles MP.

What did they do to deserve this swift arbitrary dismissal?

In the letter it says that Mr Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer and then Minister for Infrastructure and Planning had issued a direction under Section 19 of the Act (on 7 September 2020) and advised that BQ would cease to be a statutory authority and that it was the Government's intention to introduce legislation to that effect as soon as possible.

I discovered this via an email from BQ on 25 March 2021.

The 7 September letter from Treasurer Cameron Dick stated they were to be moved into Queensland Treasury, this move was later changed to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP).

The BQ Board was advised to 'continue to work collaboratively' with Minister Miles' department (the DSDILGP) and implement their absorption via 'an orderly cessation of activities.'

This was before any cessation or repeal legislation had been passed.

No personnel were to be hired and no new activities were to begin.

The Chair had been appointed for his second three year term in December 2018 and his term wasn't due to expire until December 2021.

What did they do to deserve this swift arbitrary dismissal?

The answer may lie in an extraordinary letter received by the BQ Chair on 6 January 2021, this time sent by Mr Mark Ryan MP, on the Deputy Premier's letterhead, and as Acting Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

In it he reiterates the Deputy Premier's direction NOT to commence any new activities without consulting the Minister's Department (DSDILGP).

He then explicitly says; 'I also direct BQ to:'

- 'NOT exercise the function of preparing and maintaining the infrastructure pipeline document ...' (a small bell tingles)

- 'NOT exercise the function of giving the responsible Minister a copy of the updated infrastructure pipeline document ...' (alarm bells ringing)

- 'NOT exercise the publishing functions under Section 17 of the BQ Act except the requirement ... to publish a Ministerial direction.'

The answer may be in that mysterious infrastructure pipeline document that the Minister doesn't want to see.

Road Trips, Covid & Anzac Day

Ted O'Brien
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My team and I will be out and about across the electorate next week and we look forward to chatting with you at any of the following mobile office locations between 8.00 – 9.30am:

- Monday 19 April - MAROOCHYDORE. Dalton Dr (opposite the Bunnings car park)
- Tuesday 20 April - BRIGHTWATER. Brightwater Park, Freshwater St (opposite the shops)
- Wednesday 21 April - COOLUM BEACH. Tickle Park (near the Surf Club)
- Thursday 22 April - BLI BLI. Kingfisher Drive Park, cnr Parklakes Dr and Kingfisher Dr
- Friday 23 April - PEREGIAN SPRINGS. Cnr Peregian Springs Dr & Ridges Blvd

Anzac Day

I am pleased to hear that, at this stage, public services to commemorate ANZAC Day will go ahead this year and I look forward to joining you in paying tribute to all who have served our country.

For a full list of ANZAC Day events, please visit www.tedobrien.com.au or ring my office on 5479 2800.

Also, please look out for my quarterly newsletter, FAIRFAX NEWS, which includes an ANZAC Day tribute and will be hitting letterboxes this week. For more regular updates from me, sign up for my weekly e-newsletter via my website.

COVID vaccination roll-out

Updated medical advice has been provided for the COVID-19 vaccination program which has resulted in the decision to recommend the AstraZeneca vaccine only to those over the age of 50. It is now preferred that those under 50 take the Pfizer vaccine. The program is continuing, particularly for the most vulnerable Australians in Phase 1B including those over the age of 70 who are not impacted by this revised advice. Over a million vaccinations have been administered across Australia. For further information visit www.health.gov.au and discuss concerns with your health professional.

Joyce Newton OAM Memorial Bursary

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State Member for Glass House
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Ebony King is a brilliant year 12 student from Glasshouse Christian College. Last year she won my second annual Joyce Newton OAM Memorial Bursary and last month I welcomed Ebony and Jade (of Green Valley Fingerlimes) to Parliament. We shared a delightful evening with two of Joyce's children – Jen and Carl – and we all found it a pleasure to get to know Ebony more. With young people like her, Queensland's future is in safe hands.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund Round 107 of Queensland's Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants have brought \$100,536 into the Glass House electorate. There are three winners in the Gazette readership area sharing in the money:

- Maleny Rangers Football Club - \$16,035.76 to purchase a mower;
- Montville State School P&C - \$31,298.83 to install a digital noticeboard and signage;
- Peacheater Playgroup - \$10,472 to install shade sales; and

Applications for round 109 are open until 30th April. It's worth checking your eligibility at <https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants>

Flood monitoring sensors
The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will soon begin works to install flood monitoring cameras and sensors across several high-risk locations in the Glass House electorate. The sensors and still-image cameras will provide near real-time information to TMR, alerting them when water is approaching a road or bridge. The sensors provide TMR with the height of the water above or below the road, and this information will be used to minimise any bridge or roadway closure periods due to flooding impacts. Sensors will be installed at Elaman Creek in Conondale; Woombye-Montville Road at Jubilee Drive, Palmwoods (camera only); and Palmwoods-Mooloolah Road (Neill Road) at the Mooloolah River.

Internet coverage raises valid health concerns

Letter to the Editor

I'D like to make comment in response to recent letters regarding Hinterland NBN coverage and concerns of slow internet speeds and connectivity.

The Sunshine Coast Hinterland covers such a unique and natural landscape, it doesn't surprise me that many residents are conscious about their health.

Areas such as these also offer environmentally sensitive people a living space largely free from the saturation of environmental stressors found in built up urban areas.

I understand the concerns and frustrations about the speed of internet connection.

However, I don't believe that the installation of fixed wireless infrastructure will solve these problems and there are now people living in close proximity to towers who still do not receive fast and reliable connectivity.

The solution is not to build more wireless towers. The solution is to provide residents with fast, reliable and secure access through fibre internet with wired connectivity that is not adversely affected by the same interferences as wifi and is a much better option for those with sensitivities and other concerns.

My understanding is that the provision of fixed wireless may have been decided as the more cost effective option but considering the amount of complaints received, how cost effective is it really?

I don't believe it's about people having to move out of their home to meet their needs nor should communities be disadvantaged by having wireless and satellite as the only option for NBN. This is where people need to come together to find common ground as industry and government are more likely to listen if the demand is there.

— **Andrea Weber, Kilcoy**

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