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Business hopes high for 2021

A new report has found that Sunshine Coast Businesses are outperforming the rest of Queensland as the Sunshine State's economy signals consistent signs of economic recovery.

The quarterly results from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ), Pulse Survey of Business Conditions found that an increase in seasonal activity coupled with further easing of restrictions provided a more viable operating environment for businesses.

Nambour Chamber of Commerce President Mark Bray said the result came as no surprise to him, pointing to his experiences with the organisation's business members.

"There is a very positive vibe around the business owners in Nambour, and I believe that for a number of reasons there will a strengthening of business in Nambour in 2021, as we emerge from the cloud of COVID," he said.

"There are building works taking place on some Currie Street buildings which will enhance the appearance of the Main Street. Meanwhile, Reimagine Nambour

be coordinating some new lighting in Currie Street in coming months which will lift the appearance of the centre of town after hours."

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston said the Sunshine Coast's location within driving distance from Brisbane was key to its ability to adapt.

"Due to COVID-19, South East Queensland residents have decided to visit our area and their support has ensured that our Region has prospered during this difficult time," he

Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien said that it was great to see business confidence so strong across the Sunshine Coast region and encouraging signs of recovery, particularly for Nambour businesses.

"I've heard from several Nambour businesses who relied on assistance from the Federal Government's Job-Keeper scheme to keep them afloat when the COVID pandemic hit hard last year," said Ted O'Brien.

"Thankfully many local businesses have graduated from JobKeeper, maintained



To Page 5 Distilling Co's copper stills, pictured in the background.

Spirit of Woombye's speak-easy tradition lives on at distillery

TWO lovely ladies, full of alcohol, are gracing the premises at Woombye's CAVU Distilling and there's a great story behind them.

Sarah and Maria are impressive copper stills producing alcohol that goes into Sunshine & Sons rum, gin and vodka bottled at the Big Pineapple facility. They are named after the wife and mother of Cobbs Camp's first hotelier James Costar.

Costar acquired a 20-acre homestead selection in June 1869 and erected accommodation for travellers. Cobb's Camp, later renamed Woombye, was the half-way point between Brisbane and Gympie. Costar submitted an application for a Publican's License for the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors, under the Sign of Nil Desperandum at Cobb's Camp. Nil Desperandum is latin for "nothing to be despaired of".

"If you translate Nil Desperandum to modern Australian it means no worries," said Sunshine and Sons co-founder Matt Hobson. "So we think that is the perfect association for a distillery of Australia's best gin, vodka and rum."

Michael said there was great historic value in the story which captured an adventurous spirit and an association with Woombye.

"Nil Desperandum was a speakeasy," he said. "Costar never had a licence at first. The story goes that he went to Brisbane to apply for one but the constabulary objected because he was a sly grogger. But the judge sided with him because it was in the public interest. I guess he thought 'if we don't give them a liquor licence they are going to keep sly grogging anyway

– might as well make it legal'.' Unfortunately for the Costar family

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Editor's Letter

Great to see this week that business confidence on the Sunshine Coast and in the hinterland is

high. Findings of the Pulse Pulse Survey of Business Conditions support what locals already know. The Sunshine Coast has a very resilient economy that helps insulate us from national and global hardships. Fingers crossed, the region appears to be bouncing back strongly in the face of last year's devastation. Of course, there's a long way to go but there's one thing we can be certain of: the people of hinterland will be leading the way in any recovery.

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Red tape stifles live music venue dreams

A couple's dream of helping to breathe new life into Nambour CBD by launching a major live entertainment venue and bar is in limbo due to onerous regulations.

Phil Turvey and Justine Hemmings want to open Big Audio Live in the old Bi-Rite store a 1200 square metre building that has stood empty for 5 years.

Phil and Justine are passionate about re-energising the building under Nambour CBD's Special Entertainment Precinct status - designation which, ironically, promised to streamline the approval process.

And, while confident of a successful outcome the frustration is growing, along with the

"The rezoning of this part of the CBD to Special Entertainment Precinct was like an invitation to us, and to like-minded businesses, to invest our time, money and talents to create a vibrant night-time scene focussed on moving Nambour's economy and image forward in a positive direction," said Phil.

"It's now 12 months since the rezoning to SEP and there are still no guides or designated council staff appointed with the knowledge needed to move us and other entertainment projects forward."

Still, Phil said Council's slow-moving bureaucracy had given every indication it was hopeful

Thankfully Phil and Justine said there was



Phil Turvey and Justine Hemmings just want to get going: "Everyone is negotiating on our behalf and on behalf of other venues in town to try and make this happen. It's just crazy."

hope after a series of meetings last week: "Council agreed the Nambour entertainment precinct needs urgent action and we are hoping they stick to their word to get it up and going," said Phil. "Time will tell. We are trying to stay

"This is what we do," said Justine. "This is our vision. It's been a tumultuous journey to say the least. A year ago we thought we'd be open before Christmas. But we're still here. The pressure is on Council.'

Phil has a lifetime of experience in the music and entertainment industry as a sound engineer and cable manufacturer.

His current business, Big Audio, has been selling cables and connectors to the industry for the past ten years, allowing Phil to develop strong industry relationships.

He says he has a long line of musicians ready

to showcase their talent at the Nambour venue He moved his cable business to the site because he could see the building's potential.

"We designed a purpose-built venue with three stages, a bar and a beer garden as a go-to place to play live music," he said. "Fronting Bury Street is perfect. There's

ample night-time parking immediately opposite in the Council car park which is empty from 5pm weekdays and throughout the weekend. "We've had Peter Boyce and Kerry Brown

from Reimagine Nambour behind us. (Division 10) Cr David Law is doing everything he can. And (local musician) Andrea Kerwin has been a real help as well.

"Everyone is negotiating on our behalf and on behalf of other venues in town to try and make this happen. It's just crazy."

150 years later, Woombye's bootlegging spirit lives on

there were a few worries down the track. Cobb and Co quickly built their own eight-bedroom hotel and store in 1871, licenced as 'Cobbs Camp Hotel' putting them out of busi-

Thankfully for local drinkers, Sunshine & Sons are on a firmer footing, especially after recently coming in at number 10 in Australia's prestigious Top 100 Hottest Gins.
They also claimed number 48 in the Top 100

"This was wonderful news for the distillery which we are expecting to grow and to help grow the standing of Woombye for people who may not be aware of this part of the world," Matt

Woombye began as 'Cobb's Camp' in the

Cobb's Camp was established by Cobb & Co, which ran a coach service between Brisbane

and the Gympie goldfields in late 1867. By the end of 1868 Cobb and Co coaches were travelling three times a week between the two loca-

James Costar acquired a 20-acre (8 hectare) homestead selection in June 1869 and erected accommodation for travellers.

The name Cobb's Camp was considered unsuitable by the government as there were already many places with that name.

So it was renamed Woombye for the black myrtle trees which grew locally.

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Maestro Shamray will perform a solo program on March 14 in the Lucas Parklands concert hall regarded by many as one of the finest performance spaces of its size in the world.

Russian concert pianist to perform at Montville

Konstantin Shamray will perform at Montville in the first performance of Lucas Parklands' 2021 "Keeping the Music Going" concert series.

Konstantin is a world class pianist, with his skills described as "faultless and fearless" following performances with the world's leading

Maestro Shamray will perform a solo program from 4pm on March 14 in the Lucas Parklands concert hall, regarded by many as one of the finest performance spaces of its size in the world. It is set amongst the beauty of Sunshine Coast Hinterland rainforest, featuring soft lighting and large windows that enhance the natural backdrop of this acoustically brilliant and intimate room.

Ian Lucas, of Lucas Parklands, said the Shamray appearance is wonderful for the Hinterland region and would energise the community and Lucas Parklands.

"This concert is the first in a series we have decided to host to 'Keep the Music Going', to

away due to the hardships and disruptions of the Covid pandemic - we are taking proactive steps to ensure live performances of beautiful music are allowed to thrive," Mr Lucas said.

"Konstantin Shamray is a truly wonderful talent, his playing captivates and holds your attention from his first note to his last, we are excited and proud to have him perform at Lucas

In 2008, Konstantin became first and only competitor in the 40 years of the Sydney International Piano Competition to win both the First Prize and the People's Choice Prize, in addition to six other prizes. He won First Prize at the 2011 Klavier Olympiade in Bad Kissingen, Germany. In 2013, following chamber recitals with Alban Gerhardt and Feng Ning, he was awarded the festival's coveted Luitpold Prize for "outstanding musical achievements".

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New MP carries hopes for safety, rail boost

A Sunshine Coast property developer with high hopes for Nambour says having a local MP in the governing party could help bring long-awaited change to the

Andrew Pitcher, who was raised in Nambour and has been involved in real estate investment and development in the area for more than 20 years, met with new Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton last week to discuss CBD safety and rail duplication to Nambour.

"I was encouraged by the positive engagement with Mr Skelton and his understanding of priorities which I thought were the things that his state government can control.

"If we get these things happening then investment in Nambour will happen naturally. It would be hoped that, because he is in the party that is in power, he can actually use that leverage to see these

things come to fruition." Mr Pitcher said "while there were massive politics involved" the State should relocate Health Services in C-Square out of the town centre and into the hospital, "I believe this is the single biggest thing that needs to be done to reduce crime and increase safety."

He said improved safety would light the way for more development to re-invigorate the Nambour CBD and alleviate housing/homeless

"From an investment point of view, the whole centre of Nambour can be modernised and re-invigorated, while maintaining historic links, if we get safety and security right, and if the tone from all levels of government is more

Mr Pitcher said investment would quickly flow into the town as drug and crime issues

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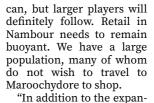
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population, many of whom "In addition to the expansion of Mitre 10, three retailers I would be tar-

geting are: JB Hi-Fi or similar. OfficeWorks or similar, and one of Rebel. BCF (Boating Camping Fishing) or Annaconda." Mr Pitcher said the

railway line had remained unchanged in the Landsborough to Nambour section for over 50 years. "It needs to be upgraded," he said. "It should not take nearly two hours to make a trip to Bris-

Mr Skelton said the dis-

cussions with Mr Pitcher were productive. "I will always work collaboratively with people who see an even brighter future for Nambour. There are a lot of really good things which have already started in Nambour, but there is more to do and I'm keen to make them

The Bruce Highway transformation is taking shape, I expect work will start soon on the Nambour Connection Road, the new Nambour police station is well underway, and Nambour and surrounds will also see more officers as part of the Palaszczuk Government's recruitment of an extra 2025 police."

Mr Skelton said early works had started on the first stage of the Sunshine Coast rail duplication from Beerburrum to Landsborough, which included an expansion of Nambour's park n

"I'd like to see our community benefit by having the rail line duplicated all the way to Nambour, which is stage two of this project."

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Intrastate travel driving tourism rush

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New Visit Sunshine Coast CEO, Matt Stoeckel said overall visitor numbers were down, but the Sunshine Coast recorded the lowest decrease of all Queensland regions, declining -3.7% to

Mr Stoeckel said the National Visitor Survey figures highlighted the impact of Covid-19 on tourism, but targeting the intrastate market had insulated the region from the worst.

"The second half of 2020 was dominated by uncertainty and disruptions caused by COVID-

"With over three million residents within a 300km radius of the Sunshine Coast, the region switched its strategy and focused on targeting this significant drive market to alleviate the

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COUNSELLOR Josie Coco, pictured, will offer Relational Life Coaching and Counselling Support on a voluntary basis on Mondays 9am-1pm at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre.

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Tourism towns our hospitality heroes

Maleny, Montville named in Top 10 Most Welcoming Destinations

NOW we can really say everyone is welcomed with open arms, because two Sunshine Coast hinterland towns have been named in the Top 10 Most Welcoming Destinations in Australia for 2021.

Booking.com dug deep into the customer reviews, climbed every mountain and slept in every hotel room and decided Maleny was the Most Welcoming Destination of 2021. Meanwhile Range rivals Montville came in at number 5.

Most Welcoming Destinations of 2021

- 1. MALENY, Qld
- 2. Denmark, WA 3. Hervey Bay, Qld
- 4. Margaret River Town, WA
- 5. MONTVILLE, Qld
- 6. Rockhampton, Qld
- 7. Mildura, Vic 8. Bendigo, Vic
- 9. Tanunda, SA 10. Mount Tamborine, Qld

The results came as no surprise to Hinterland

Tourism President Kerry Brown.

time understanding the value of a friendly face "The Sunshine Coast Hinterland is a rare gem

Towns buzzing as economy recovers

in that most businesses are family owned and

operated so guests do enjoy that extra special

check into their accommodation and is quick to

"Many visitors return again and again to

come each and every guest into the region."

"The Hinterland towns embraced Tourism

in the 1990s as a compliment for agriculture

industries which were slowly diminishing in

"It is a credit to all the people from the Cham-

bers of Commerce, the arts, craft and hospi-

to offer a unique experience while at the same

share the best Hinterland secrets.

find the peace and tranquillity.

not surprised by the news.

size and numbers.

attention," she said.

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their employees and they're back to business-"It's great to see Nambour buzzing with

activity, and I'm very excited about the funding of over \$1million I secured for the town, that will be very visual through the heritage tramway which will soon open and the streetscaping that will be delivered."

Meanwhile, according to new figures released ahead of the JobKeeper wage subsidy axing on March 31, more than half a million companies and two million workers have already shifted off the scheme since the end of September. Treasurer Josh Frydenberg released tax office

data showing around 520,000 firms and 2.13 million employees had left JobKeeper since the

"With our economic recovery well under way, we have more than half a million businesses employing more than two million Australians graduating off JobKeeper," Mr Frydenberg said.

"These improvements have been broad based across the country and we have seen encour-

Pulse Business Index Key findings: • The Pulse Business Index (PBI) improved for

the next 12 months and across all performance

· Sunshine Coast based businesses are more confident than businesses State wide

· The level of demand and economic activity as a constraint is dissipating

• The buoyant December quarter 2020 will not hold for the March quarter 2021



Collectorama Fair is back in Nambour next month

"It is the owner who welcomes guests as they THEY'RE back! It's all systems go for Collectorama's giant vintage fair, March 6 at Nambour Showgrounds. Throngs of connoisseurs converge for a day to revel in vintage, meet their savour culinary delights at fine dining houses friends, nab a bargain and network with traders.

and boutique cafes or experience the stunning Collectorama is 30 years old and going strong! natural beauty, while others are just happy to Event originators Tom and Laurie Wall are more passionate about their Fair than ever. "It's "It is the Hinterland people who really do welan incredible buzz on the day to see everyone having such a fun time," said Laurie (aka Mrs Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston also said he was Collectorama).

"The atmosphere is buoyant and friendly. It seems really important to keep providing this event so all that cool vintageness can find good owners and not be lost! The Collectorama entourage comprises

around 150 stallies, so there's an awesome amount of carefully sourced and curated coltality industries, that they have worked hard lectables. "Dealers are always looking to buy stock,"

Tom said. "If you've got items to sell, talk to the traders, if it's too big to bring, show them a photo. The knowledge base of some of our people is astounding."

• Opening time is 7am until 2pm, entry \$6 each, kids under 12 free admission. Parking is free. Meet up with friends, relish the coffee and food trucks, take advantage of the ATM, and savour the day! Collectorama supports WILVOS wildlife rescuers and carers.

Sign-On Day for Sunshine **Coast Antique Car Club**

THE SCACC Sign-On Day will be held Sunday February 28 from 9am to 1pm at the Ray Grace Pavilions, Nambour Showgrounds.

On display will be members' vintage, veteran and classic cars.

The Travelling Jackeroo will also join this display just prior to venturing off on his around Australia trip on his 1957 Chamberlain 9G

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Yoga teacher Eleisha Gleeson runs Yoga classes in the Botanic Garden.

Join the movement: Health Program returns

NOW in its fifth year Council's Healthy Sunshine Coast program rolled out across the region this month with a return of its Choose to Move campaign offering free and affordable activities in local parks and community venues.

Community Portfolio Councillor David Law urged people to join the movement by registering online and selecting activities to attend to set you on the path to improved health in 2021.

"Many popular classes will return including indoor and outdoor exercise sessions, group fitness, yoga and Zumba with more free activities and new classes in different locations," said Cr

• In 2021 bookings for all classes are essential to keep everyone in our community safe. You must join the program first – it's free to join. Visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/healthysunshinecoast



Maleny Credit Union acting Chief Executive John Ford and Queensland Country Bank Head of Digital and Strategy Matthew Dunnill at Bunya House.

Banking to remain in Maple St as MCU closes

an era but it had to be made to ensure community banking remained in Maleny.

Maleny Credit Union Acting Chief Executive John Ford said the demands and expectations of modern day banking left Maleny Credit Union little choice but to transfer its operation to a larger player.

But he said Queensland Country would main-

tain a full-service banking presence in Maple Street, renting the current premises. "Bunya House will remain an asset of the

Maleny community as will the Maleny Charitable Trust," he said.

Mr Ford said Queensland Country Bank had the capacity to keep pace with modern tech-

nology and complex financial regulations that were moving beyond the scope of a small town credit union.

the Maleny Charitable Trust, MCU members will have access to a wider range of banking products and services while retaining the independence to fund local community projects that matter," said Mr Ford.

Head of Digital and Strategy Matthew Dunnill said Queensland Country Bank had national reach but its roots were planted firmly in regional towns like Maleny.

"As a member-owned bank, we aim to maintain Maleny Credit Union's strong commitment to the needs of its customers," he said. "We are a truly regional bank."

He said members would have access to enhanced banking alternatives including a modern internet banking platform, a banking app and new payment methods such as ApplePay and Google Pay.

redit union. MCU members will be granted membership in the Queensland Country Bank.



Hooning, plate theft on agenda for Burnside Neighbourhood Watch

HOONING and number plate theft were discussed at Burnside Neighbourhood Watch Group's February Meeting last Wednesday.

Generally, relatively few crimes were reported in the area in the last quarter, but hooning is a continuing issue in the usual hotspots. Residents are urged to continue to pay attention to home and vehicle security, following a number of incidents across the Coast in recent months. Area Coordinator Rod Brady said the `Coffee with a Cop' event in December was a success. Sunshine Coast Police Crime Prevention Officer, Acting Sgt. Sandy Atkinson took full advantage of the opportunity to meet some of our business sponsors and talk with residents, particularly about the growing problem across the region of Vehicle Number Plate Theft.

Rod provided an update about affixing a plaque to Burnside Community Service Memorial in Burnside Park on December 7, in memory of the late Michael James, a previous Area Coordinator of our group.

In other news:

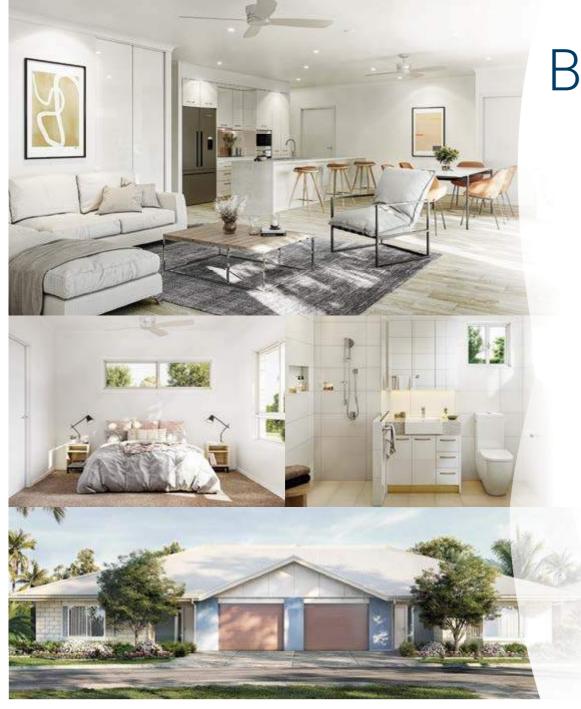
• a yellow 'No Parking' line will be painted at the junction of Blaxland Road and Carter Road to reduce the risk of a collision between parked vehicles and those turning into Blaxland Road;

 additional concrete paths will be installed along sections of Blaxland Road to improve pedestrian safety;

• a temporary safety mirror will replace one damaged on Blaxland Road while a replacement mirror has been ordered for later installation.

• Council is liaising with Energex about poor lighting at the entrance to Burnside State School's Car Park.

• The next meeting is Wednesday May 5 at



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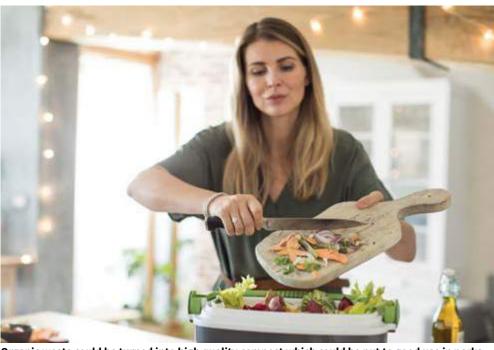
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Council wants feedback on food scraps collection

SUNSHINE Coast Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to introduce an opt-out third bin for garden waste which could transition to a food organics and garden organics bin service, also known as a FOGO bin.

Residents are invited to complete a short online survey and have a say on the future of

Service Delivery Portfolio Councillor Christian Dickson said this was another project which had the potential to put our Sunshine Coast on a path to achieving international, national and state greenhouse gas reduction targets, and their children. another step towards becoming Australia's most

"Council, State and Commonwealth governments have established waste strategies and policies which set targets to divert waste from | before 5pm, Tuesday March 2, 2021.

"Our waste strategy sets the target to divert 55 per cent of household waste from landfill by are and what we represent," he added. 2025 – at the moment we sit at 34 per cent.

"Forty-three councils in New South Wales have a FOGO service, and it makes sense because it means less waste is sent to landfill potentially extending the life of our existing facilities by many years.

"Waste becomes a resource, we reduce our region's greenhouse gas emissions and look after our environment for our children, and

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Alan Best, Cindy Smith, John O'Leary and Bill Gissane discuss the future of Business Yandina.

Servo first on agenda for renamed 'Business Yandina'

AFTER decades being known as the Yandina Chamber of Commerce the organisation now has a new name. "Business Yandina" was presented to members at the general meeting on 9th February as the new identity for this vener-

"We have a big history and an even bigger future," President John O'Leary said.

"The committee felt it was time to move towards a more modern description of who we The name change is part of a shake-up in how

Business Yandina (BY) represents its members to the broader community. The meeting voted on the strategic plan to service the three key business sectors in the 4561 postcode – Retail, Industrial and Tourism and Services. Committee members spoke to the plans for

each vital area and how BY will expand its reach locally and further afield. A primary attribute is the decision to ally with the locally produced platform Bizitize.

"Bizitize is the ideal method for local businesses to relate to one another as well as reaching customers through the online business directory," Mr O'Leary said.

"It also has the benefit of being developed right here at the University of the Sunshine Coast's Innovation Centre and is already widely accepted by similar organisations."

The other big decision taken at the meeting concerned BY's position on the development application for a service station on the corner of Farrell and Stevens Streets.

"Business Yandina believes in the future of the district and is keen to attract and support new businesses." Mr O'Leary said

"We are also dedicated to maintaining the character and sense of what makes Yandina such an attractive proposition for new entrants. In this case, the meeting believed the application lacked the connection to the historic nature of the precinct as well as adding to current parking problems."

The meeting was keen to offer alternatives for the development of the site more in keeping with the important historic nature of the CBD.

The next general meeting of BY will concentrate on supporting and growing the burgeoning industries of postcode 4561 and has an ambitious plan to see more jobs coming to our historic and beautiful part of the hinterland.



From left, Tania Maloup, Alice Graham, Charmaine Temple-Smith and Bill Gissane from Yandina Art & Framing present the framed works to Kerry Smith from Salty Souls Legacy, an organisation which uses surf therapy to help vulnerable kids.

Donation helps kids frame new lives

ON Friday February 5 Bill Gissane and his team at Yandina Art & Framing presented several custom framed works to Kerry Smith of Salty

Included were a Broncos signed footy jumper, a Matthew Hayden signed Brisbane Heat cricket shirt, a Steph Gilmore signed surfing singlet, a

therapy program to support their recovery. By connecting vulnerable kids to the supportive surfing community Salty Souls Legacy enables children from even the toughest starts in life to achieve surf therapy within their local

Surfing provides a healthy outlet for particpants which directly helps improve strength,

program has demonstrated significant psychological benefits including a general sense of belonging, well being and improved confidence," said Kerry.

"Soft skills such as communication and listening, and improved control and self-discipline have also been observed." Kerry said while the program could not rewrite their beginning, it could certainly help

participants see a brighter future. "We are immensely proud to support this fantastic initiative," said Yandina Art and Framing managing partner Alice Graham.

"This is our second year with Salty Souls and the work they do is a testament to the benefits of genuine community spirit. We are already looking forward to next year's event!"





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- 20. VEGETABLE OMELETTE

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- 42. CREAMY CARBONARA CHICKEN, BACON, GARLIC, & PARMESAN & PARMESAN CHEESE
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60. CREAMY COCONUT INDIAN VEGETABLE &

62. SPINACH & RICOTTA CANNELONI PASTA

63. ASIAN CHICKEN SEASAME VEGETABLE

65. HEARTY PEA & HAM SOUP (GF / DF)

66. ROASTED SWEET PUMPKIN SOUP (GF / DF)

67. BRAISED LAMBFRENCH ONION & ROSEMARY

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St John's College, Nambour - Jasmine Lohman, Alexandra Angus, Samina Reynolds, Prue Rezes and Angelique McClaren-McClymont. The Fairfax Award acknowledges the valuable contribution of local students and is presented in the spirit of Ruth Fairfax, a great community leader. Ruth Fairfax, founder of the Queensland Country Women's Association, dedicated herself to service and is best remembered for continuing to look after and inspire others to discover their own strengths and to use those strengths to contribute to their community.

RangeCare offers new meals choices

RangeCare meal service is stepping up its game. After listening to client feedback and undertaking significant kitchen upgrades RangeCare has redeveloped its meal range and is now partnering with five local restaurants and cafes to offer over 60 meal options delivered straight to your door. These meals are also inclusive of special dietary requirements, offering a selection of gluten free, dairy free, and vegetarian options.

"Our customers wanted improved meal quality and presentation, so we listened," said Jess Garey, (Marketing Officer, RangeCare). "Meals are created with an emphasis on nutri-

to cook for myself, so these meals are the perfect size and affordable for me." "The RangeCare Cottage meals have the cor-

rect amount [of food] for me," another customer said. "They're easy for me to just pull one out of the freezer and heat up."

improvement in the quality of the meals, especially in the presentation



Braised Lamb & french onion sweet potato pie.

community, not just RangeCare clients. Meals are delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with a 12pm cut off the day prior to ensure next day delivery. Free delivery is available to customers along the range and some Sunshine Coast Hinterland suburbs. A \$10 delivery fee is applied to customers in other locations along the coast.

Kitchen staff Gemma, Alex and Jen have been busy cooking up a storm and at \$9.90 per meal, the meals are selling off the shelves fast! After some enquiries, RangeCare will be trialing a two-person portion of all Cottage main meal options for the affordable price of \$18.

The RangeCare Cottage kitchen will be offering regular specials to incorporate new meals and seasonal produce. Until the end of March you can try a delicious Braised Lamb French Onion & Rosemary Pie for \$9.90 or \$18 for a portion size of 2.

· For more information visit www.rangecare.com.au/partner-meals-service or phone

Mural art brightens Drop-In & Op Shop

"We have always had a peaceful welcoming space for people who drop in for a cuppa and chat," said Op Shop team member, Sande Bamford, "but now there is an excitement we hadn't

Tucked away, up a lane between Sanctuary Park Church of Christ and Gregson & Weight, there's ample off-street parking and a welcome smile on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Drop-In & Op Shop provides good quality preloved clothing, manchester and bric-a-brac at reasonable prices with proceeds helping people in Nambour.

and local service providers are invited to contact the Church office, 5441 2833, when they have a client who would benefit from receiving a hamper of kitchenware or bedlinen.

With a sewing space soon to be available for those who need to use a sewing machine to do their own repairs, and learn to sew classes available, there is more to this Op Shop than most.

"When people heard we were planning to offer free learn to sew classes we were inundated with sewing machines. It was over- | bour. Phone Church Office 5441 2833.



light of day for a long time, and they would benefit from a good going over. Perhaps someone reading this can help.

you are most welcome to drop in, admire Izzy's artwork, browse the Op Shop and say hello to our team of volunteers. We look forward to meeting you. Perhaps you will stay for a cuppa.

• Drop-In & Op Shop is at Sanctuary Park Church of Christ. 22 National Park Road, Nam-





BEEF DISHES

5. COTTAGE PIE

Good old traditional style minced beef, topped with potato mash and served with vegetables

6. ROAST BEEF

Tender roasted beef served with gravy, chat potatoes, sweet potato and peas

7. BEEF CASSEROLE Tender beef cooked in rich gravy, served with mash and peas.

8. SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE Everyone's favourite pasta topped with a beef bolognese

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30. BEEF RISSOLES Beef Rissoles topped with gravy and served with mashed potato, peas and carrots

31. BEEF STROGANOFF

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41. SILVERSIDE

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PORK DISHES

12. ROAST PORK Roasted pork with gravy, chat potatoes and roast pumpkin.

27. PASTA CARBONARA Pasta cooked in a bacon and mushroom cream sauce.

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28. ATLANTIC COD & PRAWNS (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90) 48. CURRIED SAUSAGES & RICE Pork sausages cooked in a mild curry sauce and served with rice and vegetables.

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VEGETARIAN / VEGAN DISHES

29. VEGETABLE LASAGNE

Marinated roast vegetables between layers of pasta,

43. VEGETARIAN NOODLE STIRFRY

Stir-fried vegetables and rice noodles with sweet lime and chilli sauce topped with chopped peanuts.

44. CHICKPEA & VEGETABLE CURRY

45. CREAMY PESTO PASTA

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sauce, roasted chat potatoes and aussie beans.

Tender chicken cooked in a mild Indian spiced butter

Crumbed chicken fillets, Napoli sauce, grated cheese &

Seasoned tender chicken with a mouth watering mango

FISH DISHES

Tuna Pasta tossed in a mornay sauce served with

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sauce, served with steamed aussie beans and chat potatoes

25. ATLANTIC SALMON (Reg \$13.50 | Lge \$17.90)

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parmesan, served with chat potatoes & seasonal vegetables

sauce served with steamed rice and areen beans.

bacon served with seasoned chat potatoes and green beans.

served with yellow and green beans and rice (contains nuts).

1. ROAST CHICKEN

3. CHICKEN A LA KING

pumpkin and steamed beans.

15. SWEET N SOUR CHICKEN

steamed rice & green beans

17. CHICKEN KORMA CURRY

19. MUSTARD CHICKEN

20. BUTTER CHICKEN

37. CHICKEN PARMI

47. MANGO CHICKEN

broccoli, yellow & green beans.

sweetcorn, peas and sweet potato.

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Students recognised for community work

Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien recently congratulated this year's Fairfax Award recipients at

AFFORDABLE, easy, local, and delicious. The

tion and affordability all whilst using fresh local produce", continued Jess. One customer and RangeCare client stated, "If anyone mentions frozen meals, I always recommend RangeCare. It is not necessary for me

Both customers discussed noticeable

This service is available to anyone in the

BRILLIANT yellow flowers with butterflies now adorn the walls of Drop-In & Op Shop at 22 National Park Road, thanks to local artist Isabelle Heaton & Street Art Nambour.

expected, thanks to Izzy's vibrant mural."

Hampers are available to bless those in need

"What is desperately needed is someone who can service our collection of sewing machines," whelming support, but some haven't seen the Open Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am-1.30pm,



What has spines like a porcupine, a beak like a bird, a pouch like a kangaroo, and lays eggs like a reptile? An echidna of course. Pat and Frank McDonald of Maleny spotted this beautiful little visitor to their back garden recently. Did you know echidnas have the lowest body temperature of



It took 45 minutes of pure patience for Andrea Weber to capture this image as these tiny birds are so incredibly fast in flight. It's a Red-browed Finch, the picture taken at Maleny Botanic Gardens.



Fingers crossed ... Clare Webb from Nambour Plaza wishes you luck. Just spend \$10 or more at any

Shop local, travel anywhere, thanks to Nambour Plaza

the time to celebrate and take a well-deserved holiday. You may want to choose a beautiful Queensland offering such as the glittering Gold Coast, tropical Cairns or the majestic Whitsundays. Or you may want to venture further afield.

The choice really is yours with a \$2000 Flight Centre gift card, valid for three years from the Nambour Plaza customers just need to spend

\$10 or more at any specialty retailer and pop your receipt with your full name, postcode and phone number on it in the barrel near Flight

"This is our way of supporting our wonderful

AFTER months of travel restrictions now is the time to celebrate and take a well-deserved holiday. You may want to choose a beautiful local specialty shops," said marketing manager Clare Webb. "Nambour Plaza speciality stores include a range of fashion, food and services outlets and we offer free parking for three hours. We're right in the heart of Nambour and we have everything you need!"

The speciality store promotion runs until draw day Thursday March 11, 2021 at 3pm.
"One customer will win a \$2000 Flight Centre

gift card plus 10 runners up will receive a \$100 Nambour Plaza eftpos gift card. Now that would be a treat for our shoppers," said Clare.

• Terms and conditions apply see www.nam-bourplaza.com.au or check out the barrel out-

A proposal for a new national conservation mission dubbed 'Project Noah' was launched in

patting the killing of native wildlife by feral cats. ment and Energy Committee, Ted O'Brien MP, was joined by Sylvia Whiting of Wildlife Volunteers Association, along with squirrel gliders and ring-tail possums which recently survived cat attacks, to launch a Parliamentary Inquiry

"Feral cats kill over three billion native animals across Australia each year, equating to a kill rate of more than 1100 per cat," said Mr O'Brien.

"More wildlife is killed by feral cats on an annual basis than all the wildlife that perished in last year's Black Summer Bushfires, which really

take time before we have the technology to rid these lethal carnivores from our natural environment at the scale required, and in an affordable and humane way," said Mr O'Brien.

MP heads mission to protect native wildlife from cats

Nambour's Quota Park recently, aimed at com-Chair of the Australian Parliament's Environ-

threatened native species from the predation of feral cats and other predators. Report that recommends Project Noah and other measures to help protect wildlife from cats.

"These little squirrel gliders and ring-tail pos-

ums here today have experienced trauma but they're the lucky ones," said Mr O'Brien. "They could just have easily been killed."

puts this problem in perspective. "Feral cats need to be culled, but it's going to

"And this is where Project Noah comes in". Project Noah would aim to expand Australia's network of predator-free fenced areas and islands. It would bring together the expertise and resources of governments, communities, the private sector and philanthropic groups to protect

Sylvia Whiting, Chair of Wildlife Volunteers Association, one of Queensland's longest running wildlife rescue organisations, said "Many of our wonderful wildlife volunteers care for injured, sick and orphaned animals that have fallen victim to cats. The more we can do to protect native species, the better."

Other recommendations in the Committee's report included:

• Develop nationally consistent definitions for feral, stray and domestic cats; · Research matters such as the prevalence,

impact and control of cats, emerging methodologies including gene drive technology; Manage cat-borne diseases, & the relationship

between cat predation and habitat degradation; · Manage domestic cats, including increased support for de-sexing, registration and microchipping, a consideration of night curfews, and a national cat ownership education campaign.



Ted O'Brien and Donna Brennan of WILVOS

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This early morning unexpected visitor on

Wolfgang Muschalla's back steps in Woombye.

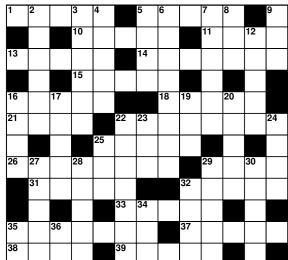
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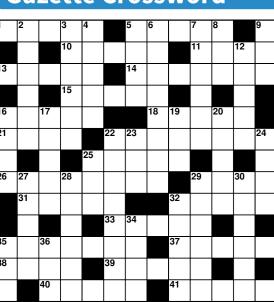
nocturnal hunt. They catch prey in flight, or by

sitting motionless in a tree and then swooping

down on ground-dwelling prey.

Tawny Frogmouths sleep during the day. At





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\$20,000 for local infrastructure and essential community equipment under the latest round of the Stronger Communities Program, open for

Community organisations in the Sunshine Coast Federal electorate of Fisher will share a total of \$150,000 in this round

Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace said that up to 20 projects in the southern and central Sunshine Coast would be funded, with grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 available. To reflect the challenges of COVID-19, this year's grants can be used in most cases to cover 100 per cent of eligible project costs without the need for co-funding.

Applications are open now and organisations in Fisher which are interested in applying should contact the Office of Andrew Wallace MP on 07 5493 5556 to request an Expression of Interest Form. Expressions of Interest must

HINTERLAND community groups can ben- | be submitted to the Office of Andrew Wallace efit from Federal Government grants of up to MP by Friday 19 February 2021 to be considered for this program. For more information on the Stronger Communities Programme visit www. business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communi-

Imbil Markets

Grants available for hinterland groups

THE Imbil Markets are held every Sunday from 8am in the Mary Valley and are convened by the Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc and all stallholder fees are directed back into community projects. There is a wide variety of stalls selling books, jewellery, craft, clothing, plants, fruit & veg and you won't be disappointed with the variety of items on display for sale, and the friendly country hospitality throughout the town. See our facebook page: imbil markets

There is also an additional Market Day on Easter Saturday, 3rd April as well as the usual Sunday Market on Easter Sunday.





Bid to raise \$5k for Palmwoods firies

FROM the humble beginnings back in the 50s to the modern era, the men and woman of Palm- who has organised a Go Fund Me Campaign for woods Rural Fire Brigade enjoy giving back to the firies. the community they are a part of.

Whether it's responding to fires, visiting local schools, or even supporting local community events, the men and woman of Palmwoods Rural Fire Brigade are here to serve the Palmwoods community with pride and respect.

"Now is our chance to give back to them," according to Leigh Martinuzzi from the Palm-

"The funds raised will be used to fund a shed extension and the purchase of new white goods for the office," Leigh said.

"Every donation will help reach our goal of \$5000 to give back to our Fire Brigade so that they can continue to do their wonderful work."

Go to gofundme.com and search for "Palmwoods Fire Brigade".

Business boosts horse charity hungry for hope

NAMBOUR Feed and Horse Gear have recently become proud supporters of the Sunshine Coast charity Hoof Beats Sanctuary.

"We love all animals, but have a particular soft spot for horses," said owner, Jenny Carpenter. "We absolutely love the work that is being done by Hoof Beats, and wanted to support them. As many of our customers are horse lovers too, we knew that they would also like to have the opportunity to show their support."

The sanctuary is a peaceful place where people of all ages who have been impacted by trauma in some way can participate in equine-assisted programs designed to protect, restore and empower. Most of the horses and ponies at the sanctuary have also experienced trauma, abuse or neglect in their lives, but despite this, they are the perfect teachers.

Being part of the process that allows the horses to regain their health, dignity, courage and love of life is enormously empowering to their human companions. Importantly, clients learn that what has happened in the past does not have to define what happens in the future. Horses don't care about your appearance, background, vulnerability or past experiences.

"Hoof Beats Sanctuary gets very little funding, and as any horse owner will tell you, the expenses associated with owning a horse are usually bigger," said Jenny. "There are a number of ways our customers can help. They can make a donation when they are buying products

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Jenny Carpenter. "We absolutely love the work that is being done by Hoof Beats, and wanted to

from us, or make a direct donation through us. When people make a donation, they receive a raffle ticket and there will be ticket draws every month, with a chance to win 3 prizes," she said.

"The first draw will be on the 28th of February and the first prize will be morning tea and a tour of the Sanctuary. It is an incredibly peaceful, special place that any animal lover

· Nambour Feed and Horse Gear, 26 Price

Street Nambour, Phone 5441 3687. It's loco! Historic Tram all dressed up, nowhere to go

MEMBERS of Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway had a busy and productive year in 2020. It had been over ten years since their beloved Krauss loco had been painted and it

was looking rather shabby. Cr Christian Dickson provided funds to enable them to have the Krauss professionally painted and it looks great in its original colours.

On another front the news was not so good. "We're presently at a stalemate with the Council regarding the display of the Krauss in Buderim so she's all dressed up but, unfortunately, still nowhere to go," said Tramways President Helene Cronin OAM.

"The temporary shed that the Krauss had been in since 2004 was becoming dilapidated and it was necessary for us to house her in a new shed to protect the new paint job. This cost \$18,000 all up and it's unfortunate that we had in August by Dr Russell Stitz. The email address to spend such a large amount of publicly raised



Transforming streetscapes ... David Hardy's uplifting creation has been shortlisted for the 2020

Nambour boasts top street art drawcard

A mural at Ken Mills Toyota dealership highlighting the importance of family values has been named as one of the best public art experiences in the nation

The mural by local artist David Hardy has been shortlisted for the 2020 Australian Street Art Awards' Best External Mural gong. The winners in all eight Australian Street

Art Awards categories will be announced on Tuesday 2 March on the Sunshine Coast.

Awards Director, Liz Rivers, said "The Awards showcase localities like Nambour that are using outdoor art to transform their streetscapes, while educating Australians about the magnificent array of publicly-accessible art that can be found in every corner of the country.

With rigorous judging by tourism leaders from around Australia and abroad, plus second-tier auditing and due diligence, Nambour's finalist berth has the credence of the art tourism sector.

"Securing a finalist berth in the prestigious Awards further cements the Sunshine Coast's reputation as bucket-list destination for tourists who love to seek out art experiences," Ms Rivers said. Judging focussed on the way the art has been used to attract visitors and bring the local com-

COVID-19 conditions. The mural, painted in monochromatic pinks and featuring a pensive mother watching over her young daughter playing carefree in a park, now features on the Nambour Street Art Trail - a collection of 22 murals, 11 of which were created in 2020. David Hardy's work features three times. The judges said: "This is a great example of

munity together safely under the challenging

where a street art trail has inspired a business to sponsor a new mural in recognition that it will bring more people to the town".

The judges also wanted to recognise the pivotal part played by the mural organisers, Street Art Nambour, and commended Ken Mills Toyota for supporting the project.

"Australia has a long history of creating sculptures, monuments and other street art that is captivating to visitors. However, until two years ago there was no way of rewarding towns & precincts that created these art-related experiences for visitors. The Australian Street Art Awards has remedied that," Ms Rivers said.

Two entries from the Sunshine Coast have been named as finalists. The other is Activate the Boulevard by Steven Bordonaro, located at the Maroochydore Homemaker Centre.

Who would you nominate for an award?

SUNSHINE Coast people who led the way during COVID-19 are to be recognised at Sunshine Coast MP Andrew Wallace's Fisher Community Awards.

Public nominations are now open for the fourth annual Fisher Community Awards.

This year's double awards ceremony will recognise winners from 2019/20 as well as the past year following the disappointing cancellation of the 2020 awards ceremony

Mr Wallace said that the Fisher Community Awards this year will recognise organisations and individuals who have made a difference through the COVID-19 pandemic in the fields of education, employment and retirement.

"Over the past 12 months we have needed the resilience, the compassion and the energy

funds on what it is hoped will only be a tempo-

The other major event for the year was the

launch of the book Timber Trains Turmoil - a

History of Buderim and its Tramway, by Presi-

dent Helen Cronin OAM. The book was launched

for BPHTI is tram@buderim.com.

rary home for the Krauss," Mrs Cronin said.

of our volunteers and community leaders more than ever," Mr Wallace said.

"As many locals lost they jobs, homes or businesses, and our young students struggled with isolation and learning from home, the dedicated work of our teachers, community groups and business leaders at times made all the difference.

"I am more determined than ever to recognise that contribution," Mr Wallace said.

· Nominations in each of nine categories can be made by members of the public at www. andrewwallacemp.com.au/awards until Friday 26 February 2021.

More information about the Fisher Community Awards can be found at www.andrewwallacemp.com.au/awards

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Council support is music to the ears of Maleny singer

MALENY local Natalie Gauci, pictured, is among 11 Sunshine Coast region creative arts workers to share in more than \$65,000 in Regional Arts Development Funding (RADF).

The 2007 Australian Idol winner received \$5000 for the development of her new album, 'Pictures of Mars'.

Other successful applications included music and theatre development as well as a diverse range of screen and interdisciplinary projects.

Podcasting was a popular area with two projects netting more than \$14,000 in funding. Natalie who was also a contestant in The Voice

in 2020 said the album was in the early development stages and would comprise nine songs for release over a four-month period alongside an online TV show and launch event in Caloundra on 28 February.

"I will be writing, producing, arranging and recording these new songs at my home studio in Maleny, where I hope to create music that brings joy and lifts people's spirits," Ms Gauci

For more Regional Arts Development Fund funding information and to apply, visit council's website or contact council's creative arts team on 5420 8800 and ask to speak with the RADF

Agriculture encouraged for school leavers

SCHOOL leavers across Queensland, including on the Sunshine Coast will be encouraged to participate in a 'horticulture gap-year' under the Federal Government's \$1 million Harvest Trail Services Industry Collaboration Trial.
Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace

said that the pilot would work to find new way to encourage people to take up opportunities in the horticulture sector, while meeting local growers' demand for workers.

Under the project, school leavers will participate in pre-induction training for work in the rural sector and will be supported to gain employment in Queensland harvest areas.

More details on the Harvest Trail can be found at https://jobsearch.gov.au/harvest

Palmwoods Bowls Club AGM this Sunday

PALMWOODS Bowls Club will hold their AGM Sunday 21st February 2021 at the club. Only Financial members able to attend. For information chair@palmwoodsbowlsclub.com.au.

Palmwoods groups organise Clean Up Day March 7

THE Palmwoods community is banding together to organise another Clean-up Palmwoods event aligned with the National Australia Clean-up Day on March 7.

"Claire Evans has been doing this for a while with the Palmwoods Scouts Group," said Leigh Martinuzzi from Martinuzzi Property Group.

"As a local resident I decided to help Claire expand this initiative to get more of the community involved and more of Palmwoods cleaned up. Last year we invited a few additional community members to help organise and host the event. It was a great day

"So Claire and myself along with the Palmwoods Community & Business Association, Warriors Soccer Club and Sarah Wright from the Homegrown Café are at it again. We want to continue this event as the community seem to love it. This year we hope to make it bigger and better. "

Warriors Soccer Club will once again be hosting a barbecue to help support their club. Local businesses donate prizes for the event and there is a Find a Flag Prize Giveaway. Kids that attend on the day will also get a lolly bag. What's more, Palmwoods Scouts collect all the cans and bottles to help fund their group too. "Kids really do enjoy getting out there and helping," said Leigh.



Leigh Martinuzzi, Kristie Calder (Warriors Soccer), Sarah Wright (Homegrown café), Claire Evans (Scouts) and Val & Dave Jackson (Secretary and President of Palmwoods Community and Business Association) are all set to Clean up Palmwoods on March 7.

Rob Skelton and Kevin Rudd open the office. Kevin Rudd grew up in Nambour

Former PM attends Nicklin electorate office opening

opened this month by Former Prime Minister Minister Stirling Hinchliffe drove from Bris-

bane to attend. Also in attendance were councillors David Law, Winston Johnston, Brian Stockwell, and

Tom Wegener. Just 79 votes separated incumbent Marty Hunt and challenger Robert Skelton at last year's State Elections, handing Labor an his-

Mr Skelton's win was the first time in 100 years Nambour has had a Labor member. The win came after a 5.3 percent swing to Labor in Nicklin.

Labor insiders said it may have been a combination of older people in the area grateful for Labor's handling of COVID 19 as well as a younger demographic moving to the area which helped swing votes and pushed Labor across

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directory, The made possible with the support of local businesses across the Blackall Range, is free and can be collected at various

locations including Maleny, Flaxton, Montville, Mapleton, Palmwoods and Woombye. The directory is one of the main fundraisers for the club, supporting projects such as purchasing birthing kits for third world countries and preparing refuge packs for various women's shelters on the Sun-

The colourful Rooster on the cover of the directory is painted by Dorothy Peall.

"The rooster was a commission that I was asked to paint by friends of mine who wanted a 'single rooster with attitude' to give to their son as a Christmas present. Commissions are very daunting, but I am always surprised at what I am able to push myself to create (artists are our worst critics) and the wonderful reaction of the person who ordered it".

Dorothy and her husband emigrated from Zimbabwe to Australia 18 years ago. She discovered the Blackall Range Visual Artists in Mapleton where she has been a member for 12 years. "We are a small group of passionate artists who encourage each other to try new techniques.

"At one workshop, the tutor showed us the technique of using big 'blobs' of acrylic or squeezing the paint straight out of the tube onto the canvas and blending the colours together using cut up pieces of plastic cards, no brushes required. That is how I came to my style of creating chooks and roosters on large canvases".

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Standing for justice, building community

SINCE 1913 Butler McDermott Lawyers has built a proud history of standing for justice and building community in Nambour and

Leading by example is the firm's director Peter Boyce, an inspiring figure in Nambour, seen widely as the small-town solicitor who helped put sex offender and murderer Peter Cowan behind bars when he represented Palmwoods couple Bruce and Denise Morcombe in their son Daniel's inquest.

Mr Boyce has worked out of Nambour since March 19, 1977 and been a partner at Butler McDermott since July 1, 1977. Nowadays he is assisted by seven solicitors, five law clerks and 11 support staff, offering a full suite of legal services from the purpose-built offices in William Street.

"Whether it be for business or personal law matters, we offer clear advice and common sense solutions to our clients' legal problems," Mr Boyce said. "Being a regional firm we practice in most areas of the law because we like to be there when people need us, no matter what the problem."

Many clients have remained with the firm for generations, highlighting Butler McDermott's focus on personal, professional and prompt

Butler McDermott operates in the following areas:

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1. Commercial or Conveyancing and Business Transactions, headed by Phoebe Miller; 2. Family Law and Domestic Violence, headed by Candice Bell;

3. Wills and Estate Planning and Estate Litigation, headed by Alexander Upton; 4. All aspects of Litigation, headed up by Peter Boyce and Brent King including:

Resumptions, Racing Appeals, QCAT Matters & Defamation. 5. Extensive involvement in the Criminal Law field, by Peter Boyce and Brent King;

6. Personal Injuries, headed by Krishna

"We recognise we are in a service industry and it is extremely important to make sure clients feel comfortable and confident in the work we do for them. We appreciate and thank everyone for their support over the years and

Mr Boyce is passionate about all aspects of law and enjoys helping young professionals

well into the future."





"There are many wonderful new lawyers working for the firm, ably supported by law clerks," he said. "Three of them are about to be admitted and the others are still studying. They all pride themselves on providing service to our clients whose interests are paramount."

For years the legal team has been involved we certainly look forward to that continuing in various aspects of local life through community work, sponsorship and support of local activities. "We dedicate some of our time, legal services and resources to helping local organ-

groups that would otherwise be unable to afford the expense of legal work," Mr Boyce said.

The Butler McDermott team,

Mr Boyce leads the way as Chairperson of Reimagine Nambour, Wishlist and Sunshine Coast Turf Club, founding Board Member of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and past Chairperson of rugby league clubs on the Sunshine

• Butler McDermott Lawyers address is 6-8 William Street, Nambour. Email enquiries@ butlermcdermott.com.au. Phone 07 5441 1044.

Face to face service key to online success

N an increasingly virtual world, face to face service remains critical to Nambour comus," said Michael. "Our success is the result of pany Morningstar Digital's future.

Having launched over 50 websites in the past 12 months the company utilises a well-tuned process that delivers tangible results and value for money for clients.

"Our web developers and UX designers work virtually," said director Michael Gibson. "But our new office in Whalley Chambers is part of a growth strategy. The office is not for our operational team. It's about improving our client experience. We love to meet our customers face

Launched in 2017 with a simple mission to help local businesses achieve their online goals, Morningstar Digital has come a long way. "Our websites are fully custom-designed (no templates) and we offer free mock-ups. As a result, we are very busy," said Michael.

Lately the company has attracted the attention of bigger players — becoming a white label provider to major marketing agencies and working with Australian Stock Exchange-listed corporations and an international Non-Governmental Organisation.

"Still, we remain grateful for the support of

the collective effort and hard work of our team members over the years."

Fellow Director Alex Carr said despite the rapid growth their services remained

'Our goal has always been to help businesspeople with efficient yet affordable digital marketing solutions." — Alex Carr

"To maintain the quality of service we offer we're always looking to utilise the best tools and stay up to date with the latest trends in the

On a local level, last year the office teamed up with Street Art Nambour to have a mural painted on the interior wall.

"It was a lovely welcome to town and a way to invite the character and vibrance of Nambour into our office," said Michael. "We chose Nambour for its thriving arts community and emerging entrepreneurship."

As a way of giving back, Morningstar Digital



Morningstar Digital Directors Michael Gibson and Alex Carr: "Our goal has always been to help businesspeople with efficient yet affordable digital marketing solutions".

Lawn Bowls Association and has been working with the Street Art Nambour project.

Thriving despite the Covid pandemic, Morn-"We remain committed to our goal of assisting local businesses by means of quality service, | ingstardigital.com.au.

sponsors the Sunshine Coast District Ladies \mid reasonable pricing and remarkable customer experience," said Alex.

Morningstar Digital is located up the stairs in the Whalley Chambers Building at Suite 1, 65 ingstar looks forward to an even brighter 2021. | Currie Street. Email michael@morningstardigital.com.au. Phone 1300 392 542. www.morn-

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HERE are few natural landscaping products that can match the timeless appeal and beauty of sandstone. It is a product that automatically adds style and value to your landscaping project or home.

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"Happily it is more readily available now, and accessible to people with a broad range of tastes and budgets," said Coastal Landscape Supplies Director, Kylie Pitt. "Sandstone has become one of our signature products because it is so strong, hardy, and can be used in so many different ways.'

Sandstone is a durable material, but it is also quite soft. This means it can be sawn, cut or carved relatively simply and easily.

"Many people are unaware that using sandstone in your landscaping design and structures can assist to minimise erosion," Kylie said. "This is why it is so commonly used in retaining walls. Architects and designers often favour sandstone because it is a stone that lasts for decades, and provides a natural warmth that becomes even more attractive with age," she said.

sandstone for steps, seating, garden furniture, as feature tiles both in and outdoors, sculptures, pathways, water features and more," Kylie said.

"It is definitely one of the more beautiful looking landscaping products we stock and it comes in an endless array of colours, patterns, shapes and forms which makes it easy to match to existing decor.

"An added bonus is that neutral tones radiate heat during winter and are cool in summer, so it is really an excellent product to use for seating and furniture in the garden.

"From unique sandstone letterboxes which are stunning statement pieces, to sandstone rocks and sawn sandstone, we can supply you with sandstone for projects of any size," Kylie

"If you can't see what you are after on our website or in the yard, just ask us and we can source it for you. There are almost as many uses for sandstone as you can imagine and in terms of longevity, it will be around for a lot longer than any of us!"

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even those who are young, physically fit and mindful of their diet. Until now, the tell-tale 'orange peel' dimpling has proven to be virtually impossible to budge.

"As a personal trainer, I saw it all the time," said Kylie Read, Director of Body Face Co. "It was so frustrating for my clients because they worked hard to be fit and healthy but despite their best efforts, the lumps and bumps remained. Even surgical procedures like liposuction do not get rid of cellulite.

Kylie started looking for a safe and effective way to deal with the problem. Her search led her to Endermologie. "It is gentle and non-invasive. The French company behind it (LPG Medical) has dozens of medical and scientific papers amassed over 30 years to support their technology. There are other technologies out there, but what women don't often realise is that they either damage or kill the cells. LPG's technology is no risk and has no side effects. In fact, their studies of connective tissue from treating serious skin conditions such as scars, fibrosis, lymphedema and burns has only emphasised the skin's intrinsic ability to heal and recover."

In 2016 Kylie and her daughter and business partner Maddy Farmer (also a qualified PT), travelled to France to the LPG Centre of Excellence for training. On their return they opened their clinic, Body Face Co.

"Being trained by LPG in France was an intense, immersive experience," said Kylie. "But it has given us the skills and confidence to help our clients reduce the 'orange peel' in a way that we have not had before." Kylie said Endermologie helped reduce cellulite and tone the body in a way that was impos-

sible with exercise alone. "Our treatments not only target cellulite but slim and tone at the same time. Our clients often come to us to target muffin tops, bottoms, thighs and 'tuckshop lady' arms, and when we work together, we get excellent results."

But while Endermologie can reduce cellulite, it was only part of the solution.

Kylie consults with clients before every treatment plan because Endermologie was "not for everyone". "It's like a consultation we might have with a new personal training client. We know that the best results come when the client



Former personal trainers Kylie Read and daughter Maddy Farmer have turned to Endermologie to help their clients fight cellulite. Inset: Before and after results from Endermologie.

and good nutrition play in their results.

"For most women, the cellulite has been on their body for most of their adult life, so it is not going to magically disappear with a handful of treatments. I like to use the analogy of gym membership. You can't do a six-week challenge, never exercise again, and expect to maintain your results. It's just not realistic.

Kylie said Body Face Co offered a partnership that no other Endermologie practitioners

on the Coast had ever been able to. "Our clients know that Endermologie is a commitment and not a fast process for the majority of women, but it is incredibly rewarding to work with those who have made a commitment to self care and to see the results we achieve together."

• Body Face Co is at 10 Capital Place Birtinya. Phone 5492 3172 or email info@bodyfaceco. com.au for a Complimentary Endermologie

Early learning centre feels like home

ECREATING a family home atmosphere was exactly what Little Characters Early Learning Centre owner and Director, her Woombye childcare centre. "I wanted a ma's house," she said. "Our centre is extremely family focused."

Kerry has a Bachelor of Education, Early Childhood under her belt, as well as a career in childcare, primary and special education. "With 25 years experience in the industry, I knew exactly what I wanted to do in my centre," Kerry said.

"To me, childcare is about the carer's relationship with the whole family. My husband was in the military and worked away from home a great deal of the time, which meant that I needed to establish other support systems while raising our four children. It made me appreciate the importance of support for

"I have spent a lot of time researching best practice when it comes to the care of children, with a particular focus on very young babies cinated by the work of Hungarian Pediatrician, able, the kids are too. I have an amazing and

Kerry Hanson had in mind when she designed | principles required for children to grow in an optimum environment. With respect to childday at our centre to be like a day at Grand- care, that means that it should be an extension of the family.

Kerry and her staff are all trained in the Pikler approach to respectful care for infants, and the Circle of Security parenting course.

"We follow the Key Educator model," Kerry said. "Every new family gets taken under our wing and each educator starts with a child, and remains with them throughout their time at our centre until they reach the Kindergarten group."

At that point, a qualified Kindergarten teacher takes them through the Kindy year. This continuity is critical, says Kerry, because caregiving tasks like changing nappies and feeding babies carer and child.

"Relationships are definitely our biggest focus," said Kerry. "There is less emphasis on paperwork because it is far more important that our educators talk to parents every single pose-built childcare centre, and infants," Kerry said. "I was particularly fas- day. We know that when parents are comfort-



Little Characters Early Learning Centre Director, Kerry Hanson ... "I wanted this place to feel like a family home so that I could provide the exact kind of care I would want for my own children."

very stable team of educators here. They are all | true to the philosophy of Reggio Emilia, that the and their families"

ters which was gutted and converted into a pur-

"When we were considering the physical

committed to our model of care because they physical environment is the third teacher. The establishes an important connection between | can see how it enriches the lives of our children | environment is an extension of our program. It is a place where children grow and learn In its life before Little Characters, the through play. "At the end of the day, I wanted building had been a restaurant called Characthis place to feel like a family home so that I could provide the exact kind of care I would want for my own children."

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Romantic Cottage a labour of love

boasts every comfort and convenience for guests to enjoy a five star experience.

"This business is an absolute labour of love for me, but I am extremely particular about the experience my guests have during their stay,"

Cindy said guests to her Yandina Creek escape were typically looking for peace, quiet and tranquillity. "And they get exactly that," she said.

"From every vantage point, you see mountains, trees, birds and wildlife. It is a little pocket infants. of paradise that is very well hidden from the stresses of the world.

"From the deck, you look across to Mt Ninderry and we have just installed a private outdoor bathroom under the deck, where you can go and relax in a bubble bath, sip wine and get lost in the peace. It is blissful."

Silhouette Cottage is coming up to its second birthday and from day one Cindy was determined that her guests would enjoy a luxury

On arrival guests enjoy a tour of the property so that they can take advantage of its many features. "Our guests are greeted with fresh flowers | ular nearby Spirit House.

ESTLED on a spectacular site with views to Mt Ninderry, Silhouette Cottage and there is complimentary champagne, a selection of beautiful teas, coffee, bedside chocolates and a home baked loaf of bread with butter and jam for them to enjoy," said Cindy.

Luxurious freshly ironed bed linens, robes, slippers, and personal toiletries are standard and games, puzzles and a selection of classic DVD's all combine to create an experience that nourishes and soothes all the senses.

The cottage has two bedrooms and can comfortably accommodate 5 people. Children are welcome and there is a travel cot for guests with

Silhouette Cottage has become popular with couples who want a romantic getaway. Cindy is working with a company in Brisbane who brings an arbour, cushions and candles to a special site in the garden.

"It is the perfect spot for a surprise proposal, an engagement, an anniversary celebration or even an intimate wedding or elopement," Cindy said. "The kitchen lends itself to in-house catering for just such events."

Cindy is very happy to play chauffeur, at no additional cost for guests who are attending weddings at local venues, or meals at the pop-



Silhouette Cottage is a little pocket of paradise away from the stresses of the world. Inset: A private outdoor bathroom has just been installed under the deck.

Silhouette Cottage is ranked 9.7 on Booking. com, which is a testament to its popularity.

Cindy is also a "Super Host" on Airbnb. "I am quite chuffed that this is the case because I think it is a reflection of the enjoyment our guests find here. However, it is useful for people to know that booking directly with us is better because they will save quite a bit of money in booking and cleaning fees. There is no risk booking directly with us as all payments made are fully refundable if a cancellation is needed

due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

"In my mind, Silhouette Cottage was always going to be a luxurious, nourishing and restorative experience for my guests," said Cindy. "When I read beautiful reviews or guests tell me how much they have loved this little piece of paradise, it makes the hard work worthwhile. It truly makes my heart sing."

• Silhouette Cottage 38 Whistler Ridge Drive, Yandina Creek, Phone 0437 776 077. www.silUNSHINE Mitre 10 is set to open a massive new flagship store in Nambour later this year, the same town where the business General manager Neil Hutchins said the company, which has 18 locations throughout Queensland, is proud to announce that the new site at 980 Nambour Connection Road (formerly occupied

by Kubota), already has Council approval and will open later this year. "The transformation of the 13,000 square metre site is well under way, and the local community has already shown excitement and support for this endeavour," Mr Hutchins said.

Mitre 10 to open new flagship Hardware store in Nambour

"The new location in Nambour is important because it not only meets the increasing demand from our retail and trade customer base, but it also supports the town of Nambour and pays respect to the heritage where the company was started by Walter Lanham in 1910," he said.

"We have been steadily expanding the Sunshine Mitre 10 group across Queensland with more recent store openings in Bundaberg, St George, and Brisbane, and we have a focus on supporting

"Nambour is at the top of that list in terms of regions we want to support. This new store is the next step in our expansion, and this flagship location will be the best possible representation of our brand and heritage. We're excited to see it unfold and transition into another 110 years of locals supporting locals.

"Sunshine Mitre 10 already employs more than 400 staff across our network of stores in Queensland, including the seven sites we operate throughout the Sunshine Coast. We are pleased to have committed to this multimillion-dollar investment on the back of a 25-year lease at this location."

The new site includes 4,000 square metres under roof and will be one of the largest in the Sunshine Mitre 10 network with extensive retail product and trade supply through their well-managed trade drive through experience. This is great for the local economy with dozens of local jobs to be created, in addition to the development and construction of the site being managed and built by local builders and local tradies.

"This new flagship store will include all the



General manager Neil Hutchins is looking forward to opening in Nambour later this year. Inset: Construction of the flagship store is well under way at the 13,000 sq metre site.

latest brands and products and showcase the best hardware product available. The site will have everything you need to get in, get out, and get on

"The entire project has been meticulously designed to provide the customer with the ultimate hardware shopping experience," Mr Hutchins said.

The new store will feature dedicated departments around building and hardware, coupled with extensive homewares, electrical, hand and power tools, kitchens, painting and decorating,

gardening and outdoor, appliances and plumbing and all the dedicated trade products and services Sunshine Mitre 10 is known for

Mr Hutchins said when the new site opens, Sunshine Mitre 10 would continue to operate the existing Court Road store for the convenience of the local community, and work to transition the 75 years of loval customers that exist at that site, across to the new location.

"We look forward to inviting everyone to the Grand Opening mid-2021," he said.

Pulse therapy popular for people, and horses

a cut that was too big to stitch, Mooloolah resident Brett Redman was in pain and there was little that could be done about it.

"I had fallen onto the corner tray of my ute," Brett said. "I was actually knocked out, and I was cut from just above my knee, all the way up my hamstring. It was too wide to be stitched and I was in a bad way and experiencing a lot of pain and soreness pretty much everywhere."

Jenny and Syd Carpenter (who also own Nambour Feed and Horse Gear), suggested he try their PEMF machine (Pulsed Electromagnetic Field Therapy), to get some relief from the sore-

After the first session, the soreness and redness was completely gone from around the wound," Brett said. "It was funny, because prior to that, I was still very sore all over. I could feel the pulse going through me and reaching all of the areas that were especially painful. It seemed to target those areas. The experience was not painful or uncomfortable in any way."

In total, Brett had 3 sessions, two days apart. "I could not believe how the PEMF accelerated the healing," Brett said. "And neither could my

Jenny and Syd said Pulsed Electromagnetic Field Therapy increased the blood flow to any area where there was trauma or damage.

"Magnetic fields surround every living thing so it's not surprising that the strength of this energy field is directly associated with our health and wellbeing," said Jenny. "We originally bought the machine to help Syd overcome an ongoing back and sciatica problem, and we have also used it to help abscesses heal. We use it on our own horses to alleviate any stiffness or soreness they may have."

Every cell in our body holds an electromagnetic charge and recent studies have shown that when cells are unhealthy and not performing properly, their voltage lowers. "Researchers have discovered that PEMF

recharges and then accumulates energy within the cell," said Jenny. "This enables better oxygenation and increases the ph of the cell. This is important because sick cells are almost always acidic. PEMF contributes to much better circulation which transport nutrients and also oxygen to the cell. At the same time, PEMF maximises the cells' functionality to eliminate waste, providing detoxification," she said.

The PEMF machine Jenny and Syd use was



developed in the US, and can be used on people or animals. "Given that we are dealing with horse owners and pet owners in general in our main business, it made sense for us to promote the PEMF machine," Jenny said.

"I think the best thing about the PEMF is that it is gentle, painless and non invasive but at the

incredible. I have previously used it on my horses for soreness but, having used it myself, I know how good it feels.

"I can't speak highly enough about it. Jenny and Syd are so happy to help and see others enjoy the same results and benefits that they have experienced themselves.'

• Information: Nambour Feed and Horse Gear 26 Price Street Nambour, Phone 5441 3687.

Studio sisters join forces to inspire young dancers

dance since the age of 7, taking over her ildhood dance studio was an obvious 'next step' for Nambour's Carlie McKenzie, but there were a few detours along the way.

"I took a year after I finished high school to figure out whether or not I wanted to pursue a career as a professional dancer," Carlie said. "Somewhere during that time, I decided to become a Physiotherapist instead. Physiotherapy is actually very much aligned with dancing, so it was not a completely left of centre

Eight years later, Carlie reconnected with her childhood dance teacher, who asked her if she would like to teach dance at her studio (name of studio?). "It took me by surprise, because at that stage, I was not trained as a dance teacher," en't looked back.

The dance school underwent a rebrand and refresh as Carlie and Jocelyn put their own stamp on it and introduced their own programs of the business very well." and concepts to teach and nurture their students of all ages.

"We both understand that it is important to encourage and foster a love of dance from a very young age," Carlie said. "It is synchronous that Jocelyn has a degree in Early Childhood education, and she has used these skills to develop our Tippy Toes dance program for children under 4 years of age."

Tippy Toes is a fusion of ballet and jazz styles which exposes young dancers to each genre and Carlie said. "Watching our students develop a nurtures an awareness of characters and theatre in dance. "It is a wonderful, colorful, fun got to be the icing on the cake." way to introduce little ones to the creative side of dance along with the fundamentals. It is a Phone 0487 223 623.

AVING been immersed in the world of huge amount of fun and right now, we have 35 students who are going through the Tippy Toes program. It is so rewarding to see the enjoyment and creativity it brings to each class," said

Carlie's physiotherapy background has also proven to be a perfect fit for the business, as she s keenly aware of the types of injuries dancers of all ages are notoriously prone to. "Strength and conditioning training is a

very important aspect of our dance training, because it is the best way to prevent injury, Carlie explained. "Flexibility is often considered to be the most important part of dance training, but strength is equally as important. I think that being an experienced physiotherapist allows me to observe the mechanics of each student's movements and helps me to explain Carlie said. "But I absolutely love dance and the dance to them in terms of their body and musoffer was irresistible. I worked at my old studio cles. If I can facilitate a greater understanding for 14 years and in 2018, my sister Jocelyn and and awareness of their own body, I know they myself bought the studio together and we hav- will not only enjoy their classes more, but be able to safely challenge themselves to achieve more too. I actually use the studio for exercise rehab and this compliments the teaching side | I started to bake cheesecakes, slices,

strength, as enrolments have grown, and more refurbishments are underway.

"We are so fortunate to be able to pour our training, energy and hearts into this business," Carlie said. "Watching our students develop a love of dance and ultimately, of themselves has got to be the icing on the cake."

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Studio 2 Dance 28 Rigby Street, Nambour



Chilli sauces and desserts pack a flavour so sweet

thoughtful birthday gift and a passion for chilli was the inspiration for ex tuna fisherman, Anthony Johnson to turn his love of chilli into a business. Chilli Sweet in Nambour kicked off almost a year ago and the response to the unique hot and sweet treats has been overwhelming.

"Anthony is the 'chilli sauce fanatic'," said his wife Shelby. "I gave him a chilli plant for his birthday and he started experimenting with the chillis, making his own sauces and salts. Our business really has iust taken off from there."

Most of Anthony's small batch craft chilli sauces have a sweet twist and the range of products has more recently expanded into chilli inspired desserts.

"I have always worked in bakeries in customer service, and I absolutely love baking," Shelby said. "So cupcakes and hand made chocolates Studio 2 Dance has gone from strength to and sugars based on chilli. We have even expanded into chilli infused water, with other premium fresh ingredients like lemon, lime and raspberries," she said. "We do beautiful, unusual and fully customisable dessert platters as well, using local

"We are so fortunate to be able to pour our | are of exceptional quality for this reason." Chilli Sweet products are currently available online, at selected markets and through various retail outlets. "We sponsor a show on 7Mate called Blokes World (blokes love chilli sauce!), and the response there has been incredible.



ingredients from local suppliers. Our products | this ride would be," Shelby said. "We pour our hearts into our products and we bake absolutely everything from scratch; we see big things on the near horizon. Half of the buzz of what we do is producing something so unique, and making people happy at the same time.

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Solar install turns power bills into credits for Jason

tired of getting \$800 quarterly sulting with Dale Rhall of Energy Makers, he had a solar system installed and now he gets credits of between ents to look at this process as an invest-\$350 and \$400 a quarter in the hot

"I had done a lot of research and knew exactly what I wanted our system to do," said Jason. "We have a lot of roof area and it made sense to maximise it. We also like to be able to run our air conditioning 24/7 during the hotter months. I called four solar companies who all told me that what I wanted could not be done. I got the impression that they were only concerned with selling me the system they wanted me

"Dale was completely different. He looked at what I wanted to achieve and | and we select from the best to tailor a found a way to make it happen. He was upfront and honest to deal with and made the entire process very easy. I couldn't be happier."

"There is an enormous amount of information (and misinformation),

ASON Dougherty of Nambour was about solar energy," Dale. "When I'm and informed way," he said. "Years talking to my clients I strip back the down the track, I still hear from clipower bills during summer. After | jargon to help them make sense of how | ents who tell me that they haven't had it works, and what type of system would a power bill since their panels were best meet their needs. I encourage cli- installed. It is incredibly gratifying." ment strategy, rather than as a flat financial outlay," he said.

Ninderry," Dale said. "I began working | amount of money to pay," she said. with a solar company which gave me an excellent grounding in solar energy, and how best to help people in both domestic and commercial situations."

Dale formed Energy Makers because he could see an opportunity to give clients better advice, a superior product, and more personalised service. "My company is not wedded to any particular products or systems. system for you

"I have found that even people who are sceptical about the merits of solar energy quickly change their tune when save by making the switch in a smart or Dale on 0428 896 767.

Yandina's Rachelle Daly agrees. "I had my panels installed a couple of vears ago because I was sick of getting "I had sold my Melbourne based \$300 and \$400 power bills. I live on my security business in 2007 and moved to own and just felt this was a ridiculous

"I felt really comfortable working with Dale because he was very patient and took the time to answer all of my questions, which really put me at ease. The panels I had installed are basically the best you can get, and now I get power bills that range between a few dollars, to a credit, every quarter. This is despite the fact that I still use my clothes dryer and run the air conditioner pretty constantly. It is fantastic to know that I never have to worry about getting a power bill again."

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Jason Dougherty of Nambour is stoked with his new solar panels from

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Above: The Queenslander has been transformed into a resort-style family home

Left: An incredible resort-style

120 year old Queenslander going to auction

SET on one of the highest spots in Palmwoods overlooking a pineapple farm is a 120 year old Queenslander that has been transformed into a fabulous resort-style family home.

"This property definitely has the 'wow factor'," said Burns Property Principle and Auctioneer, Mike Burns. "It truly has a wonderful feel with lots of living options, and is centrally located and on a large block, making it a very rare find."

"The sellers had real foresight here. They worked with Sunshine Coast designer Geoff Tyson to perfectly capitalise on their position and the construction was completed by Palmwoods local, Ron Robinson. The workmanship is absolutely meticulous. The position is perfect, with the house situated high on the block so it catches all the breezes. This is a flat 1/2 acre

allotment that provides so much but requires little maintenance," he said.

The home is spacious enough to accommodate the largest family, with a two level home plus a separate self-contained bungalow. There is undercover parking for 6 vehicles, an incredible resort style heated pool, a basketball court, 2 undercover outdoor entertaining areas and the yard is fully fenced.

"There are not a lot of properties of this calibre around," said Mr Burns. "It is centrally located, yet private and peaceful, and is an easy walk into town. We are already experiencing a great deal of interest so I would strongly advise people to register their interest quickly."

• The 5 Benkalu Ct, Palmwoods property is going to auction March 6. Contact Mike Burns Property 0418 991 702.



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4 Boongala Avenue, Montville

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With vaulted ceilings and open plan living, this home offers so much for a growing family and entertainers. Boasting staged decks in the garden; the home has been

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Grandview Developments General Manager Gavin Wuiske, agent Frenchy Devos, Architect Paul Braithwaite and Town planner Cameron Adams discuss plans on-site.

Nambour input drives Pinnacle development

GRANDVIEW Developments General Manager Gavin Wuiske is delighted to announce that Stage 1 of Pinnacle on Maud is over 50 percent sold. Amber Werchon Property converted a rush of contracts prior to the December 31 deadline for purchasers to receive a \$25,000 Home Builder Grant.

"When the post Christmas Home Builder Grant of \$15,000 is coupled with the first home buyers grant of \$15,000 and stamp duty relaxations, it accounts for nearly 10 percent of the purchase price," Mr Wuiske said. "But this opportunity is only available up until the 31st of March 2021, so the time to secure this level of financial assistance is very quickly coming to an end.

"At an extremely affordable price point, Pinnacle on Maud is an ideal opportunity to enter the property market or to downsize to free up some equity, while enjoying a low maintenance lifestyle in a fantastic central location." he said.

Amber Werchon agent Frenchy Devos said there had been strong interest from property investors who would enjoy peace of mind from a 2 year guaranteed rental return backed by Rock Property.

"One of our first home buyers purchased with the grants and loved the product so much that his mother and auntie have also decided to purchase north-facing units on other floors to take in the 270 degree hinterland views," Mr Devos said.

Principal Architect Paul Braithwaite of Sprout Architects, grew up on the coast and went to St John's College in Nambour. "Paul understands the local environment extremely well and has provided a unique and practical design solution for this commission," said Mr Wuiske. "Pinnacle has been designed to cater for all demographics from DINKs to empty-nesters and downsizers. Each apartment is fully accessible, with the option of zero steps from your carpark to the unit entry door and a secure lock & leave ability if you like to travel."

Sunshine Coast Town planner, Cameron Adams of Adams & Sparkes, said it was great to see this type of project in the heart of the Nambour CBD. "Residents will be able to take advantage of all the conveniences Nambour has to offer — from public transport to shops, restaurants and entertainment," said Mr Adams. "We worked with council to achieve an outcome unique to Nambour CBD."



One of the architect-designed facades of a King Windsor Estate residence.

King Windsor Estate Nambour

WITH more than 60 percent of lots sold King Windsor Estate at Burnside has proven to be an attractive option for first home buyers and established property owners.

"So far most interest has come from locals who recognise the rapid growth in the area," said Catapult Property Group's Tim Fowler. "When I walk people around the site, they immediately 'get' what a special development it is. There is nothing else like it in the area, and finding the right buyers has been a very important part of the process."

King Windsor Estate comprises 20 blocks, each between 600-700m2. "The project has been curated with an outstanding architect and is the only subdivision in Nambour delivering flatbenched and retained blocks," said Mr Fowler.

"We have four architecturally designed facades available and each can be further customised. We have solutions for the addition of swimming pools and there is a huge amount of interest from those seeking home office customisation," he said. "It's no longer the case that the home office is a repurposed spare room. Our designs allow for optimal lighting, electrical fittings and timber flooring."

High quality inclusions are standard in every home. "We are also a building company, which enables us to offer this service. We have fantastic relationships with all of our trades and suppliers and we can build a home from start to finish, in 18 weeks," he said.



Tim Fowler "... buyers are very aware of the buzz around Nambour right now."

"Catapult Property Group is a planning, building and finance company and as such, we can offer turnkey solutions to our clients," Mr Fowler said. "Having in-house finance means that we can provide finance strategies that deliver accessibility and best outcomes.

"I think home buyers are very aware of the buzz around Nambour right now. To be honest, this is not the time to sit on the fence when it comes to getting into the property market in general, or a high quality development like this one, in particular. They are not making any more land, and prices are only going up. I urge anyone looking for this type of opportunity to get in touch sooner rather than later."

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Quarry to boost local economy

\$8.5 million contract to local company Black Cat Civil to support quarry services at Image Flat and Dulong.

The two-year contract from early this year provides mobile crushing and screening services. The contract was awarded last month following a robust procurement process to achieve the best quality outcome and value-formoney for ratepayers.

Black Cat Civil is a certified member of Supply Nation. The head office is in Nambour and the company works throughout Australia.

Sunshine Coast Division 10 Councillor David Law said council supported our growing region through the operation of quarries at Image Flat Road, Image Flat and Sherwell Road, Dulong.

"I am really pleased that a local Nambour company Black Cat Civil has won this competitive contract, it shows that the council's local procurement policy is really working," Cr Law said. "They will be crushing, scalping, blending and screening approximately 350,000 tonnes per annum of rhyolite and basalt shot rock for a variety of sizes and products," he said.

Material extracted was available to the con struction industry and the general public.

Material is used for a range of purposes including road base, landscaping, drainage material, footpaths, driveways and to prepare a

• Contact the quarry sales office on 0437 734



Aussie invention milks shelf life of fridge staple

A Mapleton man has developed a world-first innovation that can extend the expiry date of fresh milk to more than 60 days.

The processing method gives a product that is nutritionally superior and has a longer shelf life than normal milk. Naturo Founder and CEO Jeff Hastings has earned a \$1 million Accelerating Commercialisation grant to build a pilot manufacturing plant in Coolum for the world-first patented technology

Mr Hastings described the invention as the biggest breakthrough in the \$413 billion global dairy industry since pasteurisation in 1864.

"This is very different from long life milk," Mr Hastings said. "Long life is a UHT process. Our milk has a long life but is very much fresh milk. That's the distinctive difference there."

Minister for Industry, Science and Technology Karen Andrews congratulated Naturo for pushing the boundaries of what is possible.

"I'm so impressed by the ingenuity and determination of Aussie businesses like Naturo who are using science and technology to turn bold ideas into job-creating realities," Minister Andrews said.

The grant will help the company build a pilot plant in Queensland to create their product and then export it to the world, while also paving the way for a full scale facility to be built in

"This project also demonstrates the incredible opportunities in the food and beverage sector, which is why it's one of the six priority areas under our Modern Manufacturing Strategy," Ms Andrews said.

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Recipients of the Woolworths Junior Land-

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Program is all about inspiring Aussie environ-

mental champions in Hinterland," said Wool-

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impact honey bees and native bees have on our

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"The Bee Bonus puts the spotlight on the

Operations Manager Peta Hartley.

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The Bee Bonus offers \$500 of extra funding

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Naturo Founder and CEO Jeff Hastings with Minister for Industry, Science and Technology Karen Andrews and Fairfax MP Ted O'Brien.

Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien threw his support behind the project after meeting with Mr Hastings last year when the company was looking to build in Coolum.

"I've always maintained that the Sunshine and this world first food preservation technology was invented and developed right here on the Sunshine Coast," Mr O'Brien said. "Naturo's fresh milk products open up significant export opportunities for local diary products."

Not for resting on their laurels, the company Coast is the most innovative region in Australia | has also developed a world-first process that

stops fresh avocado from turning brown.



• To find out more visit landcareaustralia.org. Junior Landcare Grants Program is all about inspiring Aussie environmental champions in the

Visit Sunshine Coast CEO sees huge potential in region Sunshine

VISIT Coast's Chief Executive Officer Matt Stoeckel, pictured, started in the position recently after five years as CEO of Fiji's national tourism office, Tourism Fiji. "What attracted me



to the role with Visit Sunshine Coast is that it is a destination with huge potential," he said

"With the newly upgraded airport, plans for new hotels and attractions, and its well-earned reputation for authentic nature-based experiences there are massive opportunities for the Sunshine Coast to be a pace-setter in Australian

Mr Stoeckel said VSC's immediate focus this rear would be to continue to provide support or the region's tourism industry as we navigate

"As we have seen last week there is still so much uncertainty on what lies ahead for 2021, and as an industry we need to continue to work together, be flexible and adapt to these

Mr Stoeckel said the launch of VSC's new brand "For real" could not have come at a better time, as it differentiated the region in the marketplace and highlighted the Sunshine Coast's

"Importantly we know from research that this is increasingly what travellers are seeking. Therefore, a focus for this year will be on continuing to activate this new brand through showcasing our incredible depth and breadth of experiences and our stunning natural landscapes that are so highly sought after by our target markets," he said.

"We will also continue to be flexible in our marketing approach, making it a priority to target holiday-makers who are able to visit the region and expanding to new markets as they become accessible

"Above all I look forward to working closely with VSC members, tourism associations, as well as our Council, State and Federal partners, to ensure that we can maximise the benefits of the tourism industry for the Sunshine Coast

Bouldering Gym opens

CLIMB. Coffee. Chill. That's the order of the day at a new premium climbing centre in Forest

For those who like to use both their brains and their bodies, the Sunshine Coast's newest and most unique fitness centre is the place to be. The premium climbing gym, Flow Bouldering, officially opened on Saturday. For more

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JOIN Wilvos as a carer, transporter or hotline volunteer. Volunteers work from home, making a big difference for our little Aussie mates. Wilvos will also provide free educative talks to groups, schools and retirement villages on the Sunshine

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\$20,000 to help energy efficient local businesses





FEDERAL Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien recently kicked off the new year with a win for the environment and two local businesses.

Woombye Pub and Nambour's Accura Group will each receive more than \$19,000 in Federal Government Energy Efficient Communities

Mr O'Brien said The Woombye Pub would receive \$19,254 and accounting group Accura \$19,950. "Energy bills are a significant overhead for many small businesses," he said. "These grants will help small businesses pay less on their energy bills, allowing them keep their doors open, expand their business and employ

The Energy Efficient Communities Program was announced as part of the Government's \$3.5 billion Climate Solutions Package to deliver on Australia's 2030 climate commitments

New members wanted at Landsborough Museum

ARE you interested in helping to preserve the history of the area we are so lucky to call home? Would you like to learn more about the early history of the Landsborough Shire?

If you have some free time on Wednesdays Thursdays, Fridays or Sundays, Landsborough Museum needs your help and support.

We are in need of people who are willing to become active members of the Landsborough and District Historical Society Inc. (the managerial part of the Museum) especially those who would be interested in taking on the responsibility of Management Committee positions at the next AGM in September 2021.

Meetings are generally held at the Museum on the 3rd Wednesday morning of each month.

Membership fees are \$25 per year which gives members a 10% discount on goods or books purchased from the Museum and free admission to the Research and display areas with the option of including other family members in the membership at a fee of \$5 per person.

Interested? Please email the Museum at landsboroughmuseum@aapt.net.au or call u on 54941755.

The Museum is open Wed, Thurs, Fri and

Council's Major Grants program now open

ject idea to make our local communities more active, vibrant, inclusive, resilient or creative? Make it a reality with support from Sunshine

More than \$600,000 is up for grabs in the cur-

receive up to \$15,000 for projects, events and activities that meet community need and provide community benefit.

infrastructure projects that involve the development, maintenance or improvement of buildings or land that contribute to providing a safe, accessible and inclusive community facility.

gov.au/grants

New owners refresh popular Burnside Cafe

COSY Creek Cafe regulars will by now have met the new owner, Renee Rogers, who reopened the popular Burnside cafe on February 2nd. Having previously worked as a department manager at Kunara Organic Marketplace for 7 years, Renee jumped at the opportunity to take on Cosy creek from its previous long ime owner, Wendy Burns.

"We have really hit the ground running, and it has peen wonderful to meet so many of Wendy's regular cuscomers," Renee said. "I have also very much enjoyed getting to know Wendy's staff, who are staying on to work with me. They are the most beautiful, oright, bubbly bunch and working with them is a treat,"

Renee plans to keep many of the meals currently on the menu, as well as Wendy's gluten free offerings. "I have a real passion for natural health and fresh food," Renee said. "Over time I will be introducing more dishes that balance out healthy eating and various dietary requirements with tasty foods that people really enjoy. I have sourced some really beautiful gluten free and vegan sweet treats as well, because I want to have delicious and very high quality options for everyone.

The cafe itself has had a makeover and Renee has created a very peaceful and relaxing environment for her customers. "When I want to treat myself, I go and find relaxing places to enjoy a chai latte," Renee said. "So I have designed a space that I would

be happy to sit and relax in!" have loyalty cards for our regu-Cosy Creek is very family friendly, with toys, books and a play mat for the kids. "I have also introduced a Little Munchkins menu, with a range of \$5 meals for kids," said Renee.

parking out front. "We will be opening early and

"There is a wonderful leafy out-

door dining area and plenty of



lars," Renee said. "We are open 8am to 7pm Tuesday - Friday. 6am to 7pm Saturday and 6am to 2pm Sunday. On the days we open to 7pm we will have dinner time meals as well."

The cafe is closed Monday. Cosy Creek Cafe is at 87 Coes Creek Road, Nambour. Phone 0413 526 620.

Local hairdressers enlisted to help stop domestic & family violence

THOSE who work in the beauty industry know what is really happening in their communities. As such, they are in a unique position to identify signs of domestic and family violence and point clients in a direction to seek help.

That is why the 'Speak Up Now - Stop Domestic and Family Violence' group (Maleny and the Blackall Range) is holding a compli mentary Wine and Cheese information evening for Hairdressers, Beauticians, and Massage Therapists on Thursday evening March 11.

This will be a low-key, relaxing event with a couple of brief talks from Hairdressers with Hearts (a Bribie Island group who have developed on-line materials for hairdressers to help clients living with domestic violence), and Sunshine Coast domestic violence and elder abuse services. There will be plenty of opportunity for informal questions and one-on-one, and resource materials to take back to the salon.

The event will be held at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre (Bicentenary Lane) 6-8pm. Anvone interested in attending is asked to rsvp for catering purposes to combinedserviceclub-sofmaleny@gmail.com or to Val on 0419 599 042 by Thursday March 4.

Wildlife in Focus

WILDLIFE will be the focus of a special exhibition at Cooroy Butter Factory coming soon. The exhibition will introduce art lovers to our South East Queensland Wildlife. The show is titled "Did You Know" and will have a variety of animal life common to this region. It will feature a full wall devoted to artwork highlighting endangered, critically endangered and even extinct animals of our district. The exhibition runs from Friday 26th March to Sunday 2nd May at Cooroy Butter Factory Arts Centre, 11a Maple street Cooroy.

Scrabble anyone?

DO you like to play Scrabble? Sunshine Coast Scrabble Club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Nambour RSL. Everyone is welcome, whether you are an average player or more experienced. For further information phone Trevor

Members soak up atmosphere and gin, at WCBA distillery meeting

THE Woombye Community and Business Association devoured local cheese and ginger beer and one of the top ten gins in the country at their first meeting for the year on February 2.

The committee would like to thank CAVU Distillery, Diablo Ginger Beer and Woombye Cheese for their generous support of the meeting at Sunshine and Sons last month.

Community connectivity is a key issue Woombye Community & Business Association has listed in its summary of goals for 2021. Major project goals for the Association

1. Progressing with the 'Our Place, Our Story'

series, and continuing discussions with Council to incorporate community ideas into their upcoming community engagements in mid

2. Pursuing better connectivity between areas via walk/ride paths including at: the Big Pineapple, Redmond Road and Habitat & Panorama

3. Organising the Woombye Heritage Festival. 4. Applying for Arts/Heritage grants to improve visual amenity & consolidate town

WCBA's next meeting will be held at the Woombye Pub on Tuesday February 23 at 6pm.

Above left: WCBA Vice President Grant Palethorpe with Jay and Will Lewis from Elite **Footcare and Mick Tyrrell from Sunshine Coast** Sheds soaking up the atmosphere with some help from Sunshine and Sons Gin.

Left: Property Lane Woombye real estate agent Will Emms with Woombye Vets Charlote and Joachim Ashton-Heinius at the WCBA meeting at Sunshine and Sons.



Coast Council's Community Grants program.

rent Major Grants round, which is open now and closes March 15. Eligible not-for-profit organisations can

Grants of up to \$30,000 are also available for

For more information on the Community Grants program and to register for a grant writing webinar, visit: www.sunshinecoast.qld.

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How to succeed in a new business

Business Ideas by Peter Gamgee

EXCITING times when you decide to start your

The prospect of being your own boss, keeping your own hours, having the wealth from your own hard work.

These attractions lure many to start their own enterprise, and just as well - because 60% of the economy in Australia relies on small business. It is a sad truth that according to the Aus-

tralian Bureau of Statistics more than 60% of small business start ups fail within 3 years. and even more fail to realise the goals of their owners but struggle on regardless.

Getting the right customers can be complicated and the overheads for compliance with regulatory requirements e.g. tax and employment, can be a significant burden.

Avoid being part of the failure statistics - do these six things:

• Create a vision for yourself - where you want to be in 3 to 5 years time. The businesses that most succeed are those that match the owners personal vision. Write down vour vision. Include all areas of your life - health, spiritual, relationships, and of course financial. Keep this vision to help check from time-totime whether your new business is taking you in the right direction.

• Create your business plan. Yes - this means actually write a document! This helps you to analyse your intended business by considering the market, strengths and weaknesses, operations, finance, resources, and and have probably made many of the mistakes your start-up strategy. It is not so much the and survived. Find one of those and engage document as the thought process that is them as a mentor. They will save you from most important. The document will be very making the same mistakes and wasting your useful when it comes to explaining to others

(e.g. financiers) what the business is about and how it is going to make money. It is also something that you review on a quarterly basis as you learn from the experience in running your business. If you need a template go to www.publications.qld.gov.au and search for 'business-plan-template".

· Create a 3 to 5 year financial plan. Include: your projected expenses - start up and ongoing fixed overheads, revenue (sales x price), cost of sales, interest on borrowed money, wages, and tax. Do this in Excel – i you are not skilled with this find someone to help you – another business person or even

Create an exit plan. This is the area most business startups and existing business fail. Why do you need an exit plan? It's to make sure vou do not lose vour home before vou decide the business can not continue. This may be due to ill health or other changes in circumstances. For businesses involving more than one party an agreed commitment, separation process and valuation formula are essential.

Measure, Measure. Running a business, and especially a new business can be very intensive and time consuming. It is tempting to just keep working on the business and not look at how it is performing according to the business plan you set. You must take the time to measure and review the metrics on a regular basis - which for some could be weekly or even daily. Typical measures to consider: number of leads generated by channel, number of sales, average price per sale, cost per sale, and fixed overhead costs, and even customer satisfaction.

· Avoid known mistakes. There are thousands of people who have run successful businesses. They have learnt many of the lessons,



Native hydrangea small, handsome

THE native hydrangea (Abrophyllum ornans) is a handsome small tree 5-8 metres. Normally found growing in moist rainforest but can be grown successfully as an ornamental in the garden and indoors.

It has alternate large shiny leaves 10-22 cm long thin and irregularly toothed. In summer time the 5mm clusters of fruit appear after the spring to early summer flowers. The prolific small cream to white coloured male flowers appear on a spike and the perfumed greenish vellow female flowers are in clusters, found on two separate trees. It grows easily from fresh seed or cutting.

The purplish black fruit is inedible and has a staining juice. It is said that the purple juice was used in ceremonies by the first nation people, painted on their shields and bodies. Also its said that the early settlers used the juice as a replacement for ink and that a document is still in existence in The Brisbane Museum. It's unknown what was used as a fixative

The tree and fruit can be seen now at the entrance to the path leading down to The Fern Glade near the bottom of the carpark. Why not come for a look to check it out at the Maroochy Regional Botanic Bush Gardens, Palm Creek

Our five must-read **Aussie Books**

AT our library we have a number of Australian authors whose books have been made into movies. The biggest dilemma is to see the movie. read the book or both, but which one first!

"The Dressmaker" by Rosalie Ham is a delightful, sad and funny story with undertones of love, revenge and haute couture. A great read and a great movie.

"Tim" by Colleen McCulloch a story of an older middle-class woman who lives a solitary life and a handsome young man with an intellectual disability, funny, sad and uplifting as their love for each other unfolds. A bit of a tearjerker.

"The Dry" by Jane Harper. A federal agent returns to his hometown to bury his best mate and to lay to rest ghosts of the past. It is a story of hate, revenge, anger and long buried secrets. Great book and movie with a great cast and exceptional starkness of reality.

"Breath" by Tim Winton. In a WA country town, 2 teenage boys hungry for discovery form an unlikely friendship with a mysterious older surfer following which the boys are pushed to take risks that will have a lasting and profound impact on their lives.

"Dirt Music" also by Tim Winton. The stunning landscape of WA is the backdrop for an impassioned tale of love and grief, filled with mystery, murdered dogs, poached lobsters and the ghost of a little girl.

All these books are at the library and available for loan. Our book chat welcomes newcomers who share a love of reading with like minded people. Held 2nd Wednesday of the month at Kimnat's from 10am.

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From **Donna Brennan** Wildlife Volunteers (WILVOS) PO Box 4805 Sunshine Coast Mail Centre Q 4560 5441 6200 www.wilvos.org.au

THE WILVOS Hotline sees a variety of native species coming into care. There is always a predominance of certain species needing rescue and care at different times of the year.

There are a few cheeky little mudlarks, better known as peewees, that have fallen out of nests, or have met misadventure on their first attempts at flight. Fledglings always seem to overestimate their flying capabilities!

Sadly, a number of magpies are being diagnosed with metabolic bone disease. This is seen in those species that are fed incorrectly by wellmeaning people. Bread and such nutritionally deficient foods are thrown out for birds to eat This means that the birds stop foraging for their normal appropriate wild diet, but even worse, they feed these foods to their young chicks.

Deformed and easily fractured bones are the result. It is very distressing to see.

In the constant wet weather, the lorikeet and honeyeater nectar is a good supplement for birds, but it is best fed just at times of food shortage. Dependence on food from humans is not good for native animals long-term. Fresh clean water every day is always beneficial, especially in hot weather, and the birds do love to come in and drink and bathe. It is always best to position water dishes high enough to prevent predation by domestic pets.

The wet weather also brings a number of galahs into our care. They have eaten grain that has been left to ferment on



Mudlarks, aka Peewees, often have misadventure on their

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Abhishek Gampala/0409 552 541, or via the Lendlease Wireless Consultation inbox at optus.enquiries@wirelessconsultation.com.au or Zenith Centre, Level 5, Tower B, 821 Pacific Highway, Chatswood NSW 2167, by 5PM Thursday 04 March

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Division 10 road upgrades underway **David Law**

Division 10 Councillor david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Council crews have been busy repairing roads in Division 10. They include the resealing of Perwillowen Road and Blaxland Road in Nambour plus Brolga Lane, Dulong. The Nambour-Mapleton Road bus stop has also been upgraded with the installation of a concrete path to the bus stop and a new concrete slab, making it compliant with the Disability Standards Act for Accessible Public Transport 2002.

Have your say on the future of waste

Did you know more than half of the rubbish in household garbage bins is organic waste such as food scraps and lawn clippings?

Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to introduce an opt-in third bin for garden waste which could transition to a food organics and garden organics bin service, also known as a FOGO bin.

We want to hear from you before any decision is made. Feedback from the survey will help to inform Council discussion as we progress towards a circular economy approach to managing the region's waste into the future. Please take the time to fill out the online survey at haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/our-future-waste before 5pm, Tuesday 2 March 2021.

New drop-in sessions

I'm pleased to share I will be hosting a series of drop-in sessions around our division. I held my first one at Nambour Library earlier this month. This is a great informal opportunity for you to let me know your feedback or concerns as well as asking any particular council-related questions. Some queries I received included overgrown trees and footpath improvements. Keep an eye on my Facebook page for new dates and locations including Mapleton and Eumundi.

Choose to move

Have you joined the movement? Healthy Sunshine Coast restarted this month (February) offering many exciting free and low cost activities for a range of fitness levels. Visit www. sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/healthysunshinecoast to register and see which classes you may wish to join. It's never too late to start your fitness

Protecting Wildlife From Feral Cats

Ted O'Brien Federal Member for Fairfax ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au

When I recently launched a Parliamentary Inquiry report into the problem of feral and domestic cat predation, I was accompanied by Sylvia Whiting and Donna Brennan, who are caring for baby squirrel gliders and ring-tail possums that have recently survived cat attacks. Thank you to all volunteers who care for our

As Chair of the Parliament's Environment and Energy Committee, I led the Inquiry and discovered that feral cats (not domestic cats) kill over three billion native animals across Aus-

This equates to a phenomenal kill rate of more than 1,100 per cat.

When you realise that more wildlife is killed by feral cats on an annual basis than all the wildlife that perished in last year's Black Summer Bushfires, it really puts this problem

In addition to culling feral cats in an affordable and humane way, the Committee | a shade cover and camp chairs. report recommends that the Government con- Peachester Branch QCWA – used the money sider a new national conservation mission called Project Noah, aimed at expanding Australia's network of predator-free fenced areas | in the costs of the Maleny Christmas Concert and islands to protect our threatened native species from the predation of feral cats and other predators.

Funding Rounds Closing Soon For Community Grants

Please contact my office on 5479 2800 if your organisation is interested in applying for funding under the Stronger Communities or Building Better Regions programmes.

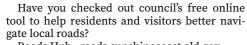
Expressions of interest close 19th February for grants of \$2,500 to \$20,000 for upgrades to facilities or new equipment.

Applications close on 5th March for grants of \$20,000 to \$10 million for shovel-ready infrastructure projects; and for grants of \$5,000 to \$1 million for local events, strategic regional plans, or leadership and capability strengthening activities that benefit the wider commu-

Visit the Roads Hub, free online tool

Winston Johnston ivision 5 Councillor

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Roads Hub - roads.sunshinecoast.qld.gov. au – can assist you to plan ahead and be aware of road works or other events which may impact traffic. I encourage you to visit the site before heading out and about, it can save you time and ensure you know where you might encounter delays, giving you the option to consider leaving earlier or plan to take an alternative route.

Congratulations Natalie

Well done to Maleny's Natalie Gauci who is among 11 Sunshine Coast region creative arts workers to share in more than \$65,000 in Regional Arts Development Funding (RADF).

The 2007 Australian Idol winner received \$5000 for the development of her new album, 'Pictures of Mars'.

Grants available

There's still time for community groups to apply for council's Major Grants program.

Eligible not-for-profit organisations can receive up to \$15,000 for projects, events and activities that meet community need and provide community benefit.

Grants of up to \$30,000 are also available for infrastructure projects that involve the develop ment, maintenance or improvement of buildings or land that contribute to providing a safe, accessible and inclusive community facility.

The current Major Grant round closes 15 March 2021, visit council's website www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for all the details.

Register your pets

Getting mobile,

but with a twist

Your pet is your responsibility and it's important you ensure your pet is well behaved and clean-up after it. There is plenty of information available on council's website to help you responsibly care for your dogs and cats.

Many people don't realise both must be registered with Sunshine Coast Council.

As a cat owner, you must also ensure your cat doesn't pose a risk to wildlife. Please keep your cat contained and don't let them roam off your

Local Ag facility does a great job

Rob Skelton State Member for Nicklin



CuRE: the Citytrain

shine Coast Commuter Advocate

as well as lead reviews of the governance, leg-

islative framework and structure of passenger

"The CRU will regularly publish public

It all sounds good on the website. The

reports on the progress being made to imple-

ment the 36 recommendations of the Strachan

trouble is, this body rarely issued its reports on

and was mysteriously shut down in December

We know because I found a LinkedIn state-

"We were a small team that punched above our

weight" and "The CRU finished its work at the

This indicates that perhaps the CRU was

Clearly, it was quietly shut down before it

completed all its assigned tasks. The BIG ques-

"Will there be/is there a final report to be

released?" and "Did the CRU complete/finish

The questions were met with stark silence

though congratulatory messages either side of

The same silence to simple questions

surrounding this Inquiry occurred with the current Transport Minister, Hon Mark Bailey.

'Rail Back on Track', a web-based public

The last report to be issued was Q2 June

transport advocacy group led by Robert Dow

sought answers and was met with stone-walled

No report was issued for Q3 September 2020. No final report was issued for Q4 December

There's nothing on the CRU website stating it

You can send them messages - but I doubt if

The June Quarter report shows 32 of the 36

It shows four points 'in progress,' a euphe-

10. Target a structural surplus of staff.

29. Reporting to Translink and public.

35. Provide independent oversight of pro-

36A-C. Undertake review of transport gov-

Ironically, beside point 35 it says "Prepare

September 2020 quarterly report on implemen-

I guess someone somewhere doesn't want us

Of most concern is train driver numbers,

the Q2 June report shows a net increase of 167

It shows a net 214 guards. 465 were trained.

mended and we were promised on 24 October

What happened to the four unfinished rec-

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk committed

alone a day, go by where there is not an incident

The highway has for decades remained at two

lanes each way, yet populations have continued

to grow. Gridlock that was once rare now coin-

cides with every school holidays, every long

weekend, general summer weekends, Sunday

afternoons, and even random ordinary days for

The Bruce Highway to Brisbane is overworked

Unless someone asks these questions of

Government, we may never know.

of some sort that causes traffic delays.

Not quite the 200 drivers the Inquiry recom-

underfunded or over-tasked, or both.

I politely replied to the post asking:

the Strachan Inquiry 36 objectives?"

mine were answered.

2020 — without fanfare or media statement.

ment by the Chair of the CRU on 11 January

2021 thanking her staff for a sterling effort ...

time; did not issue its last two quarterly reports

rail service delivery in Queensland."

unResponsive

Entity

end of 2020."

tion is why?

has closed.

These are:

That didn't happen.

to know about progress.

drivers. 258 were trained!

ommendations?

to fulfil them all.

no apparent reason.

ernance.

a reply will be forthcoming.

recommendations completed.

mism for incomplete and unfinished

Jeffrey Addison

dinner for the year on February 16. That's a fantastic opportunity to meet other locals and make new friends, contact Ludmila on 0434 357 862 for more info.

On Tuesday I showed Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner around Queensland Agriculture's research facility in Burnside. Tucked in behind St John's High School, just over 100 staff work to provide world-class research to ensure Queensland fruit and veg are top notch quality wherever in the world they are exported to. Can you believe some Queensland fruit can go for \$150+ a piece in Japan

Juvenile Crime

The Premier announced on Tuesday a range of new reforms to further crackdown on juvenile crime. The new measures will target hardcore youth criminals who repeatedly offend and put the community at risk. Courts will get more powers allowing them to:

• Require fitting of electronic monitoring devices (GPS Trackers) - as a condition of bail for recidivist high risk offenders aged 16 and 17

 Create a presumption against bail – for youth offenders arrested for committing further serious indictable offences (such as breaking and entering, serious sexual assault and armed robbery) while on bail.

· Seek assurances from parents and guardians – that bail conditions will be complied with before an offender is released.

• Strengthen existing bail laws to provide further guidance to the courts - the Youth Justice Act will be amended to include a reference to the community being protected from recidivist youth offenders in the Charter of Youth Justice

These tough new measures build on the Government's five-point action plan announced in March last year, with \$550 million in Youth Justice reforms already underway.

Letters to the Editor

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

I'm on the road again in 2021! But with a twist. Previously I've tended to hold a "round" of mobile offices – blitzing the entire electorate in a week or two. This year, based on your feedback, I'm trying to be available at a time when all of you can catch me. So I'll be spreading them out and holding one each week I'm not in Parliament. Keep an eye on my Facebook where I will post the details of the next mobile office twice a week.

Local Heroes Grants Winners

It's great to be able to finally announce the fourth and final round of winners from my 2020 Local Heroes Grants.

Each year, up to four grants of \$250 are available for individuals or groups in the electorate, four times a year. Except in last year's final round, I went a little overboard and handed out \$1,500 in grants ... that's six recipients!

The winners were:

• Bellthorpe Rural Fire Brigade - to purchase

to fund a Christmas market. Maleny Chamber of Commerce – to assist (which has been postponed to later this year due to bad weather in December).

· Glass House Mountains Riding School spent their \$250 on keeping their animals fed. Maleny State School Chaplaincy – to fund their new program for grade six girls called

• D'Aguilar Range District Scouts - helping with the cost of training to gain qualifications in horse trail riding.

To apply for 2021 round one, head over to my website at http://andrewpowell.com.au

First 2021 Parliament Sitting

you specifically would like me to raise on your behalf in Parliament please let me know! I've

Tram, live music ideas problematic

There has been no empirical evidence gath-Notwithstanding all the excited speculation, there exists no reliable information about how much ordinary, everyday people, living in Namall), and anticipate using it (if at all).

The collection of such social research information has been ignored, with council absenting 2016. it and by implication treating it as irrelevant. The council apparently knows best without consulting the very population who they naively expect will ride their tram. The tram has been

Yet, what will they do if the tram remains unridden and the venues remain unattended, while the present day town decay in Nambour remains the same, if not worsens? Furthermore, how will the council explain the massive waste of public funds on a tram with few pas-

- Timothy Phillips PhD (Qld), Mapleton Bruce Highway beyond

Parliament finally resumes for the year on | IS it time to start considering reducing the February 23rd. If there is ever something that speed limit on the Bruce Highway between the Sunshine Coast and Caboolture to 100km?

already had requests to speak on school bus this section of highway is today operating well steadily on the rise. routes and subsidies and the state of our roads. | beyond its capacity. Rarely does a week, let

THE idea espoused in your front page story (SVGazette, February 3) that a tram and live venues will be a success in Nambour is deeply problematic. It is conditional upon the populace riding the tram and attending the live venues.

ered by the council on either of these topics. bour and surrounds, care about the tram (if at

To find out about such issues requires the gathering of reliable social data. This would require social surveys and focus group discussions of diverse Nambour residents.

presented by council as a fait accompli.

sengers and an uncertain future?

capacity

and is becoming increasingly unsafe with a speed limit of 110km. A reduction to 100km until the traffic load is reduced or the road itself is improved or widened might just help reduce It doesn't take Einstein to understand that the time-consuming and costly delays that are

- Richard Bruinsma, Palmwoods









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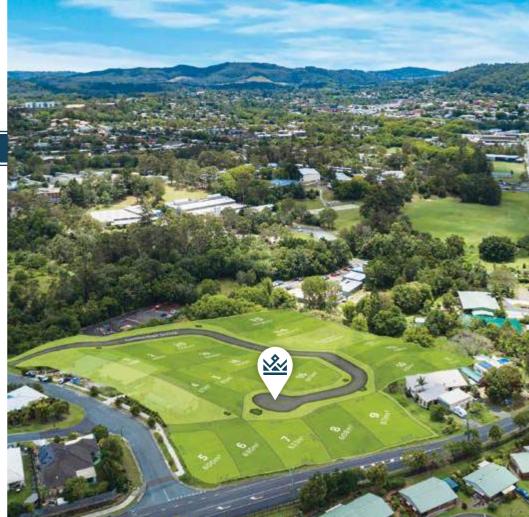
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