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## Community cashes in on branch's giving nature ... Pages 14-15



Massive crowds flock to successful Street Fair prompting organisers to say ...

# Let's make it month

#### by Cameron Outridge

THE Nambour Street Fair on Saturday was hailed as such a success that organisers want to make it a monthly event.

The event, billed as a festival of food, saw Club Hotel Namba and the Royal George join forces with Tramco's regular TramFest and Council's Curated Plate. It featured street food, drinks, bands and entertainment - and thousands of people.

Tramco's Rhonda Billett estimated that more than 5000 people funnelled through Mill Street,



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which was closed for the day from Currie Street to the Tram Terminus. Even Small Change Espresso, which used the occasion to open at night for the first time, was packed out. Punters also flooded the Club Hotel Namba

and the Royal George, across the road. "It takes a lot of conversations, a lot of council funding and a lot of volunteers to put events like this on for Nambour," said Rhonda. "However, the economic benefits are very significant, and it is just something that we cannot overlook.

"Foot traffic in the Nambour CBD on Sat-

David & Tina

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urday was unlike anything the town has seen in years with a combination of the Swap Meet at the Show Grounds in the morning and then the Street Fair on from 12pm in the CBD.

"Every hospitality venue in the CBD was full and busy. The vibe was exceptional. "We will discuss these types of maxi-sized

CBD events in our next Nambour Groups meeting and see how we can keep these types of events in the calendar."

The next Tram Fest is set for Saturday

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## Town beat welcomed as mobile police up CBD

## presence

by Janine Hill

POLICE have neither confirmed nor denied they have upped their presence in Nambour's CBD despite rumours of a

month-long operation. A police vehicle, *pictured*, has been spotted in Low Street by various people during the latter half of July and talk around town is that it will be there for a month.

Locals on Facebook posted images and welcomed sightings of the Mobile Police Beat vehicle in town as activity increased noticeably

Loud, loutish, threatening, intimidating, drunken and drug-induced behaviour in the vicinity of Low Street, Short Street and "the square" has been a contentious issue in town

Some have called for an increased police presence to ensure public safety while others maintain that, according to crime statistics, Nambour was relatively safe, and safer than Noosa and Maroochvdore

When the Gazette contacted Nambour police station to confirm whether or not extra police were targeting the CBD area, the paper was referred to Police Media which issued a statement that did not refer specifically to the sensitive issue of downtown Nambour.

Instead, it said Nambour's new \$8.3 million station was staffed 24-7 with 30 officers.

"Like all police stations, the officer's numbers can fluctuate through absences including illness, injury, transfers, training and leave requirements however the staffing numbers



for Nambour station are considered appropriate to meet the policing requirements for the location," the statement said.

"Additionally, police from neighbouring divisions will provide support to officers from Nambour station when additional demands for policing services might occur," it also said.

"This is the borderless and priority policing approach adopted by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and applies to all police divisions across the Sunshine Coast."

The statement went on to point out that police were always out and about in the community and responding to calls.

"Although the front counter of the police facility may not be 'open' outside office hours, operational police from Nambour station are on duty 24 hours a day, actively patrolling, being visible in the Nambour community and responding to calls for service within

the Nambour division," it said.



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Success: TramCo's Greg Rogerson and Rhonda Billett. Finnerty and Piri Pairama.



Manning the bar at TramCo were Darren Sheppard, Pete Clark, Mandy Day and Ron King.





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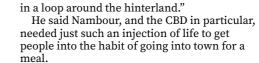
Paul Harley from the Club Hotel Namba was thrilled. He said every food vendor he spoke to was pleased and agreed he would like to see it

"All of them got their fair share of turnover and they would love to do it once a month. It was our biggest day in the bar, ever. Outside, the face painting lady painted over 200 kids. Our beer garden went well. That was the big-

"We want to help bring that community

"Next time we could even get some shuttle buses collecting people from nominated stops





"We know people will love our pub if they just come down and try us, but they have to come in first," he said. "So we were over the moon. It was standing room only."

Div 10 Cr David Law said businesses and market stall holders were thrilled with the turnout and their takings, and "we would love to see more Namba events like this in the future".

"The Curated Plate Namba Street Fair was a fabulous event that saw the community come out in the thousands to enjoy free live music, craft beer, gin, international street vendors and loads of free family entertainment."



Bridie Sheppard, Thea Sheppard, Matilda Spencer and Harriet Spencer.

LEFT: Nambour Senior Constables Matt Thornton and Carlie Morley took a stroll at the m fest before going back on patrol.



Natalie Brown, Sasha Vonarx, Alec Vonarx and Graeme Brown at the Club Hotel Namba





John, Louie, Debbie, and Josie Cupello catch up Josh Ebbstein, Debbie Townsend, Kate Ebbstein and Hamish Ebbstein all from Nambou







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## Rossco making a difference at **Palmwoods** Hotel

#### by Janine Hill

AS sure as the beer is cold, you will find Ross "Rossco" Dale selling raffle tickets at the Palmwoods Hotel on a Sunday afternoon.

Rossco has been the Sunday raffle man at the pub for 10 years and has raised thousands of dollars for Sunshine Coast sporting clubs and Wishlist during that time.

His raffle ticket sales raised \$12,875 last financial year to be split as 20% to each of the Nambour Hinterland AFL and Palmwoods Junior

Rugby League clubs, 10% to each the Palm-woods Cricket Club, the Palmwoods Warriors Football Club and SCARS, and 30% to Wishlist his chosen charity.

He spends about eight hours at the pub every Sunday trying to find buyers willing to part with a bit of cash for the chance to win a meat tray or a voucher. "I've been involved with sporting clubs all

my life. I started selling raffle tickets in Ipswich when I was about 18," he said. "It's just something I do. I'm not great at budgets and I'm a bit of a hot-head in meetings but I found my spot

#### **Hinterland Quarry Action** Group community meeting

HINTERLAND Quarry Action Group invites members of the public to attend its next Community Meeting on August 15 at 7pm at the Kureelpa Hall, Jewett Road Kureelpa.

Spokesperson Anne Veivers, said there would be updates on Sunshine Coast Council's plan to lease Dulong and Image Flat quarries to

a private commercial operator. Ms Veivers said the group had been busy

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Ross Dale, second from right, spends about eight hours at the pub every Sunday trying to find buyers willing to part with a bit of cash for the chance to win a meat tray or a vouche

selling raffle tickets for fundraising." His Sunday afternoon Palmwoods Hotel routine dates began with him selling raffle tickets to benefit the Nambour Toads rugby union club, where he was a manager and is a life member.

When he finished up the club four years ago, the Palmwoods Hotel invited him to continue selling tickets to raise money for other clubs and

community organisations that the pub sponsors. A disability pensioner, he looks at selling raffle tickets as his way of supporting the com-

munity which supports him. Rossco, a single bloke, said he did not have nearby family to visit and selling raffle tickets beat mowing the lawn on a Sunday.

representing the interests of hinterland communities and the natural environment in response to Council's plan.

"HQAG has an enormous amount of support from impacted residents throughout the Sunshine Coast hinterland. No one wants to see the council quarries put into private hands. The risks for residents, the local roads, environment and waterways are just too great.

Council has announced they intend to pubgust, with the intention of having a successful "I love doing it. I like being with people. I spend six or eight hours walking up and down the stairs so it's good exercise for me," he said. "If you're doing it for long enough, you get to know the people.

"The trick is that if someone has never bought a ticket from me before, I treat them the same as someone who might buy \$50 worth.

"I talk to them. You get to know them, what they do for a living, whose had a baby. "You learn to read a room when you've been

doing it long enough. It's just listening." If Rossco does not manage to sell all of his

tickets, he has been known to buy some himself and occasionally wins - but gives the meat tray away.

tions at Dulong and Image Flat by June 2024. HQAG is currently seeking free membership applications from interested people. Membership will help demonstrate the level of support the group has from the community. Forms will be available to complete at the meeting.

The group is also creating a formal committee structure. Nominations for committee positions are welcome. For info please contact Anne Veivers 0416155116 or email: aveivers@ iprimus.com.au follow Facebook pages: Hinterland Quarry Action Group or Image Flat Quarry





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# by Janine Hill

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"Kym said he might have gone around again. Some of them did World War Two as well," Bill

It turned out that customer John Hodder's grandad, Private William Neil Handebo, had also served during World War Two and should

Queensland Medals and More organised replacement medals and badges; Mike Korsos, of Korsos Photography, enhanced the worn old photo; and Chris McCleary of Apogee Trophies Sunshine Coast, engraved a small plaque with

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medals should be displayed. Staff also appreciated the significance of medals to their recipients and their families,

he said. "The men and women who served, particularly in those early conflicts, did not get a lot of recognition when they came back to Australia."

"All they did get was those medals and that makes them, in my view, precious and they need to be treated with reverence."

Bill said it was rewarding and an honour to bring history to life when framing medals and awards for customers.

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## Maleny's ambitious plan for an Ecological Wonder

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The plan sets out Council's vision to restore the 65ha site adjoining Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.

It seeks to deliver nature-based recreation, education and research, while protecting, celebrating and restoring the site's inherent environmental, natural and cultural heritage values.

Elements of the proposed park include walking trails, wetlands, a forest lookout tower, treetop boardwalks, events space, a community hub with café and facilities for research and operations.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said with the park's vision now set, Council would work to establish the required governance, plan staged design and delivery and explore strategic and financial partnerships to help realise the benefits of this once-in-a-generation park project. "This master plan is the result of years

of effort and cementing our partnerships is important to ensure this park fulfills its vision and becomes a place where our community can come together to care for nature," Mayor Jamieson said.

"We anticipate it will take decades to bring this vision to life and for these ecosystems to fully recover "We do this for our future, and for future

generations."



Maple Street Makeover: Have Your Say on Streetscape Improvements

SUNSHINE Coast Council is asking Maleny residents for feedback on streetscape improvement plans for Maple Street.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 5 Councillor Winston Johnston said the latest designs for a new look streetscape for the hinterland hub were well received at a community forum and Council was now ready for further feed-

"The elements included cooler shaded areas through street tree planting, safer and more accessible pathways and additional options for gathering, relaxing and soaking up the country atmosphere," Cr Johnston said. "We are on a journey to shape the next

chapter of Maleny's main street to ensure it's a greener, safer place that brings our community together. "You told us what is important to you during

last year's 'Review and Refresh' community engagement and since then we have listened and translated your voice into a design that

remains bustling and welcoming for all. "The streetscape improvements have been designed to ensure you feel safe day and night, encourage connection with cool, green and comfortable spaces to stop, sit and chat.

"It was also important to have easy access to traders with traffic calming, better pathway connections and crossings to enable everyone within our community to safely enjoy Maple Street all year round.

"I encourage our residents, visitors, traders and community groups to take a look at the proposed plan and let us know if these improvements can become a foundation for our community"

► An online survey will be open until August 20, 2023. Visit Council's Have Your Say website. www.haveyoursay.sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au/maleny-placemaking-and-streets-cape-project. Provide feedback before August 20, 2023.







Grade three students Rosie and Danny with Member for Glass House Andrew Powell MP.

## Montville students jumping for joy over playground plans

MONTVILLE State School is celebrating the announcement that they will be receiving significant funding to upgrade their playground.

Member for Glass House Andrew Powell MP reports that the school has been granted \$453, 757 under the 2023-24 Schools Subsidy Scheme to renovate and improve their playground and outdoor area.

"I recently popped into the school and met grade three students Rosie and Danny to hear their thoughts on the news," said Mr Powell.

"They were very excited about the possibili ties and eagerly shared their dreams for bigger and better play equipment. Fortunately, I know Principal Mr Adam Montgomery is keen to hear from the students and the parents on their ideas for the area.

"The school has been furiously fundraising and will be chipping in more than \$100,000 themselves. Combined, the funds will also allow them to address some long-standing drainage issues on the site of the playground," said Mr Powell.

The Schools Subsidy Scheme assists schools with the cost of projects that aim to enhance learning outcomes for students and the community. These are jobs that often fall outside of the scope of other infrastructure programs offered by the Department of Education. All Queensland state schools are eligible to seek funding to initiate projects.

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## Town feels the pinch as tourism slows, cost of living rises

#### by **Janine Hill**

BUSINESS owners in Montville are digging in as easing tourism, rising interest rates and changes in key businesses rattle trade. Montville IGA and post office, Montville

Woods Gallery and Montville Antiques say the pinch is being felt throughout town. "February and November are usually our two slowest months but June would have been like February," said Sam Ryva, who owns Montville

Antiques with her husband, Reinhard. Sam said customers held back around every Reserve Bank interest rates announcement but tourism was also down.

"We are noticing the interstate travellers but it's not like it was before covid. Normally, at this time of year, they would have done a family holiday but the airfares are too expensive," she said

"Suppliers in Sydney tell me business is bumping along down there but what happens in Sydney is that people come in or they might do a cruise and then they've got seven to 10 days at the end of that when they fly interstate. But they're not flying because of the cost of the airfares and flights being cancelled." Montville Woods Gallery owner Arabella

Lubbers said she felt like she was already in a recession "There's people around looking at things,

probably buying a coffee, but they're not actually shopping," she said.

Arabella said the cost of living was putting people off spending and free-spending overseas tourists were down but Maleny was also becoming more attractive to visitors and locals "I think we really need to do a shop local campaign because Maleny has the big



ents but tourism was also down.



Ann Wells is concerned about the impact of closures on other businesses.



Woolworths, IGA, bottleshop, and I think it's drawing a lot more people to go to Maleny because everything is there.

"I think they're only going to get stronger now that we've lost the doctor, and the pharmacy and the allied health behind are changing.

Ann Wells, who has owned the Montville IGA and post office for 16 years, said business was down a little but she was concerned about the impact on other businesses like hers from the

closure of the doctor's surgery and pharmacy. "Definitely, the foot traffic is down since the doctor's gone and with Natalie the pharmacist going, it's a great big empty square now," she said.

Ann called on locals, both residents and businesses, to support locals and shop locally when possible. "We have a population of about 1000 in the Montville area and I don't know how many would be local people who come in regularly," she said.



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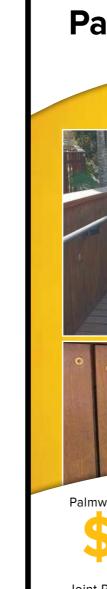
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Residents fear domino effect following medical centre and

MONTVILLE'S only medical centre closed at the beginning of the year and now the chemist has moved to Mapleton, with locals fearing a domino effect of further closures.

Montville Pharmacy owner, Natalie Lindner, said the decision to close was the result of a "It has been a triple whammy of difficulties

that have all come at a similar time," she said. "First of all we used to gain a rural incentive, which was helpful to do what we do. But the Modified Monash Model has meant that we have a significant difference in our classification to surrounding towns, which means that we don't attract any rural funding.

"The second difficulty has been the doctors leaving, of course, that's been a main thing. When you don't have a doctor in a community, it does have a domino effect and our pharmacy has significantly suffered as a result of that. "The third major difficulty was the 60-day

dispensing policy. This policy that the govern-ment announced with no consultation to community pharmacy is such that it is reducing the cost of living for Australians, which is a great thing. But they've gone about it in a way that has meant that that funding that we have in our dispensary is drastically reduced, halved, in fact, which means that we cannot keep doing what we're doing and maintain viability.

"So the government made a promise that with this policy, no pharmacy and no community and no patient would be worse off as a

Ms Lindner said the only silver lining to the situation was the opportunity to merge with

"By joining together, we can offset some of



Montville Pharmacy owner Natalie Lindner and Fisher MP Andrew Wallace. "We cannot keep doing what we're doing and maintain viability."

those costs and maintain viability. We do plan to have a delivery service back to the Montville area, and we are also planning to have a pickup points in the local IGA here because we want to encourage people to still come into Montville to do their regular shopping."

#### Petition raised 775 signatures

Fisher MP Andrew Wallace said he and the community made appeals to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler. "Natalie along with the local Chamber of Commerce, worked really hard to keep this pharmacy viable by putting out a petition, which was to try and keep a doctor in Montville. Natalie secured 775 signatures on a petition, which I tabled in parliament. But those requests for Montville to have its own doctor fell on deaf ears."

Mr Wallace said the very people in rural and regional areas the government was trying to help by reducing the cost of pharmaceuticals were going to be the ones most affected by closures.

"I think it's important to recognise that it's one thing to try and ease the cost of living for everyday Australians. That might be okay in some respects in the city where there are multiple pharmacies in a small area. But not if, in so doing, you make it economically unviable for community pharmacies (in rural and regional areas) to operate.

"If there's no pharmacy to actually dispense those medications then, clearly, those people are going to be adversely impacted upon and no one wins out of that."

#### 'Cheaper medicines'

Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said the government was delivering cheaper medicines through the 60-day prescriptions policy.

"This will halve the cost of medicines for more than six million Australians, including pensioners, who are living with an ongoing health condition," he said

"Dispensing medicines is complex and critical, but it's not the only reason Australian pharmacies are so highly valued. "Every single dollar saved by the government

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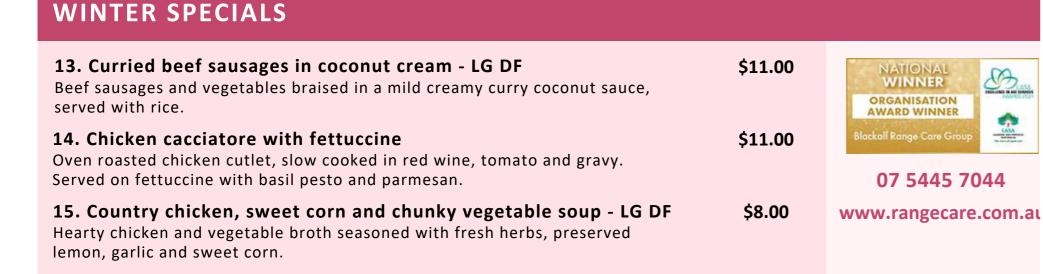
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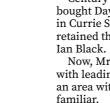
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Mr Black said.

"So we are now ramping up as opposed to what I was doing, just servicing those who came along and said, 'Ian, can you look after my commercial property? "We're going to be more active

AGENTS are optimistic of a successful sale of Secrets on the Lake at Montville as expressions of interest draw to a close on the estimated \$20m luxury accommodation venue. Secrets on the Lake at 207 Narrows Road, on Lake Baroon, has been described

by sales agents as a "rare gem" and it is the second time the luxury accommodation retreat has been listed for sale in one year.

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## Century 21

## Nambour adopts a focus

### by Cameron Outridge

A Nambour real estate agency is taking on the big guns with plans commercial real estate.

bought Day & Grimes agency in Currie Street, rebranded and

an area with which he is already familiar

"Gary has retained my services to help develop a strong local commercial department within Century 21,"

# on commercial

to expand their services to include

Century 21's Gary De Paoli recently retained the services of its principal

Now, Mr Black has been tasked with leading the commercial arm,

in the commercial realm and we

## Rare gem for sale again

It opened to expressions of interest in September 2022 before being taken off the market 61 days later. The 15ha property includes 800 metres of lakefront land, and has been built over a 20 year period to include tree houses. an owner's villa, wedding chapel and restaurant.

want to make people aware that this

opportunity exists to deal with truly

local agents with local knowledge.

"So if people in town need any

advice, we're there for you. We're

looking to expand that business

in Nambour and the hinterland.

Already someone has said, 'I'm

noticing a lot of Century 21 signs

going up in windows in town', so

The property comes with approvals in place to develop the land further should the new owners wish.



Century 21 Principal Gary De Paoli, left, with Ian Black who will lead the

that's great. We're getting noticed." Led by Principal Gary De Paoli, the acquisition of leading Nambour agency Day & Grimes this year was the second Century 21 office for the award-winning agent. Mr De Paoli's business has gone

from strength to strength since he joined the global real estate network in late 2019.



George and Aldy Johnson, owners of Secrets on the Lake



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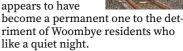
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## 'Temporary' train solution turns into a nightmare for locals

#### y Janine Hill

A TEMPORARY solution to mould and odour issues in Queensland's new trains



In 2020, the then-Queensland Rail boss said train air-conditioners were running 24/7 as a temporary way to address mould and odour in next generation rollingstock.

Three years later, Woombye residents are still listening to the noise of train air-conditioners from the rail stabling yards all night.

James Kasmer, who lives a good 100m, if not more, from the rail stabling yards, said the noise could be heard most nights. "It's similar to the noise of a prop

plane sitting on the tarmac," he said. He said the noise was quite noticeable given the otherwise low or

non-existent level of noise in town. "Woombye's quite a quiet place at

night," he said. James said QR had tried to accommodate the needs of residents by turning off the rail stable lights at night and minimising the use of klaxon signals early in the morning so he could not fathom why the air-conditioning was being left on all night

He has written to the current QR CEO Kat Stapleton and next generation rollingstock executive about the issue but said they had not responded.

The Gazette submitted questions

to QR about whether mould continued to be an issue on the trains and why the air-conditioner were being left on most nights.QR, which looks after the

rail stable, forwarded the enquiry to Transport and Main Roads, which owns the trains and the Translink division supplied the following statement, attributed to a spokesman. "Several years ago commuters

complained of odour issues in some NGR trains. This issue was found to be caused by humidity in the trains while they were being stabled," the statement said.

"As an interim solution, air-conditioning was run on NGR trains while being stabled to reduce humidity.

"A permanent solution was subse quently implemented for the fleet's stabling mode.

"This mode provides optimal air-conditioning settings to reduce humidity while also being energy efficient.

"TMR has not received any complaints regarding the odour issue since the implementation of this solution.

"Following noise complaints from neighbours, Queensland Rail commissioned independent consultants to conduct noise testing at residences to the east of the Woomby stabling yard.

"It found that operation of the stabling yard, including the NGR air-conditioning systems, was not a dominant noise source in the local environment and was around normal ambient levels."



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**Company creates a buzz as** interest grows in beekeeping

#### by Janine Hill

THE apiary section of this year's Sunshine Coast Show was given a boost by a local business supporting a growth in beekeeping.

When Bee Positive, Yandina, was approached to offer \$100 in sponsorship for the section, it responded not only in the affirmative but put up \$1400 in vouchers.

"I'm just trying to bring more incentive for people for more people to put things into the show," said owner Steve Kitney.

Steve said interest in beekeeping had grown massively not only locally but throughout the world over the past few years.

"Not so much Australia but a lot of countries are having a shortage of bees and basically, if you don't have bees, you don't have food production," he said.

nterest in beekeeping.

#### as a response to a slow down in Steve's previous business, which manufactured motorcycle trailers and sold motorcycle tow bars.

"Business had dropped off and we had a mortgage to pay, a couple of them," he said. "I was a beekeeper and started doing a little

section in our showroom as beekeeping and it took up the whole factory."

of equipment. So far this year, I've already brought in five or six containers."

gest stores of its kind in Australia and sells everything that beekeepers, from hobbyists to professionals, need, including hives, tools and clothing, and reference books.

Steve said beekeeping was not as hard as some people thought and the key was to make it as easy as possible with suitable gear.

becomes a chore, it doesn't get done," he said.

"In our first year, I brought in one container

Bee Positive has become one of the big-



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## **General's Gin helps** fund vital land mine clearing in Ukraine

across the globe.

It's the latest of their special edition bottles raising funds to help Ukraine clear land mines amidst the ongoing conflict with Russia. Ukraine's Ambassador to Australia, Vasyl Myroshnychenko, launched the new gin in Woombye on Friday. Sunshine & Sons founder Matt Hobson said proceeds from the sales of this gin would contribute to purchasing metal detectors used for humanitarian de-mining in Ukraine. "This limited edition celebrates friendship between peoples, countries, cultures, and individuals. We're raising a glass to the power of friend-

ship and peace in Ukraine," said Mr met that share our desire for peace.

#### From Woombye with love:

#### by Cameron Outridge

SUNSHINE & Sons' General's Friend ship Gin is not just a delightful addition to your home bar - it's a bottle with a mission that could save lives

Hobson. "It's not easy to be a small local business doing big things on an international scale but it's the least we can do for friends we have never

On International Friendship Day we are very proud that our small business has helped to raise a significant amount of money that is making a

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Fisher MP Andrew Wallace, Ukraine Ambassador to Australia Vasyl Myroshnychenko, Matt Hobson and Fairfax MP Ted O'Brien MP at Sunshine & Sons Woombye Distillery. BELOW: The three special edition bottles for Ukraine.

difference to people." For each bottle sold, approximately \$34 will be added to the already impressive \$150,000 Sunshine & Sons has raised for this cause. The gin's label artwork, features Ukrainian General Valerii Zaluzhnvi in a sunflower fielď. Mr Hobson said all funds went direct to purchasing mine detectors which were flown to Ukraine by

the RAAF.

Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace praised Sunshine & Sons' efforts and welcomed Ambassador Myroshnychenko to the Sunshine Coast.

"Australia stands in solidarity with Ukraine. It's a privilege to show His Excellency our beautiful part of the world and our support for Ukraine," said Mr Wallace.

The Ambassador, who has been in Australia for just over a year, expressed gratitude for the support,



saying he now understands the true meaning of mateship. He commended Sunshine & Sons' support

of Ukranians in their plight. Federal Member for Fairfax. Ted O'Brien, who also appeared on a limited-edition Ted's Gin at the Woombye Distillery, lauded Sunshine & Sons' success story and their contribution to a greater cause. "Their efforts remind us of the importance of friendship and helping those in need," Mr O'Brien said

## A year later, and Council shrugs off 1000 people on parking concerns

In the meantime, petitioner has closed her doors, gone online

#### by Janine Hill

IN the time it has taken the council to respond to a business owner's petition for parking improvements in Nambour, she has decided to close her shopfront.

Debra Lawson, the owner of ethical fashion and homewares store Gatherer, has taken her business 100 percent online and she rated parking as a contributor to her closing her doors

"Businesses in Nambour need foot traffic and you don't have foot traffic if you don't have convenient parking," she said

"People need somewhere to park their cars if they're going to get out and walk around the CBD.'

Debra has been under-whelmed by the Sunshine Coast Council's response to a petition of more than 1000 signatures she gathered last year calling for parking improvements. Although she had received a couple of phone calls and an unexpected visit from a council officer in response to the petition, it took the council 10 months to formally reply.

When the apologetic council letter arrived, it said current parking time frames were sufficient, that parking was patrolled, and that the council and a local association had developed an online parking map for Nambour.

Debra said people were hardly



Deb Lawson last year gathered over a thousand signatures on her parking petition

going to go online and pre-plan their parking in Nambour, or "pull over into one of the non-existent car parking spaces and check their phone for a parking space". She said Nambour needed a

multi-level carpark, or a mixture of one, two and three hour on-street parking, or centre parking and traffic calming in Currie Street.

Parking had been an issue in town for decades yet the council had failed to make meaningful change, she said

"This is not about me and my little shop. This is about an ongoing, generational need and it's going to be more of a need," she said.

"More people are moving to the area. I don't think there is enough parking based on our growing population that's obvious and all we want as locals is the town to thrive."

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# Bank contributes 269k Palmwoods' Heritage Community Branch

LAST Saturday night, the 29th of July, the Palmwoods Hotel layed host to the Heritage Bank almwoods Community Branch and their guests as the Branch Directors and staff handed out a staggering \$269,027 in community sponsorships to hardworking local groups and organisations. As always, it was a fun and colourful evening that served to underline the tremendous sense of community, camaraderie and connection which has been carefully nurtured by the Branch for 17 years.

The figure included \$170,027 in individual sponsorships awarded to the Palmwoods Community, and it also included a presentation to Div 5 Sunshine Coast Councillor Winston Johnston of \$99,000 for the Palmwoods Skate Shade Cloth Project. This is a joint venture between Palmwoods Heritage Community Bank and Sunshine Coast Council to provide shade for the skate park.

The Heritage Bank Palmwoods Community Branch is a joint-venture between Heritage Bank and the local Palmwoods community, represented by Palmwoods Community Branch Ltd (PCB). It was established after 99 local investors raised \$200,000 in capital to help set up the branch in 2006. Under the Heritage community branch model, the PCB's share of the profits then goes back to the community via sponsorships to dedicated local organisations and community events and projects that will benefit the Palmwoods community.

"On behalf of the Directors and staff of the Branch, I want to thank everyone who supports our bank," said Director Audrey Lyttle.

"The operations of the bank would not be possible without community support, and I can't overemphasise how important it is to come into the Branch to do your banking. Apart from the fact that the personal service is what sets our Branch apart, it allows us to give back to our community in the form of our community sponsorships," she said.

"The more our branch is supported, the more we can contribute to our wonderful community."

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Below are the 2023 successful sponsorship applications and the amounts awarded.





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## **Calls for** action as homeless numbers tipped to hit 3000

#### by Janine Hill

A REGISTER of homeless people on the Sunshine Coast and Noosa council areas is expected to reach about 3000 names. Camillo Prima-

vera has been distributing and col-

lecting register forms in the Nambour region as a member of the My Place movement. My Place is described as an Australia-wide

community of men and women interested in learning about issues affecting people and the region

It describes its goal as "to implement a project that allows us to step away from the current systems that are not serving our best interests"

My Place intends to use the register as evidence of the scale of homelessness and to convince governments to provide housing support

Camillo expects the register to gather the names of about 3000 people who are homeless, about to become so, or who have recently been homeless.

He who attended the release of the Sunshine Coast Council's Housing and Homeless Action Plan on 27 July, said there seemed to be no consideration given to immediate action.

He said some changes to the council's tiny home and granny flat by-laws helped but did not solve the problem

"They passed a resolution that allowed more than one person to reside in there that doesn't have to be a relative and gives people 18 months to stay there so they are coming up with solutions," he said.

"But I said to the mayor, 'Have you considered what you are going to do right now, at this very moment'?"

"Right now, there are people living in tents and sleeping in cars."

Camillo said the Nambour showground was designated as crisis shelter and there was currently a housing crisis.

He hopes to meet with council officers in the near future to discuss the use of the showgrounds as a safe place for people to stay.

· Meanwhile, Mayor Mark Jamieson said, like many regions in south east Queensland and across Australia, the Sunshine Coast was experiencing significant housing affordability

challenges and increased homelessness. "Council recognises the housing crisis is a situation that is difficult to quickly rectify," Mayor Jamieson said.

"The Sunshine Coast Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2023 will help build on our existing commitments and provide support for our community."

However, at a recent meeting Div 5 Cr David Law said that while Council's recently adopted action plan was a step in the right direction, he wondered what it would actually do to address

"If I speak for a homeless person who might be looking at this report and this plan we've put together, what's changed?," he said. "What difference will there be for me

tomorrow?' His question was met with applause from the

gallery which included Mr Primavera.



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Letters to the Editor

The Sunshine Valley Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Please keep your letters short (300 words maximum). All things being equal, preference is given to interesting, shorter letters, on local matters of general interest.

#### **Excess mortalities: Surely** this is a national tragedy

Does anyone have the sense, like I do, that apparently fit and healthy people (even elite athletes) are dving unexpectedly

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) calculated that in 2021, Australia's excess mortality, that is, the percentage of deaths above the average number of deaths from all causes, was about +10.9 percent.

Similar rises in excess mortality have been documented in most western nations over the same periods. The Life Insurance industry, who obviously have a keen interest in the rate at which people die and the age at which they die, claims that the probability of such an event (excluding wartime) is about one year in every thousand – in other words, a rare event.

Unfortunately, the ABS has also calculated that Australia's excess mortality for 2022 was about +9.1 percent.

Those with a basic knowledge of probability will readily calculate that the likelihood of two consecutive years of around 10 percent excess mortality is one in a million years - an extremely rare event indeed.

Worse still, is that this particular burden of excess mortality appears to be falling on the young and middle aged, rather than the elderly and infirm

Surely this is a national tragedy. One would imagine that deaths of this nature and on such a scale, in a country like Australia, would focus the minds of our politicians and the upper echelons of our health bureaucracies like few other matters could.

And yet, with literally a handful of exceptions, our elected representatives and their retinue of institutions for which we pay, have studiously ignored what to some of us sounds like an ambulance siren at close quarters.

- Donald Meyers, Palmwoods

### Correction

A Letter to the Editor in the last Gazette stated that the recent Camellia House Open Day in Palmwoods raised \$500 for charity. In fact, the Open Day, staged by Peter and Doreen Briggs, raised \$5000 for charity. - Ed

## Police numbers not keeping pace with Nambour growth

As a retired police officer, I wish to comment on a recent statement in your newspaper from the Member for Nicklin, Mr Rob Skelton, concerning the investment in police front line services.

I retired from the Queensland Police Service in 2013, after 29 years service. The last ten years of that service being at Nambour Police Station

There is no doubt that the new police station at Nambour is most welcome by the staff and that it was long overdue. However, that new police station is just a building, it is the people working from that building that provide the front line services.

As I am retired on the Sunshine Coast, there are occasions when I get to speak with former colleagues.

When the conversation gets to staffing, they're telling me that staff levels haven't improved since I retired

That's nearly ten years ago.

And staff levels at Nambour certainly didn't increase in the 10 years that I was there. If you take the population increase over the

last 20 years and compare it against the current police numbers in Nambour some might even argue that things are going backwards.

Now, senior police managers will argue that the QPS is a mobile service and that police from other divisions can easily respond to "calls for service" in the Nambour Division.

Very true, but where will those police go when they have finished their "job" in Nambour? Back to their own division of course.

So that your readers in Nambour can judge for themselves if there has been an adequate investment in front line services, perhaps the Member for Nicklin could advise the following Nambour police staffing numbers through your newspaper:

· Recommended strength and actual strength for Nambour Station when Annastacia Palaszczuk became Premier in 2015.

· Recommended strength and actual strength for Nambour Station today.

I am of the view than the government has failed to ensure police numbers have kept in line with population increases in Nambour and the rest of the State.

This is a criticism of the government and not of the hard-working police who have to provide those front line services.

- Name & address supplied



## Health crisis inspires Obi Lodge owner's journey home

### y **Janine Hill**

AFTER 18 years in Canada, Anita Desmet decided to return to Australia and gave friends a description of the type of property she would like to buy.

Those friends happened to be renovating a Mapleton house to flip that matched Anita's shopping list and she was sold.

The property was tenanted until January 2024 so Anita rented elsewhere but did not give up on being in her house in time for her 50th birthday, a wish she wrote on a piece of paper and tucked into a diary. "I set the intention there," she said.

A few months later, the tenants parted ways and Anita moved into the house while one swapped into her rental.

"We even used the same removal truck. You couldn't imagine it," Anita said.

Anita, a personal trainer and trained

commercial pilot who has run her own bed and breakfast and catering businesses, is no stranger to goals and determination.

In 2010, she was diagnosed with a tumour and given four months to live but has managed to keep the

growth at bay with healthy living. She is now keen to help others live their best

lives and Obi Lodge, obilodge.au, is central to

A fully self-contained one-bedroom apartment on the lower-level is available for shortterm let but the upper level or whole house is available for workshops or weekend retreats.

"The whole house can be opened up for groups, for example women's retreats or workshops that I might hold myself or bring in other speakers or people might come in and rent the space and I might cater for them - I'm flexible," she said.

Anita sold up in Canada after the end of her second marriage and returned to the Sunshine Coast with two suitcases, a PA system and a plan. "I'm a big girl and I've experienced a lot in life and I've lived in a few different countries so I can do this," she said.

#### 'I *am* the poor people': Fear, drugs, police raids in the suburbs

I've lived in Nambour for over 30 years, and I'm absolutely fed up with feeling wary and nervous of walking through the town, seeing aggressive and confrontational behaviours and feeling unsafe in my own damned street.

Since druggos moved in to our once-quiet street, it has become a dumping ground for abandoned, stolen cars, daily drug deals outside my home, unsavoury characters loitering around day and night. I've never called the police so much as I have in the past 12 months.

If the crime rates are down, there is a good chance it's because people have given up reporting incidents. In our street, the neighbours down my end either don't want to report because they fear reprisals, or aren't home when a lot of the behaviour is happening.

Working from my home office, I see illegal activity all day, every day. Recently a special operations taskforce raided the house in the street - scared the heck out of us to see 20-odd police in tactical gear with guns and dogs surrounding the house, loud-hailer blaring etc.

They all got taken off to the lock-up for the night, but were soon home and back to their old tricks. If I could afford it, I'd get my family the hell out of here.

Many of us who have lived here peacefully for 10-plus years are tearing our hair out, and unfortunately we take our money outside of town in order not to have to deal with the possibility of being intimidated while we're trying to go about our business in town.

I don't let my parent go into town alone any more, and definitely don't let them withdraw cash without me being there to keep watch.

Of course we have homeless people and the community readily and regularly supports those who are genuinely needing assistance. Poorly managed mental health is definitely a problem, but labelling this sort of anti-social behaviour as being a mental health problem is a convenient catch-all and not representative of people who live with mental illness and stay within the law. Neither is the 'you're just picking on poor people' defence - I am the poor people!

The increase in anti-social and aggressive behaviour, in my opinion is driven by drug and alcohol dependence. A walk through town on any given day is revealing. I have wandered the streets of some of the biggest cities in the world, alone, at night, but I would never do that in Nambour. It's so sad.

I have noticed the increased police presence lately, and welcome it with open arms. - Name & Address supplied

## Range tourist venues up for sale

#### / Janine Hill

FOUR to five years after they were purchased, three of the Range's top tourist haunts are back on the market.

Clouds Montville, Clouds Mapleton, formerly known as Tanglewood Gardens, and the Barrel@ Clouds Vineyard, known locally as the Big Barrel, at Maleny, have been put up for sale.

Realestate.com shows that the three properties changed hands in 2018 and 2019 for between \$2 million and \$2.6 million each.

They were bought by companies owned by Michael Fallon, a former partner in Brisbane accountancy firm, and his wife Sue, who live on Brisbane's northern outskirts.

The properties are being sold by expressions of interest through Savills under the instructions of voluntarily appointed administrators, Worrells.

Under voluntary administration are Fallon companies including Maleny Mountain Wines, formerly RV Management Services; Live Life Care Limited, formerly Whitehouse Care; Clouds Retreats; Northbrook Village; and Paddington Grove.

Paul Nogueira, of Worrells, said the directors had appointed administrators because they wanted to wind down their affairs and retire. Mr Nogueira expected that unsecured creditors would be paid in full once the properties were sold and the remainder of the funds

would go back to the holding company. He said there were "very few" unsecured

creditors. "Most of the money is owed to the actual holding company," he said. ASIC records show the Fallons' companies

Blue Chip Computing, which is a shareholder in Maleny Mountain Wines, and Daintree Investments, which is a shareholder in Bluer Chip Computing, and Mr Fallon's company, Celebrus Enterprises, are not in administration

## What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

widespread interest

Yandina.

August 4: Arts Alive Maleny street festival. Installations, dance, puppetry, theatre, comedy, poetry, and pop up workshops, along with a range of intimate gatherings in local cafes and restaurants, artisan stalls and more

August 5: **Rugby League**, SCGRL Round 16 at 6pm, Nambour A Grade Men v Caloundra A Grade Men at Crusher Park. ► August 5: Australian Football, last round, Hinterland QFA Div 1 v Mayne QFA Div 1 Seniors 2pm at Palmwoods G Rae Oval, Jubilee Drive, Palmwoods.

▶ August 5: Sunshine Linus Open Day at Uniting Church Hall, Coronation St, Nambour from 9am to 3pm. Admission \$10 which includes a yummy home-made morning tea. Enquiries: sunshinelinus@ gmail.com

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August 5: FQPL3 Football, Nambour-Yandina United v Gympie at 6pm at

► Aug 5: Football FQPL Woombye Snakes v Beerwah Glasshouse Utd at Woombye,

August 5: Battle for Nambour skateboard challenge will be held at the Nambour skatepark in Quota Park. August 5: National Tree Day planting event at the Maleny Ecological Park from

9.30am-12.30pm. See Andrew Powell's column page 25. • August 6: Monica Trapaga and her band

perform in Maleny at 2pm. Bookings malenvartscouncil.com

▶ August 8: Nambour Library hosting a **multicultural morning** from 10am – 12 noon with artist Hayden Hack performing. ▶ August 11-12: Pianist Konstantin

Shamray plays at Lucas Parklands, Montville - for recitals in August and September.

**Montville Village** 

Association AGM

are interested.

Montville

THE Montville Village Association (MVA) will

be holding its AGM on Wednesday 18 October.

The meeting will take place at 5.30pm in the

We are looking for new members to join our

management committee, please contact the

secretary at secretary.mva@gmail.com if you

Membership to the MVA is free and open

The MVA aims to represent the views of the

local community on matters associated with the

progress and development of Montville, to pro-

vide and support social structures to maintain a

healthy and vibrant community, and to manage

Sports and Recreation Grounds fairly. For infor-

the Montville Village Hall and the Montville

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THE biggest caravanning event on the Coast

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Expo is rolling into the Nambour Showgrounds

feature over 90 exhibitors showcasing the latest

for three days from Friday, August 18 to 20.

The annual caravan industry event will

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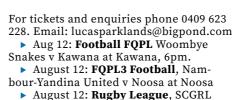
tend outing for all caravanning enthusiasts.

Tickets via www.tickets.oztix.com.au.

camping accessories and is billed as a must-at-

to all who have an interest and affinity to

Montville Village Hall, doors open at 5pm.



Round 17 at 6pm, Nambour A Grade Men v Caboolture at Crusher Park. ▶ August 10-13: The Rangebow Festival. More than 30 events, including theatre, cabaret, food, live music, creative workshops. Tickets on sale now. Some events free. Visit www.therangebowfestival.org.

▶ August 11, 12: Konstantin Shamray solo recital at Lucas Parklands, Montville. Contact 0409 623 228 or 07 5478 5667 for tickets.

► August 13: Maroochy River Country Music Club 30th birthday celebration commencing at 11.30am, Country Hall of Fame on Steggalls Road, Yandina. 0458 671 568.

August 15: Hinterland Quarry Action Group community meeting, Kureelpa Hall, Jewett Road Kureelpa 7pm. All welcome: aveivers@iprimus.com.au or 0416 155 116. August 15: QCWA Maleny hosts a food

label reading workshop at Maleny Community Centre, Bicentenary Meeting Room. Limited spots! RSVP to judystubbs1@gmail. com or 0411 647 140. Gold coin donation.

► August 16: Suncoast Christian College Open Morning. Book your spot to explore the new purpose-built Primary Precinct via www.suncoastcc.qld.edu.au/open-morning. August 18 to 20: Caravan & Outdoor

Expo, Nambour Showgrounds. Tickets via www.tickets.oztix.com.au. ► August 19: **Rugby League**, SCGRL

Round 18 at 6pm, Kawana A Grade Men v Nambour. > August 19: FQPL3 Football, Nam-

bour-Yandina United v Coolum at 6pm at Yandina.

► August 20: Australian Voices ensemble performs at at Maleny Community Centre. Tickets via www.malenyartscouncil.com. Concert 2pm Sunday 20 August.

August 25: Get-together lunch at Stone**bridge** for participants (own cost). RSVP to genealogysc@gmail.com or 07-5329-2315 for menu choice.

August 26: Genealogy Sunshine Coast Open Day. Explore our library resources and get help from volunteers. Southern QLD's great family history collection.

► Aug 26: Football FQPL Woombye Snakes v Noosa Lions at Woombye, 6pm.

**Battle for Nambour** Comp to showcase local skateboarding talent and highlight Olympic pathways

A SKATEBOARD competition at Nambour will prove that it's not only the coast that gets the cool

The Battle for Nambour will be held at the Nambour skatepark in Ouota Park on Saturday 5 August and follows the successful Dicky Beach Bash which celebrated the upgrade of that skatepark.

"At that competition, one of the Nambour skaters said, 'Can we do this in Nambour?' That was about two years ago and I've finally got around to making it happen," said skate coach Kodan Lynam.

The Battle will include categories for eight and under, 13 and under, 18 and under, girls and women, a highest ollie event and best tricks jam.

Even non and novice skaters will get a look in with free skate lessons from 8am before the competitive skating starts at 10.30am. Kodan said the "battle" theme for the competition was inspired by the location, opposite the RSL and adjacent to the cenotaph, and the skating conditions at

Nambour. "I'm really leaning into what's already there. It's a grungy, harder park to skate. You get slammed," he said.

"You're really coming into a battle if you go to Nambour skatepark in contrast to Dicky Beach, which is more cruisy." Kodan expects at least 30 competitors, including young skaters on the Olympic

pathway. "It's really quite profound, how much talent there is in Nambour skatepark," he said.

"You get to watch dudes who travel the world and compete and you wouldn't know it."

Kodan encouraged people to make the most of the free skate lessons at the Battle of Nambour.



Local skateboarder Taj Boyle in action.

"All you need is closed in shoes. We supply the helmets, skateboards, pads." > To preregister for the Battle of Nambour, link in @coachkodan on Instagram.

The Battle for Nambour is supported by Slothy Skateboarding Lessons, Pools Supply Co, Douglas Media, Boardstore Skate Shop, Theeve Trucks, Sunshine Coast Collective Mar kets, Sunshine Coast Council, Ice Block Skate Wax, Eternal Skateboards, and the Crafters Heart, Nambour.

## <u>Australia's highest regarded:</u> **Pianist returns to Montville**

#### Richard Bruinsma

RUSSIAN concert pianist Konstantin Shamray will return to his favourite Queensland performance venue - Lucas Parklands, Montville – for recitals in August and September.

The Siberian-born maestro will perform a romantic solo recital on August 11 and

"Konstantin is Australia's highest regarded residential concert pianist, that's undisputed, so it's lovely that he has again agreed to visit my home and to play for us in Montville. It's simply fantastic," Ian Lucas, of Lucas Parklands, said.

"He always finds time to come and play here once or twice a year, and that's very

Mr Shamray was born in Siberia and studied in Moscow. In 2008 he came to Australia as a late entrant to the Sydney International Piano Competition, which

After commuting between Moscow and Australia, he eventually settled in Australia and now has residency and is a professor of piano at the Elder ConservaThe Lucas Parklands concert audito-

torium of Music, Adelaide.

rium, nestled among 30 acres of pristine and undisturbed rainforest near Lake Baroon, Montville, has a growing reputation for attracting world class artists and programs

"French concert pianist Pascal Rogé, who played at Lucas Parklands twice 12 and 14 years ago, said he believed, for its size, it is one of the two best performance venues in the world," Mr Lucas said.

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

Mr Shamray will also present two piano concertos on September 16 and 17, in company with other performers, where he will perform Mozart's Concerto No 21 - the most famous of Mozart's concertos and the Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 2, which is widely described as the greatest piano concerto ever written.

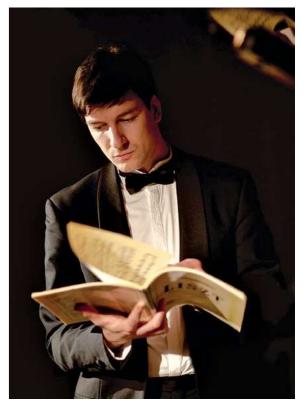
**For tickets and enquiries phone** 0409 623 228 /07 5478 5667. Email: lucasparklands@bigpond.com

#### Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

HERE'S what's showing now at Majestic Cinemas in Nambour.

Now Showing: Barbie (Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling); Oppenheimer (Christopher Nolan film starring Cillian Murphy and Emily Blunt); Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning (Tom Cruise); The Miracle Club (comedy/ drama with Maggie Smith) and from August 3rd The Meg 2 (Jason Statham).

**For more information on session times** please visit www.majesticcinemas.com.au or phone 5441 2954.



Konstantin Shamray settled in Australia and is a professor of piano at the Elder Conservatorium of Music Adelaide.

#### Monica Trapaga in Maleny on Sunday

MONICA Trapaga is a singer, author and actor. She was also a much loved presenter on Play-

Her first love however is jazz! Monica and her band of brilliant musicians will be in Maleny on Sunday 6 August at 2pm.

An afternoon with Monica is an intimate experience of a passionate artist, sharing her favourite tunes and tales of a life well lived. Don't miss it!

Bookings and further information malenyartscouncil.com

### Yandina's Country Music Club still going strong

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club will celebrate thirty years of performing on the Sunshine Coast on Sunday 13th August, commencing at 11.30am.

Entry fee is \$8 and will include free tea and coffee, and cakes. Guest Artist is the lovely Lynda Hansen from Gympie. Venue is the A.C.M.A. Country Hall of Fame on Steggalls Road, Yandina

Come along and help us celebrate this special day. Great music, great atmosphere. ▶ Inquiries phone Darryl on 0458 671 568.



## Sciatica: The pain that cannot be ignored

#### Wellness with Linda Goggan, Sacred Body Montville

AVE you ever felt pain radiating on one side of your buttocks down the back of the leg?

Chances are you are experiencing sciatica. There are many causes for sciatica which include slipped disc, osteoarthritis (bone spurs) or piriformis syndrome which pinches on the sciatic nerve

This nerve starts in the lower back, runs through the buttocks and down the back of the thigh to the knee, and branches of it continue to the foot.

This is a common and painful complaint for many, particularly during later stages of pregnancy.

There are many treatments for sciatica such as painkillers, anti-inflammatories, hot/cold packs, gentle exercise/stretching, physiotherapy and massage.

Massage is supportive for releasing tension in the gluteal muscles and hamstring that is

**The Australian Voices** sings Maleny

FOUNDED by Stephen Leek and Graeme Morton in 1993, the Australian Voices vocal ensemble was created with the purpose of promoting the new and ever-changing genre of Australian choral music. Since then, the choir has championed an astonishing flourish of new Australian pieces, having commissioned hundreds of works, releasing eleven albums, and touring internationally.

Receiving five-star reviews from the New York Times and Limelight Magazine. The Australian Voices has brought their distinctly Australian sound to audiences in Guatemala, Mexico, China, the UK, Germany, New Caledonia, USA,

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often experienced during a sciatica episode. While regular massage can be supportive in reducing the likelihood of sciatica episodes, it may not always be what is required as it depends on what the cause of the condition.

In the case of piriformis syndrome being the cause, regular massage is highly effective. There is a small muscle in the hip region

under the glute muscles called piriformis. The sciatic nerve runs directly underneath it and in some cases (approximately 20% of the population) the nerve actually runs through this muscle.

When this muscle is in disfunction through constant tension this can trigger sciatica.

A remedial massage therapist can offer techniques to help release tension in this muscle that is pinching on the nerve as well as encourages the release of endorphins, which block pain and lessen piriformis syndrome symptoms

Sacred Body 4/130 Main St, Montville. www.sacredbody.com.au



Palestine, Woodford Folk Festival and Hobart Festival of Voices.

Tickets via www.malenvartscouncil. com. Concert 2pm Sunday 20 August at Maleny Community Centre.

HATHA YOGA/PILATES RELAXATION Hatha Yoga Pilates is held at the Woombve Hall: Sat am & Wed 9.30am. Beginners & Seniors welcome Cost \$10. Call Christine: 5441 6285 (Cert. in Pilates matwork; Dip. IYTA: Yoga Instructor; USC Sport & Exercise minor: Ex. Prescrip. for Health & Rehab.)

#### Recruitment





From left, Owner Peter Grieger, Dominic Schaumann, Amanda Masterson, Malexie Mastersor Xanda Masterson, Jax Masterson, Seth Moyle and Millzy Makenzie.

#### Gel Warriors take games to the next level at Nambour's Challenge Accepted by Janine Hill from 4.30-6pm

CHILDHOOD games such as cowboys and Indians and cops and robbers have always been an integral part of growing up.

Although kids haven't changed much, the toys and equipment they use for these battles have evolved beyond bows and arrows, caps,

and corks Challenge Accepted, on Price Street, Nambour, offers a simulated environment where NERF, Laser Tag, Gelball, and Gelsoft battles

take place. With the help of smoke, effect lighting and sounds, participants can immerse themselves in thrilling combat scenarios.

Owner Peter Grieger established the venue to provide a space for ages from six years old through to adults to have fun and engage in

something different, away from screens. "It's essentially an indoor battleground that ve've created," Peter said.

Challenge Accepted organises public sessions on a weekly basis, as well as corporate or team building events, birthday parties, after school programs, and a monthly league

competition An after-school Gelsoft class for children aged eight to 14 takes place every Tuesday

#### Volunteers celebrate weed regeneration success

Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group News with Norm Morwood

GRAEME Jones is pictured, below, with Jim Egerton and Gail Hill, celebrating the demise of more weeds at our BushCare site Namba Creek along the creeks around the Model Railway Park in Nambour.

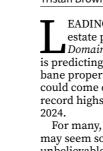
If you'd like to join in the obvious pleasure and satisfaction of creating habitat for our native animals, the next opportunities to join

and follow that road till you see us).

down

(meet in the Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour). To join in the activities at these events

protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then at cuppa.



may seem somewhat unbelievable given the already meteoric rise of property prices throughout the recent COVID period.

They teach room entry techniques, blaster safety, and stealth, as well as speed and accuracy on the tactical target range.

Peter emphasised that the program not only provided entertainment but also taught valuable lessons in teamwork.

During this class, participants receive

of instructors.

instruction from Peter, who has a background

in law enforcement, and his experienced team

To participate, players can bring their own blasters or rent them from the Challenge Accepted arsenal. However, all blasters are subject to power restrictions.

Additionally, children can join their parents and friends in the monthly Gel Warriors Cup league competition.

Players aged 10 and above form teams of three who play three games every Friday from 4.30-6.30pm

Peter emphasised the friendly and family-oriented nature of the league.

"We promote fair and sportsmanlike conduct. It's an opportunity for people to come

together and enjoy themselves," he said. This unique experience caters to those who

seek a different type of recreational activity beyond traditional sports.



#### 400 walkers Step Out For Parkinsons at major event

THE annual "Step Out For Parkinsons Sunshine Coast Walk" on 23 July raised \$20,000 supported by our Parkinsons community, family, friends, carers and sponsors "an amazing effort" according to organisers.

"With over 400 walkers on the day (pictured above) we raised crucial funds in support of the driving force of Parkinson's Queensland," said Barbara Cullinan Director of Parkinson's Alive. "A big thank you to Sunshine Valley Gazette for your great support.'

The event took place at the University Sunshine Coast Sports Track and was officially opened by Brent Mickelberg MP.

• For more information about the walk: barbs@parkinsonsalive.com.au.

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**Real Estate Column** with RE/MAX Principal Tristan Brown EADING realestate portal, Domain.com.au is predicting that Brisbane property prices could come close to record highs by June

For many, this

winds of higher interest rates".

encing strong buyer demand.

amongst buyers.



Laidlaw Rd and turn right just before the Gymnastics Hall,

• Namba Creek on Saturday 19 August 8am.

you'll need to come in "long everything" bush around 10am we'll finish with a well-deserved

For more info see the Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group FB Page or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com



## Live Local **Real Estate**

## Buyer demand is strong. Could housing prices reach new record highs in 2024?

However, a recent report in The Guardian claimed that "the recovery of real estate prices will extend across Australia and well into 2024 as a swelling population overwhelms the head-

'Many local suburbs

are still recording

month on month

So, what does this mean for the Sunshine Coast, or more specifically, the 4560 postcode? According to many local agents, Nambour and its surrounding suburbs are still experi-

New listings are reported to be well below market requirement and this shortage of property is creating considerable competition

Additionally, if paired with a continued shortage of new home construction and (should) interest rates decline in the coming months, then conditions could very well lead to property prices once again reaching new

It wouldn't be unreasonable to claim that at

the beginning of 2023 many agents anticipated a greater decline in property prices over the past six months However, that decline hasn't really fea-

tured at the levels expected. In fact, property prices have held firm with only a slight softening in the market-

Many local suburbs are still recording incredible sale prices month on month. Ok, yes, the chaos of COVID has disap-

peared. And, yes, unprecedented interest rate rises have squeezed many to breaking point. And, yes, days on market have lengthened towards a more normal 30-40 day average. incredible sale prices But, despite this, there remains a real buoyancy around the property market.

The Guardian also reported that, "nationally a net-migration surge that added 400,000 people this fiscal year and will add another 300,000-plus next year, has helped to stem and then reverse the slide in values.

Domain estimated net overseas migration would drive demand for nearly 130,000 extra dwellings across the country in the coming financial year, with NSW, Victoria and Oueensland receiving the largest share of new residents.

While many newcomers typically opt to rent on arrival, "the tight rental market would drive many into home ownership sooner."

As we've witnessed recently, a further surge in population in capital cities may very well see the Sunshine Coast experience its own additional increase in population. If that were to occur and therefore demand continues to outstrip supply it's reasonable to envisage another escalation in property prices.



## **1940s Queenslander charm**

**Thinking of** 

Selling?

Property of the Week: 7 Stanley Street, Nambour. Offers Over \$749,000 considered

THIS much loved family home has been tightly held for 40 years and exudes all the charm and grace of its 1940 vintage; tucked away on an elevated position at the very rear of the 875m2 block, privacy and outlook are maximised, and on two titles there is also the possibility of a boundary alignment to split the block (stca).

A highset, Queenslander design, the upper level comprises a central hallway, four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a modern kitchen with adjacent dining room, formal lounge, wraparound covered verandah with leafy north-easterly outlook, and separate laundry. The ground level houses a self-contained studio with its own kitchenette, bathroom, patio, and external entry - as well as carport and storage space.

9-foot ornate ceilings, VJ walls, hardwood timber floors, silky oak internal French doors, and casement windows are some of the features of its era that will absolutely delight. Other notable features include a renovated ensuite, granite benches in the kitchen, 2-pac cabinetry plus leadlight feature glass in the display cabinet, a gas cooktop, new carpets in two of the bedrooms, a split system air-conditioner in the lounge, a spa bath in the main bathroom, an inground pool, and 5kW solar.

The garden is a mixture of native and tropical vegetation which is densely planted at the front of the block so it works well as a green privacy screen, attracting plenty of birdlife.

Buyers seeking a home with heart and soul as well as potential to value-add, should act quickly. This lovely home is priced to sell. Contact selling agents Megan Manly on 0421 040 807 or Jai Barber on 0492 855 196.

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## Bli Bli family home for auction

AGENT'S CHOICE: 84 Atkinson Road, Bli Bli. Auction onsite at 4pm, Saturday August 5.

THIS stunning 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom house, is a true entertainer's delight, beautifully finished to offer you a comfortable living experience.

The property boasts ample space for both indoor and outdoor activities. With a full-length veranda and entertaining area, pool with Bali hut, storage under the house, and plans and approvals in place to build in underneath, this residence presents endless possibilities for expansion.

The spacious and light-filled open floor plan seamlessly connects the living, dining, and kitchen areas, promoting a sense of togeth-erness and ensuring effortless flow between The interior exudes a warm and welcoming

atmosphere, thanks to the carefully chosen colour palette, high-quality finishes, and tasteful décor throughout The gourmet kitchen is a chef's dream, fea-

turing high-quality appliances, sleek cabinetry, and ample storage and countertop space for meal preparation.

The bedrooms are generously sized. The master suite is particularly impressive, with its own en-suite bathroom and walk-in closet. The additional three bedrooms are equally well-appointed, providing plenty of space for family members or guests.

The backyard oasis is perfect for entertaining or unwinding. The large 1,280m2 block offers possibilities for landscaping, gardening, or future expansion. The outdoor highlight is undoubtedly the sparkling pool and Bali hut.

Another feature is the space located underneath the house, providing convenient storage for all your belongings.

There are plans and approvals in place to build under the house.

The property has a rainwater tank, a septic tank, mains water and a 6.6kw solar system. The plans and approvals for building under the house add another layer of potential, enabling you to customize the property according to your preferences.

▶ The home will be sold at Auction, on-site, on Saturday August 5 at 4pm. To book an inspection or for any further inquiries, contact the selling agents Steven Clay on 0438 510 583 or Scott Walters on 0447 474 982.



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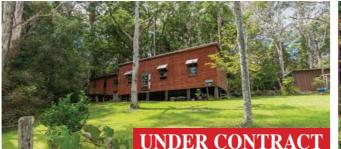
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· Covered deck running the length of home overlooking the backyard · Side access for the caravan, boat or trailer

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· Picturesque walk to town · Light-filled central kitchen with gas cooktop · Rear deck with connection to the internal space



7 Louise Lane, **NAMBOUR** Triplex Investment \$925,000



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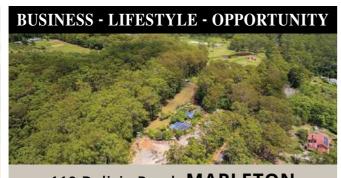
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#### 4 Centenary Drive MALENY

Situated just a short walk from Maleny, on an elevated 1028m<sup>2</sup> block in a sought-after street, this double storey home features delightful views over treed streets to the Northeast

- 1028m<sup>2</sup> block with town water · Established low maintenance garder
- Concrete driveway and single lock-up garage
- Fully fenced, open lawn area
- · Dual occupancy adds to the appeal

This home is designed for many different lifestyles including dual occupancy for an elderly parent or creating a passive income

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#### 18 Snowwood Avenue MALENY

Perfectly positioned at the end of a whisper quiet street, in sought-after Cloudwalk Estate, sits this contemporary DJ Sommers-built home.

- Double lock-up garage, fantastic storage and onsite parking for visitors

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Set on a lovely 906m<sup>2</sup> block, this property offers the growing family everything they need; space, modern appliances, storage, and easy access to all the amenities

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**Rodney Millett** 

0477 702 073 rodney@malenyrealestate.com 756 Bald Knob Road **BALD KNOB** 

Designed to sit perfectly within its landscape with a truly amazing outlook, this is one u	nique FOR SALE
offering.	\$2,199,000

- · Cleverly designed home; picture windows take in the amazing views
- · Sleek, modern styling throughout, bamboo flooring and quality carpets Outdoor entertaining area to the North and East perfect for large gatherings
- Stunning rocky creek running through the property, two spring fed dams
- The 13.5 acres (5.5ha) would suit cattle or horses

Whether you're looking for the forever home with room for animals, or the lock up and leave weekend retreat, you'll be supremely impressed with what's on offer

By Appointment **Jess Luthje** 

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### **Rodney Millett**

## Prime 693m2 land with ocean views in the heart of Mapleton village

AGENT'S CHOICE: 3 Post Office Road, Mapleton. Offers over \$695,000

PLAN your move to Mapleton Village and live the highlife with stunning views of the Sunshine Coast. Everyday life necessities are all

within walking distance. A development at 3 Post Office Road, Mapleton would provide significant multi-in-

come opportunities or potential for a strata-titled development or alternatively for an owner occupier.

There is an approved planned development that is for Mixed Use comprising as follows: • Ground floor tenancy area of approximately

54 m2. This area is approved for Allied Medical use and has 3 car parks including the disabled car park. Other uses are permitted. • First floor 3 bedroom penthouse unit which

will enjoy panoramic Sunshine Coast and State



The development would provide significant multi-income opportunities or potential for a strata-titled development

> Forest views and parking for two vehicles. • Two one bedroomed studio apartments which would be suitable for holiday or Air BnB

letting This prime vacant 693m2 development site of flat land in the heart of Mapleton Village consists of a useable site that adjoins the existing Mapleton Views complex and is within walking distance to Mapleton School, Medical Centre, chemist, pathology, physiotherapy, hairdresser, post office, real estate agent, library, bakery, restaurants, cafes and pub, bowls club and tapas bar.

The site is being offered at offers over \$695,000

Contact Vanessa Brunton from VB Real Estate on 0467 448 850 for further details.

## **Solid family** home with endless possibilities

#### AGENT'S CHOICE: 183 Nambour Mapleton Road

LOCATED in an elevated position, overlooking Nambour, with sweeping south-facing views towards the Blackall Range, lies a property that effortlessly lends comfort, convenience, and endless possibilities.

This spacious and inviting four-bedroom, two bathroom, double storey brick home allows for a multitude of opportunities to reconfigure and/or renovate

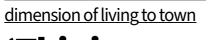
This solid property on a 777m2 block offers a unique opportunity to acquire a charming home with fantastic views, versatile living



A charming home with breathtaking views, versatile living spaces, and a range of practical features.

spaces, and a range of practical features. With its elevated position, spacious interior, and well-maintained gardens, this property offers comfortable and convenient living.

Contact Gary De Paoli of Century 21 Living Local on 0408 731 412 to arrange an appointment



## **'This is** a game changer' for Nambour

#### y Janine Hill

THE first residents have moved in to a unit complex being described as a game-changer for Nambour

The 40-unit multi-storey Pinnacle on Maud complex on Maud Street is the biggest unit complex of its kind to be built in the

Its completion is the culmination of five vears of work for Grandview Developments, which found itself breaking new ground with the council and lenders as there were no comparable complexes in town.

About 80 percent of units at Pinnacle on Maud, Maud Street, have settled and the new owners and tenants have begun shuffling in furniture and introducing themselves

Grandview Developments general manager Gavin Wuiske said the real estate boom meant that owners who had signed up for units early had realised valuation increases of up to \$100,000 before they even took the keys.

Gavin said modern, two-bedroom units of Pinnacle on Maud, within walking distances of shops, offices and the Nambour entertainment precinct, offered a new style of living in Nambour.

He said it was exciting time for the town, which had a lot to be positive about, including the tram, the Big Pineapple revamp, the growth of Wildlife HQ zoo, and the designation of an entertainment precinct in town.

"These 40 units coming to fruition will be a shot in the arm to the local businesses such as restaurants, shops, bars and cinemas having



Things are looking up: Gavin Wuiske and agent Frenchy Devos at Pinnacle on Maud, heralding a new era for Nambour CBD living.

increased patronage from new residents within a walkable distance.

"The live music and entertainment precinct will also be able to capitalise on an increased audience.

Gavin said he hoped the completion of Pinnacle on Maud would give others the confidence to proceed with major developments in Nambour

"Given time, now that one significant private enterprise development has been delivered Nambour on a similar scale to what the near to the coast communities enjoy, Nambour deserves more projects such as this to follow within the Nambour CBD footprint," he said.



Entering from the front alcove into the lounge room, you are met with original Crows Ash timber floors, high ceilings and a wood fireplace for those cozy nights in.

## **Right in town. Rare find in Maleny**

#### AGENT'S CHOICE: 3 Fig Street, Maleny. Price by negotiation.

IDEALLY located, this character filled 1960s quality home sits on a sizable District Centre Zoned 1,485m2 block with its own private, tranquil rainforest and running stream right in Maleny's town centre.

This property offers a scope of opportunities; with tenants in place, it is an immediate investment property while you make plans for your future use.

Entering from the front alcove into the loungeroom, you are met with original Crows Ash timber floors, high ceilings and a wood fireplace for those cozy nights in. The summer months have also been catered for with ducted reverse cycle Daikin air conditioning

throughout.

Internally, the home consists of three generous bedrooms and a newly renovated, easy access bathroom.

The original kitchen has plenty of cupboard space and a new stove. An extension with its own access has been added to the rear of the

home. It has a great-sized room and features a toilet and shower, making it perfect for a teenager's retreat, guest room or home business as it can be locked off from the main home.

Outside there are two large sheds to the side of the house which are adjoined and offer a great storage area for your car, camping gear and workshop for your tools.

Contact Jess Luthje from Malenv and Hinterland Real Estate on 0438 616 064.

#### Library events mark Multicultural month **David Law** Division 10 Councillor david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

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different cultures this month.

shine Coast. Multicultural Mornings with Sunshine Coast Libraries provide the perfect opportunity to learn from others and foster cross-cultural confoundation for our community An online survey will be open until August nections, all while enjoying a cuppa and some live tunes. Multicultural Mornings are hap-20, 2023. Please visit Sunshine Coast Council's Have Your Say website to share your feedback. pening across the region's libraries throughout August, with Nambour Library hosting a Apply for a Major Grant today! multicultural morning on Tuesday, August 8 Local community groups with project ideas from 10am – 12 noon with artist Hayden Hack to make the Sunshine Coast more active, performing. All events are free. For more information and to view all multicultural events vibrant, creative, inclusive or resilient are visit Sunshine Coast Libraires website. invited to apply for a Major Grant now with applications closing on August 28.

#### Major Grants

Valuable funding opportunities for community organisations and groups to bring their initiatives to life are now available through Sunshine Coast Council's Major Grants program. The program aims to support projects that enhanced the region's cultural, sporting. environmental and community wellbeing. By providing financial assistance, Council seeks to enable local not-for-profit groups to deliver innovative projects that enhance the community and welcomes diverse applications from a wide range of sectors and interests. Major Grant applications can be submitted in one of six categories, community development community facilities, creative development, cultural heritage, economic development and sports and recreation. This Major Grants round is open now and closes on August 28. Visit Council's website for more information. Don't forget if you have any questions, please contact me at email: david.law@sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au and follow my Facebook page for regular updates: @DavidLawDivision10.

#### It's never too late to donate life Andrew Powell

State Member for Glass House glass.house@parliament.gld.gov.au

phones! Volunteer Grants I recently caught up with Ashton Wood, CEO of DV Safe Phone. The organisation has already Expression of Interests for the 2023-2024 olunteer Grants are now open. donated more than 5,000 mobile phones to victims of domestic violence but the need con-Grants of between \$1000 to \$5000 will be available to assist eligible not-for-profit tinues. They always need more, so don't forget community organisations support the efforts you can leave your used mobile phones in the box in my office. of their volunteers, such as the purchase of

Unfortunately, many of the phones need new screens, batteries and chargers...and of course SIM cards. So if you'd like to help out with the costs please head to https://dvsafephone.org to make a tax deductible donation.

#### Branching out Together: A Youth-led National Tree Day Initiative

talk. The event will conclude with a delicious BBQ provided by the Lions Club of Maleny Blackall Range. Space at the planting is limited, so book your tickets now via the OR code.



AGENT'S CHOICE: 323 Maleny Stanley River Road,

WITH picture perfect views of the Glasshouse Mountains and beyond, and a stylish home, 323 Maleny Stanley River Road offers an enviable Hinterland retreat. One end of the home is already purposed as Airbnb accommodation. Located an easy 5-minute drive from Maleny, you are on the doorstep of all the Hinterland has to offer; produce, cafes, unique shopping, markets and artisan producers.

Lowset and stylish in its design, the home offers a very attractive layout for families and buyers who love to entertain; the inviting kitchen and dining area leads to the entertaining space and seamlessly blends indoor and outdoor living. The kitchen is warm and modern with subway tiles, stainless steel benchtops, fantastic storage, a huge 6 burner cooktop and servery window; it's



accommodation area would also create the perfect dual living situation, teenage retreat, or parent's wing.

High, feature timber ceilings in both the living areas and accommodation create warmth and charm. And the high ceilings and cleverly placed windows throughout create a light-filled property. Two large living spaces are separated by the 3 bedrooms and family bathroom and another large bedroom focused on those views is separated by the kitchen and dining areas.

The property boasts low maintenance gardens, two 5,000 gallon rainwater tanks and a 10,000 gallon inground tank and is set on a 7.851m2 block.

Book a private inspection with exclusive agent, Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate's Rodney Millett on 0477 702 073 today.

Everyone is invited to a series of events being held at Sunshine Coast Libraries across the region as part of Multicultural Queensland

Live music and delicious teas from around the world will give the community a taste of We are extremely fortunate to have such a

vibrant multicultural community on the Sun-

DonateLife week may have just ended, but it's never too late to sign up to donate life. It only takes one minute to register as an organ and tissue donor, that one minute could mean a lifetime to someone else. Register at donatelife.gov.au or in just 3 easy taps in your Medicare app. Once you've done that, perhaps it would be a good time to open the discussion with loved ones around this life-changing topic. They might like to sign up too!

Domestic Violence victims need your old

On Saturday, 5th August I'm sponsoring, alongside Zero Positive for Schools and the Sunshine Coast Council, a National Tree Day planting at the Maleny Ecological Park from 9:30am – 12:30pm. This event is all about nature and community. Also joining the event will be renowned conservationist and former Queensland Chief Scientist Hugh Possingham. Hugh will be leading a bird, nature walk, and



### New street sketches revealed for Maleny

Ninston Johnston sion 5 Councillor

Thank you to those who turned up to the community forum on Thursday 20 July to see the latest designs for a new look streetscape for Maleny. The forum was well received and is now ready for further feedback to shape the next chapter of Maple Street. The concept design ensures the main street is a greener, safer place that brings our community together. I encourage our residents, visitors, traders and community groups to take a look at the proposed plan and sketches before letting us know if these improvements can become a

Major Grant applications can be submitted in one of six categories, Community Development, Community Facilities, Creative Develop ment, Cultural Heritage, Economic Development and Sports and Recreation. So what are you waiting for, visit Council's website to find out more and apply today.

#### Have your say on environment and liveability

Council is again seeking your views as it works to refresh its Environment and Liveability Strategy. In this second phase of engagement, we're asking residents for feedback on proposed changes to Strategic Directions in the Strategy: steps like recognising the urgent action required around climate change, incorporating the UN Sustainable Development Goals and our designation as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Engagement is open until August 13. Visit naveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to help shape this regional Strategy, and our region's



## Truth, lies, fiction, integrity and a \$2.4 billion omission

/ Jeffrey Addison, Sunshine ast Commuter Advocate

N a shameful day for state politics, a deceptive Joint Statement Media Release (MR) was issued by Premier Annastacia

Palaszczuk, Transport Minister Mark Bailey and Assistant Minister for Train Manufacturing and Regional Roads (Maryborough MP), Bruce Saunders on Friday 30 June 2023 at 12:30pm.

The document was titled 'Maryborough's Downer locked in as Queensland's rail manufac turing powerhouse.'

It said: "Downer signs \$4.6 billion contract to deliver Palaszczuk Government's landmark Oueensland Train Manu

facturing Program." "The contract will deliver 65 passenger trains, for use on the South East Queensland rail network, and support 800 jobs in construction and manufacturing. "The first train set to be

lelivered in 2026, with all 65 on track for 2032.

ufacturing Program is now in motion with a \$4.6 billion contract now officially signed for Downer Group to design and manufacture these trains."

It's the first Media Release in Queensland that I'm aware of in the transport arena, that's been issued with knowingly old figures, falsely citing \$7.1 billion, not once, not twice, but three times, when the true (updated) figure was already known to be \$9.5 billion, and had been known for possibly two weeks prior, or longer.

I say knowingly in that both the Premier and the Transport Minister knew the figure was false, even before the document was published Did the Assistant Minister for Train Manu-

facturing and Regional Roads, Maryborough MP Bruce Saunders, also know about the



'this is Queensland where the Westminster system of government and responsibility no longer appears to have any political consequences'

"The \$7.1 billion Queensland Train Man-



The media release was issued with the true (updated) total cost of \$9.5 billion being deliberately omitted.

It was \$2.4 billion more than the previously publicly announced figure. The Opposition called it 'a \$2.4 billion budget

blowout, it being a 33.8% increase. The Department of Transport and Main

Roads (DTMR) website had been updated to the correct figure sometime before 2 July 2023.

The Queensland Premier and Transport Minister knew of the \$9.5 billion total cost prior to the media release, making their deceptive conduct worthy of a Ministerial resignation or, at the very least, censure by the Queensland Parliament

But this is Queensland where the Westminster system of government and responsibility no longer

> appears to have any political consequences. Integrity with responsi

bility is not an option. The Minister, who ironically didn't mention the

false figure in his attributed quotes, sincerely apolo-

gised, while the Premier, who knew of the increase before the MR was issued, and who had the false figure in her attributed quotes, didn't apologise, claiming that the Minister had 'rectified' it.

"We put the correct number on the website but it should have gone in the press release that's on me. I apologise for that." Mark Bailey said.

No apology from the Premier for her con-

I can only imagine the conversation as it was being written by a public servant, 'but boss, that figure's wrong. It got updated two weeks

How can we ever trust Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's or Transport Minister Mark Bailey's head-lined media releases?

They were caught this time, how many have we missed?

Healthy. Smart. Creative.

#### Are you ready?

It's August - which means Sunshine Coast bushfire season is here. Council is getting ready - are you? Learn how bushfires' behave and what you can do to prepare. Get to know Council's Disaster Hub website at disaster.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au - so when a disaster happens you know where to go and what to do.

Our region.

#### It's time for a little sun, surf and soul

This year's Caloundra Music Festival serves up six stages of live music over three days from 29 September at Kings Beach. Arrested Development (USA) join award-winning national artists including Kasey Chambers, Illy, Spiderbait, The Black Sorrows, The Temper Trap and Vera Blue. Head to caloundramusicfestival.com for tickets and more information.

#### How to stay safe from swooping birds

Some native birds, like magpies, can act defensively to protect their territory, their nests and their young. On the Sunshine Coast, this usually happens between July and November each year. Please be tolerant of these protected and iconic native birds if you walk or ride near nests. Search "defensive birds" on Council's website for tips on how to protect yourself.

#### One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers – 9am 24 August

#### Major grants now open - don't miss out

Council is proud to support not-for-profit groups through its Community Grants Program. Community groups can seek Major Grant funding for projects or events that meet an identified need and provide local community benefit. The current round closes on 28 August. Visit Council's website to apply today.

#### Want to weed out the weeds?

Learn how to manage invasive species on your property, meet a conservation dog, find out the benefits of biodiversity and much more at Council's Invasive Plants and Animals Workshop event at Obi Obi Hall on Saturday 2 September from 9am - 1pm. The event is free and registration is essential. Visit Council's website and search "Biosecurity Education Program" to register

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# Congratulations to

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**COYO Organic** 

I'm delighted to hear that COYO Organic has been able to save substantially on the electricity bill thanks to a \$24,200 energy efficiency grant they received last year. The funds helped them to invest in a Power Factor Correction unit, allowing it to save on energy hills

With electricity prices expected to increase from 25% for households and 29% for small businesses as of 1 July, this new equipment is a great investment. Well done COYO

equipment or fuel vouchers. EOIs close 31 August. Please contact my office for more information.

#### Robodebt

A Royal Commission Report into the Robodebt Scheme has been tabled. This report and the issues that it covers are very serious. It's incumbent on everyone in government to learn the lessons and to seriously consider the Royal Commission's recommendations.

For Australians who were adversely impacted, they were deserving of the refunds, debts zeroed and an unreserved apology.

#### Energy Security = National Security

The Albanese Labor Government's unrealstic and untested 82% renewables target has left Australia vulnerable to cyber-attacks.

With almost 60 percent of installed smart inverters being supplied by Chinese manufac-turers which are bound by China's National intelligence Laws, this should be of deep concern to our country.

Providing affordable and reliable energy that s free from foreign interference should be a first order priority of government, but it's not for Labor



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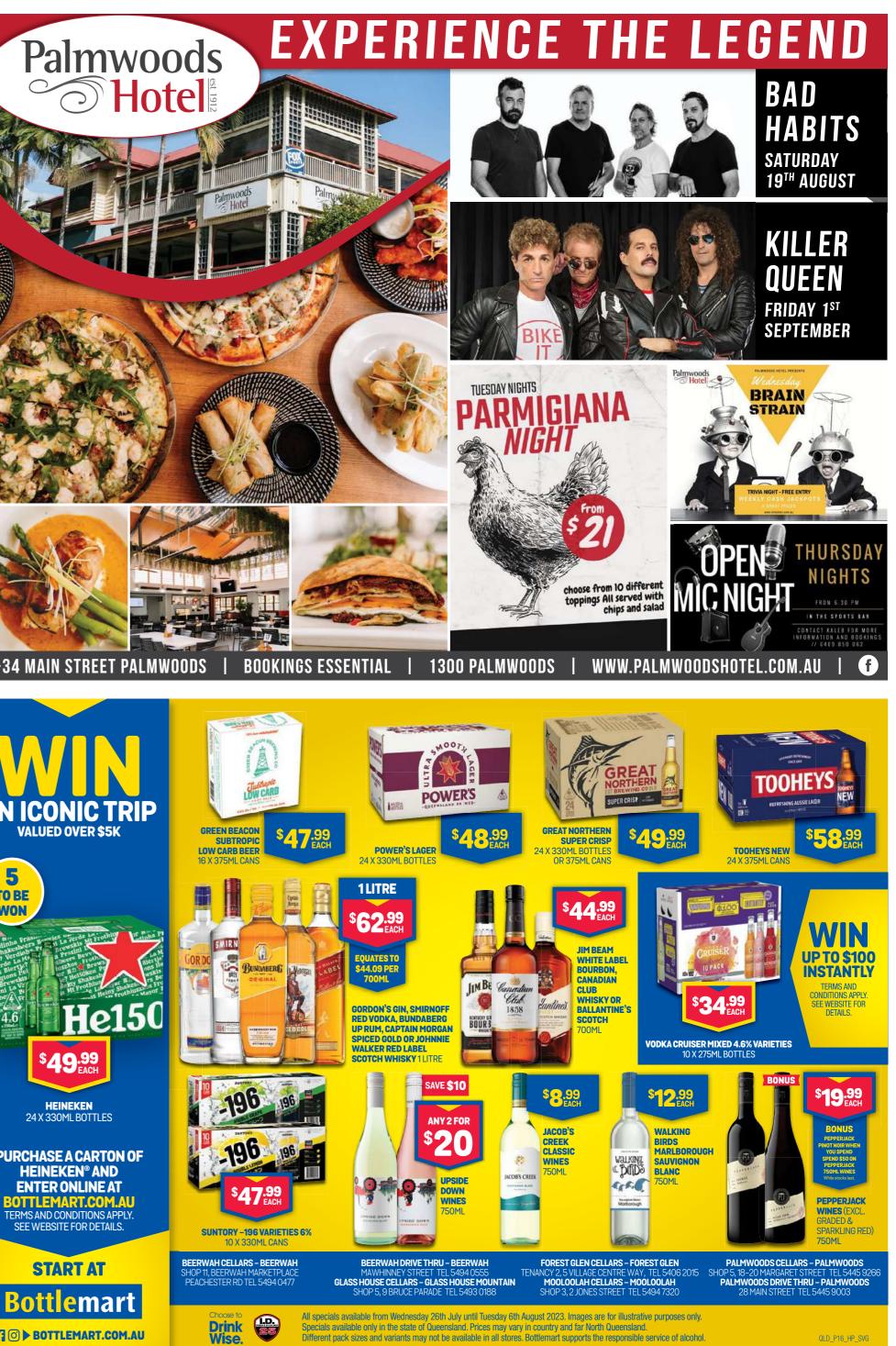


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