



Nambour skipper makes Reds squad

INSPIRING Nambour Rugby Union women's grand final winning captain Megan Prinsloo has taken another step towards her professional dream after being invited to train with the 2023 Queensland Reds Super W squad in Brisbane.

The 21-year-old flanker's selection continues her progression through the rugby ranks which included making the Sunshine Coast Stingrays, South Queensland and Queensland Country Orchids sides in 2022.

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Club Hotel lives again

New owners plan bright future for historic pub

AS soon as they saw the Club Hotel in Nambour the two publicans couldn't resist taking it on.

With over 50 years experience between them, Paul Harley and Josh Allen said the pub, which they will rename the Club Hotel Namba, had good bones and a presence in town that was irresistible.

"The potential for this place is amazing," said Paul. "What Nambour doesn't have is a big, open, family-friendly style hotel. We don't have gaming, so that promotes a different atmosphere."

And it wasn't just the commercial potential of the hotel that appealed, but the prospect of helping to reinvigorate a great town.

"The community has been crying out for something like this," said Josh. "There's a perception about Nambour and there's also been a long-term push to want to reinvigorate the town. And we sort of see ourselves as, perhaps, the start of what's to come."

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Big plans for the new Club Hotel

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“There are examples all around Australia where one business has started a domino effect of more businesses moving into the area or people moving there because of it. We see it as our responsibility to bring new life to Nambour, that’s genuinely part of our vision.

“It’s going to be a community pub. We have already nicknamed it ‘the People’s Pub’, where ‘enlightened hospitality’ is our goal. We want people to feel comfortable, whether it’s family, a couple of tradies after work, or whatever walk of life they come from. That’s the point of us being here.”

Paul said part of the pair’s motivation derived from improving perceptions of “the great town of Nambour”.

“When I grew up in Wollongong, it was a bit the same. Nambour’s an old sugar mill town. My home town was a coal miner’s wharf town. Back then there was a bunch of us 30-something-year-olds at the time that wanted something more. And we all thought that if we wanted to spend our money and go out and have beers and good food, we wanted a nice comfortable and inviting place to do that. That really nice, polished atmosphere, is important and today is expected by people looking for a quality hotel/pub. That’s what we’re going to do for Nambour.”

So, how sure are they that they will succeed?

“Any hotel involves risk,” said Paul. “But what’s needed for it to succeed is good beer, good pub food and a hell of a lot of hours and hard work. Within that, you have to surround yourself with the right people. Because it’s the hospitality industry, so you need hospitable people. And then you need to surround yourself with the right suppliers and other people to help us make it work. We think we can bring all that together.”

Longer term, Josh hoped locals would appreciate their plans to create something special over time. “We don’t want people to expect the Ritz Carlton as soon as we open the doors. This project is part of a bigger-picture plan”.

One of those long term plans includes bringing special events to the pub by closing off the back



carpark & Mill Street.

“Imagine white picket fencing along the street,” he said. “And the idea is that we’ll have local street food trucks, local musicians, artists and performers. And it will be this one big happy sort of street fair festival and hopefully add a bit more to Nambour life for locals

and outside visitors. We’ve listened to the community and they’re crying out for this type of family activity. We feel it’s a unique point of difference for our venue and a way we can bring the community together.

“There’s also a Melbourne-style lane way here too, which is a very unique part of the pub. We’re thinking about hosting sports events, UFC fight nights, footy finals, all that type of stuff on a big screen. So a bit of a venue sports fanatics like Paul and I can enjoy as well.”

“I think another recipe for success is the affordability we plan to follow. We’re not going to expect people to pay \$40 for a steak here. It’s going to be more like what people were used to before prices went crazy.”

Paul said the premises boasted a proud history in town and ‘Namba’ was a nod to Nambour’s indigenous heritage.

“As well as the special events along Mill street, we are also planning regular night markets in our back car park. And, entertainment-wise, we want to give the local entertainers the chance to come up here and jump on stage and do what they do.”

Josh has run a number of bars and food and beverage ventures while Paul has been working in the industry for 37 years, from Sydney’s Rose Bay to Daydream Island.

“This is my Johnny Farnham, never say never tour,” said Paul. “I promised the family, I wasn’t going into pubs, that’s why I was just consulting and selling pubs. But then the landlord rang me up. And he said: ‘You’ve got to come and have a look at this pub’. And then, that was it!”

▶ The Club Hotel Namba is planning a soft opening in December with plans to ramp up their undertakings into the early part of 2023. Stay tuned to www.facebook.com/TheNamba or www.clubhotelnamba.com.au for details.



Six businesses, cars targeted in Yandina break-ins spike

NAMBOUR Police are investigating a number of recent break and enter incidents in Yandina.

Nambour Police Station Officer in Charge Senior Sergeant Gary Brayley said an attempt was made on December 12 to gain entry to *Champagne LuLu* which resulted in a window being smashed.

On the same day, offender/s forced entry in *Café Invigor8* and stole the cash register and a charity box.

Over the weekend of 9-12 December, a number of cars parked on Old Gympie Road were broken into and property taken. A suspect has been identified for these offences.

Several businesses were broken into between December 1 and 6, Sen Sgt Brayley said. Offenders forced entry into the *Yandina Feedbarn*, *At Odds Coffee Shop*, *Bar Deco* and *Peoples Ink Tattoo*.

Vehicle used to force entry

“A vehicle was used to force open doors to the Feedbarn to gain entry and a quantity of property was taken, Sen Sgt Brayley said. “I don’t believe the Feedbarn offence is linked to the others. Suspects have been identified and all matters remain under investigation.”

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From left, Coach David Simon, Adam Friscalzo, Hamish Jackson, Sebastian Martinuzzi, Olympian Melanie Wright (nee Schlanger) with her gold medals, Taylah Cowan, Keesha Wilson, Darci O'Brien, Georgia Steinhardt-Lai and Milla Tomlinson.

Olympian inspires best efforts from titles-bound Piranhas

A question and answer session with Olympic swimmer Mel Wright (nee Schlanger) certainly had the desired effect on Nambour Swim Club members.

Three of six Piranhas swam personal best times in a spontaneous race which followed Melanie's talk last week. It was great timing as the squad prepared for the Queensland Long Course Titles which started Saturday December 10.

"After Melanie's talk, people at training lined the pool and cheered our State swimmers in a race in preparation for the meet," said Piranhas coach David Simon.

"Of the six swimmers, incredibly, three swam personal best (PB) times. Not just a Club PB, but overall PBs. Faster than they've ever swum in their young lives!"

Nambour was represented by six individual swimmers in 28 events, as well as in three Club relays at the titles. Three Piranhas will also represent WideBay Region in five relays. Nambour Swim Club has made a huge resurgence over the past two years.

Mel was born in Nambour and represented Australia at the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympics winning five Olympic medals (including 2 gold, 2 silver, and a bronze).

Now a doctor on the Sunshine Coast she answered questions from the young swimmers before presenting special shirts and certificates to the state representatives.

Mel said she started swimming at 14 and one of the secrets to her success was setting "stepping stone" goals.

"At 14 I did want to go to the Olympics but that wasn't the only goal I had," she said. "At 14 I had to have stepping stones in the meantime. So wherever I was at, I was just looking to the next goal. And after a while, if you keep working hard and you keep taking those little baby steps that you've got along the way,

eventually you get to the point where you're standing on the blocks racing for a spot on the Olympic team.

"So that's kind of where I ended up, eventually at the Olympics and with a very, very strong team, some very fast teammates."

Mel said as well as goals, hard work set the foundations for success. In her early days she was doing 80-kilometre weeks in the pool.

"Probably 40 hours training in a week," she said. "Which included swimming and running and all sorts of stuff."

"As I got a bit older and I started to focus a bit more on the shorter events, that dropped quite a lot to about 25 to 30 hours a week. But as you get older, your muscle maturity is a bit stronger, and you reap the benefits of all the training from the younger years. So it is a bit of a battle but it's certainly worth it."

Coach David Simon was thrilled the Olympian could pass on nuggets of wisdom to his aspiring squad.

"Clearly to reach that level of performance required sacrifice, focus ... it also required time, and lots of it. Mel was not an overnight success. And her career did not go without set backs, including a year off swimming at one stage. However Mel came back ... to the top of the world."

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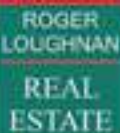
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The victim was in the company of a number of other persons at the time of the incident but all have declined to provide details to assist police.

CCTV footage has been requested in an effort to identify the suspect.

Uniform police and detectives from Nambour attended and inquiries are continuing.

It is understood that the victim and the suspect may be known to each other.

A nearby business owner says he heard a man yelling out that he was going to stab another man during the alarming incident on Wednesday (December 7).

He said the latest incident was the "obvious" flow-on effect of public drunk and disorderly behaviour in the CBD.

"But I think the big thing is that this came after three days, continuous, of a group of people converging on the corner of Lowe Street and Short St drinking, listening to loud music and using inappropriate offensive language.

"And it was only a matter of time that, obviously, on the third day of that happening, it was going to escalate.

"It doesn't take a genius to figure this out. If you're going to put people in that position where they're drinking in public, candidly in public, with no fear of recourse, something more significant will eventuate at some stage.

"It feels like they are openly flouting the laws."

Man head-butts car in bizarre altercation

A Nambour woman felt compelled to capture video footage of a bizarre and aggressive incident that took place near McDonalds on Sunday (December 4).

"I saw this young kid head-butting and kicking the heck out of a car, and screaming and the driver was just holding the horn down on the car, obviously to raise attention, I'm assuming," said Amanda O'Donnell.

"I took the video to help the person. It was at the lights at the McDonald's intersection coming out from the train station.

"There was a couple of kids in the car, so I don't know if it was the kids that this guy was after. I felt for the people in the car.

"Nambour is not a very nice place at the moment. At one stage he had ripped his shirt off and was yelling stuff."

Man with baseball bat threatens gym-goer

POLICE are continuing with investigations following an incident involving a male person who approached the Simm City Performance Gym in Howard Street on December 7.

It is alleged the offender was armed with a baseball bat and made threats towards a person inside the gym before walking off.

A suspect has been identified and inquiries are continuing.

Drug, knife allegations after disturbance in CBD

POLICE responded to a disturbance in Lowe Street on December 4 after reports of two males yelling at each other, one allegedly armed with a knife.

A 22-year-old Mooloolaba man was located and charged with possession of a dangerous drug and possession of a smoking utensil.

He will appear in the Maroochydore Mag Crt on December 12.

Further to this, a 19-year-old Sippy Downs woman was charged with being intoxicated in public and obstructing police.

She will appear in the Maroochydore Magistrates Court on January 16, 2023.

Another business calls for more police resources: 'It's just such a no-brainer'

ANOTHER Nambour businessperson has stepped forward to call for increased resources so police could conduct regular foot patrols in the troubled CBD area.

"We all think Nambour is a great town but why are we allowing 20 or so people to run amok?" she said. "People are proud of Nambour and they don't want to admit that there's a problem. But there is a problem.

"Nowhere else on the Coast has an issue that is so visual and so obvious. And the whole issue is that it doesn't get addressed. Years ago I put in a lot of energy to try and have the situation addressed, as have a lot of people. I've given up now. It's just like banging your head against a wall. There just seems to be a denial of the issue.

"I understand that people don't want to tarnish Nambour's reputation but the reality is that at the moment it's not safe and Nambour people deserve to feel safe. I think we need police patrols and we need to move the methadone clinic back to the hospital. Then, half the problems will be solved.

"Then there would be no need for all these other studies and initiatives and surveys that, from past experience, will simply cost a lot of money and nothing will change."

The woman said online blowback directed at people who spoke out about the issue was such that she didn't want to be named.

"Oh, it's crazy. They attack you and misconstrue your intentions. I don't know why people won't face the reality of it. I understand that the majority of Nambour is a really good town. But we also need to face facts.

"Yesterday, (Monday, December 5) it was like ... I don't know how to describe it. For some reason the men are all taking their shirts off down there (in the town square on the corner of Lowe and Short Streets).

"A group predominantly males: they're drinking. They've got really loud music going, and it's 11am in the morning. And women definitely feel unsafe around that situation."

The businesswoman was sceptical of statistics indicating Nambour crime had fallen since 2018. She said a lot of incidents happened but went un-recorded because reporting an incident through the Policelink (131 444) number or the online system was onerous and clunky and



Nambour town square is a hot-spot for regular unlawful behaviour.

would probably be prohibitive for busy people and confusing to the elderly.

She said people drinking in public came from different towns and even regions to access services in Nambour.

"There's people from everywhere at the moment. I don't recognize probably two thirds of them. They're definitely not people that are regularly in the square. We know the regular people. I think that the methadone clinic should be at the hospital, where they have security, and associated support services at hand, rather than in the town centre. I don't even know how that hasn't changed. It's just such a no-brainer. How could anyone say 'Oh, that's a great idea: let's have a methadone clinic in the middle of a family shopping area?'"

"For Nambour to progress, everyone needs to feel safe in this community. These issues and petitions have been going on for years, and I have come to the conclusion that the main thing that actually changes the feeling of safety, is the police presence.

"And the rest just happens automatically. I don't even know why we need a report, or research, to understand that.

"It's so simple. It's just straight-forward logic. Of course a methadone clinic will bring with it associated issues. Of course, you will need more police presence. It's not like we need a survey to tell us that. If they spent that money on police patrols, the safety issue would be fixed."

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Man allegedly punches car, screams at pedestrians

A 42-year-old male of no fixed address was charged on December 6 with wilfully damaging a vehicle, two public nuisance offences and obstructing police following incidents in Currie Street. He is to appear in the Maroochydore Courthouse on 11 January 2023.

Nambour Police Officer in Charge Senior Sergeant Gary Brayley said the charges follow reports of the offender causing a disturbance in the CBD where he allegedly damaged a vehicle and again shortly after at the Nambour Courthouse where he acted in a disorderly manner.

He was located by police in Currie Street where he was arrested. His accomplice, a 42-year-old male of no fixed address, was also arrested for public nuisance due to his behaviour.

Incident 'highlights safety issues'

Eyewitnesses said the incident highlighted the issue of CBD safety and added to the growing concern of local business people. One bystander said the man seemed so drunk and disorderly that he disrupted traffic and at one stage even punched a car, in between drinking with another man. "Then he was abusing everybody walking up to the train station," the witness said. "They just have free rein."

The person said no-one was game to approach the men and police were called. They arrived after about 30 minutes but the men had left. "He punched a guy's car at the intersection and started screaming at passing traffic and pedestrians. "At another point another man joined in. They were in plain sight, just sitting in the middle of town drinking and carrying on."

Police cars drove past with their lights on to attend a separate incident, and by the time they came back the men had left.

A businessperson, who did not wish to be named, said the incident was disturbing. "It was just horrible. And there's people walking around the street who might not have been from our town ... it

seems to be happening on a near-daily basis and not a good look for the town."

The businessperson said nobody, least of all business owners, wanted to bring negative connotations to the town.

"If anybody wants this town to work, it's business owners. We have invested tens of thousands of dollars, or more, into our businesses. If anyone wants to promote the image of a safe town, it's the shopkeepers and service providers. But the facts are that there's constant trouble and drug deals and drunk and disorderly behaviour and all sorts of things going on in plain sight."

'No one's blaming the police'

"No one's blaming the police. We all like the police here. We've got no issue with that. It's about their lack of resources. We need a physical, walking police beat in Nambour.

"If you saw this behaviour in Noosa or Buderim, you could be fairly certain that someone would do something pretty quickly because of the tourism attraction and the status of the towns."

The businessperson said government had a duty of care to protect businesses and shoppers from the obvious behavioural issues associated with the drug and alcohol services that Nambour provided in the CBD.

In October, Reimagine Nambour called on the member for Nicklin, Rob Skelton to request urgent support from the State Government to bring an end to lawless behaviour in Nambour. To support Reimagine Nambour's online Town Safety Petition at www.facebook.com/iamnambour

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THE Schultz family have been hand crafting confectioneries on the Sunshine Coast for over 30 years and have passed the secrets of quality confectionery through three generations. From fudges to peanut brittle, rocky road and coconut ice the recipes used are of a different style to most similar offerings in the market.

"It's a bit like the difference between tea and coffee," said owner Gaynor Schultz. "Both are hot beverages but the qualities of each are completely different.

"We use a third generation Scottish family recipe to make our fudge and it results in a delicious, crunchy style of fudge. Both my mother and grandmother used to make this fudge when I was a child.

"It has taken time, practice and patience to achieve the product we offer now and due to the popularity of our fudge, the business has grown from school fetes and markets, to our online store," she said.

Gaynor, her husband Marc and family, opened a shop front at their Coronation Avenue Nambour kitchen because customers liked to call in to pick up their goodies in person.

The family have expanded their crunchy fudge flavours to include choc mint, ginger caramel, latte, macadamia caramel, passion-fruit, original caramel and original chocolate.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have the most wonderful local suppliers for our ingredients," Gaynor said.

"Having access to such beautiful produce has made it easy to



Owner Gaynor Schultz with some of the goodies: "It has taken time, practice and patience to achieve the product we offer now".

develop our flavours."

While the firm, crumbly Traditional Fudge is the flagship of the Schultz's Finest range, over the years the family have brought out a moreish Rocky Road, a simple yet delicious Peanut Brittle and toffee popcorn with flavours such as butterscotch, caramel, gingerbread, and sweet and salty.

With Christmas coming up, these delicious, locally made, sweet treats make the perfect Christmas gift.

Also, next year the family is

releasing a brand new range of travelling snack foods still using local ingredients.

"We have made so much confectionery over 30 years that we can almost make it in our sleep," laughed Gaynor.

"But it is our loyal, happy customers that keep us going."

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Santa is ready for family Christmas photos at Nambour Plaza.

The halls are decked at Nambour Plaza ready for Christmas

NAMBOUR Plaza is well and truly into the swing of Christmas, with a range of family oriented events to get shoppers into the festive spirit.

"There are some really lovely things happening in the Centre right now," said Centre Manager, Katie Wild.

"It is a great place to get all of your Christmas shopping done as our wonderful shops are bursting with gift ideas," she said.

"The Christmas Gift Wrapping Station is located near Strandbags and Big W and between December 5 and Christmas Eve you can have your Christmas presents gift wrapped by the Nambour Lions Club by simply making a Gold Coin Donation."

Little ones love to see Santa at the photo booth and he will be there daily from now until Christmas Eve.

"We have \$5 Family Photos available and you can book your photo time online at www.nambourplaza.com.au/santa-photos/," Katie said.

"To spread the Christmas cheer, carollers will be roaming the centre throughout December on Thursday nights and Saturdays and we are inviting everyone to come along and enjoy the festive entertainment."

Inspiring Nambour skipper makes Reds squad

INSPIRING Nambour Rugby Union women's grand final winning captain Megan Prinsloo has taken another step towards her professional dream after being invited to train with the 2023 Queensland Reds Super W squad in Brisbane.

The 21-year-old flanker's selection continues her progression through the rugby ranks which included making the Sunshine Coast Stingrays, South Queensland and Queensland Country Orchids sides in 2022.

"So at the moment it's just training with the squad and seeing if I've got what it takes to make the Reds' actual team," Megan said last week. "Then, late January, 11 or 12 girls are getting dropped to bring the squad back to 30. And then our season starts."

Megan said she was enjoying training and hoped to make the cut.

"It literally started off with a bang from day one it was full on. We did some fitness testing, every Monday and Wednesday we're out on the field for about an hour, hour and a half. And then we hit the gym for around the same time.

"So yeah, it's very full on, but they definitely push us to our limits, which is really nice. I like to get out of my comfort zone and challenge myself.

"This has been a dream of mine and it's finally coming true. So I'm working really hard to not be dropped out of the squad.

"In February/March we're going to start our trial games. That will be against one another. And then we start playing Super W."

If Megan makes the team she will take on Melbourne Rebels on March 25 at AAMI Park before the first home game on March 31 versus Western Force. The Super W competition also includes Fijian Drua, New South Wales and ACT Brumbies.

"This whole journey, making this squad, wouldn't have been possible without Luke and Jess (Nambour Coach Luke Zeremes and Jess Flood) and all the girls who've been supporting me and just dragging me through tough games and hyping me up for the contest," Megan said. "So honestly, all credit goes to them because without them I would not be here today."



Megan Prinsloo, 21, in action for Nambour's premiership-winning open women's team. Now she's hoping to make the cut for the Reds Super W team in 2023.

"So honestly, all credit goes to them because without them I would not be here today."

Nambour Senior Women's Coach Luke Zeremes said Megan was the only Coast player to make the Super W squad. "It is not only fantastic for our club but also for the Sunshine Coast Rugby community," he said. "It really does highlight that pathways are available for local female players. We have seen Megs progress through the entire pathway: from club, to Stingrays, then to South Queensland, and then Queensland Country where she was identified by the Reds coaching staff.

"She truly is a unique player in the way she can play so physically but also so skillfully and she is still only discovering her true potential. I know she has the drive and determination to make it and we are so excited to watch her journey unfold."



From left, Palmwoods Arts and Crafts Group Treasurer Jill Pengelly and Cittamani Hospice Business Manager Melanie Bruhn.

Arts and Craft Group supports Hospice

FOR many years Palmwoods Arts and Craft Group have been donating money to support the valuable work of the Cittamani Hospice Service.

"We have a local group of extremely talented ladies who sell their handicrafts at market days," said Treasurer, Jill Pengelly.

"Some of the proceeds are then donated to local charities, including Cittamani Hospice. Patchwork quilts are also made by our members and are donated to The Women's Shelter."

"The Palmwoods Arts and Crafts Group have supported Cittamani for many years," said Cittamani Hospice Business Manager, Melanie Bruhn. "And this year they have raised \$500 for which we are extremely grateful. Donations such as these enable us to continue to provide free, in-home palliative care and support to local families."

Local rugby girls jet to New Zealand

NAMBOUR Senior Women's Rugby Union coach Luke Zeremes is heading off to NZ this Sunday with an U18 Nambour Girls 7s team to take part in the World School 7s carnival in Auckland on December 17 and 18. "It is a pretty massive thing for us to be included in this comp and we really want to showcase young, female rugby players from the region on the international stage. So often tours are for the boys only, so this is a pretty special tour for all those involved."

Contact Luke Zeremes at lzeremes@bnc.catholic.edu.au for information about local girls' and women's rugby next season.



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Locals-led report plots path forward for Nambour

A community-inspired report, developed by a group of passionate locals, has been presented to Sunshine Coast Council in the interests of sparking discussion and initiating change in Nambour.

The Nambour Realm Revitalisation Strategy was presented to Div 10 Cr David Law during the November Nambour Forecourt Live event.

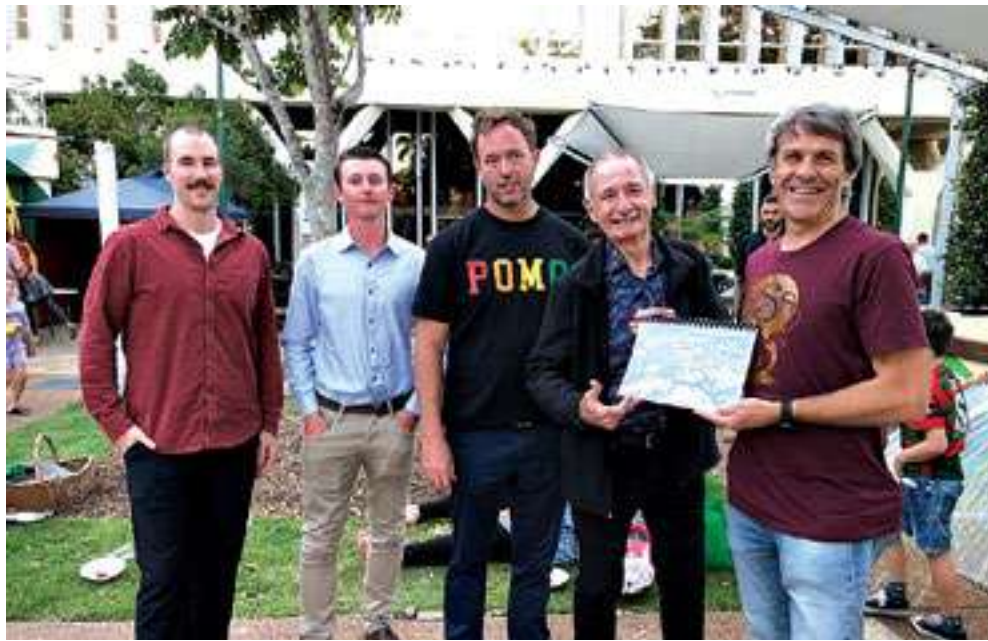
The report was prepared by a group of volunteers, a group of students from UniSC and leading local experts in the fields of urban design, visual arts, architecture and business. It aims to provide an objective analysis of Nambour and outline a series of solutions.

"We aim to inspire the conversation between stakeholders to drive action," said contributor Stephen Burton who put together the team in 2020. "This was a deliberate attempt to create a 'bottom up' approach whereby the people that were most closely connected to the town were, in my view, the best people to identify and create solutions for its challenges," he said.

Mr Burton said he was intrigued when he visited in 2006 as to why Nambour's urban environment bore the hallmarks of a town in decline - numerous empty shopfronts and buildings - despite its obvious advantages: "Fifteen minutes to the beach, sitting on a major train line, a number of educational facilities, a major hospital, beautiful green countryside and environment surrounding it," he said.

Mr Burton said he discovered that as the once-regional centre for the Sunshine Coast had suffered from the bypassing of the town by the Bruce Highway, the closing of the sugar cane mill and the rapid rise of the coastal strip as an alternative. "These events combined to drive economic activity away from the town and the urban retail environment in particular could no longer sustain the rents required to keep these businesses operational.

"Buildings with large retail footprints would



From left, Richard Wilson, Owen Abbott, Stephen Burton, Paul William-Smith and Cr David Law.

now have to be repurposed if we wanted to erase the perception of a town in decline. Nambour was not a town in decline, rather it was a town whose purpose had changed and it needed a new identity."

Mr Burton said he hoped the document would spark conversations with government and private industry and other stakeholders who have the power to implement some of its insights.

"Enormous change in our town can be achieved if we have the courage to simply do things a little differently.

"If we succeed, this has the potential to not only change Nambour but also act as a template for other towns who have undergone similar challenges across Australia."

Contributor Paul William-Smith said the strategy involved enhancing Nambour's CBD, promoting Nambour's image and attractions and connecting with and growing Nambour's residential and business communities.

"The Strategy creates a vision which recognises Nambour's potential to build on its heritage reputation, as a place of natural beauty that supports active and healthy lifestyles. Nambour offers some key opportunities for CBD reinvigoration in and around Currie Street.

"Upgrades of community facilities, especially

parks/open space close to the centre can provide opportunities for catalyst community support, which will reshape Nambour's future.

"By implementing the activation plan it is predicted that this will change the current status quo for Nambour and create a resilient town. Combined with a rebranding component will also allow Nambour to start transforming those insights into business realities.

"This will be done through revitalising the urban landscape of the CBD, upgrading existing infrastructure, open spaces, streets and parklands, repurposing existing buildings and encouraging social and economic investment."

Cr Law said the report had been provided to Council's Namba Place Revitalisation Project Team and included a presentation by Mr Burton to the team. "It is an excellent report that provides a very helpful insight to the future for Nambour from the people who call Nambour home," Cr Law said. "I have already had requests from some residents to have a copy of the report as there is a lot of interest in creating Nambour's future that will see people living and working in the CBD area."

▶ The Report is public and can be found at www.sunshinevalleygazette.com.au linked to this story.



The heritage-listed building in Maple Street has been restored with high-quality finishes.

Maleny Lodge sells following major revamp

A Queensland family has acquired luxury Maleny Lodge in Maleny's Maple Street as demand for Sunshine Coast accommodation assets continues to increase.

The hotel was sold by owners Pink Developments Pty Ltd only six months after it opened.

The newly opened property is an adults-only retreat which blurs the lines between boutique hotel and holiday home, according to thehotel-conversation.com.au.

The hotel opened in June 2022 after a comprehensive restoration which retained its original 1905 heritage charm, while incorporating modern interior designs, full of luxury finishes, modern comforts and a beautifully curated collection of vintage furniture and trinkets.

The heritage-listed building has been restored with high-quality finishes, while maintaining its original heritage charm and features. It offers seven guest rooms in addition to a fire pit and swimming pool, all overlooking the woodland forest below.

Now Showing at Majestic

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

Now Showing: *Avatar: The Way of Water*; *Black Panther Wakanda Forever*; *Violent Night*; *Strange World* (animated); *The Menu*; *Little Eggs an African Adventure* (animated).

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Workshop forges new skills at Compass Farm

A grant from Palmwoods Heritage Community Branch has been put to great use for an exciting new project at Compass Farm.

The funding has been used to equip a Blacksmithing Shop which is a perfect compliment to the Farm's existing Wood-working Shop.

"The two go hand-in-hand to make all sorts of creative pieces for sale at our retail store, Wabi Sabi (retail store), in Nambour," said spokesperson Alison Stockel.

"It is a craft that looked like being forgotten, but is making a comeback with the resurgence of hand-made goods and crafts. Thanks so much Palmwoods Heritage for sharing our vision and to Andrew and the Farm team for making it happen."

Compass purchased most of the equipment from Sekao Engineering Blacksmith Supplies.

• Compass Farm is a 20-acre property nestled in the hills of Hunchy. Established in 2011, the Farm is a place where young adults living with a disability can learn, gain diverse work experience and enjoy genuine vocational opportunities.

Peter Hanssen heats up the forge with Compass Trainees Bella and Michael.



Christmas lights around the hinterland

NAMBOUR Museum has a fantastic Christmas lights display. Here's a quick list of some of the many other addresses where you can get your fill of festive cheer through Christmas Lights displays around the hinterland this year.

Nambour Museum, Mitchell Street Nambour; 22 Ariel Place, Bli Bli; Griffin Place, Coes Creek; Pollys Place, Nambour; Casey Street, Bli Bli; Chiltern Court, Coes Creek; Camelot Court,

Bli Bli; Wharf Road, Bli Bli; Currawong Place, Bli Bli; Reflection Court, Nambour; Kingfisher Drive, Bli Bli; Burruma Court, Coes Creek; Quondong Court, Yandina; Bellevue Street, Bli Bli; 31 & 33 Maple Court, Yandina; Riverview Street, Bli Bli; Dulong Road, Dulong; Wickerson Crescent, Bli Bli; Mona Court, Bli Bli; 890 Yandina Bli Bli Road, Bli Bli; 9 Patterson Street, Nambour; 18 Mitchell Street, Nambour

Golf charity marks six years of driving for inclusion

LOCAL charity Golf Programs Australia Incorporated (GPAI) is celebrating its sixth year operating out of the heritage listed Chadwicks Chambers in Currie Street, Nambour.

GPAI works with individuals living with an intellectual disability who are provided opportunities in the low impact activity of golf.

GPAI also provides social enterprise training in Retail, Business & Creativity via the organisation's store and pro-shop.

GPAI Secretary Michelle Dalton opened GPAI Creative's doors in December 2016 with a few hand made cushions, a chair, desk and more than a few years of experience in retail and family business.

Michelle has developed the retail space over time into an eclectic offering of many varied items underpinned by an ethos of repurposing quality materials destined for landfill.

"Our first range was our scatter, lumbar and floor cushions created from high quality upholstery materials saved from landfill and donated from 'Nambour Upholstery', local interior decorators and textile mills," she said.

"What began as a space for the charity's office and a range of items for sale has developed into the Retail, Business & Creativity training offered to our golf program participants today."

"By the time our golfer's move from the organisation's golf program to instore social enterprise training the transition is seamless as the relationship and trust between all parties has been established over time," said President, charity founder and PGA Professional Darrell Dalton.

GPAI Creative has weathered many storms under the watchful eye of Michelle who navigated the retail operation in the wake of the loss of her 24-year-old son in 2020.



GPAI Secretary Michelle Dalton opened GPAI Creative's doors in December 2016. Here she is pictured last week.

The charity's vision is to establish a purpose-built golf facility to provide meaningful training and employment for individuals living with an intellectual disability.

"Our vision sometimes shocks people who discover the small charity store they stumbled into is driving a world-first concept that has gained world-wide attention," said Darrell.

"GPAI Creative is the foundation stone of something much larger," he said. "On the surface it appears quaint and eclectic but the processes being developed under Michelle's extensive experience will be transferred to the charity's vision."

"Many find it difficult to connect our small charity store to such an enormous vision. And even families of children who will benefit from the facility have a hard time comprehending we possess the capacity ... and some say audacity, to believe we can deliver such a life altering concept."

The GPAI PBGF Concept has managed to secure support from Australia's key drivers within the golf industry including the PGA of Australia & Golf Australia who have voiced their support for the establishment of similar facilities around the country with the first planned for the Sunshine Coast.

• GPAI is at 89 Currie Street Nambour. Visit www.pitchin.golf or Visit www.gpai.org.au or contact Michelle on 5476 0365 or admin@gpai.org.au.

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Imelda's on Maple brings fashion, fun and comfort to footwear

WHEN Maleny's Rachel Fentiman 'put it out to the Universe' at the start of the year that she wanted a change of direction in her life, she had no idea she would soon become the proud owner of her favourite shop in Maple Street.

"I grew up in Maleny and I always loved Imelda's on Maple," Rachel said. "I adore shoes, and Imelda's had the best!"

"Early in the year, the previous owner called me and asked if I was interested in buying the business, as she wanted to retire. I said yes on the spot, and the deal was sealed when I knew that her wonderful staff, Annie, Charlie and Charmaine were keen to stay. They are the heart and soul of the business (no pun intended!) and because I am still active in my theatre career, I knew I could make it work if they were there to help me," Rachel said.

With a background in theatre, and as an optical dispenser, Imelda's has proven to be a perfect fit for Rachel.

"Shoes are a real, practical extension of art and fashion," Rachel said.

"But the wonderful thing about footwear now is that it is increasingly designed for foot health, comfort and style.

"Today, people want more comfortable shoes and we are seeing more styles released that have lower, flatter heels and are super soft and designed to incorporate arch and heel support. Many of the lines we carry have been specifically designed to fit orthotics.

"It is fantastic to see this because foot pain is



Rachel Fentiman "Shoes are a real, practical extension of art and fashion."

absolutely debilitating," she said.

Imelda's on Maple stocks hugely popular brands such as Archopedigo, Revere, Cabello and Django and Juliette.

"We also stock Merrell, which is fabulous for active people, and due to popular demand, we are thrilled to be stocking Sketchers," said Rachel.

► Imelda's on Maple is at Shop 3/50 Maple Street Maleny, phone 5499 9622.

Council embarrassed, locals shocked by 55-unit oversight

PALMWOODS Residents are shocked and Sunshine Coast Council embarrassed by an oversight regarding extensive earth works currently being undertaken on a floodplain in the middle of town.

"No public information was made available to the local community by the developer about the commencement of the works on what is some of the last remaining high quality potential sites for public parkland in Palmwoods," said Paul Stephenson in a letter to the editor (see inside). "Locals are outraged by the continued overdevelopment of the hinterland and local communities, with foreign developers making obscene profits at the expense of local communities."

Division 5 Councillor Winston Johnston took responsibility for the blunder on Council's behalf. He said he was as amazed as everyone else that the work was being carried out. "I was totally unaware that existing approvals for both 55 Multiple Dwelling Units and Operational Works Approval were in place," he said in a letter to residents who had enquired about the work.

"After extensive investigation, I have discovered that an application was refused by council in 2009/10 and subsequently the applicant appealed that decision and was granted approval by the court in 2011.

"As the court approval and the operational capital works approvals were issued prior to the gazettal of the 2014 SCC Town Plan it would normally have lapsed within a few years. "However as the approval was granted by the



Extensive earthworks are being carried out on the site, much to the annoyance of some locals..

Planning and Environment Court, Council could not rescind the approval.

"The current earth works relate to the courts planning approval which required these works in the flood-plain by constructing a retention basin which will increase the capacity of the flood-plain to compensate for the loss of flood-storage above the banded area to the east of the land as per the plans below.

"I am quite embarrassed that neither the council's Development website, nor staff in our current planning team were aware of these approvals. Please accept my sincere apologies for misleading those residents who were kind enough to contact me."

Cr Johnston said the area being developed for town housing was relatively small.

"The earthworks currently being undertaken are for the court-approved increase in the flood retention basin.

"Council has never considered purchasing this land for park purposes because it regularly floods and is only suitable for grazing of animals."

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Nambour projects well under way

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I am pleased to see a number of Nambour projects well underway, including the Nambour Showgrounds Equestrian Arena upgrade and the Moss Day Pavilion upgrade.

It's great to see the completion of the three-tier play structure in Quote Memorial Park, a huge seven-metres high 'Spire Gear Tower', contoured rock wall, climbing rope net, banister slide, internal climbers with various levels of challenge, a rope elevator and a huge spiral slide.

Nambour is an ideal place to spend the holidays with your kids this summer with the Nambour Aquatic Centre Splash Park offering more than 580 square metres of healthy and active water play and two amazing water slides (which opened earlier this year) for fun for all ages.

Why not start your day at the new playground at Quota Memorial Park and then cool off at the Splash Park.

Thank you

I'd like to thank all our wonderful Division 10 volunteers and a big shout out to all our community groups for all the amazing community events, programs and other wonderful things you have made happen this year. You have all done an incredible job, whether it has been providing care and helping vulnerable people in the region or helping run sporting clubs and museums.

I am delighted to see so many hard-working community groups in Nambour benefit from Community Grants funding this year to help them with their work, including Nambour & District Historical Museum Association Inc. I'm looking forward to seeing the completed mural to preserve the memory of the former lift span tramway bridge across the Maroochy River. Be sure to look out for the new mural on Bury Street located on the wall of the Nambour museum's loco shed.

Season's greeting

I would like to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year. I am very much looking forward to next year to continue to deliver for Division 10. Wishing you all the best for this next year! Have a joyous holiday season.



Linda Goggin is inspiring people to become their own "artisans of self-care".

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BUSINESS WRITEUP: **The Ritual Box**

AFTER relocating her massage clinic to Montville in July, Sacred Body's Linda Goggan was inspired to create a stand alone home for the self care products with which her business is synonymous.

"Sacred Body is all about appreciating, and nurturing our bodies," Linda explained.

"In my clinic we are Artisans of Self-Care, and place great emphasis on rituals that nourish the body, celebrate life and inspire our days with meaning.

"I have sourced a range of gorgeous products that will inspire people to become their own 'Artisans of Self-Care', and think about the daily rituals they would like to implement in their lives. The idea is that they can put them together in a 'ritual box' that is a gift to themselves."

Aptly named, 'The Ritual Box' will be opening tomorrow, just in time for Christmas.

"I am so excited about our products," said Linda. "They can stand alone, or combined to create daily skin care, body care, bath time and

bedtime rituals.

"For the face and body, there are cleansers, moisturisers, masks, scrubs, and hair products" she said.

"For bathtime we have bath bombs, salts and oils as well as magnesium products, and for bedtime there are silk sleeping caps, masks and pillow slips, as well as robes.

"We will have gorgeous products for what goes on, in and around you," Linda said.

"There are fragrant candles and incense and we have a selection of beautifully blended teas and juice tonics."

Linda has sourced many of her products locally and there has been a specific emphasis on Australian made products.

"We are always looking for more and I would love to hear from local producers and suppliers," she said.

The Ritual Box is open from 9am to 4pm from Wednesday to Sunday and the website will be live in coming weeks for online orders.

▶ The Ritual Box is at 2/130 Main Street Montville, phone 0422 852 899.



How to take practical action for the environment

THE Little Book Nook at Palmwoods is hosting a former student of Nambour State College for a Book Launch on Saturday.

"Happy Planet Living: Simple Ways to Live a Climate Positive Lifestyle and Make a Big Difference" was written by Mia Swainson who will travel from Canberra where she works. She is on the ACT Climate Change Council, President of the ACT Environment Centre

The launch takes place on Saturday (December 17) from 10am-11am in the Little Book Nook courtyard.

Manager/Owner Kay Nixon said "Happy Planet Living" was the essential guide to sustainable living. "It empowers you to take practical action and be a part of the solution to our planet's climate and sustainability crises," she said.

Mia Swainson is a freelance writer and successful entrepreneur with a passion for sustainable living. Her work in sustainable development, spanning more than 15 years, has taken Mia across Australia and around the world. After having children, Mia focused on creating a sustainable life in the suburbs.

"By making one small change at a time, Mia is proof that living a greener and simpler life is within everyone's reach. This positive book also contains recipes, gardening tips and guidelines to a more sustainable lifestyle."

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Brady's celebrates 50 fruitful years

BUSINESS WRITEUP: Brady's Fruit

ICONIC Palmwoods business, Brady's Fruit celebrates its 50th birthday this year. Founder, Bob Brady and current owner, Col Pearce, recently took time to reflect on the highs and lows of the past 50 years.

"I had been living in New Zealand following a credit squeeze in Australia and when I came back to Australia with my wife and family, I decided I wanted to start a business for myself," Bob said.

"When I started looking around, the house itself caught my eye. It was a five bedroom house, raised up on stumps with three roller doors on the front," he said.

"It was originally a fruit stall, operating out of the roller doors, it was in a fantastic position with loads of passing traffic and we had four kids, so it was perfect for us."

Having decided to go into the fruit business, Bob found a mentor in a long time fruiterer in Ocean Street.

"Joe said to me, 'if you want to do fruit, be at my place at 3am and we will go to Brisbane'," Bob said.

"That was the beginning for me. It was a tough trade, with long hours and two early morning trips to the Rocklea Markets in Brisbane each week to buy produce," said Bob. "As the business grew, that expanded to three. My family pitched in and we all worked hard."

'We eat the food we sell and if it's not flavourful and fresh, I am not interested in selling it'

In 1978, a 15 year old Col Pearce joined the team at Brady's Fruit and eventually went on to take over the business when Bob retired in September, 2004.

"It's been a lot of fruit and early hours!" Col said.

Competition from the major supermarkets continually grew, but some of the bigger challenges were posed by bouts of serious flooding.

"1974 was the worst year for flooding, followed by 2011," said Col.

"During the floods in 2011 we were the only shop in South East Queensland with potatoes. Via the markets in Brisbane, we were able to secure the last semi trailer load of spuds heading south out of Atherton and it did not take long for the word to get around that we had them!



Col, Sandra and Brendan Pearce have run Brady's since 2004.

"A semi trailer load is 24 pallets, it is a huge amount of produce to transport, unload and distribute," he said.

"The bulk of them went to IGA supermarkets, 6 pallets went to Brisbane, to the guy that organised the delivery, and the rest, we sold from here. The truck driver

was worried about how he was going to get them to us, but we cleared out the back so that he could back the truck in.

"People came from everywhere to buy from us. Even if the markets had been able to supply the spuds, no-one could get to Brisbane to buy them. It was crazy."

Col, his wife Sandra and their team (including their son Brendan, who still works in the family business) have weath-

ered some challenging times.

"At the peak of COVID we saw people panicking, especially when the big supermarkets could not supply enough fresh produce," Col said.

"Earlier this year was also bad but we are fortunate to have the relationship we do with the Rocklea Markets. We have been doing business together for a very long time.

"Although we have shored up our supply chain there is a real squeeze on fresh food because of increased demand and the rural sector is dropping out at an alarming rate. Most people just don't realise this.

"There are so many pressures on primary producers from spiking freight, fertiliser and wage costs, and labour shortages. Many smaller farms have been consolidated into a handful of growers. The landscape has changed enormously over the decades and not particularly for the better."

Regular customers of Brady's Fruit are familiar with the high quality of fresh produce that is the standard.

"Experience is what tells us if fruit and veggies are going to be any good or not," said Col. "We eat the food we sell and if it is not flavourful and fresh, I am not interested in selling it."

With Christmas nearly upon us, locals will soon be able to buy the very best quality new season cherries and mangoes.

"I am always a late starter in stone fruit," Col explained. "I hold out for the right variety of the best quality. Our regular customers hold out for our 2kg boxes of cherries and mango trays. You can't go wrong with fresh fruit."

And Col's favourite fruit? "Any fruit, as long as it's good fruit!"



Founder Bob Brady, left, and current owner Col Pearce taste some of the fruits of their success.

Right: Brendan Pearce learned the trade from an early age.



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White's unveil sixth IGA supermarket

WHEN Roz and Michael White first ventured into the world of groceries and supermarkets back in 1993, little did they know they were embarking on a journey that would change the way people on the Sunshine Coast shop and in doing so become champions of supporting all things local.

There is not one element in each of the six stores that Roz and Michael have built that Roz has not personally been involved in. From what is stocked on the shelves to sourcing the refrigeration to hand selecting the suppliers, fittings and hardware, and employing the team that delivers on their promise of providing good old fashioned customer service – she personally oversees it all.

“Every element and every detail of our stores is intimately selected, and our Forest Glen store



is no different,” Ms White said.

“Every aspect of the store has something that is very personal to us. From the dining table in Grace & Grace, named after Michael and my grandmothers that has seen many a White family dinner, to the Butchery we have named ‘Sonny’s’ that pays homage to my dad’s dog who lived with us for 18 months after dad passed away – every element tells a story.”

Ms White said the inspiration for their latest store was found when researching the history of the site.

“The inspiration for our Forest Glen store comes from the original roadside stores that date back to the 1940’s when the Gibbin’s family sold oranges and pineapples, (see picture) – and that is why we have a “Gibbins Boulevard” in our store as it was Grandma Gibbins who was responsible for naming this suburb Forest Glen.”

200 car parks cater to the needs of shoppers

FOREST Glen Village Centre Board Chair, Tony Riddle, said the Group was pleased to see work completed 12 months after the expansion began.

“I am delighted to see this project come to life and I have been buoyed by the public support we have been receiving,” Mr Riddle said.

“With destination shopping on the rise, I believe we have created a village that meets this brief perfectly and will cater to the needs of our growing population.

“It will be convenient for families and businesses and has the added benefit of over 200 car parks and I believe it will quickly become the village of choice for locals,” Mr Riddle said.

In preparing to open their sixth White’s IGA, Ms White held a recruitment day successfully

sourced and employed 85 of the 95 staff that will work in what is set to become their flagship store.

The store will be opened on Wednesday December 14 at an official ceremony hosted by Shane Jacobson.

About White’s IGA

Michael & Roz White commenced their retailing journey on the Sunshine Coast with the purchase of a small convenience store in Maroochydore in October 1993. There began the humble beginnings of White’s Grocers. Since this time the business has grown from one store with three staff to six stores located at Forest Glen, Baringa, Bli Bli, Mooloolah, Mt Coolool and IGA Peregian Beach.



From left, Tomkin’s Sunshine Coast Construction Manager Barry Lehmann, Michael and Roz White from White’s, and Tony Riddle. The supermarket captures the vibrancy of the local community with a state-of-art fit out and an employment of 85 staff. The store will be opened on Wednesday December 14 at an official ceremony hosted by Shane Jacobson today (December 14) at 10am.

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White's IGA and Forest Glen Village Centre Board Chair Tony [Name] emphasis on 'fresh and local'. INSET the store will be opened by [Name]



White's in-store gift and homeware shop, *Grace & Grace*, features boutique floristry, a gourmet chocolatier, gifts, homewares, jewellery & more.



Committed to local producers and contractors

IN keeping with their commitment to showcasing and investing back in the region, not only do Roz and Michael support local producers, through their highly successful Locavore's program, they also engage local contractors to provide many of the elements required in the fit out of the store including stainless steel benches and refrigeration systems.

"Supporting local is at the heart of everything we do and wherever possible, we support local," Ms White said.

Queensland construction company Tomkins Commercial, who won the design and construct contract in November 2021, share the White's vision for supporting local business and community. Tomkins estimate approximately 90 per cent of subcontractors engaged during the project were based locally.

Tomkins' Sunshine Coast Construction Manager, Barry Lehmann, commented, "Over the past 12 months we have successfully navigated more than 61 days of rain, clocking 67,000 man-hours to successfully construct three mixed-use retail buildings as part of the Forest Glen Village Centre expansion.

"In the process, we have created more than 100 full-time jobs, whilst sourcing much of the materials used in construction from local suppliers.

"The end result is a project that has been built on the foundations of local collaboration and respect - something both Tomkins Commercial and the Sunshine Coast community are renowned for."

White's IGA is at 15 Grammar School Way, Forest Glen. stay tuned at www.facebook.com/WhitesIGAForestGlen/

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Connect, reflect and celebrate 2022

This year has been memorable for our Sunshine Coast for so many reasons. We received our UNESCO Biosphere designation in June. We are on the path to 2032 and set up our Legacy Plan Community Reference Group to help guide what our region wants to achieve as a delivery partner in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. We undertook an early and extensive engagement exercise with our community on a new planning scheme. And so much more! You're invited to look back on 2022 by watching this year's annual State of our Region address by Mayor Mark Jamieson and members of our community. It's available now on Council's website, YouTube and Facebook channels.

New Year's Eve fireworks not to be missed!

This New Year's Eve, enjoy firework displays in Mooloolaba at 8.30pm and midnight. You'll find a family zone with Paw Patrol, glow shows, live music and food. Plus, a youth stage with live DJs, Red Frogs and free bungy trampoline rides. Plan your journey home and get more info at Council's website.

Explore new worlds and boost your brain

Action, adventure and prizes are up for grabs as part of a brain-boosting Summer Reading Club. Sunshine Coast Libraries is behind the free interactive program, which offers fun for the whole family. Register now at library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to receive an exciting treasure map, collect prizes along the way and go in the draw to win a book voucher.

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Share a trip down memory lane

Stuck for last minute Christmas gift ideas? Don't worry, the 2023 Sunshine Coast Heritage Calendar is out now, making the perfect present for friends and loved ones. At just \$6, the calendar features all our favourite ways of travelling the region from days gone by. Buy yours at customer contact centres and Council libraries.

One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online – Thursday 8 December at 9am.

Choose your adventure with Bat Pod

Flying foxes are living closer to humans because of habitat loss across Australia. These animals are vital to the environment. But they can be noisy, smelly and sometimes messy neighbours. So join the team at Council and try to problem solve ways to live alongside these animals peacefully. And the best part - you get to call the shots! This is an immersive, choose-your-own adventure podcast series. It's called Bat Pod. Are you up for the challenge? Listen in now wherever you get your podcasts.

Summer holiday fun

Keep the kids entertained this summer holiday with activities from Council. Try the new slides at the Nambour Aquatic Centre, choose from 200 plus adventures on Adventure Sunshine Coast, go on the koala trail at Maroochy Botanic Garden, enjoy Christmas craft sessions at Bankfoot House or kids' activities at Landsborough Museum. Visit Council's website for all the top things to do this summer.

Mega Youth Market

Venue 114's Mega Youth Market is the perfect opportunity for Sunshine Coast youth to make some extra cash or nab a bargain. The one-day-only youth market on Friday 13 January 2023 from 10am to 2pm will provide a safe space for young people to sell preloved and handmade items and shop sustainably. Book your stall at venue114.com.au.

Is your pool safe?

Summer is here and while your pool might seem like the perfect place to cool down, is it safe? Make sure your pool is ready to go for summer and complete your pool safety compliance check. Safe swimming pool and spa barriers save lives. Hop onto Council's website and check if your pool is up to standard.

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Ryan Davies is a plumber by trade so he can also check and make sure your pipes and taps are in good working order.

Plumber sets up hinterland water tank cleaning business

BUSINESS WRITEUP: **Ryan Davies Tank Cleaning**

CLEAN, healthy water is our most precious resource. When we are reliant on catching our own rainwater, every drop counts.

"A lot of people are not aware that rainwater quality is affected as soon as it hits our roof," said Maleny's Ryan Davies.

"It is so important to keep your gutters and tanks clean. Hazardous matter found in tanks can include organic sludge, silt and ashes, animal droppings and even decaying carcasses.

"Parasites such as Giardia, Bacteria such as E.Coli and Cryptosporidium, and insect larvae from mosquitoes and sandflies can also be present in tanks and these can potentially cause illness to your family."

Ryan recommends a clean of your water tank about every two years (depending on the tree coverage over the roof line), and to clean tanks while there is plenty of water in them rather than waiting until water levels are low.

"Incoming water will stir up any sludge and sediment at the bottom of your tank and this will then contaminate the fresh water.

"It is also a good idea to clean your roof gutters every three months and keep an eye on your gutter mesh for bugs and leaf litter," he said.

"If you have a lot of trees surrounding your tanks, you will want to keep a closer eye on

them though because it stands to reason that there is more likelihood of leaf litter or bird or animal droppings making their way into your tank."

According to Ryan, tank cleaning doesn't only help ensure the safety of your water.

"Regular cleaning will minimise damage to your pump, increase the longevity of water filters, and reduce the possibility of damage to your household taps," he said.

"If you find that you have coloured or bad tasting water coming out of your taps, it is definitely time to have your tank cleaned.

Ryan is a plumber by trade and he can also check and make sure your pipes and taps are in good working order.

"I offer First Flush system installations on downpipes and Leaf Eater installations to minimise contaminants entering your water tanks," said Ryan.

"This is a great way to keep your tanks clean and water safe between cleaning.

"This time of year is an optimum time to service your tanks because we generally experience a higher level of rainfall. February is usually the wettest month on the Sunshine Coast."

Ryan will travel from Beerwah to Yandina and the hinterland properties between them to look after your water tanks and he is available to clean your tanks over the holiday period.

▶ You can contact Ryan on 0411 582 900.



Regular cleaning will minimise damage to your pump, increase the longevity of water filters, and reduce the possibility of damage to your household taps. The rainy season is a great time to clean your tank.



Danny Constable: "I basically teach people the music they love and want to play."

Lesson No. 1: 'play what you love and the music will flow'

BUSINESS WRITEUP: **Danny Contable Guitar**

AFTER taking a break from music during the lockdowns of the past couple of years Nambour musician, Danny Constable, is back teaching guitar to people of all ages.

"My youngest student is 5 and my oldest is in their late 80s," he said. "Which proves that you can pick up a guitar and play at any time of your life! Age is really no barrier."

Danny has been playing guitar for almost 30 years and has taught guitar on the Sunshine Coast for 8 years.

"When COVID hit, it put an end to the lessons and professional gigs I was playing. I took the opportunity to have a break but I am coming back to it now because I really miss it," he said.

"As a child, my guitar teacher was quite inflexible and there was no room for creativity. Later in life, I was fortunate enough to find a wonderful teacher who was the opposite of that

and he instilled in me the inspiration to continue to learn and develop as a musician.

"When it comes to my own teaching method, I basically teach people the music they love and want to play. I can teach a broad range of styles and genres. As a teacher, I show my students how to find inspiration and inspire themselves. This is the incredible thing about learning music. You will always continue to develop as you follow your intuition and inspiration. I love being able to facilitate this in my students."

Danny teaches guitar, ukulele and bass and over the years, has found that people have had all kinds of motivations to learn guitar.

"I have had students who want to pursue music for fun or professionally, others who want to keep aging at bay, to one particular student who wanted to play the ukulele at his daughter's wedding. And it's all good."

▶ You can contact Danny on 0423 876 844 to find out more and book your lesson.

Eumundi Museum reopens near the markets

A little-known gem on the Sunshine Coast is Eumundi Museum, which has recently reopened. The museum has completed Stage One of major renovations and is now open Tuesday-Saturday, from 10am-3pm and entry is free.

The museum is located in an old church on Memorial Drive, directly opposite the Original Eumundi Markets.

The building itself is a site to behold. Originally built in 1911, it features stained glass windows from an earlier renovation back in 1958, as well as a beautiful modern leadlight created as part of the recent renovations.

The museum combines an extensive narrative about the town's history with changing temporary exhibitions about all sorts of subjects, with a new exhibition every four months.

Three are touchscreens which feature a timeline, videos, maps, and a very popular birdsong game. There are bugs in resin for younger children to explore and draw.

The museum's new exhibition, opened on December 6, is "50 Years After the Vietnam War".



The museum is open Tuesdays-Saturday, from 10am-3pm and entry is free.



Councillor Paul Tatton and Guide Leaders celebrate 100 years of Worldwide Guiding at the Nambour Museum in 2009.

Nambour's first Girl Guides formed 90 years ago

From Nambour Museum

NINETY years ago on the 1 December 1932, Nambour's first Girl Guide troop was formed. The Nambour C.W.A. voted to allow the troop to hold meetings in the C.W.A. rest room, but it is believed that the Guides met in an old shed behind the Ambulance in Howard Street.

The thirties were depression years so in 1933, Honorary Secretary M. A. Hocking advertised a bridge and euchre afternoon in the Willow Tree Cabaret room. Money raised went to the Girl Guide Funds for Uniforms. By the end of the year there were 27 Guides and 21 Brownies who undertook a wide range of activities including Church and Anzac Day parades, Show Day displays, concerts and handicraft and physical culture classes.

In the 1940s Mrs Percy Wells restarted the Guide movement in Nambour, followed by Miss Muriel Bonford. An ex-guide of this time remembered "everyone walked to the Guide hut afternoons or nights. Guides were expected to keep in their pocket at all times, useful objects such as a piece of string, a pencil and a miniature wooden snake bite kit containing a sharp blade and Condy's crystals - thankfully I do not believe that was ever used!"

The Nambour Museum has a display of posters depicting the history of Nambour Girl Guides and Brownies, still an important facet of Nambour life.

Woombye Streetscape update

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Streetscape improvements are continuing from the Hill and Blackall streets intersection, past the School of Arts Hall and Library and across the pub and bottle shop driveway (near Grounded Café).

Works over the next few weeks will see the removal of the existing footpaths, installing new electrical conduits and stormwater infrastructure, building new retaining walls, seating and constructing new kerbs.

Construction will cease over the peak Christmas and school holiday period and resume the week of 16 December, pending weather. During these works I encourage you all to please continue to support the business which will remain open.

New play space

Maleny residents are in for a treat with Cedar Court playground being renewed early next year. The existing playground will be improved with new play equipment including a new double swing set, play hut, multiple decks with monkey bars, a climbing wall, conveyor bridge, pommel bridge! Watch this space for more updates.

Recycle right

Did you know putting small branches into your bin before grass prevents the grass from sticking to the bottom? Check out council's new video in the recycle right series which shares top tips on how to get the best from your Sunshine Coast household garden organics bin. Visit sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/garden-bin to view the video.

Remembering what goes in your garden organics bin is really very simple - if it grows in your garden, it can go in the bin. And that's the extent of it - please only put grass clippings, small branches and twigs, leaves, non-invasive weeds, garden prunings and old flowers in your garden bin.

Season's Greetings

I would like to share my best wishes to you and your family for a safe, happy and enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year! Please be extra safe on the roads during the holiday period. Until next year, all the best.



From left, Jim Goulton, Andrew Powell, Sam Price, Roger Green, Stephen Roome, Barry Meager and Ron Pratton.

Apex searches for cover artist

APEX Club of Maleny is holding an art competition to choose the cover artwork for the 2023 edition of its popular business directory.

"The first prize winner will receive \$300, the second prize, \$200 and the third prize, \$100. The competition will be judged by Maleny Art Direct," said Maleny Apex spokesman Sam Price.

Apex is run by locals for the benefit of the community and the directory helps Maleny Apex contribute to the community by providing service and funding activities. Service involves Apex members making their skills and labour freely available.

"Some of the programs we have helped include Maleny High School Roadcraft, the Maleny High School Chaplaincy program, Apex Escapes (weekends for families in need), Girl Guides, the Maleny hospital auxiliary, the Maleny Neighborhood centre and grass roots sporting clubs throughout the hinterland," said Sam.

"Sometimes the support is in the form of

goods and sponsorship and sometimes it is people power. Most people are probably familiar with the sight of Apex BBQs and the members serving us at the Show bar," he said.

Apex supports individuals and families in ways that many may not be aware of. This can take the form of help with accommodation and transport for people in need of repeated medical treatment or practical or financial support for high achieving athletes.

"An Apex club is a community service club which is neither sectarian nor party political," said Sam.

"It provides young civic-minded people the opportunity to volunteer within the community and develop personally through club run schemes."

► To find out more about how to enter the competition, please contact apexmalenyclub@hotmail.com. Likewise if you are a community group or know someone in the region that may need some assistance, or if you'd like to support the club.



A male common egg-fly butterfly (*Hypolimnys bolina*). The males are very aggressive towards other butterflies and defend the area in which they will reside for some time.

These butterflies make great mums

Nature Watch with Don McGlusky

THEY are found in this area but more so around Brisbane. It gets its name from the white patches on its wings.

In New Zealand they are referred to as the Blue Moon butterfly.

Males have a wing span of about 80mm.

The males are very aggressive towards other butterflies and defend the area in which they continue to reside for some time.

The caterpillars are black with orange-yellow branch spines and feed on a variety of plants especially the Love Flower at night.

The female Common Egg-fly does not have the bright white "egg spots" and purple iridescence on her wings.

Instead, she is brownish-black, with faint white markings on the edge of her wings.

Females are known to guard the leaves that they lay their eggs on.

They even inspect the leaves for ants prior to laying.



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Is it too early to get excited?

Sunshine Coast Show News

with Rowan O'Hara
Sunshine Coast Show President



WELCOME to the monthly column of the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show where we will keep you up to date with information and plans of the 2023 Show which, surprisingly for some, we are already well on our way to planning.

What an interesting and exasperating year was 2022.

We all expected it to be easier after the past two years of Covid, health regulations and unprecedented lockdowns. How wrong we were!

The society started the year unsure if we were even going to be able to hold a show not only with the government mandates but rain, rain and more rain.

Our hearts were heavy for the Gympie Show and the region with flooding and the cancellation of their show but luckily the sun shone for us, the ground dried out and we had clear blue skies for our Show.

The Sunshine Coast Community supported us once again with record crowds of over 30 000 during the 3 days and our competition numbers hit an all time record with over 5000 entries.

A big congratulations to our Horse Stewards for big numbers, and to our Poultry steward

with over 400 classes.

To all our other hardworking stewards thank you as without your hard work behind the scenes, our job would be so very much harder.

Each year, we are amazed by the people who come to assist us - from the C.W.A. ladies, to Rotary clubs, Lions, Apex, Craft Creations and many more. This year we joined work forces with The Shack and we hope that this will be the start of an ongoing team effort with the set up and pull down of the Show.

To our many sponsors, we can only say a heartfelt Thank You. Most of you ask so little and give so generously each year.

Thank you to our Patrons and our competitors for attending the show. Some come each and every year with their children, then grandchildren and another generation of showgoers and competitors is born. We thank you because without you we would not have a show.

Without patrons, sponsors, competitors and people/organisations to help, we would struggle to bring our wonderful event to the Coast. We take pride in every show we bring to the community each year, and we Thank the Coast for the love and support they give us in return.

To the Committee who give more than 100% - as a Team - you are all amazing and I can't thank you enough for all you do - you all go above and beyond.

To all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

The Sunshine Coast Show is on at Nambour Showgrounds next year on June 16, 17 and 18.

For information phone 5441 2766.

Show Society offers discount tickets for Christmas

PREPARATIONS are in hand for the 2023 Sunshine Coast Show for June 16-18.

As a way of saying thank you to the Sunshine Coast for their support of the Show this year Sunshine Coast Show Society have a special offer which they have managed to pull together for the festive season.

"As we move into Christmas, the Show Society is acutely aware of the financial difficulties that our local families on the Coast are currently facing," said President Rowan O'Hara.

"In order to bring a little sunshine to the Coast and ease some financial pressures, the

management committee has taken the initiative to launch an early release of discounted tickets saving patrons 20 percent on tickets."

These tickets are available up to Christmas Day. This will immediately be followed by a heavily discounted Boxing day sale where tickets will be discounted by 25%. Family packages are available.

► All discounted tickets are available at the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show website www.sunshinecoastshow.com.au only and are non-refundable.

Woodies' Santa Shop & Open Day success

THE Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild held a successful Santa Shop & Open Day on the weekend November 26 & 27.

A comprehensive display of crafted wood products was presented, as well as demonstrations of timber milling, pyrography, scroll sawing and Japanese kumiko construction.

The Open Day also displayed the wonderful entries produced by the BRWG members for the annual Club Competition.

These combined highly original thinking as well as the expected craftsmanship and artistry, a collective 'best of the best'.

There was a steady crowd of visitors to the displays, particularly on the Sunday, and the club was happy that the effort involved in assembling the Santa Shop was supported by both locals and visitors.

The club's next planned Open Day will be in association with the Maleny Wood Expo/Barung Festival from April 29 to May 1 at Maleny Showgrounds.

This will be the first Barung Festival in several years, because of previous Covid restrictions, and it promises to be very well attended. Bookmark your diaries for this special event!

Enjoy Churches Christmas Carols in the park

SANCTUARY Park Church property has been chosen to host the Nambour Region's Combined Churches Christmas Carols for whoever may wish to attend.

Thirteen acres of sub-tropical valleyed parklands provide an excellent outdoor setting for the carols event, with plenty of open space for the kids to kick a ball and to run off an overabundance of energy.

A fenced soft-fall shaded playground is also available for the younger children.

Highlights include, the Salvation Army's band accompanying the carol singing. Guest singing artists include the highly appreciated Rex Eggmosses and the very talented big voice of Mia Clarke, year 9 Nambour Christian College.

Bring your own chair, blanket and don't

forget to bring the mosquito spray.

Free of charge refreshments and Lions Christmas cake will be served at the conclusion of the carols for further opportunity to catch up with old and new community friends as well as more play time for the kids.

Keeping young families and elderly in mind, the Carols service will commence at 5pm.

Extra carparking is available within the adjacent property of Gregson and Weight Funerals.

► Details: December 17, 5pm at Sanctuary Park Church property, 22 National Park Road Nambour. Contact: Sanctuary Park Office 5441 2833 or Pastor Mark 0456 789 294.

Moving Forward to explore 'conformity and obedience'

TWO prominent speakers will be presenters at the next *Moving Forward Sunshine Coast* community event on Saturday January 14, 2023. Emeritus Professor of Law Gabriel Moens, will address problems associated with ageism and Dr Robert Brennan, who is a Co-Director of the Australian Medical Network and co-hosts a radio show on TNT live, will explore the issues of conformity and obedience.

Professor Moens has lectured worldwide and is the author of many books including an Australian Constitutional Law university textbook. His topic of ageism is recognized by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Dr Brennan's impeccable credentials have allowed him to address the issues created by COVID, and post COVID problems. Both speakers are dedicated to supporting communities and sharing their knowledge.

The Moving Forward Team has already hosted several events in 2022 to provide useful information to our Sunshine Coast community. The group is not affiliated with any businesses or other groups on the Sunshine Coast and is funded through ticket sales to their professionally organized events.

The event is on January 14 at North Shore Community Center, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba. Doors open at 1.30pm for 2pm start.

► Go to www.tickettailor.com/events/movingforwardssunshinecoast to purchase your tickets.

Community gives feedback on Kenilworth Library

SUNSHINE Coast Council has invited Kenilworth residents to join the conversation about their library service.

The feedback will help determine the type of library service best suited to the community.

Kenilworth is the smallest library within the Sunshine Coast Library Network, and the second oldest having serviced the community for nearly 40 years.

Locals can follow the project updates via Council's Have Your Say page.

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Northern Sunshine Coast Transport Strategy 'buried'

by Jeffrey Addison, Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



The Queensland Government has plans for shaping and implementing future public transport initiatives for the Sunshine Coast.

But it's really only a half-plan that fails to explain how a dedicated rail corridor from Beerwah to Maroochydore and a Mass Transit route connecting centres between Caloundra and Maroochydore, will connect further north to that 'other-half of the Sunshine Coast,' the Noosa shire.

It's a connection the state government has chosen to ignore in any strategic planning sense.

In early 2022, Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey released the Southern Sunshine Coast Transport Strategy.

The Southern Sunshine Coast Transport Strategy established a proposed vision and direction for how the Queensland government will deliver public transport to meet the future needs of the southern Sunshine Coast, while protecting its natural environment and lifestyle.

However, sunk without trace in the public transport visioning and planning process was the Nautilus Transport Study that examined public transport options connecting Nambour, Maroochydore, Cooroy and Noosa.

The state invested \$6 million in this study over four years as part of the South-East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2005-26.

The report was to have been handed to the Queensland government in 2009, but was never delivered.

It would, or should've been, the stable mate to the Southern Sunshine Coast Transport Strategy.

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In light of the decision not to disclose the \$6 million Nautilus Study findings, it's believed Noosa Shire Council (NSC) has requested of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to produce a Northern Sunshine Coast Transport Strategy, and is eager to assist, based upon its own Noosa Transport Strategy 2017-27.

The NSC collects a 'transport levy' from ratepayers to help fund some transport infrastructure, build 'active transport' links and undertake new ideas such as its 'weekend free bus travel' promotion.

This is due to end in February 2023, at which time it will be re-evaluated.

The NSC has helped drive bus patronage through its 'Go-Noosa' free bus travel over the holidays.

In one 11-day trial period, 64,506 people took the bus at Noosa - 20,000 up on the previous year.

When holiday traffic congestion occurs, locals and visitors alike are willing to use the bus.

Yet, with the trend towards public transport use rising in Noosa, the state government is reluctant to talk with the Council to consider better transport links.

Within Noosa's 'shire of communities,' the Council is known to want to place greater emphasis on active transport and the use of e-bikes and e-scooters for getting around.

Equally it desires more frequent buses between Tewantin and Noosa junction and from there, down to Maroochydore.

Hinterland communities push continuously for rail 'shuttles' between Nambour and Gympie North.

How, without a Northern Sunshine Coast Transport Strategy are we to plan and guide progress up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond?

The Northern Sunshine Coast remains no-man's-land when it comes to strategic transport planning as far as the Queensland government is unconcerned.

It appears to be a deliberate snub, given the Nautilus Transport Study was halted abruptly and its findings buried.

Nambour rocks at Tramfest

THE Nambour Tramway Company (TNTCo) held a free, Christmas Tramfest event on December 3 with great bands and delicious food attracting a big crowd to the new TNTCo Western Terminus in Mill Street.



Santa Visits Mapleton's 'Light the Lights' festival

THE Mapleton and District Community Association's (MADCA) annual 'Light the Lights' festival took place last Friday, 2nd Dec.

Because of the weather, the event was moved from the Lilyponds Park to the Mapleton State School. The event was well attended, and everyone had lots of fun.

A host of volunteers including the Range Community Gym, worked at cooking and dispensing delicious food and drinks.

The Blackall Range Lions Club Christmas cakes and puddings sold so fast you'd think it was nearly Christmas! Santa's arrival generated great excitement for all, and the children were delighted with their gifts from Santa.

Entertainer, Miss Donna, enchanted the children with her show. There was also a festive fancy dress competition, face painting, raffle, carols, BBQ, and music.

Visitors enjoyed viewing the school's fabulous mural on the wall behind the entertainment area.

Mapleton has great community spirit, and local band "Beats Workin'" kindly played even with one member unable to perform.

MADCA relies on funds raised at the Light the Lights event, as well as grants from various sources to carry out their efforts to improve community satisfaction in Mapleton.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event and especially to the businesses and individuals whose generous support enables them to host this annual community event.

For more information about the MADCA please visit the MADCA page on the Mapleton website at www.mapletonqueensland.com.au or contact information@madca.com.au.

Pinball Wizards flip out at Chamber Christmas event

NAMBOUR'S business community tested their pinball skills at the Nambour Chamber Christmas Party on Friday December 9. The famous Sunshine Coast Pinball, next to Majestic Cinemas, is a great venue for a social function with the games providing the perfect conversational ice-breaker.



Katie Wilde, Elissa Bartholomew, Yumi Tuckett, Mel Williams, Mallory Leitner and Janelle Burns.



Rusty Nyman, Michelle O'Brien and Ian Poshammer.



From left, Liz Bear and Lynda Canning are old friends in *Wicked Sisters*. Image by Greals.

January brings *Wicked Sisters* to Nambour

3BCREATIVE recently performed Alma De Groen's *Wicked Sisters*, a comedy with biting social commentary, at venues around the Sunshine Coast. Director Anne Grant regards De Groen as one of Australia's foremost living playwrights.

"I was delighted to be able to bring this wonderful play to the coast," she said, "And there have been many requests for a longer season."

Now those who missed out can see a limited season of two performances at Nambour's Lind Lane Theatre in January.

Wicked Sisters is a comedy for four strong female characters, examining sisterhood, men, honesty, men, artificial intelligence; and men.

Sunny Coast actors Louise Tasker, Liz Bear, Sharon Grimley and Lynda Canning delight in bringing their characters to life with sharp wit and intense emotion.

The Lind theatre in leafy Mitchell Street Nambour is air-conditioned, wheelchair accessible, and a bar will be operating. Performances are on Thursday 19 January and Friday 20 January, starting at 7.30pm sharp. We regret that late arrivals cannot be admitted. To maintain the intimate atmosphere of the production, there are only 50 seats available per show and tickets are selling fast. To book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CERDR>

Life is a Drama, Be Calmer

LIFE is a Drama, Be Calmer was written by local Sunshine Coast nationally acclaimed mediator and poet, Tom Stodulka.

Published by Ocean Reeve Publishing it is Tom's third book and captures the challenges of life, the human condition and how to stay positive in an ever-changing world.

With the sales of his new book, Tom has chosen two charities engaged in supporting homeless and disadvantaged people nationally and internationally. This is in addition to

his previous support for fire and flood relief during 2018 and 2019 through the success of his earlier books *Storm Clouds* and *Silver Linings-My Journey and Life is a Dance*. Only a few copies remain available for purchase through the Maleny Book Shop and the Noosa Village Bookshop.

All three books are available as audio and e-books. For reviews and endorsements go to Toms' websites www.tomstodulkaauthor.com, www.tomstodulka.com.



Narelle and Adam Kither in happier times with Russell.

Town farewells Russell the Cat

WOOMBYE Rural Supplies' beloved resident rat catcher and local personality, Russell the cat, passed away suddenly on Sunday December 4.

Russell was well known by customers and Woombye locals as a friendly, affectionate little cat with a huge personality. It was not uncommon to see Russell 'doing the rounds' of the street and greeting everyone in his path.

"We are so very sad," said owner, Narelle Kither. "We got Russell and his sister Pepa as kittens from a customer when we first bought the shop 7 years ago, so he has been with us here since the beginning.

"When they were little I used to take them home and back to the shop every day but as they grew older they stayed at the shop to do their job, which was to catch the rats," she said.

"Every Sunday when the shop was closed we came back to feed them and let them out for the

day. We always had to feed Russell extra so he didn't go up to Kimnat and beg for food! Then on Sunday afternoon we'd feed them and lock them away for the night.

"On Saturday afternoon he seemed fine but on Sunday morning he was really sick," said Narelle.

"I took him to the emergency vet who said it could be a number of things but there was a good chance it was his heart, so I had to make the absolutely devastating decision to put him to sleep. It is difficult to believe that he is not here any more."

Locals have taken to Facebook in their hundreds to express their sadness about the news. Unanimously, people agreed that Russell was a very special boy, who's friendly personality touched everyone he came into contact with.



White Dream Christmas Treats from QCWA

QCWA Maleny Branch Country Kitchens Facilitator Judy Stubbs has shared a healthy sugar-free treat from the QCWA Country Kitchens Healthier and Happier Program.

Judy wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and says QCWA will be back in the New Year with more workshops and activities promoting healthy eating habits.

Serves: 10. Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 60 minutes. 1/2 serve per portion

Ingredients

- 1 cup rice bubbles
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 3/4 cup muesli
- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- 3/4 cup skim milk powder
- 90g dried cranberries
- 90g dried apricots, chopped
- 1/3 cup pistachios, roughly chopped
- 200g Greek yoghurt, reduced fat
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla Method
- Line a baking tray with baking paper.
- Combine all ingredients together in a bowl, stirring until well mixed. PLACE mixture onto prepared tray.
- Place in freezer for 1 hour then slice into squares.
- Serve cold.



Beautiful Billie needs a home for Christmas

BILLIE is desperate for a home and is currently at the 4 Paws Animal Rescue cattery.

4 Paws Animal Rescue spokesperson Beverley Parry said Billie was reluctantly surrendered when his family moved, and they couldn't take him with them. "He is extremely interactive, playful, gentle, and absolutely loves cuddles," said Beverley. "While Billie has lived with other cats, he will also make a great companion in an only-cat household. Billie just wants to be loved and in return he will give you a lifetime of smooches, cuddles and fun. He was born in 2018 and is a loving, active grey male tabby."

Billie is such a character, the team even penned a poem about him.

Poem about Billie

*Playful and active, you'll not leave him alone
He loves attention, cuddles, and pats
Billie may even tolerate other cats
At the tender young age of three
His family had to surrender him, reluctantly
Please give him a chance and make an exception
Because Billie is keen to share his affection!*

• If you feel you can either foster or adopt Billie and celebrate your Christmas with him then please visit the website: www.4pawsanimalrescue.org.au and fill out the form or email 4paws@4pawsanimalrescue.org.au



Gary Holland, Lenore Simpson, Andrew Powell and Jess Garey with Bev Zieseemer, Whin Peggie, Donna Taaffe and Ronda Vijsma.

Festive celebrations at RangeCare with clients, volunteers

THE RangeCare Client & Volunteer Christmas Parties were held on Thursday and Friday (December 8 and 9) at Flaxton Gardens.

The events are an opportunity to celebrate the generosity of RangeCare's dedicated volunteers.

"They provide an entertaining social event for our clients to interact with others outside of their usual circles," said RangeCare Marketing Officer Toni Hinton.

RangeCare is currently recruiting for a range of positions across its four locations. Recruitment and retention of staff is crucial in the wake of staffing difficulties Brought on by the impacts of Covid, floods and labour shortage challenges.

So the events were an opportunity to thank the hard-working team which has gone above and beyond the call of duty to maintain RangeCare's proud standard of services despite the shortages.



Hosts Flaxton Gardens put on a beautiful spread.



From left, Maggie Anderson, Kerry Larkman, Erin Fry, Leone Gee and Lisa Rahmann.



From left, Nola Miles Clark, Julie Cambridge, June Menary, Margaret Schofield and Beatrice Dalton.



From left, Margaret Hobson, Kate Danielsen and Allan and Pam Heaton.



From left, Bill Turner, Smadar Menashe, Coral Mcvean and Beris Maurer.

Contract Bridge Club lessons coming soon

THE Nambour and Mapleton Contract Bridge Clubs will be holding lessons in this interesting and mind-expanding card game, commencing Wednesday 1st February 2023 and continuing each Wednesday for 12 weeks.

The lessons will be held in the newly renovated Nambour (Crushers) Rugby League clubhouse each Wednesday from 12.30pm til 2.30pm. We offer a friendly and supportive atmosphere in which to learn, our lessons are cost effective, have proven to be easy to follow and are well suited to raw beginners and as a

refresher course.

Both Nambour and Mapleton clubs are small and are therefore friendly and sociable. While the Nambour club regularly meet at the Crusher's clubhouse each Wednesday morning, the Mapleton club get together at the Kureelpa Hall each Friday morning - visitors are always most welcome.

For more information visit nambour.bridgeaustralia.org, mapleton.bridgeaustralia.org, email nambourcbc@gmail.com or call Diana at 0408797985.

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I always seem to find animals in need on Christmas Day. From a kangaroo that has been hit by a car, to a possum caught in a garage door at Ninderry.

I do remember one relatively easy rescue a few years ago. The Hotline volunteer rang and asked if I could check on a possum in Yandina. It was at the end of my street.

That was a rewarding rescue as a week later the ringtail possum was released back at its family's drey, hopefully a little wiser to the perils of suburbia. Adult possums, on the other hand, can't be relocated as they usually will not be accepted by the residents in the new area.

Another Christmas Day a call came in after someone's dog had brought in a young possum.

He was holding it gently in his mouth! The mother was found dead at the side of the house, showing signs of car impact. This big rangy adolescent dog had not harmed the possum in any way - but had actually saved its life before another mishap befell it.

Just to keep me on my toes this Christmas, a new eastern grey kangaroo joey has come into my care. *Bowie, pictured*, is a lovely relaxed animal, only two and a half kilos, so he is learning to lie out on the grass in his pouch. He occasionally climbs out and has a scratch and a little hop. He needs to build his muscles up to support those long leg bones, and needs plenty of sun also for strong bones!

There are so many people who help our wildlife throughout the year. Thanks to the *Sunshine Valley Gazette*, our local veterinarians, police and Energex. The Council supports us each year. Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and the Eumundi Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre check and treat the native animals before they come to our care. Our wildlife would be in an even more dire state if it wasn't for the members of the public who ring our Hotline when worried about wildlife. Merry Christmas!



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To all our politicians: Please save our country!

To all our federal and State politicians: When you first entered Parliament, you swore an oath to serve the people of Australia.

I now wonder why you have not commented about the United Nations' One World Order, Klaus Schwab, the World Economic Forum and recently, World Health Organisation's proposed take-over of the World's health responsibilities.

Australian citizens need to be told by honourable politicians that current and past governments have avoided telling the truth about the intended conquest and depopulation of the globe, including Australia.

The definition of truth is "the reality of a situation."

Politicians have not disclosed to their constituents the reality of our imminent situation under the direction and control of the United Nations' One World Order. It would appear that politicians agree that the strategy to help save the world is to depopulate Australia by the same plans adopted by the One World Order.

Most true-blue patriotic politicians would have found it difficult to talk of these things because they don't want to be ostracised by their parties or attacked by the mainstream media as 'conspirators'. However, times are changing, the public is waking up to the global deceit and scams, and the arrogant WEF/NWO/WHO schemes are rapidly collapsing.

So, it is very timely for loyal politicians across all parties to stand together and tell the confused and long-suffering public the truth about who and what is inflicting misery and despair upon them.

These unelected global bodies have declared war on our nation's democracy and freedoms. The people need to be rallied by our core patriotic politicians to fight back as the ANZACs did before us.

Now is the time for you and the other politicians to speak up loudly and tell the whole truth about who and what is behind the relentless attack on Australia's people, sovereignty, and economy.

Clearly, Australia must sever ties with and defund these unelected global criminal organisations attempting to conquer us — so that we can become a proud and independent nation again. Next year will be too late!

— **Ron Sandilands, Image Flat**

Massive excavation works shocks Palmwoods locals

Locals have been shocked by the massive excavation works being undertaken in the middle of Palmwoods with 55 units proposed on a floodplain in the middle of town.

Locals have been blindsided by the development, which is being undertaken on the basis of an 11-year old development application which does not taken into consideration recent extreme flooding events on the proposed site, and which has not taken into consideration the 2014 Sunshine Coast Council Town Plan, which otherwise would have caused the project to lapse.

No public information was made available to the local community by the developer about the commencement of the works no what is some of the last remaining high quality potential sites for public parkland in Palmwoods.

Massive overdevelopment in the area has consumed high-quality potential public green space and has instead intensified population growth with a consequent erosion of natural and social amenities.

Locals are outraged by the continued overdevelopment of the hinterland and local communities, with foreign developers making obscene profits at the expense of local communities.

While local rates have gone into building a \$100m office in Maroochydore, local rates should instead go to securing high-quality public parks and green space in the hinterland for the benefit of local communities and visitors to the region.

— **Paul Stephenson, Palmwoods**

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A well-designed family-friendly floor plan offers excellent separation of living areas and the home comprises formal entry, four bedrooms, two bathrooms, multiple living areas plus an upper studio/multipurpose space with heightened sea vista, a country-style kitchen, expansive covered rear timber deck, separate laundry, and double lock up garage plus separate oversized double carport.

The ocean outlook can be viewed from kitchen, formal lounge, deck, and upper living.

New carpets in the upper living area, a gazebo, three water tanks and 5kW solar power are all existing features of note.

The original owners have meticulously cared for this elegant home, and there is potential to update over time without fear of overcapitalising in this prime location.

The gardens are well established and there is plenty of room for a pool and/or big shed.

There are avocado trees bearing an abundance of fruit and the soil is rich and fertile, so you can grow a variety of produce here with relative ease.

► To arrange your inspection, contact Remax Nambour selling agents Scott Walters on 0447 474 982 or Nicky Coetsee 0401 358 484.



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Delight in Maleny's Avocado Lane

AGENT'S CHOICE: 1/20 AVOCADO LANE, MALENY

THIS well-maintained home offers an attractive open-plan layout and gorgeous park-like grounds.

Family's will delight in everything on offer here; 4 good-sized bedrooms, separate family and living rooms, and great connection from the interior of the home to outside.

The rear of the property boasts a covered entertaining area and offers a view over the landscaped block. Its connection to the living areas, kitchen and main bedroom is everything a growing family would need.

The kitchen is the heart of the home, and it offers a view of the rowdier members of the family as they play in the fully fenced backyard. A large, separate workshop space offers an opportunity to create a work-from-home space, an artist's studio or a woodworker's dream.

Avocado Lane is just off the iconic Mountain View Road and its lookouts, walking tracks and cafés. And you are just six minutes from the heart of Maleny.

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Located in a premium residential enclave surrounded by contemporary homes on large blocks, there is neighbourhood traffic only.

Immaculate home at Nambour Heights

AGENT'S CHOICE: 6 Moss Day Place, Burnside.
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PERFECTLY positioned on an elevated 845m2 block to maximise privacy and outlook, this immaculate, solidly built single level brick home offers low maintenance living in a quality, family-friendly neighbourhood on the outskirts of Nambour Heights and the base of the Blackall Range.

Comprising four bedrooms, two bathrooms, expansive open plan living flowing out to covered patio, galley-style kitchen, separate laundry with external access, and double lock up garage, it is family sized and there is a huge, fenced yard for children and pets to play, plus room for a pool.

There are ceiling fans throughout, stainless steel appliances, a gas cooktop, separate shower and bath in the main bathroom, easy-care flooring, generous storage, and 3 x 5,000-litre rainwater tanks.

The home enjoys delightful area views encompassing the Dulong Range.

Inside and out, this home has been well cared for and there is no immediate money to be spent. It has been designed for effortless living with a focus on lifestyle and leisure, and minimal maintenance.

Located in a premium residential enclave surrounded by contemporary homes on large blocks, there is neighbourhood traffic only, and quick easy access to Nambour Mapleton Road connecting you into town in seven minutes or up to Mapleton in 10 minutes. The Nambour Heights Shops are a 20 minute walk or a 3-minute drive.

This is the first time to market for this quality property and the investor owner is seeking immediate sale. This home is vacant and ready to move straight into.

► To find out more contact Remax Nambour selling agents Richard Krausz on 0422 997 810 or Megan Manly on 0421 040 807.



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The rear of the property boasts a covered entertaining area and offers a view over the landscaped block. This much loved home offers everything your move to the Hinterland could need; space for visiting family and friends, separate workshop or storage space, well established gardens, and a large block just minutes to the vibrant main street of Maleny.

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- Neutral palette throughout
- Front porch oasis for afternoon drinks
- Rear deck just perfect for BBQ's and entertaining
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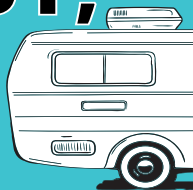


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