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## Auxiliary support helps to ease the pain of dying

MALENY Soldiers Memorial Hospital Auxiliary President Diana Bryce, pictured, and her team are rolling up their sleeves, as usual, for this year's Spring Affair fashion parade and morning tea at the Maleny Show Pavilion. Funds raised will go towards the refurbishment of palliative care rooms, to make them more homely and provide a bed for partners to sleep close by.

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# Retro event is ready to rock

THIS Friday night (August 12) the Retro Rocks Festival will kick off in the Council Chambers Forecourt in Nambour at 5pm.

"We are so excited to be able to bring this fabulous festival back to Nambour this year," said event organiser, Kathleen Ashworth. "We

are proud to be one of the few events to take place during Covid-smashed 2020, but we couldn't prevail in 2021."

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Miss Glamour 2020 entrant April Maree Blyth - "Miss Velvet Crush".

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Food Truck Fridays will alternate with the already-established and successful 'Nambour Forecourt Live!' events on Friday nights.

"Our Nambour community groups met again recently and identified the Nambour Lowe Street precinct as a space in the community that needs some attention and activation," said Rhonda. "Fun times and loads of smiles are what's in store for this area of Nambour."

"The bright lights on Lowe Street will be lit up and the street will play host to its first Food Truck Friday Fest."

"In our working partnership with Sunshine Coast Council we hope the community embraces the event and has a little fun on the streets of Nambour."

It's all part of the main game in which Nambour Chamber of Commerce, ReImagine Nambour, Tramco and Nambour retailers are working alongside Div 10 Cr David Law, Mayor Mark Jamieson and key council staff to advocate for the town through an Economic Activation Plan.

It's aims to work within the plans, groups and resources that are already in place, such as



From left, Div 10 Cr David Law, Tramco Director Peter Clark, Rod Tunstall, ReImagine Nambour Facilitator Kerry Brown, Tim Mcgee, Tramco Director Rhonda Billett, Darren Collins, Nambour Chamber of Commerce Secretary Brian Bugenhagen and President Mark Bray and Dan Jones.

the recently-announced Nambour Activation Plan.

"The thing that got me going was seeing the 2024 strategic plans for Nambour and realising that we were falling short of where it was hoped we'd be at this stage," Ms Billett said. "I've had a business in town and I think it's important to give back."

Ms Billett said it was important the groups presented a united front to work with Council to get the best possible outcomes for the town.

The team is working to deliver new Nambour events, CBD revitalisation and business activation. "We already have the established brand 'IamNambour' developed in 2021 by ReImagine Nambour. Our collective organisations aim to leverage off this brand and grow the local economy encompassing the 'Iam-Nambour' brand into our future projects."

"Nambour is a large catchment area and one of our first priorities is to focus on events that stimulate the economy and support business and make Nambour a vibrant place to live, work and play."

To that end the team was also looking at promoting a maxi-event to fall in line with the

already-established and successful Nambour Rodeo and Retro Rocks Nambour.

▶ The first Food Truck Friday Fest featuring food and music is planned for September 9 from 4pm to 8pm near the intersections of Lowe, Short and Queen Streets.

## Retro re-boot for Nambour

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"The theme is "Salute to the Services" and events will run on the 12th and 13th of August."

Retro Rocks Nambour and ReImagine Nambour Inc have joined forces to bring this year's lineup of all things retro, to life.

"This year's festival will feature all the perennial favourites such as hot rods and custom cars, vintage service vehicles, a parade inspection, an apron competition, Miss 'Glamhour', fashions on the field, a vintage fashion parade, cool kids catwalk, stalls, music, dancing and more," Kathleen said.

"Our activities this year will bring in people of all ages. We can't wait for the fun and celebrations to begin."

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Maleny Hospital Senior Medical Superintendent Dr Kris McQuaid discusses the palliative care facilities with Auxiliary President Diana Bryce.

## Spring Affair to help create homely rooms for Maleny's palliative care patients

A remarkable and determined band of volunteers have been fundraising for 38 years to make life a little easier for patients and staff at Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital.

The Maleny Hospital Auxiliary are deeply committed to supporting the hospital and the broader Maleny community.

Auxiliary President Diana Bryce said Maleny locals were protective of their hospital.

"Everybody is grateful that it's here and we must keep it, so we will keep supporting it," Mrs Bryce said.

The auxiliary fundraises to help purchase equipment and supplies.

"We have put a lot of equipment into this hospital over the years - 'extras' that they wouldn't otherwise have or would be waiting a long time to acquire," she said.

"We've just authorised the purchase of a slit lamp - a microscope used for eye examinations - so that people with eye concerns can be looked after at the hospital rather than having to go to an optometrist or down to the main hospital."

The auxiliary's current fundraising efforts will go towards the refurbishment of palliative care rooms, including making the rooms larger and providing a bed for partners to sleep close by.

"We don't want to do the bricks and mortar, but we'd like to have a hand in making the rooms more like a bedroom at home, or a home away from home; to create a more pleasant and warmer environment for patients and their families."

Maleny Hospital Senior Medical Superintendent Dr Kris McQuaid said the funds raised by the hospital auxiliary helped ensure specialised services could be delivered at a local level, min-

imising the need for patients to travel to larger hospitals.

Maleny provides a 24-hour emergency centre as well as an inpatient unit. The inpatient unit provides treatment and management of conditions such as palliative care, rehabilitation for those who have suffered such things as strokes, or following surgery such as hip or knee replacement, as well as caring for those with other medical conditions.

Director of Nursing and Facility Manager, Karen Croker said the hospital auxiliary donated equipment that brought extra comfort and convenience for patients, and often meant people could stay local and didn't need to travel.

"Aesthetics are important for palliative care patients; their families spend a lot of time here and it's important that people feel comfortable and as close to normal life as possible.

"The auxiliary funds will help to make the rooms and our beautiful verandas welcoming and calming and more suitable for the palliative patient and their family.

"We are extremely fortunate to have our auxiliary volunteers to connect our health service with the local community; they contribute so much to the wellbeing of our patients."

On 14 September, the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary will host the Spring Affair fashion parade and morning tea at the Maleny Show Pavilion.

Mrs Bryce said an enjoyable morning was planned with beautiful food, flowers and fashion and some very nice raffle prizes.

► Guests can buy single tickets for \$30 or make up tables of six or seven people; but be quick as tickets must be purchased before the event. Call Diana 0407 372 613 or Jan 0409 876 112 for ticket sales.



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Historic photo shows centre parking and a single lane in Nambour's Currie St.

## Old photo sparks traffic discussion

THIS old photo of Currie Street, featuring its central parking and single lane, sparked a vibrant conversation on Facebook last week. Residents had their say about parking, traffic flow and traffic calming ideas for Nambour's Currie Street.

**Robyn:** "Nooo. While I'd love more parking for the main street, going down to one lane will just create a huge bottleneck."

**Peter:** "Centre parking is a ridiculous idea. It's dangerous, narrow lanes, plenty of other options. Get rid of the right turn lane from Currie St (heading north) into Lowe St."

**Pete:** "Great idea. Should have been done when the bypass was put in. Lots of regional towns use it and it passively slows the traffic speed down and makes high streets safe. There's cars doing 70-80km regularly through (Currie St)."

**Trevor:** "We have had centre parking in Nambour before when the National Highway ran through town. No doubt you will get engineers saying it doesn't comply with their current handbook but we are applying 2022 rules in towns that were built 100 years ago. No parking spaces...No business."

**Vivinne:** "When we had centre-parking Currie Street was the Bruce Highway going through! It worked then. The space is still there. Just some proper forward planning and decent coordination of traffic lights and it would be a cinch."

**Melissa:** "When council moves staff out to Maroochydore you should see more parking."

# Councillor backs calls for CBD traffic, parking investigation

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Now residents and shop owners are renewing calls for a revamp, to make their street more inviting and encourage people back to the CBD.

A new Div 10 Councillor, a new CEO and Nicklin's status as a key marginal seat provides promising impetus for some much needed attention to the once proud Street.

Local shopkeeper Deb Lawson reignited the long-term issue recently by starting a survey which has now attracted 1000 signatures.

The survey coincided with a Queensland Cabinet visit to Nambour last month, during which Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey threw his support behind an investigation into traffic and parking concerns.

Mr Bailey promised to have his team look at options for improving pedestrian experience and increasing parking. Options include calming traffic at either end of town, looking at parking and traffic routing, and improving traffic lights sequencing.

Div 10 Councillor David Law said last week he backs any moves to improve the street for pedestrians and retailers.

"Those four lanes in the middle of Currie Street virtually cuts the town in half," Cr Law said. "It's great to see that the Minister understands the problem. He even experienced the same issue when he was a councillor in Moorooka. So he gets it."

Cr Law was confident strategies could be applied to encourage shoppers to park and stay



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longer. "We do get really heavy traffic through town but if we could calm it and control the flow I think it would make a big difference," he said.

"We'll have to wait to see what the experts say but to me we need to slow the traffic down, and I'd like to see traffic moving through the middle of the street so you keep the cars and trucks away from the footpath and away from pedestrians."

"If you get the moving vehicles away from the people, they'll start to feel safe and stay longer in town."

"I think something needs to be done from Maud Street right through to Petrie Creek Bridge and Price Street, single lane in each direction."

"I will do anything I can do to improve the situation in Currie Street based on what the traffic modeling says we could do."

"There is a lot to do but the (recently announced) Namba Activation Project provides excellent opportunities for action."

"I think Currie street is improving slowly. Businesses are coming back. But four lanes is unhelpful and we may need to be strong enough to put up with spending one more minute in the car going through town in order to save our main street."

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A rock wall, climbing rope net and a spiral slide will feature as part of the new play space inspired by Nambour's history. It will replace the existing playground at Quota Park, Nambour.

## Quota Park gears up for new playground

COUNCIL has released plans for the next stage of Quota Memorial Park's playground improvements – a 7-metre-high 'Spire Gear Tower'.

A contoured rock wall, climbing rope net, banister slide, internal climbers with various levels of challenge, a rope elevator, and a huge spiral slide will all be part of the park's refresh.

Division 10 Councillor David Law said he was excited works would soon start on the impressive junior and toddler play space.

"With Quota Memorial Park being such a popular location for families with varying aged children to visit, council has redesigned part of the playground's layout to make it more assessable for all."

The artist impressions show various sized 'gears' on the outside of the tower to provide a meaningful connection to the park's history.

The old playground was based on the 1894 Moreton Central Sugar Mill theme and the skate park features a cog from the mill.

The playground upgrade will also see a new table tennis table installed in the junior play area and the existing 'Evos' play unit will be

relocated within the play space and the basket swing moved to the toddler play area.

"Parents will be pleased to know the view lines between the Youth Activity Precinct and the junior and toddler play spaces will be improved by replacing the picket style fence with a pool style fence.

"The tower's bubble windows, hole panels, and rope elevator all help to provide a great view for the kids, while allowing parents and carers to see into the tower for supervision."

Council will add greenery with additional shade trees around the playground. An additional shade sail will also be installed.

### Park Fast Facts:

Stage 2 of the park extension development includes:

- upgraded foot bridge to connect the skate park, Youth Activity Precinct and Cenotaph to the new park extension to the east.
- improved footpath connection to Matthew Street.
- shade trees and landscaping.

## Experts to draw on visions, old and new, in Nambour CBD reactivation plan

A plan to shape Nambour's town centre for the next 10 to 15 years is being created by Sunshine Coast Council in collaboration with the community.

Div 10 Cr David Law said the plan would be carried out by Council's Placemaking and Design Office, drawing on previous community engagement and planning.

The team would draw on 10 years of feedback and visioning documents produced by council and the community to form the basis of the precinct concept plan. "The precinct concept plan, feasibility and implementation plan will provide a clear and detailed understanding of how the town centre will look and function, how much it will cost, and provide a roadmap for when each stage of construction can occur," Cr Law said.

He said council would engage closely to ensure outcomes aligned with the values and visions of Nambourians. In the early planning phase of the project, council has held a series of conversations with key community groups, facilitated a community Think Tank workshop and analysed all documents produced over the past 10 years on Nambour's town centre by Council and by Reimagine Nambour.

Council has also updated several plans which guide future social infrastructure investment in the region. "It was necessary to undertake a review of these documents and implement their relevance to planning for the Nambour centre area," said Cr Law.

"These investigations have now formed the basis for the precinct concept plan."

A series of community events in February 2023 and an online survey would allow the community to provide feedback on the draft concept plan.

From March to May 2023 that community feedback will be reviewed, and changes made to the plan.

In May 2023 the plan will be presented to the community ahead of Stage 1 construction.

"A draft precinct-wide concept design and implementation plan will be produced this year (2022) for presentation to the community

where we ask, 'have we got it right?' in early 2023," Cr Law said.

The plan will contain a draft concept plan and individual concept plans for each of the identified areas within the precinct, as outlined in the image.

"This project now aims to build on all of the great work that has been accomplished over the past 10 years by the community and council and continue to collaborate with exiting initiatives such as the Special Entertainment Precinct and the Nambour Tram," said Cr Law.

### Nambour's changing role an opportunity for future

As the once thriving capital of the Maroochy Shire, the centre has undergone a series of changes over the past 20 years leading to a sense of loss among longer-term residents. In addition to the relocation of the sitting council chambers, the bypass of the Bruce Highway, the closure of the sugar mill and changes to agricultural production have also contributed to a perceived decline in the importance of the town.

This loss of identity and the changing role of the centre is now being seen by many as an opportunity to take forward what is already great and reimagine and redefine the town's future. Recently the relatively affordable housing and commercial property has seen an influx of younger people attracted to the town's central locality, good transport options, entertainment precinct and appreciation of a green and leafy aspect.

### Nambour now and into the future

Cr Law said Nambour Centre was a vibrant hub of the hinterland, servicing the business, entertainment, cultural, health and education needs of the town and the surrounding communities. It was also well-connected via the rail system, local bus services, improved roads and an extensive network of pathways.

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Restaurateurs Troy Hoffstede and Virginia Homer and Cr David Law: "If we want people to come to Nambour we need to have a visual appeal and that's what's outdoors dining provides".

## Council waives footpath dining fees to support CBD

OWNERS of a Mexican restaurant are encouraging others to go al fresco and take advantage of a recent Council initiative to waive footpath dining fees.

Troy Hoffstede and Virginia Homer's Currie Street restaurant La Salsa De Vida is well known for its outdoor streetside dining.

But Virginia said she only found out about the Council waiver when she received her latest notice and "it was zero". She reckoned more people would probably jump at the idea if they knew about it.

"I received a notice and the amount payable was zero so I rang up and asked why that was and the lady told me it was because of this new initiative. It was great news and it's good for our bottom line. Especially since our Liquor Licenses came through at the same time.

"It will be appealing for people because the various charges can be a little overwhelming.

"It's definitely an incentive and it has saved us hundreds of dollars because we're over the square metreage.

"If we want people to come to Nambour we need to have a visual appeal and that's what's outdoors dining provides. Can you imagine Currie St, if it was all like this?"

"Our customers love eating out, especially in summer, when this area is packed. In the hotter weather these tables go out straight away."

Div 10 Cr David Law said any business within the Special Entertainment Precinct could take advantage of the waiver which also applied to on-street trading and temporary entertainment events.

"It's great to see Troy and Virginia making it work and we would like to see more businesses taking up the opportunity," he said.

'I Am Nambour' Ambassador Rhonda Billett thanked Council for the important initiative.

"La Salsa De Vida Mexican is a great example of what outdoor dining can do, not only for their business, but also for dining culture in Nambour," she said. "This week I visited all restaurants, cafes and bars in the SEP of Nambour and delivered application forms to make it easier for busy business owners to join in the fun of activating Nambour's CBD."

- Businesses wanting more information can fill out the application form or contact Council direct on 5475 7272.
- About the Waiver
- In June 2022, council introduced a further initiative within the Nambour SEP in an effort to support local businesses. Fees have been waived for any local law activities requiring a permit within the Nambour SEP. This fee waiver relates to:
  - Operation of an amplified music venue on private property within the SEP
  - Footpath dining
  - Goods on footpath
  - Temporary entertainment events
  - Other commercial activities, such as temporary food trucks.
  - The fee waiver includes application fees, renewal fees and rental fees.
  - Fee waivers do not include licences issued under State Government Legislation – such as Food Licences.



### And Samuel makes three, for the Majors

THE population of Woombye grew by one recently with the welcome news that local BAS Agent and Woombye Community and Business Association Treasurer Nathan Major and his wife Sarah welcomed baby Samuel John Peter Major. Samuel was born at Sunshine Coast University Hospital on June 12 weighing 3.5 kg and is pictured with parents at the Woombye Pub for the WCBA meeting.

### Motorist threatened with a hammer, Woombye

POLICE are investigating a violent armed robbery in Woombye where a motorist was threatened with a hammer while stuck in traffic.

It's alleged by police that a driver passing through Nambour Connection Rd was threatened by a man not known to him about 2.20pm on Monday August 8, 2022. Police said the alleged robber made threats with a hammer and demanded cash, with the motorist handing over a sum of money. The spokeswoman said the man escaped the scene and left in a car.

### Letter to the Editor

### Book hoarders delight in Nambour

As I'm living on the other side of the range at Conondale I don't make it to Nambour often.

Last month I made the effort as I noticed a mention of the "Book Exchange" in the main street in the *Gazette*.

Intrigued, I went for a visit. What an amazing place! A book hoarder's delight! More books than your average library.

Rather overwhelmed I got guidance from Darren to find what I was looking for.

I wonder how many locals are not even aware of this book goldmine?

–Max Lindegger, Crystal Waters

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Local Sport, Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. Please check details with organisers. Submissions to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

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- Friday August 12: Retro Rocks Nambour Friday in the Forecourt from 5pm.
- August 12: Join Gretta Ziller Live at Peace Run Records for an intimate evening of storytelling & song from 7pm, 14 Queen Street Nambour. Tickets via eventbrite.com.au
- Saturday August 13: Retro Rocks Nambour 9am-3pm; High School Hop from 6pm.
- August 13: Andrea Kirwin solo show at Rangebow Festival, Montville 8.45am - 11.45am.
- Sunday August 14: LiFT-X Gym in Currie Street Nambour will be holding an inhouse competition to raise funds for Inclusive Kids. 0436 121 798.
- August 14: Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their August concert from 12 noon at the ACMA Hall of Fame in Steggalls Road, Yandina. Enquiries Darryl on 0458 671 569.
- August 15: Andrea Kirwin Solo show at Ginger Factory, Yandina, 12pm - 3pm.
- August 18: Nambour Christian College Principal's Tour from 9.15am. Phone 5451 3333 or info@ncc.qld.edu.au for more information.
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- August 19 to 21: Let's Go Sunshine Coast Caravan and Outdoor Expo will take place at the Nambour Showgrounds. Come down to check out the latest products and gadgets on offer.
- August 20 & 21: Dada Divyalokeshananda from the River School classical music concerts. Saturday & Sunday 2pm at the White Eagle Lodge in Witta. 0474 915 072.
- August 21: Yandina ACMA country music concert starting 12 noon. Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road. Doors open 10.30am.
- August 23: Woombye Community and Business Association Meeting at 6.15pm at Woombye Pub.
- Friday 26 August: Aine Tyrrell Live at the Black Box Theatre Howard St, Nambour. Supported by Andrea Kirwin. Doors Open 6.30pm. Tickets \$25 via Eventbrite.
- August 27: Chappy's Outdoor Adventure Day (fundraising horse trail rides for the advanced and beginner) email: genconnexq@gmail.com.
- August 27: Legacy Week 2022, or "Badge Week" is to be held from Saturday 27th August to Sunday 4th September.
- Sunday August 28: "Unite for Ukraine" community fundraiser at Mapleton State School to raise funds for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. email: uniteforukrainemapleton@gmail.com or

phone 0478 228 890.

- Sunday August 28: Viva La Vintage market at The Imperial Hotel Eumundi on Sunday from 9am til 1pm.
- Tuesday August 30: Woombye School of Arts Hall AGM at 4:30pm at the Main Hall. Drinks and nibbles. All interested parties welcome.

## Sport

- Saturday August 13: Division 1 Rugby League Round 17. Nambour Crushers v Caboolture at Bob Day Oval Caboolture Kick off: 6pm.
- Saturday, August 13: Australian Football QFA Div 2 North Seniors Round 18 (final round) Hinterland Blues v Gympie Cats at Gympie. Kickoff 2pm.
- Saturday August 13: Div 2B Rugby League Round 17 Palmwoods v Pomona Cooran at Briggs Park, Palmwoods. Kick off 3pm. Celebrate Ladies Day with us.
- Saturday August 13: Football FQPL 3 Sunshine Coast Men's Round 17, Nambour Yandina United v Kawana 6pm at Kawana.
- Saturday August 20: Football FQPL 3 Sunshine Coast Men's Round 18, Woombye Snakes FC v Noosa Lions FC 6pm at Woombye.
- Saturday August 20: Division 1 Rugby League Round 18. Nambour Crushers v Kawana at Nambour Rugby League Club. Kick off: 6pm.

## Markets

- Every Saturday: Yandina Country Market from 6am to 12pm, North Street, Yandina.
- Every Saturday: Kenilworth Country Markets from 8am to 1:30pm at Kenilworth Town Park, Charles Street.
- Every Sunday: Maleny Art, Craft and Collectables Markets 8am to 2pm Maleny RSL.
- Second Saturday of the month: Montville Growers and Makers Market, 7am to 12 noon at the Village Hall. Enquires: Liz 0424 042 376 or Visit montvillevillageassociation.org.au
- Fourth Saturday of the month: Mapleton Country Markets at Mapleton Hall, 8am-12noon. Phone Paula 0419 726 603 or email countrymarket.mapleton@gmail.com.
- Third Saturday of the month: Witta Growers Markets, 7.30am-12noon, 50+ stalls, enquiries: wittamarket@gmail.com
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For anyone interested in joining Little Village Theatre, now would be a perfect time to contact the secretary at ourlittlevillagetheatre@gmail.com. An invitation is extended to the community to come along, watch and enjoy a light-hearted practice session, Mondays 10am to 12pm at the Palmwoods Guide Hut.

Dipping a toe in the heady waters of musical theatre isn't as daunting as it might seem in this very welcoming and friendly environment.

Little Village Theatre will also be combining with Palmwoods Little Village Choir to present a community concert on October 13, 2022, at the Palmwoods Guide Hut. For details of upcoming events see the Facebook page. For membership enquiries contact LVT secretary Ronda on 0411 115 786 or ourlittlevillagetheatre@gmail.com.

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## East meets West in classical music concert

DADA Divyalokeshananda from the River School will be presenting an East meets West classical music concert on Saturday 20 August, at 2pm (with children in mind) and again on Sunday 21 August, at 2pm at the White Eagle Lodge in Witta.

Dada's violin and sitar have traveled through more than 50 countries bringing him into contact with many different cultures over his forty-year career as a yoga and meditation teacher.

"The music of these cultures has greatly influenced me," says Dada. "My meditation practice helps my music and my music helps me in my meditation."

The concert will consist of Dada playing some of Bach's Solo Partitas for violin, Chopin's romantic music for piano as well Indian classical ragas on his 75-year-old vintage sitar.

Tickets are \$10 (children free) and available at the door. For more information please contact Dada on 0474 915 072.



## Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

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

Now Showing: Where the Crawdads Sing; Bullet Train (Brad Pitt); Nope (Jordan Peele); Top Gun: Maverick; Elvis; and from August 18 Bosch and Rockit (Australian Luke Hemsworth) and Goodluck to You Leo Grande (Emma Thompson).

We also have the Australian Theatre Live's 'Diving for Pearls' on the big screen on Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th August.

• For more information on session times please visit [www.majesticcinemas.com.au](http://www.majesticcinemas.com.au) or phone 5441 2954.

## WCBA repeats calls to thwart potential overpass

WOOMBYE Community and Business Association (WCBA) has maintained its concern about the potential for a road overpass to be constructed over the railway line into Woombye thereby splitting the town in two and attracting heavy traffic through the village.

Concerns were sparked by historic plans such as a *Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Study Fact Sheet* from September 2008 that shows a map of Woombye with a proposed overpass from Back Woombye Road to Blackall Street to replace the current underpass, *see picture*.

It is an issue the WCBA's Ken Hudson is passionate about having seen the demise of many regional town shopping centres when heavy traffic destroys the small-town feel.

"We are very concerned that this will direct even larger volumes of future traffic from the hinterland and all areas west of Woombye, and Palmwoods directly into the streets of Woombye," says a draft letter sent to State MP Rob Skelton and Councillor for Div 5 Winston Johnston.

"Traffic is already increasing at an alarming rate. We are particularly concerned that the scout hall will be wiped out, and the Woombye Memorial Park, CWA Park and 2nd Light Horse Regiment - Woombye Troop will be irreversibly impacted. This is not acceptable to the residents, traders, community groups and sporting clubs of Woombye."

The WCBA says community responses to Council's Blackall Street community engagement, late 2020, were characterised by comments such as 'pedestrian friendly', 'slowing traffic', 'improving safety', 'retaining existing character'.

"The streetscape design will deliver on these community aspirations, any overpass increasing traffic volume through the centre of town is totally against the community's



**A Landsborough to Nambour Rail Corridor Study Fact Sheet from September 2008 shows a map of Woombye with a proposed overpass from Back Woombye Road to Blackall Street. The WCBA are concerned the proposal may still be on the drawing board.**

expectations," said WCBA Vice President Grant Palethorpe. "It would undermine the efforts being made by Council to retain the town's historic character and enhance walkability and safety for the town's residents and visitors."

The WCBA said it was critical for government planners to nominate an alternate traffic corridor bypass and incorporate it in the new town plan "before even more development spreads into locations suitable for the future bypass".

"Our Woombye Community & Business Association believes the long-term preservation of our lovely village and adjacent residences is a very high priority.

"Hence, we passionately desire this important issue be addressed now, and included in the current rewrite of the town plan."

In reply, Transport and Main Roads (TMR) said it did not have any current plans for an overpass through Woombye village, and there was no funding allocated to investigate any such proposal.

They said the proposal outlined by Mr Hudson would have significant impacts in a highly constrained environment. "Any major changes to access requires careful planning and detailed investigations.

"We consider many factors when determining future upgrades, including impacts to the surrounding community and input from affected residents.

"We understand the village atmosphere of Woombye is an important part of the community and existing buildings and infrastructure are important community assets.

"TMR would like to reassure the community that we remain committed to keeping the community updated on any major projects in the

planning, design or construction phases."

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston said he fully appreciated the concerns expressed regarding any planned rail overpass at Woombye. "(But) unfortunately any future project by the Queensland Government and TMR is controlled by the State in every aspect.

"Even if Council were able to amend the future town plan, State Government has absolute control and will override any TP provisions, just like they do with Schools, Emergency Services and any other State facility. The relevant person to direct concerns is therefore the State Member for Nicklin."

## Palwoods Devils Ladies Day Home Games

PALMWOODS Devils Rugby League Football Club is hosting a ladies day this Saturday August 13 for the club's last game of the season before the finals.

A club spokesperson said it was a chance to celebrate the amazing women working behind the scenes in the great game. Entry is free for ladies and they will receive two free wines on the club deck.

Seniors will be wearing pink jerseys and the club is also organising a club photo taken by a drone photographer.

There will be two games:

- 3pm, Div 28 Palmwoods v Pomona / Cooran;
- 4.30pm: Palmwoods Masters v Gympie.

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# Hardware & rural business changes hands

**PALMWOODS** Hardware & Rural Supplies has been sold after 20 years under the ownership of popular locals Kerry & Cheryl Prior.

Kerry handed over the reins to new owner Brad Baillache last Monday (August 1).

"It's been a little overwhelming at times," said Kerry. "I've had quite a few people coming in to shake my hand and say goodbye. I'll really miss the banter and the daily interactions with the friends I've made over the counter over the years."

"Helping people has always been our focus and that leads to warm relationships with our customers. Money was never our prime motivation but the business has grown and I'd like to think that success has been the result of our team's great service."

Kerry said population growth had seen the hinterland change a lot over his years behind the counter from a farming area to a residential hub. "In the early days we were a complete farm-focussed business," he said. "The product range was totally about farming, whereas now



**Kerry Prior, right, is handing over the reins to new owner Brad Baillache. INSET: Kerry Prior with staff member Aaron Hollier, pictured when Kerry took over the business in March 2003.**

we've diversified more into a do-it-yourself and hardware store. There aren't many farmers left in the area, but there's a heck of a lot of houses. It's just a sign of the times. All of this beautiful farming country has had to adapt and we've had to transition to cater to the new demographic."

New owner Brad Baillache said he was looking forward to the challenge of running the business and honouring Kerry and Cheryl's

legacy.

"We look forward to taking care of the community with great service and good will, just like Kerry and the team have done over the years in all things farm, rural and hardware," he said.

► Palmwoods Hardware & Rural Supplies (formerly Palmwoods Farm & Garden) is in Briggs Street. Phone 5445 9076.



## Nambour Chamber welcomes new members

NAMBOUR Chamber of Commerce has welcomed Nambour Plaza management as new members. Recently-appointed Centre Manager Katie Wild and Administration and Marketing Manager Janelle Burn represented the Plaza at the Chamber event last Thursday.

It's been a busy period for Nambour Plaza, the heart of hinterland shopping, as it marked its 40th birthday with a special Celebration Day on July 29.

The 11,282 square metre centre includes anchor tenants, Woolworths and Big W and 40 speciality stores.

## Ross raises \$11,750 at Palmwoods Hotel for local sports clubs

FOUR Palmwoods sports clubs were lucky enough to receive donations from mutual sponsor Palmwoods Hotel recently.

It was all thanks to Ross Dale who runs raffles every Sunday at Palmwoods Hotel on behalf of the key clubs that the Palmwoods Hotel sponsors.

Also included on the list is Ross's favourite charity "Wish List" and patrons look forward to seeing his friendly smile each week.

At the end of financial year Ross's raffle takings are distributed with 20 percent going to Nambour & Hinterland AFL Club, Palmwoods

Junior Rugby League Club and Palmwoods Cricket Club.

A further 10 percent goes to Palmwoods Warriors Football Club while Wish List receives 30 percent.

"Ross raised \$11,750 this year," said Tania Skerman from Palmwoods Warriors Football Club.

"Ross has been involved in community sport and loves raising money to assist local volunteer organisations.

"He understands community-run clubs rely heavily on fundraising and grants to continue

to provide affordable sport to our local community.

"The Palmwoods Hotel, along with Ross and the ticket-buying patrons' support and generosity makes a significant impact to our organisations. On behalf of all the recipient clubs we want to thank Ross for his efforts, the patrons for buying the tickets and our sponsor Palmwoods Hotel."

**RIGHT: Ross Dale, Jess Poppel from Nambour & Hinterland AFL and Palmwoods Hotel Venue Manager Krystle Lister.**



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# Expert details Coast & Nambour's great railway rip-off

THE Sunshine Coast, and Nambour in particular, was being dramatically under-serviced when it came to rail services for the region, according to Sunshine Coast Rail Upgrade Advocate Jeff Addison.

Speaking at a Nambour Chamber of Commerce meeting last week (Thursday, August 4) Mr Addison said the Sunshine Coast had been over-promised and shortchanged time and again by successive governments.

Mr Addison outlined a litany of raised expectations and inflated promises and said a duplicated track line to Nambour was an essential part of the mix to bring rail infrastructure into line with other parts of Australia.

He criticised the State Government for raising expectations of duplication to Nambour when the current funded plan for rail duplication ended 26 kilometres south of Nambour, at Beerwah. "It really is a false claim. It gives people a false impression, that rail duplication is coming to Nambour."

Mr Addison said, in fact, the works for Nambour consisted of a park and ride facility at the back of Coles. "Nambour is going to get an extra 50 car parks," he said.

"The closest the rail works come to Nambour will end at Beerwah. So there's no rail duplication anywhere near."

## Duplication important to boost freight

In a broader sense, Mr Addison said rail duplication to Nambour was important as it would allow rail freight transport to free up roads. Unlike passenger transport, freight made money for the government Passenger services were subsidized by the government by



**Jeff Addison, speaking at the Nambour Chamber of Commerce meeting last week, says TMR is guilty of historic over-promising and under-delivering when it comes to rail services.**

about 75 to 80 percent.

He referred to a recent Sunshine Coast Daily story which compared the allocation of funds to the Gold and Sunshine Coasts for bus and rail from 2011 to 2021.

## Nine times the funding for Gold Coast

"On the Sunshine Coast, they spent \$150.7 million on bus and rail projects. On the Gold Coast over the same period they spent \$1.38 billion. More than nine times what they have spent here on the Sunshine Coast. And we are

two-thirds the population of the Gold Coast.

"And that's why I get so angry with this government, when they quibble and say that they're doing a great job with rail duplication, when they're spending \$160.8 million compared to what they're outlaying constantly on the Gold Coast.

"Whether it's light rail, heavy rail, duplication, you name it: We seem to get the short straw every time, and that needs to end."

Mr Addison said a single-track in and out of the Sunshine Coast was insufficient to service

the needs of the third largest regional area in the nation.

"Compare us to the Redcliffe Peninsula line, for example, it was started in 2013 and opened in October 2016.

"On the day it opened, it opened with 650 train services per week. The Sunshine Coast has 250 train services per week, plus 75 rail buses, making 325 services per week. Exactly half what the Redcliffe Peninsula Line opened with."

Mr Addison said over the years he had met with just about every state or federal MP about rail service to the Coast and all of them agreed it should be a priority.

"I met with Annastacia Palaszczuk, when she was Transport Minister in 2011. I met with Warren Truss when he was the Shadow Infrastructure and Transport Minister in 2013. I met with Campbell Newman in 2014."

## Many 'services' are, in fact, bus services

Remarkably, he said 23 percent of "services" on the Sunshine Coast were actually "bus" services.

"We've got 325 services. Of those, 75 are rail 'buses,'" he said.

"The rail bus takes an hour and a half to go the 54 kilometres, from Nambour to Caboolture.

"There are a couple of them that are express, but generally most of them drive in and out of every single station, the 11 stations between Nambour and Caboolture.

"Why would you catch the rail 'bus'? In fact for one or two of them, it's actually quicker to wait for the next train, because you get to your destination at the same time."

## Two tracks all the way to Nambour 'subject to negotiations', says Minister

TRANSPORT and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey is keeping expectations low on the possibility of rail duplication (two tracks) all the way to Nambour.

The Minister would not commit to a time frame but reassured the community, saying progress was being made.

He hoped to do a deal with the new Federal Labor Government.

"We are duplicating tracks between Beerburrum to Beerwah. And, beyond that, a stage

two will be subject to negotiations between federal and state governments for an agreement which I am committed to doing with the new federal government."

Mr Bailey said the state would like to see a duplicated line all the way to Nambour.

"Clearly a single line to Nambour is not going to cut it, in terms of demand and the population that changes over time."

TMR said the Queensland and Australian Governments had committed \$6.25 million

for the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Duplication Study.

This study will inform the overall North Coast Line planning work north of Beerburrum and provide further insights into the priorities and timing of future upgrades between Beerburrum and Nambour.

In any case, Mr Bailey said rail duplication from Beerwah to Nambour would require extensive consultation with communities in Mooloolah, Eudlo, Palmwoods and Woombye

before any work could begin.

"Whenever we do rail upgrades, we do a full heritage and character study," he said.

"So we go in, someone independent does us a full study on what are the things that are significant that we want retained, and we protect them in terms of any upgrades.

"We will work closely with communities in Woombye and Palmwoods to make sure those heritage features are protected. And in many cases, enhanced."

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Lauren Schofield, left, and Catherine Millett are coordinating the collection.

## Dignity Drive to help those in need

FOUNDED in 2015, Share the Dignity believes access to period products is a right, not a privilege. But one in five Australian women have been unable to afford period products at some point in their life. This month, sanitary products will once again be collected across the country during the Dignity Drive to help those in need.

Catherine Millett from Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate who is coordinating the collection of donated items in Maleny said Share the Dignity worked to make a real, on-the-ground difference in the lives of women and girls experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence or doing it tough by distributing sanitary items.

"On behalf of Woolworths Maleny, Lauren Schofield has been central to the collection of products for this initiative for a number of

years," said Catherine. "She has a real passion for this cause."

"All products in original packaging, including pads, tampons, maternity pads, period undies, menstrual cups and incontinence products are accepted."

Catherine will be delivering to the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre to meet their requirements, and then any remaining products are passed on to other charities across the state. Following this year's flooding, Gympie has had a high need for products. The campaign kicked off on August 3 and will finish on August 30, 2022.

"Maleny Woolworths and Star Discount Chemist in Maple Street will be the main donation points," said Catherine. "People are also welcome to drop any products to our agency at the Riverside Centre."



Nambour Senior Women's team pictured after their win on Saturday. Now for the finals.

## Nambour Rugby Club claims men's and women's minor premierships

NAMBOUR Toads Rugby Club has secured minor premierships for Senior Women's and Senior Men's teams — a dual feat not achieved in the club's history.

The teams will be vying for grand finals spots coming up at the end of August after the last competition round was held on the weekend.

The Senior Women's team scored a 68-10 thumping of Caboolture at Nambour on Saturday.

Coach Luke Zeremis said the young side, which remained unbeaten after the 10 competition rounds, was on-song for the finals.

"I'm proud of the team," said Luke. "The eldest is 22 and the average age is only 17 across the team. Eight of the them that ran on today are still at school."

"They're an outstanding bunch. They do what you say. They have a great time together."

"But they also understand the balance between working hard and having fun."

The team contains four players who were recently selected for the Queensland Country Orchids, namely Bridget Carter, Megan Prin-

sloo, Bek Murtagh and Allie Salter.

The Senior Men beat Maroochydore 24-5.

Men's captain Jake Harris said a core group of players who had been together for a few years was paving the way for the success in the Cricks Volkswagen Sunshine Coast Cup. He said some young players joining the club from other teams and codes also added energy to the side.

"We've also had some clever coaching that suits the nature of the competition and the make-up of our team," said Jake.

"We gain a lot of inspiration from the women's team's success and we have a number of exceptional volunteers behind the scenes."

This weekend, both teams will be playing 1v2 semi finals for a place in their respective Grand Finals on Friday August 26. But if they lose they get a second chance in the knockout semi-finals next weekend.

After a dominant season, Nambour sits on top of the table in the Sunshine Coast Rugby Union Women's Seniors competition on 49 points, 20 points clear of second-placed Caloundra on 29.

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**NetSetGO participants graduate at NDNA** pictured with coaches Cecilia, Charlotte, Denise and assistants.

## NetSetGO Players Graduate at Nambour Netball

NAMBOUR & Districts Netball Association's youngest players recently graduated from their NetSetGO program.

Woolworths NetSetGO is Netball Australia's junior entry-level program, developed to provide children aged 5 - 10 years with the best possible introduction to the sport of netball. It's the chance to learn the basics, get outside and make new friends. At NDNA qualified coaches ensure players participate in skill-based activities, minor games and modified match play in a fun and safe environment. For many kids this is the first time they have ever picked up a netball. The program finished up with a fun presentation and celebration afternoon.

► For more information on upcoming programs and events go to: [www.nambournetball.com.au](http://www.nambournetball.com.au).

## Fisher Community Awards

NOMINATIONS are now open for the Fisher Community Awards.

Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace said the awards recognised organisations and individuals who had made a difference to the community in education, employment, environment, and retirement. "So much of the incredible work that goes on is behind the scenes, and I look forward to hearing from you – the people of Fisher – in uncovering more of these inspirational and admirable stories."

Winners announced in October. Information: [andrewwallacemp.com.au/awards](http://andrewwallacemp.com.au/awards). Nominations close 11.59pm on Sunday, 4 September.



Seasonal workers like those pictured here with Princess Angelika Lātūfuipeka Tuku'aho at Yandina's Bunya Fresh tomato farm are the backbone of Tonga's economy right now.

## Royal visit honours Yandina workers rebuilding Tonga

A Tongan Princess visited seasonal workers in Yandina last week to acknowledge their work raising money to help the country rebuild after a devastating volcanic eruption and tsunami.

Workers in Australia are sending money back to Tonga to aid the rebuilding phase after the event impacted 80 percent of the nation's 170-island group.

Her Royal Highness Princess Angelika Lātūfuipeka Tuku'aho visited Bunya Fresh tomato farm in Yandina as part of her goal to visit as many Tongan seasonal workers in Australia as possible.

"After the volcanic eruption most of Tonga's economic sectors collapsed, such as tourism and fishing," said Public Officer of the Brisbane Tongan Community Suli Layt. "The key sector maintaining Tonga's economy right now is remittances sent from overseas. And the seasonal workers represent a major part of that remittances back to Tonga. So, effectively, the seasonal workers are, you could say, the backbone of Tonga's economy right now."

"And that's seasonal workers in Australia and New Zealand. So it means a lot to the workers,

but it also means a lot to Her Royal Highness, the Royal family, and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga to make a site visit, to engage with the workers and to demonstrate the appreciation of the government for the great work that they're doing in stimulating Tonga's economy during such a difficult season in Tonga's history."

Her Royal Highness met with about 20 of her fellow citizens at Bunya Fresh. Last Friday she headed to the capital for a dinner at Brisbane City Hall organised by Tonga Relief Charity President and recently-appointed Nambour Uniting Church Reverend Maile Molitika.

"Even though Reverend Maile has relocated to Nambour, he still maintains his role as president of the Brisbane Tongan Community and the greater diaspora of the Tongan community in Southeast Queensland," said Mr Layt.

On Saturday, at the Pullman Hotel, the Princess launched her book about the role of men and women in Tonga culture.

Princess Lātūfuipeka is a member of the House of Tupou and sole daughter of Tupou VI, King of Tonga.



## Palmwoods club scores ace new lights. Tennis anyone?

PALMWOODS Tennis Club Celebrated their new LED lights with free tennis for all last Saturday night.

"We had a great night with kids and adults on the courts having fun," said club President, Robyn Combes.

"The Palmwoods Butchers' sausages and beef patties were delicious, so were the 'Pizza Pizza' pizza's. It was great to see Rob Skelton MP, and we thank him for taking the time to call in."

The new lighting was made possible with the assistance of both the State Government and the Sunshine Coast Council.

"The Palmwoods Tennis club Committee would like to thank the State Government's Gaming Community Fund and Sunshine Coast Council for grant support towards the project," said Robyn.

"The new lights were retrofitted to the existing poles at just under \$41,000. We would also like to thank Lance Milne of Milne Group Power and his team for doing all the tricky electrical work."

The Palmwoods Tennis club welcomes all members of the public to come and play tennis. With warmer weather around the corner, playing in the cool of the evening is ideal. You can book a court online at [www.play.tennis.com.au/palmwoodstennisclub](http://www.play.tennis.com.au/palmwoodstennisclub). Coaching is available for juniors and adults with groups or private lessons, contact [skilledtennis@gmail.com](mailto:skilledtennis@gmail.com). Tennis is a great way to stay fit and have fun for everyone.




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**Charlie McMonagle and Robyn Brown admire a Cymbidium display at a local orchid show.**

### Orchids showing at their blooming best

THE Maroochydore Orchid Show on August 5 and 6 provided an excellent seasonal extravaganza of colour.

The range of hybrid and species orchids on display complemented the dedication of their owners to achieve quality blooms.

The next show is Nambour Orchid Society's Spring Show, being staged at Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Avenue, Nambour, on September 9 and 10. All details available on [www.nambourorchidsociety.com](http://www.nambourorchidsociety.com).

Meanwhile, the Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show is a must-attend event for all those interested in orchids and those with interest extending to Photography, Visual Arts and Floral Art.

It is a major Queensland event, attracting growers, exhibitors and world class speakers on everything orchids. Dates are August 31 to September 4. Further information contact [robynbrown@bigpond.com](mailto:robynbrown@bigpond.com). — **from Roger Barratt, Vice President Nambour Orchid Society**

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**LiFT Nambour's Paul Murray and Wendy Versluis are organising the charity event and say they have been "feeling the Nambour love" in their efforts so far.**

## Fundraiser offers the ultimate fitness games for every 'body'

LOCAL gym LiFT-X Nambour will be holding an inhouse competition on Sunday August 14 to raise funds for Inclusive Kids.

LiFT Nambour Director Wendy Versluis said the aim was to raise over \$5000 through the combined efforts of LiFT Maroochydore, Noosa and Nambour.

"I have been going door to door to local businesses around Currie street and the generosity has been very heart-warming. So far, we have raised a little over \$1000, but we want this number to grow, so we are asking the local Nambour businesses and community for support. We have several prizes that have been donated by businesses along the main street so we are definitely feeling the Nambour love.

"In return we can promote your business on the day, and we will also welcome any promotional/marketing material that we can display.

But more so, we would like to invite everyone to come to LiFT and experience the event itself and go in the draw for an amazing local products hamper that I have put together."

All of the funds raised by LiFT Nambour will go directly to Inclusive Kids who will distribute all money directly to individuals within the regions where the money is raised.

Go to LiFT Nambour's Facebook page for a link to the donations page.

Local businesses that have contributed so far include: Autobarn Nambour, Smiles Dentist, Jenny K Beauty, Sunshine MITRE10, Small Change Espresso, Fruity Life, Body Heights Nambour, Kate-Lee Foley, Holistic Hives and Chili Punk.

▶ Contact Wendy on 04 36 121 798 or email to [nambour@liftstrengthandconditioning.com.au](mailto:nambour@liftstrengthandconditioning.com.au)



### Nambour CWA returns favour to SES

NAMBOUR CWA held its AGM last Tuesday at the CWA Hall in Short Street and took the opportunity to present a cheque to Nambour SES Group in return for some recent assistance.

"When all this wet weather was happening earlier in the year we noticed our skylights were leaking," said President Rhondda Poor.

"The Nambour SES group were on duty and took our call. Within a short period of time we had a team onsite, securing the damaged skylights to prevent further water damage in the hall.

"As a branch we were extremely impressed by the team work and professionalism of the young men and women and decided we would show our appreciation by giving them a donation to help them with their work."

Ms Poor said CWA in Australia was celebrating its 100 years anniversary this year. Nambour CWA formed in 1928.

### Garden Club Spring Fair

THE Maleny Garden Club is again hosting a Spring Fair on Saturday October 1 at Maleny Showground Pavilion from 9am-4pm.

"There will be plants & produce stalls from local independent nurseries. You can talk to experts about all things gardening," said Club spokesperson Jan Maguire. "Morning, afternoon teas and lunches by the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary will be available to purchase in the Pavilion."

Open Gardens Tickets are \$5 per garden and can be purchased at the Pavilion. Children to 16 Years are free. There will also be sculpture, pottery and art displays Enquiries: [gardenin-gontheedge@hotmail.com](mailto:gardenin-gontheedge@hotmail.com) [www.facebook.com/malenygardenclub](http://www.facebook.com/malenygardenclub).

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Seated in the front row are Palmwoods Indoor Bowls Club players in their 80s, from left, Evan Ward, Pat Hoskins, Maureen Mannix, Athol McMullin, Clare Jeremy and Bob Simpson. Absent is Neil Bachman.

## Judging by these figures, indoor bowls must be good for your health

IF the average age of players is anything to go by indoor bowls must be excellent for your health and longevity.

The Palmwoods Indoor Bowls Club has recently celebrated 80th birthdays with several members.

"Bob Simpson, Neil Backman, Maureen Mannix and Evan Ward all turned 80 in the past month and it has been terrific to celebrate with them," said Club spokesman, Les Mott.

Club members play indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday morning starting at 8.30am through to 12noon at the Palmwoods Memorial Hall, Main Street, Palmwoods.

"During the year we run competitions between ourselves and award trophies to the players at the end of the year at our Christmas lunch," Les said. "It is a lot of fun."

"Our Club is very well supported in the Palmwoods community, as we have several members from the Sundale Retirement Village and we are incredibly grateful to be sponsored by the Palmwoods Heritage Community Bank.

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Andrew McLean holds up a pic of his dream car. What would a vehicle look like if it prioritised efficient and aerodynamics? That was the question that Aptera asked. And this is the result.

## Andrew plugs in to mean, green electric machine

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Maleny man Andrew McLean is getting one hot off the production line.

Manufacturer, Aptera, has created the world's first 'never charge' transportation solution, Andrew says. The average Australian commute is around 30 kilometres a day. If you leave the Aptera in the sun all day, solar panels will give an extra 65 kilometres of 'free from the sun' travel. "It's like a petrol fairy putting free fuel in your tank," says Andrew.

"It is, of course, electric, but it has the equivalent efficiency of 300 mile-per-gallon (0.8 litres per 100kms)".

"I'm a mechanic, and five years ago I heard that we would be driving cars that use just 10 percent of the energy of today's cars. I didn't

believe them. Well, it's just about to land."

The Aptera, which means "wingless flight" in Greek, is more aerodynamic than the side mirrors of a Ford F150! The three-wheel-drive version will do 0-100 in 3.5 seconds, with the 2WD version a more tame, but still snappy, 5.5 seconds. It, of course, can be charged like a normal EV.

Due to come into full production in California at the end of the year, with a right hand drive version to land in Australia in 2024, the base model costs US\$25,900.

"Some say it's a mix of the Jetsons, a spaceship and the Batmobile, but one thing is for sure, it will turn the commuting world upside down," said Andrew.

Contact Andrew at amclean42@gmail.com if you are interested in more information or reserving one.



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## Applications open for students entering Year 5 in 2023



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# Jerseys recognise Indigenous contribution to rugby league

IT was an emotional moment for Nambour Rugby League Club stalwart Brad Beetson as he watched his son Jack run on to the field in the Indigenous Round at Crushers Park on Saturday against the Beerwah Bulldogs.

"As a child I used to watch my father play, to myself playing to now watching my son play in an Indigenous strip for Crushers is very special to me," Brad said.

Brad said Nambour enjoyed a long history of Indigenous, South Sea and Torres Strait Islander players playing for All Whites Souths and now today's Nambour Crushers.

He said he was particularly proud of Nambour Crushers for the support they offered indigenous players.

"Rugby league has become an integral part of life for many Indigenous families," he said. "Though we make up only three percent of our country's population we actually make up for 25 percent of rugby league players in Queensland."

Division 1 player David Oakes said he was forever grateful for every opportunity he got to represent a culture that was one of the oldest in the world.

"It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from, we share the same culture and are proud to be indigenous."

The Crushers wore jerseys specially designed by proud Kuku Yalanji woman and local footy Mum Belinda Fleiter.

"I have been involved in Rugby League for over 21 years when my oldest first signed up to Nambour Crushers," said Belinda.

"Crushers has always been dear to our hearts, even though I have strayed to another Club I still returned back to Crushers when my youngest decided to return last year. I have two sons that play Seniors in 2022, Ambrose & Mananji.

"There's just something about Crushers where you know you just belong, doesn't matter what your colour or background is, if you love your footy then you're accepted."

Beerwah won the main match 40-10.



## Nambour Women claim first win of season

THE Nambour Rugby League Open Women's team posted their first win of the season on Saturday, beating Beerwah 36-24. Captain A'Eisha Jeffs said it was motivating to get a victory under their belt with two more games to go.

"It's great to have a win in the bag after all our work and after seeing the progress we've made this season. We just really worked hard as a team today and implemented what we'd practiced at training." This weekend they play Caboolture at Caboolture, then Kawana at home.



**Above left: Nambour Crushers Senior Women's team after the game Saturday.**

**Above: The Bulldogs and Crushers line up before kick-off.**

**Right: Uncle Mick Douglas, left, performed a "Welcome to Country" before the match. He is with Belinda Fleiter, who designed the jersey, and Brad Beetson who organised the Indigenous Round.**



**Members of the mighty 1987 Nambour Rugby League Club A Grade team.**

## Grand final memories still strong after 35 years

THEY may have aged a bit but the memories were as vivid as if they happened yesterday. Members of the mighty 1987 Nambour Rugby League Club A Grade team celebrated the 35th anniversary of the club's first Sunshine Coast Rugby League Premiership. Back then, they beat Caloundra at the Nambour Showgrounds 28-18. The reunion at Crusher Park on Saturday (August 6) was a trip down memory lane and a great evening was had by all as they watched the current-day Crushers take on Beerwah.



**A newspaper clipping of Nambour players celebrating the GF win over Caloundra.**

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## What will you do to Shine a Light on Racism?

The Sunshine Coast is our home and the uncomfortable truth is that racism exists in our communities. Council has launched a region-wide campaign calling on the community to #DoTheWork to become anti-racist. Visit Council's website for details.

## Community Grants now open

Major Grant funding is available for projects, events and activities that meet community need and provide community benefit. Visit Council's website and apply before 29 August.

## Horizon Festival fun across the region

Horizon Festival is on 26 August to 4 September. Enjoy more than 50 free and ticketed art events across 25 locations. Plan your festival experience at [horizonfestival.com.au](http://horizonfestival.com.au).

## Prestigious local art prize finalists unveiled

Get ready for the Sunshine Coast Art Prize Exhibition on show from 26 August. You'll find 40 contemporary works from artists across the nation. Vote for your favourite for a chance to win. For more information, visit [gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au).

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## Who will you nominate?

We all know someone who deserves a big pat on the back for the work they do for others. Now is the time to celebrate their efforts. Nominations are open for the Sunshine Coast Australia Day Awards, which recognise the outstanding contributions of our community across seven categories. Nominating is easy and can be done online at [sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) until 18 November.

## One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online – Thursday 25 August at 9am.

## Sunshine Coast 2023 Heritage Calendar Competition

Grab your photo albums. Council is looking for old pictures that show how people got around the Sunshine Coast in days gone by. Car, bike, boat, skates, train, tram or horse - all of them are wanted! Winning images will be included in the calendar and winners will receive a canvas print of their image, plus calendars to share. To enter, visit [heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) by 15 August.

## Grants for rural property owners

Rural landowners can apply for financial help to complete on-ground environment projects on their private property, with Council's Landholder Environment Grants now open. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for projects such as bush regeneration; reducing sediment loss on farms; controlling environmental weeds; and modifying non-boundary fencing to make it wildlife friendly. Please read the guidelines on Council's website and submit your expression of interest before 22 August.

## Don't miss the Storytellers' Festival

The Sunshine Coast's biggest combined book launch is taking place at the Storytellers' Festival on 30 August in Beerwah. Hosted by Sunshine Coast Libraries, the Storytellers' Festival will bring together writers, readers and creatives to share a love of books and support fellow local authors. Visit Council's library website to book.

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## Firies launch extensions at Open Day and 70th Anniversary celebration

Visitors checked out the Palmwoods Rural Fire Brigade's impressive new extensions as the service staged an Open Day on Saturday.

"It was an opportunity to show our community what we have done to expand our capabilities and be able to support the community further," a spokesperson said. The formal proceedings included the cutting of a cake to mark the brigade's 70th Anniversary and the unveiling of a plaque to acknowledge the extensions by Nicklin MP Rob Skelton.



## Childrens' Book Week is coming

by Cathy Cash

SIBLINGS Emelia and Jesse of Maroochydore have quite a history with Woombye Community Library.

Their grandmother Chris Milloy, who has been the Library Convenor for the past 3 years, often brought the kids to the library to help out from a very young age. They both enjoyed being around books and learning how a library works.

Emelia, now 12 and at high school in Nambour, was skilled and ready to undertake a library monitor role when in primary school and enjoyed it greatly.

Her younger brother Jesse, 10 years old, still visits the library with "Granny" Chris to borrow books and his favourite current read is Roald Dahl's "Danny - The Champion of the World".

Though the junior section of the library mainly stocks picture books for very young and beginning readers, there is a small but growing section of books catering to middle and upper primary and young teen readers too. There is also a popular and regularly updated display of picture books by First Nations authors and illustrators to appeal to our youngest borrowers.



Jesse from Palmwoods State School selects a book at the Woombye Community Library.

Each year since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across the country through Book Week, which runs from 20-26 August this year.

This year's theme is about stepping into your own story, dreaming with your eyes open, listening to country and learning from friends who help you on your way.

I think there are few things more satisfying to our Community Library volunteers than seeing a parent or carer sitting in the comfy blue chair in our East Wing, reading to a child who is totally engaged with the story, and best of all there is not an active digital screen in sight.

## Nambour Netball Hosts U11 Years Carnival

NAMBOUR & District Netball Association recently hosted their annual U11 years Modified Netball Carnival.

Attended by young netballers from across the region with both Competitive and Non Competitive divisions there was something for all players. So many young smiling faces having fun and enjoying their game of netball in the outdoors.

Sunshine Coast Lightning players Laura Scherian and Tara Hinchliffe were a smash hit with players and fans alike as they spent the morning meeting and greeting many star struck netballers.

For information on upcoming events and programs go to: [www.nambournetball.com.au](http://www.nambournetball.com.au) or email: [info@nambournetball.com.au](mailto:info@nambournetball.com.au)



1st place NDNA's Chevallum Cats in 8/9 yr Competitive Division.



**Getting his hands dirty: Cr David Law demonstrates how much fun bushcare can be.**

## Cr Law joins bushcarers in replanting creek

THIRTY-FIVE participants got together to replant a section of Petrie Creek bank at a Gulung Gung BushCare site near Quota Park recently.

Bushcarers put in 500 soil-stabilising and habitat-creating local native plants in a couple of hours, as well as collecting rubbish spread along the creek by the recent flood.

It was all done with the help of the Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group/Sunshine Coast Council BushCare group, ECollaboration teams, and National Tree Day enthusiasts.

Next opportunity to join us in these BushCare events on Petrie Ck will be at:

- Namba Creek on Saturday 20 August starting at 8am. (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour);

- Gulung Gung on Wednesday 24 August starting at 8am. (Park in the Aldi carpark and walk down the rough gravel track to the site on the creek below Aldi).

► For more info see the FB Page "Petrie-CreekCatchmentCareGroupInc" and [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare) or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email [normmorwood@gmail.com](mailto:normmorwood@gmail.com)

## Local sleuths solve mystery of photo of orchard from 1907

From **Donna Klease (nee Smith)**

THE beginning of this mystery came about at our weekly coffee group late last year. My friend Anne Veivers had visited an auction house in Toowoomba and seen a lovely old photo of an orange orchard in Mapleton. As a descendent of the first pioneers of Mapleton, the Smith family, I found this fascinating.

Contact was made with the auction house owner to arrange a photo be taken and emailed to me. He explained that it had been hanging in the Nambour Railway and that it was in a series of commissioned framed photos in some local railway stations in the early 1900s. To my pleasant surprise it was indeed our Smith family photo. The orchards were located near Baroon Falls (later called Mapleton Falls) on Mapleton Falls Road. In the picture are some of our family members.

What was surprising is the size of the framed photo — one square metre! I made contact with our Council Heritage Library in Nambour to find out if they were willing to purchase and save it. With the wonderful help of Karen Harper, Carol Hawley and team from the Heritage Library, we were successful.

We established that the Government Photographer at the time, was Mr Henry Mobsby who had taken the photo. Mr Mobsby had taken over as official artist and photographer for the Department of Agriculture in 1904 and continued in this role until his retirement in 1930.

The 1907 photo has Mr David Smith Senior standing on the left of the orange case, with his son Councillor T. D. Smith in the background (my Great Grandfather).

Mr O. Gorman in the foreground on the right hand corner the early pioneers of Mapleton. Similar gigantic gum trees as seen in the background once occupied this farm, which were felled by stoving, then burnt. The timber frame is made of Bean Tree and has the inscription



**Donna Klease, left, and Karen Harper from Council library have managed to save the photo.**

"Orange Orchard Mapleton".

The Queenslander Newspaper in 1911 wrote the following of Mr D Smith: "In 1894 the first spring cart was driven down the range to Nambour, and although the event seems insignificant today the occasion marked an important era in Blackall Range history, and the day when the residents assembled to cheer the sturdy pioneer as he essayed the journey fraught with so many difficulties is still memorable in Mapleton. Mr Smith on this occasion, carted 5cwt (250 kgs) of produce and took 3 days to accomplish the return journey. Considerable improvements were effected to the roads at this stage, and carts and wagons now replaced the weary pack horse."

In 1889 David Smith who owned farmland in Redland Bay, was considered one of the active pioneers of Redland Bay.

He sent his two young sons, Thomas and William, to search for agricultural land, with the knowledge that tall timber grew on good soil

and that red soil was suitable for growing citrus fruit and vegetables.

David had read that some newly-surveyed land on the Range west of Petrie's Creek was available for selection. With swags and food the boys set off by train to Brisbane and onto Caboolture.

They boarded a Cobb & Co coach to Woombye and Currie's Knob to arrive at Tom Petrie's Hotel, which later became the town of Nambour.

With help up the Range through the tangled mass of vines and scrub by two guides (Mr Howard and John Murtagh) they reached the top to set up camp beside a swampy lagoon.

David Smith was renowned as the "Father of Mapleton".

With his two sons and daughter (Amy) the families farmed and helped establish the foundations of the village, like the school, hall, roads, tramway, church, cemetery and the Farmers and Fruitgrowers Progress Association.



**Jacqueline Rutland with her wonderful treasures at the Fandango Emporium.**

## Viva La Vintage Market at the Imperial Hotel Eumundi

LOVERS of vintage treasures and bespoke crafts are in for a fine time at the next Viva La Vintage market at The Imperial Hotel Eumundi on Sunday 28 August from 9am til 1pm.

The markets are held four times a year and have developed a reputation as the place to find unique collectables.

There will be a wealth of fabulous vintage wares, along with retro fashion gems, homewares, a huge selection of vinyls and hand-crafted treasures

Viva La Vintage is the perfect place to ease yourself into a relaxed Sunday - with live music + Imperial Hotel bar from 10am for those that fancy a glass of bubbles to celebrate their market finds!

The market is held in The Green Room and The Brewery spaces, upstairs at The Imperial Hotel. The space is weather-proof and air conditioned so comfortable rain, hail or shine.

Viva La Vintage is free entry for visitors and family friendly.



**Ian Lucas says playing an instrument is wonderful emotional therapy.**

## Former pilot wins prestigious piano comp for second time

by **Richard Bruinsma**

MONTVILLE'S Ian Lucas has achieved a remarkable feat by winning the prestigious Sydney Piano Lovers Competition - open to amateur Australian and New Zealand pianists over 30 - for the second time in a row.

Ian started playing at a very early age and gave it up totally in his late teens as he pursued a 30-year aviation career culminating as an airline pilot.

"I entered for the challenge of entering, so I was way more pleased than I thought I would be, the surprise was very unexpected and nice," Mr Lucas said.

Ian paid tribute to his late mother Joan, his first piano teacher when he was a child, for persevering and planting the seeds for his later-life persistence to work hard to be the best musician he can be.

"She always insisted I play whatever piece I could manage as beautifully as I can," Mr Lucas said.

"She was also the most amazingly patient teacher I ever had because I'm not a natural at anything really, and she taught me to just prac-

tice and if you don't get it right, just practice it again, and you'll improve anyhow, and I did."

Mr Lucas said playing the piano was useful emotional therapy for him.

"The mental health of people is often discussed now, and I really do believe that playing the instrument and doing what I've done, has actually helped me emotionally. It's given me something to look forward to and work for. And when I was preparing for the comp I was really enjoying using the actual energy required to prepare, and it made me feel energised, as if going on a run and doing better and better each day, and I felt great; playing an instrument is a wonderful release."

The Sydney Piano Lovers Competition is held every second year in conjunction with the Sydney International Piano Competition. As part of his first prize, Mr Lucas has been invited to play live at the 2023 competition in Sydney.

"It's a personal thrill. The Sydney competition is very well attended - it's presented in a hall that holds 2500 to 3000 people and it always sells out, so it's playing to a big audience ... the prize is worth the thrill of participation," Mr Lucas said.



**Opening night of the exhibitions with Winston Johnston and artists Tina Cooper and Wolfgang Engel. It was held at the Tina Cooper Glass Gallery, Montville.**

## Two exhibitions feature at opening event

TINA Cooper Gallery rolled out the red carpet for the opening night of an invitation-only event at the renowned glass artist's Montville property.

The evening represented a double launch for Tina and partner and fellow artist Wolfgang Engel.

"Flight" is an exhibition by Tina Cooper and acrylic artist Jenni Kelly.

Meanwhile, "A Bugs Life" is an exhibition by glass artist Wolfgang Engel and jewellery glass artist Carmel White.

Tina said the event was a massive success with clients keen to snap up the unique, local works for their collections.

"It was topped off with some kind works from Councillor Winston Johnston and his lovely wife Helen, who purchased a major piece from A Bugs Life," Tina said.

Wolfgang and Tina have been working with hot glass for over 32 years and their art glass work has been sold all over Australia and Europe.



Buyers craving a rural outlook will delight in everything on offer here.

## Sweeping rural views in Witta

**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 54 Tesch Road, Witta

NESTLED in ever-popular Witta, this 4-bedroom home delivers sweeping rural views and a delightful outlook.

Just ten minutes to the main street of Maleny and its enviable shopping, cafes, schools and amenities, this low set brick home is ready for its new owners.

A short drive away is the monthly Witta Markets offering fresh produce and artisan goods; impressing visiting family and friends will be a delight. Buyers craving a rural outlook, a large block and peace and quiet, will delight in everything on offer here.

► Contact selling agent Rodney Millett of Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate on 0477 702 073 to inspect.



The home has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, central kitchen with walk-in pantry.

## Family-friendly living

**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 16 Birdwood Street, Burnside

THIS highset home tucked away in a whisper-quiet, family-friendly neighbourhood in Burnside, offers spacious, light-filled living with a versatile floor plan.

The home has dual occupancy potential, on a fenced 690m<sup>2</sup> corner block with gated side access.

The home has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, central kitchen with walk-in pantry.

There's a separate dining and lounge, full length front and rear upper deck, office, laundry and two double garages to accommodate four vehicles. Plus there is abundant onsite visitor parking. Features include: attrac-

tive timber flooring on upper level, split system air-conditioning, ceiling fans, pot belly stove to keep you toasty and warm in winter, stainless steel dishwasher, security screens, separate shower and bath in main bathroom, roof insulation, garden shed, and 12 solar panels.

"With two large decks you'll find alfresco relaxation and entertaining is comfortable and inviting," said selling agent Tristan Brown. "The gardens are low maintenance, with only a regular mow needed to keep them looking neat and tidy, and there is plenty of room to put in a pool."

► Contact Remax Nambour selling agents Tristan Brown on 0403 665 643 or Frederic Tober on 0402 001 179 to inspect.

## 7 budget strategies for when rates are rising

by Matt Wall BOQ Nambour & Hinterland Owner-Manager



HOUSEHOLD budgets are an excellent tool if kept up to date, so when home loan rates rise, it's vital to set aside some time to check in with your budget. Here's a few simple strategies to guide you through budgeting for higher rates and allow you to stay in control of your finances.

Interest rates are rising, and with that, your home loan repayments are likely to rise too. To avoid your budget becoming outdated, the key is to plan ahead.

The first step in managing higher rates is understanding how your home loan repayments may change. You can't guarantee how rates will move, however it's helpful to prepare for a range of scenarios.

I've outlined 7 steps to help you manage rising rates and keep you in control of your finances.

**1. Create a budget.** It's always a good time to start a budget. Budgets allow you to track your expenses and can highlight opportunities to rein in your spending.

**2. Save on power.** Power prices are also on the rise, so it's worthwhile shopping around for a better deal. By simply switching from a provider

you've been with for multiple years, you could potentially unlock significant savings.

**3. Rethink your grocery shopping.** By changing where you shop you can save yourself a whole lot of money. Supporting local fresh produce suppliers means not only cheaper prices, but usually fresher produce as well.

**4. Beware of auto-renewals.** To ensure you're getting value out of your insurance plan, it's important to shop around.

**5. Spend less on takeaway meals,** and start cooking at home.

**6. Review your subscriptions.** Chances are you have a host of subscriptions for services you're not using or getting the most out of. Research by Finder found gym memberships cost an average of \$19.70 per week, however one in ten people with a gym membership go to the gym once a year or not at all.

**7. Start today!** ► To discuss the best strategies for you in a rising interest rate environment, pop in to the branch or give us a call on (07) 5376 9999 today! This article is for general information purposes only and is not intended as professional advice.

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However it's a cost Vendors have to consider. Agents like to think of it more as an Investment. Ultimately the right advertising and preparation when selling your property can make all the difference when it comes to the final sale price and time on the market.

Here's some costs to consider when putting together your campaign.



These are some examples and basic costs from our experience. Note they are not made up agent fees, these are real time costs from suppliers to market your property. There's commission fees to consider on top of your marketing costs. The two most common ways typically to advertise is with traditional and digital marketing.

### Some average costs involved in traditional marketing across Queensland.

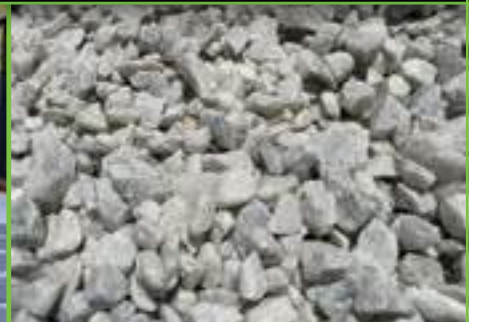
- Professional photography: \$300 to \$1,000
- Photo, video and drone package: \$1,500 - \$2,000
- Floorplans: \$300 to \$600
- Property signboards: \$100 to \$400
- Advertising Copywriting: \$150 to \$300
- Printing flyers and brochures: \$200 to \$400
- Local News paper: \$250 - \$1000
- Features in real estate magazines: \$1,000+
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980 Kidaman Creek Road, Curramore

Beautifully landscaped, the grounds on this 7170m<sup>2</sup> block boasts an inground pool, firepit, landscaped gardens and a generous outdoor entertaining area overlooking a gorgeous block. The master bedroom provides an enviable parent's retreat and is separated from the remaining 3 bedrooms. This forever home offers privacy, peace and loads of space and is family living at its best. Perfectly positioned on its gorgeous block, there is immense privacy and serenity on offer for all the family and guests.

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- FHB may be eligible for \$15K grant
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2	605	\$455,000	AVAILABLE
3	605	\$460,000	AVAILABLE
4	605	\$455,000	AVAILABLE
5	603	\$447,500	AVAILABLE
6	773	\$440,000	AVAILABLE
7	682	\$439,000	AVAILABLE
8	608	\$460,000	AVAILABLE
9	608	\$460,000	AVAILABLE
10	610	\$460,000	AVAILABLE
11	608	\$455,000	AVAILABLE
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Mike Clayton of Nambour's Clayton's Towing poses for a promo shot for the show.

## Clayton's stars in new season of Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under

NAMBOUR'S Clayton's Towing has featured on hit TV Show "Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under" which premiered on August 3 on Discovery.

The eight-part series follows Australian and New Zealand hardcore towing companies as they battle it out to win the toughest and most lucrative tow contracts in the Southern Hemisphere.

Clayton's Towing is Australia's largest towing company. Bill and Mary Clayton hand-built their first tow truck in 1970.

In the early days, the business was run out of Mary's fathers' wrecking yard in Petrie Creek Road, Nambour in Queensland. Having one of the first tow trucks on the Sunshine Coast with a power-driven winch and revolving flashing lights was an impressive feat at the time. Clayton's delivers major high-volume recovery jobs.

The TV Show deals with the dramas and disaster scenarios of tow truckers, who combine incredible salvage skill-sets with super-sized problem solving abilities. In heavy-duty towing, every mission is time-critical, bringing high-stakes, do-or-die finances and constant dangers to man and machine.



## Cattle Egrets

CATTLE Egrets are common in Australia. Originally some were introduced from Africa in an attempt to control insects in the cattle country. They may have also migrated here from Asia.

You have probably seen these birds wherever there are cattle just waiting for the cattle to flush out grasshoppers and other insects. Some years ago hundreds of pairs colonised a Melaleuca swamp opposite the entrance to

what is now Rotary Village in Jubilee Drive in Palmwoods (where this photo was taken).

There were so many of them that their guano (excrement) killed the trees. This was an exceptionally large colony. Another small colony can be seen beside the old Bruce Highway near Federal.

Both sexes have the same buff colouring on the neck and breast during breeding season. A normal brood is three chicks but can be as many as five or six if food is plentiful. - Don McGlusky, Diddillibah

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From left, Shed Member Tommy Wickerson, Palmwoods Community Kindy Director & Teacher Roseann Gresinger, Shed Vice-President of Operations Gary Lloyd-Jones and Shed Vice-President of Projects Kerry Fisher admire the table.

## Men's Shed crafts new table for Kindy kids

A skillful conversion of a simple, past used, large wooden electric cable reel has brought delight to the 20-plus children attending the Palmwoods Community Kindergarten.

It all began when Kindergarten Director Roseann Gresinger approached the Shed's Vice President of Operations Gary Lloyd-Jones with a request to construct a table suitable for young children.

It was decided that the cable reel converted would be ideal, being round, it would enable several children to be at the table at the one time. On its side it was also the correct height for the children to stand at. Plus, its weight and diameter negated any risk of it toppling over and injuring a child.

Shed Member and former carpenter Tommy Wickerson volunteered to take on the task. He attached a wooden banding around the top edge and then added a covering circular sheet

of plywood to ensure a smooth surface for the children.

The table was completed at the Sunshine Valley Men's Shed facilities, Blackall Range Road, West Woombye and then delivered to the Kindergarten on Monday July 25.

"Judging by the children's reaction when the new table was delivered to the Centre, it will certainly get a lot of use over the years," a spokesperson said.

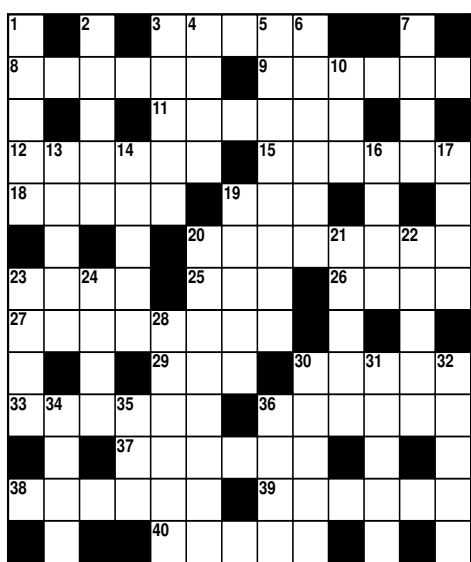
This is just one of the many projects the Sunshine Valley Men's Shed provides to the local community.

A group that enables men of the local community to gather, socialise, complete their own woodwork or metalwork projects in addition to assisting other member activities such as horticulture, bee keeping and keeping up supplies to the Shed's roadside produce stall. Enquiries svmswoombye@gmail.com.

## Crossword

See solution next page

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>             | <b>DOWN</b>                    |
| 3 Frighten from           | 1 Fragment                     |
| 8 Mouth of a volcano      | 2 Long-tailed parrot           |
| 9 Threaten                | 3 Postpone                     |
| 11 Provender              | 4 Love god                     |
| 12 Lessens in intensity   | 5 Flowed out                   |
| 15 Talk much about little | 6 Entertain agreeably          |
| 18 Strength               | 7 Prolonged pain               |
| 19 Close friend           | 10 Meshed fabric               |
| 20 Able to read and write | 13 Skeleton                    |
| 23 Obtains                | 14 Time in grammar             |
| 25 Monkey                 | 16 Sporting side               |
| 26 Violently deranged     | 17 Emit fumes                  |
| 27 Stated as true         | 19 Scottish musician           |
| 29 Melody                 | 20 Permitted freedom of action |
| 30 Auctions               | 21 Tracking system             |
| 33 Roving adventurously   | 22 Pulled                      |
| 36 Long pace              | 23 Strong wind                 |
| 37 Atelier                | 24 Former Russian ruler        |
| 38 Stopped                | 28 Talked wildly               |
| 39 Exalt                  | 30 Put away                    |
| 40 Thick                  | 31 Restrict                    |
|                           | 32 Cut off                     |
|                           | 34 Scottish dance              |
|                           | 35 Donkey                      |
|                           | 36 Drinks slowly               |





## Quota Park play improvements

**David Law**  
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The next stage of improvements will see works commence on a seven-metre-high 'Spire Gear Tower' this month. This includes a contoured rock wall, climbing rope net, banister slide, internal climbers with various levels of challenge, plus a rope elevator and a huge spiral slide.

With Quota Memorial Park being a popular location for families with varying aged children to visit, Council has redesigned part of the playground's layout to make it more assessable for all.

Parents will be pleased to know the view lines between the Youth Activity Precinct and the junior and toddler play spaces will be improved by replacing the picket-style fence with a pool-style fence.

## Shine a light on racism

Council and key community groups have called on the local community to stand together as one and help shine a light on racism in a new regional, anti-racism campaign.

Shine a Light on Racism will feature freely available and unbranded marketing content, posters and videos, with the hope to generate widespread community awareness on the importance of being proudly anti-racist.

Racism has no place on the Sunshine Coast. All forms of racism are deeply hurtful and damaging to individuals and communities.

For more information and to download free Shine a Light on Racism assets, visit [haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/shinealightonracism](http://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/shinealightonracism)

## Discover three things you can do today:

Upload: a supporter video or post online and take the pledge to #DoTheWork

Educate: commit to educating yourself and others about the impacts of racism

Engage: visit council's website and engage with unbranded resources to Shine a Light on Racism

Don't forget if you have any questions, please contact me at [david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) and follow my Facebook page @David-LawDivision10 for regular updates.

## Post-election survey results back in

**Ted O'Brien**  
Federal Member for Fairfax  
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After the May election I launched an online feedback survey and a local tour to hear from constituents about the issues important to them. I have read each response individually and thank the over 350 constituents who completed my Fairfax Constituent Survey.

- Some key takeaways include:
- Top three national issues were climate change (23% of responses); the economy/reducing debt (20%); and national security/defence (18%);
  - Top three local issues were infrastructure, especially rail and roads to better service a growing population (67%); cost of living, especially housing affordability/availability (20%); and the environment (11%); and
  - 34% of people prioritised 'taking action' as a marker of service to the electorate.

## Listening Tour on climate and energy

In my new role as Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy, it's my job to help refresh the Coalition's climate and energy policies ahead of the next federal election.

Continuing on from my local Fairfax constituent survey, my starting point is a listening tour. The tour started recently in the electorate of Hume with my colleague Angus Taylor where I met local residents impacted by Transgrid's HumeLink transmission network. I also met with local farmers to discuss a proposed Solar Farm Project and inspected the land on which it will be built. I will continue my tour throughout August to gain a deeper understanding of the impacts of Australia's energy and climate policy on all Australians. I will take a technology neutral approach to the tour which will include visits and briefings of existing and emerging energy sources including hydrogen, solar, wind, coal and gas. This is an important aspect of the tour which will allow for a complete understanding of the complex energy dynamics involved in powering Australia into the future.

Email my office with your views on the matter at [ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au)

## Roadworks finished at Showgrounds

**Winston Johnston**  
Division 5 Councillor  
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As show president, I am happy to advise the Maleny Showground Road and carpark construction has been completed which had the approval to progress by my fellow councillors. Works included a new 150 metre road formalising the access to the ground keepers accommodation and storage shed, as well as extending the access to the south east of the showgrounds and around to the rear of the equestrian arena. The upgrade means the Maleny Rangers Football Club has gained 10 new formal carparks and a PWD bay out the front of their club. There's also a hard stand area to assist with parking at training and game day - I think we can all agree it's a real win for the club and community.

## Pathway and fountain upgrades

Works will begin this month on the construction of a 155-metre-long stretch of new concrete pathway along Hatten Street, Mooloolah Valley. The pathway will be 1.8-metres wide extending from the existing path at 15 Paget Street, around the corner to Hatten Street and up to Jones Street. This is a great asset for Mooloolah Valley and I am very happy that this work is to take place. The new pathway will link facilities and enable easier and safer access for all. The project is expected to commence mid-August and I would like to ask that all residents use patience while the work is being undertaken and completed.

Also, the existing drinking fountain outside of the Maleny Community Centre on Maple Street will be replaced with a fountain, water bottle filler and dog bowl.

## Win up to \$1000 off your next rates bill!

Council is giving you the chance to win up to \$1000 off your next rate bill just by signing up to receive your future rate notices by email!

Simply register for a MyCouncil account or login to an existing account, change your rate notice delivery method to email before Wednesday, August 17 and you'll be in the running. If you already receive your rate notices by email, you're already in the draw.

• Please do keep an eye on my Facebook page for the latest Division 5 news.

## Glassies voting closes soon

**Andrew Powell**  
State Member for Glass House  
glass.house@parliament.qld.gov.au



About 4000 votes were cast for this year's Glass House Small Business Awards - impressive! All of the winners will be announced at the gala night on Tuesday 23rd August. If you're a business or employee that was nominated, don't forget to RSVP. If you were nominated but haven't seen an invite in your inbox yet, send me an email at [glass.house@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:glass.house@parliament.qld.gov.au)

## Sunshine Coast Draft Transport Strategy

The current Draft Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy has failed to address a region wide solution for the public transport needs of the total Sunshine Coast. The Sunshine Coast is (and is planned to remain) a community of communities that are decentralized but requiring connectivity. The current draft Strategy's focus on spinal (or linear) solutions for the southern coastal section of the region fails to address the needs of those living in the northern and hinterland areas of the Coast.

Montville Village Association have started a petition to amend and expand the current Draft Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy to extend it to the whole of the Sunshine Coast region and to change the key priority from a spinal, mass transit solution along the coastal corridor to a region wide, interconnected, flexible and adaptable solution that will service not only those who currently live here but those that will come in the future. The petition closed at the end of July, but if you would like more information or to be notified once a response from the Parliament is received, please get in touch with the MVA.

## JP Services Available

For the past two weeks I have had a JP in my office each Tuesday at varying times. I understand there is an increasing need for JPs in the community and current services are struggling to keep up with demand. Keep an eye on my Facebook page for when I will next have a JP in my office if this is a service you'd like to make use of to get any documents you might need witnessed taken care of.

## \$175 Cost of living rebates

**Rob Skelton**  
State Member for Nicklin  
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Earlier this year Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk announced a \$175 Cost of Living Rebate would be applied onto electricity bills to help ease cost of living pressures.

We are able to do this because Queensland's power assets are publicly owned so Queenslanders are able to share in the dividends.

The Cost of Living Rebate will start being applied to electricity bills from the 31st of August.

The exact timing of the Rebate varies depending on individual billing cycles.

If a household has not received their Cost of Living Rebate by the end of November they should contact their electricity retailer.

## Free RATs for Concession Holders

Free home rapid antigen tests are now available at Queensland Health Facilities. We know the current COVID-19 wave is having an enormous impact on Queenslanders.

That's why we are providing free rapid antigen tests to concession card holders, after the federal program ended recently.

Queenslanders holding the following cards are now able to access up to five test kits per month over the next three months: Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, Health Care Card, Low Income Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, or a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold, White or Orange card.

## Skilling Queenslanders For Work

A fresh round of funding for Skilling Queenslanders for Work is opening for new applications today.

With an additional \$10 million in funding provided by the federal government from the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement, over \$40M is available to fund projects to provide disadvantage jobseekers valuable skills and a path to employment.

If your organisation would like assistance to prepare your application either get in touch with the regional DESBT office or contact my office on 5406 4100 or at [nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au)

## How to avoid altercations with domestic pets

from **Donna Brennan** Wildlife Volunteers  
WILVOS 5441 6200 [www.wilvos.org.au](http://www.wilvos.org.au)

WE are still getting many calls about wildlife being hit by cars. Being breeding time for so many species, animals are on the move and of course the cars never stop! Wildlife can appear on roads in the most unexpected places.



**Finnegan the swamp wallaby.**

Suburbia is a place where all the secretive animals come out at night and it is not unusual to get a call from someone who has seen an echidna in their yard and wonder if they should be moved. No, they are just cleaning up the termites in the area, under cover of darkness.

It often seems that the small animals are the most reclusive and their survival may depend on this. With macropods, the kangaroos like open spaces where they can use their powerful speedy legs to their best advantage. The smaller wallabies and pademelons depend on hiding for their safety. This is why they are found in the bushier areas. Their tracks are tunnels through the undergrowth.

Swamp wallabies just have to be the cutest. Of course, every native animal that comes into care is always the most beautiful ever! Swamp wallabies become such feisty individuals. So gentle, but they become so independent as they grow. By release time, it is very easy to see they are ready for the wild. If swamp wallabies and pademelons are kept in care for too long it is sad to see their natural instincts dwindle. When released at the right time, they have no urge to visit or see humans. They want to find those hideouts in the bush! Foxy and Finnegan, the two little swamp wallabies in my care at the moment, are a source of never-ending entertainment as they play in the yard. A lovely view from the office window!

## Changes on horizon for how we commute

by **Jeffrey Addison**  
Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



A pleasant announcement came out of Queensland Parliament's 'Estimates' last week when the Government released the new SEQ railway network structure (SEQrns) for Cross River Rail (CRR).

This shows how the network will operate when CRR becomes operational in 2025, and it'll mean changes to how we commute from the Sunshine Coast, with Central station to be sidelined as a major stop-over.

RAIL Back on Track, a web-based public transport advocacy group founded by Robert Dow in 2006, had been calling for its release for over two years.

In fact, the advocacy group even went so far as to publish their own SEQrns based upon what was known from the redacted 2017 Business Case and the various 'Request for Project Change' documents.

Most impressively, the organisation got it right!

A Media Release from RBoT issued on 4 August explains the changes and why they need to occur.

I deleted some sentences/words for brevity.

## Why Gold Coast line trains can no longer travel direct to Brisbane Airport with Cross River Rail

*There are technical reasons why this had to change.*

*Currently, trains from the Gold Coast cross the Merivale Bridge, merge onto the CBD lines "keep right" (on the suburban tracks) through the CBD and onto the northern lines, and then peel off to the right onto the airport spur after Eagle Junction.*

*But with Cross River Rail, trains from the Gold Coast will now enter the tunnel, pass through the new underground stations (including Albert St and Roma Street in the CBD) pop up near Exhibition and merge in from the left to the northern lines. If you continued to run them to the Airport, they still would need to peel off to the right to enter the airport spur.*

*Having trains merging from the left but peeling off to the right creates a situation called a "conflicting move".*

*It's the equivalent of weaving across several lanes of traffic, and would cause knock on delays to all other lines and reduces the capacity of the network.*

*It means Gold Coast to Kippa-Ring/Caboolture/Sunshine Coast trains stay on one side, and Ipswich to Airport trains stay on the other side. Because there are no conflicting moves you can run the maximum number of trains reliably.*

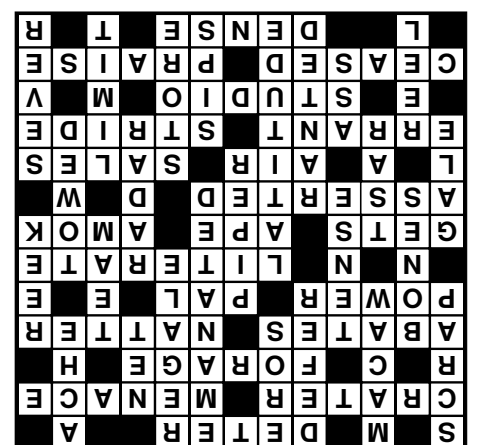
*More trains mean a shorter wait to interchange.*

*Whilst some Gold Coast passengers might not like changing trains with luggage, it's a fact of life that passengers on every other line (Ferny Grove, Caboolture, Ipswich, Cleveland etc.) have coped with this for years.*

*In the long term, this new line pairing could support a Coast 2 Coast service from Coolangatta to Maroochydore, and RAIL Back On Track supports continued upgrades to provide a fast rail service along the full length of this corridor.*

Sunshine Coast, Caboolture and Redcliffe commuters will pass through the Exhibition station and utilise the new tunnels if crossing the river, but they'll need to change trains for Central.

I just hope we get more trains, because history shows we can't believe what we're told.



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- High Back Seat
- Cruise Control
- 6 Year Warranty

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**XT1 LT 42 \$4,499**  
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**CUB CADET ULTIMA ZT1 42**

- 42" Cutting Deck
- Zero Turn Steering Radius
- 21.5HP Kawasaki V-Twin Engine
- 3 Year Warranty
- Free Local Delivery
- Complementary 4 litres Cub Cadet Oil from North Coast Mower Centre

**ZT1 42 \$6,999**  
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**CUB CADET ULTIMA ZT1 46**

- 46" Fabricated Cutting Deck
- Zero Turn Steering Radius
- 23HP Kawasaki V-Twin Engine
- 3 Year Warranty
- Free Local Delivery
- Complementary 4 litres Cub Cadet Oil from North Coast Mower Centre

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- 42" & 46" Fabricated Cutting Deck
- 679cc Cub Cadet Engine
- Synchro Steer technology
- Fully Adjustable Steering Column and Adjustable High Back Seat
- Dual LED Headlights
- 3 Year Warranty
- Free Local Delivery
- Complementary 4 litres Cub Cadet Oil from North Coast Mower Centre

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