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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 be 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 will

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 said.

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 JobKeeper 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

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A toast to Sarah and Maria ... founders Matt Hobson, left, and Michael Conrad drink to CAVU 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 Pine-apple facility. They are named after the wife and mother of Cobbs Camp's first hotelier James Costar.

Costar acquired a 20-acre home-stead selection in June 1869 and erected accommodation for travellers. Cobbs' 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 Cobbs' 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 speak-easy," 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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**Hinterland diversity set us up to rebound**

**Editor's Letter**  
by Cameron Outridge

Great to see this week that business confidence on the Sunshine Coast and in the hinterland is high. Findings of the 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 expenses.

"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 of a positive outcome.

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 positive."

"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

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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 business.

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

Spirits — both voted by consumers.

"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 said.

**History**

Woombye began as 'Cobb's Camp' in the early 1870s.

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 locations.

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.



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

SIBERIAN-BORN international classical pianist 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 orchestras.

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

make sure classical performances don't fade 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 Parklands."

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 town.

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 issues.

"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 'can do'."

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

"Small investors are doing as much as they

can, but larger players will definitely follow. Retail in Nambour needs to remain buoyant. We have a large population, many of whom do not wish to travel to Maroochydore to shop.

"In addition to the expansion of Mitre 10, three retailers I would be targeting 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 Brisbane."

Mr Skelton said the discussions 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 happen."

"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 Beerburum to Landsborough, which included an expansion of Nambour's park n ride.

"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."



Rob Skelton



Andrew Pitcher



## Intrastate travel driving tourism rush

THE Sunshine Coast has expanded its intrastate travel market and offset disruption from COVID-19.

According to the latest National Visitor Survey 837,000 intrastate visitors travelled to the Sunshine Coast in the September quarter, compared to 599,000 for the corresponding quarter in 2019.

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 886,000 for the quarter.

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-19.

"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 declines from interstate and international sources."

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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.

"The Sunshine Coast Hinterland is a rare gem

in that most businesses are family owned and operated so guests do enjoy that extra special attention," she said.

"It is the owner who welcomes guests as they check into their accommodation and is quick to share the best Hinterland secrets.

"Many visitors return again and again to savour culinary delights at fine dining houses and boutique cafes or experience the stunning natural beauty, while others are just happy to find the peace and tranquillity.

"It is the Hinterland people who really do welcome each and every guest into the region."

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston also said he was not surprised by the news.

"The Hinterland towns embraced Tourism in the 1990s as a compliment for agriculture industries which were slowly diminishing in size and numbers.

"It is a credit to all the people from the Chambers of Commerce, the arts, craft and hospitality industries, that they have worked hard to offer a unique experience while at the same time understanding the value of a friendly face and a heartfelt welcome."

## Towns buzzing as economy recovers

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their employees and they're back to business-as-usual.

"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 street-scaping 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 end of September.

"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 encouraging signs across all sectors."

### Pulse Business Index Key findings:

- The Pulse Business Index (PBI) improved for the next 12 months and across all performance indicators
- 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



Fans of collectables can look forward to a bustling fair on March 6.

## Collectorama Fair is back in Nambour next month

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 friends, nab a bargain and network with traders.

Collectorama is 30 years old and going strong! Event originators Tom and Laurie Wall are more passionate about their Fair than ever. "It's an incredible buzz on the day to see everyone having such a fun time," said Laurie (aka Mrs Collectorama).

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

The Collectorama entourage comprises around 150 stalls, so there's an awesome amount of carefully sourced and curated collectables.

"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 Grass Pavilions, Nambour Showgrounds.

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

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## 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 Law.

"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/healthy-sunshinecoast](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/healthy-sunshinecoast)



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

IT was a tough decision that marked the end of 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 maintain 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 technology and complex financial regulations that were moving beyond the scope of a small town credit union.

"By retaining ownership of Bunya House and

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.

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 7pm.



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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 waste.

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 another step towards becoming Australia's most sustainable region.

"Council, State and Commonwealth governments have established waste strategies and policies which set targets to divert waste from

landfill," Cr Dickson said.

"Our waste strategy sets the target to divert 55 per cent of household waste from landfill by 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 their children."

Visit Caloundra, Nambour or Maroochydore Council Library or Council's Have Your Say Page at [haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/our-future-waste](http://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/our-future-waste) and complete the online survey before 5pm, Tuesday March 2, 2021.



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 venerable outfit.

"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 are and what we represent," he added.

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 Souls Legacy.

Included were a Broncos signed footy jumper, a Matthew Hayden signed Brisbane Heat cricket shirt, a Steph Gilmore signed surfing singlet, a Glenn Boss signed Sir Dragonet silks and cap (2020 Cox Plate winner), a Bells Beach legends poster signed by Tom Carroll and signed Mohammed Ali picture winning the World heavyweight Championship against Sonny Liston.

Salty Souls Legacy was established to assist kids aged 5 to 17, who are suffering from trauma, physical or mental abuse, illness or disability backgrounds with a fit for purpose surf

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 communities.

Surfing provides a healthy outlet for participants which directly helps improve strength, balance and posture whilst also dealing with life improvement outcomes such as self-confidence, communication, and trust.

Surfing requires excellent balance, and the muscle movements are similar to types of physiotherapy but much more enjoyable for kids.

"Salty Souls Legacy therapy provides fantastic outcomes for those dealing with physical disabilities or impairments, and the

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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**Nature Watch**

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 any mammal at 32 degrees Celsius.



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.



This early morning unexpected visitor on Wolfgang Muschalla's back steps in Woombye. Tawny Frogmouths sleep during the day. At dusk they shake their disguise and begin their nocturnal hunt. They catch prey in flight, or by sitting motionless in a tree and then swooping down on ground-dwelling prey.

**MP heads mission to protect native wildlife from cats**

A proposal for a new national conservation mission dubbed 'Project Noah' was launched in Nambour's Quota Park recently, aimed at combatting the killing of native wildlife by feral cats. Chair of the Australian Parliament's Environment 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 Report that recommends Project Noah and other measures to help protect wildlife from cats. "These little squirrel gliders and ring-tail possums here today have experienced trauma but they're the lucky ones," said Mr O'Brien. "They could just have easily been killed." "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 puts this problem in perspective." "Feral cats need to be culled, but it's going to 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.

"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 threatened native species from the predation of feral cats and other predators. 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 micro-chipping, a consideration of night curfews, and a national cat ownership education campaign.



Ted O'Brien and Donna Brennan of WILVOS with an orphaned squirrel glider.

**Grants available for hinterland groups**

HINTERLAND community groups can benefit from Federal Government grants of up to \$20,000 for local infrastructure and essential community equipment under the latest round of the Stronger Communities Program, open for applications now. 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

be submitted to the Office of Andrew Wallace 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-communities-programme](http://www.business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communities-programme)

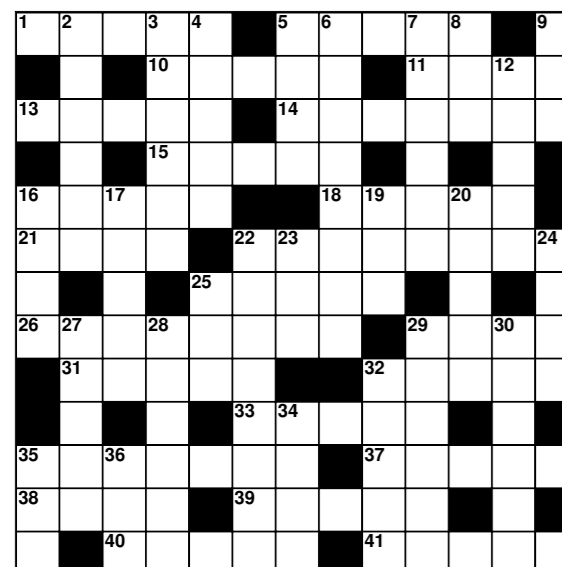
**Imbil Markets**

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.

**Gazette Crossword**

(see solution inside)



- ACROSS**
- Gems
  - Person under age
  - Roof's projecting edge
  - Eternal city
  - Customary
  - Musical compositions
  - Corruptly mercenary
  - Large volumes
  - Concerning
  - Part of the eye
  - Fatherly
  - Jury
  - Race-track officials
  - Cult
  - Efface
  - Is concerned
  - Himalayan kingdom
  - Relieves
  - Apple of the eye
  - Uncommon
  - Advantage
  - Joint
  - Allude
- DOWN**
- Clergyman
  - Departs
  - Auctions
  - Table-shaped hill
  - Seis apart
  - Public speaker
  - Decay
  - Acceptance
  - Island republic
  - Useful hints
  - Niggard
  - God of the earth
  - Beneath
  - Of mothers and fathers
  - Also
  - Permits
  - Sleep
  - Earth (Lat)
  - Prison official
  - Acknowledge rank
  - Cherry coloured
  - Skip like a goat
  - Essential being
  - Weep
  - Period of time



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### Bid to raise \$5k for Palmwoods fires

FROM the humble beginnings back in the 50s to the modern era, the men and woman of Palmwoods Rural Fire Brigade enjoy giving back to 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-

woods Community and Business association who has organised a Go Fund Me Campaign for the fires. "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](http://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.



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

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

### 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 to spend such a large amount of publicly raised



Transforming streetscapes ... David Hardy's uplifting creation has been shortlisted for the 2020 Australian Street Art Awards' Best External Mural.

### 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. 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-

munity together safely under the challenging 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 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 Marochydore 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

of our volunteers and community leaders more than ever," Mr Wallace said. "As many locals lost their 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](http://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](http://www.andrewwallacemp.com.au/awards)



Peter Wise, Noel Williams, Bruce Horton and Doug Benckendorff.

funds on what it is hoped will only be a temporary home for the Krauss," Mrs Cronin said. The other major event for the year was the launch of the book Timber Trains Turmoil - a History of Buderim and its Tramway, by President Helen Cronin OAM. The book was launched in August by Dr Russell Stitz. The email address for BPHTI is [tram@buderim.com](mailto:tram@buderim.com).

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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 said. 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 Liaison Officer.

### 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 ways 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 and maintains a soft spot for the town.

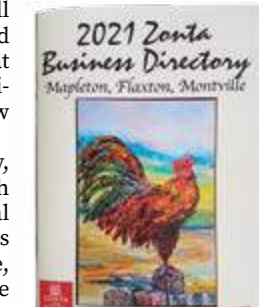
### Former PM attends Nicklin electorate office opening

THE Nicklin electorate office was officially opened this month by Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. Minister Stirling Hinchliffe drove from Brisbane 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-

toric win in the seat. 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 the line.

### Business Directory now available

ZONTA Blackall Range is proud to announce that the 2021 Zonta Business Directory is now available. The directory, 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 Woombie. 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 Sunshine Coast. 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 further afield.

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 service.

## Butler McDermott operates in the following areas:

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 Alister.

"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 we certainly look forward to that continuing well into the future."

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



The Butler McDermott team, from left, Delfina Sutjiadi, front, Eliza Foster, Storme Louw, Al Upton, Peter Boyce, Phoebe Miller, Sabrina Korva, Elly Kirkham and Candice Bell.

enter the field.

"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 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-

isations, associations, charities and interest groups that would otherwise be unable to afford the expense of legal work," Mr Boyce said.

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 Coast.

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

# Sandstone adds value to landscape projects

THERE 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.

In recent years it has become the hero of home garden design, where it traditionally was more commonly used in large scale commercial projects.

"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.

"We are finding that our customers are using 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 said.

"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!"

Coastal Landscape Supplies, 18 Kerryll Street, Kunda Park. Phone 5453 7100 or www.coastallandscape.com.au



Neutral tones and various shapes make sandstone an adaptable all-rounder. Images courtesy of George Davidson Landscaping & Bush Landscaping.



# Buying organic has never felt so good

by Andrea Weber founder of Expansive Happiness

VISITING Blessed Earth is a unique experience for the senses and the soul with the purest of products beautifully presented and available for everyone.

Without a doubt, the business has one of the best ranges of sustainably sourced and produced certified organic products in the world and probably one of the best rates of returning customers as well.

"We pride ourselves on making a real difference in the lives of our customers," said owner Janine. "Ethical practice and innovation are at the forefront of providing the healthiest options possible."

"We really can help anyone create a healthy home and the benefits to those with health concerns is significant."

Blessed Earth is best known for its clean organic furnishings, clothing, bedding and homewares, now all under the one roof for extra convenience. Homeopathic remedies, body care, pet products and children's toys are also for sale.

When asked about their most popular

product, organic cotton sheets top the list. "They feel amazing and have been life-changing for our customers who tell us they can now sleep without pain and discomfort."

Certified organic wool mattresses (another world first) and wall-to-wall carpets are made to order and delivered directly to the customer. Manufacturing at the source of raw materials reduces wastage and supports local and overseas communities.

Everything is considered, nothing is wasted and the results speak for themselves.

A fragrance-free environment supports those with chemical sensitivities. And if you have a concern that others find challenging, Blessed Earth will work with you to find a solution. The quality of personalized care and service is something customers deeply value.



Blessed Earth manager Deborah Draffin. Blessed Earth is best known for its clean organic furnishings, clothing, bedding and homewares, now all under the one roof.

A range of flexible payment options is also available to meet customer needs such as lay-by and bank transfer.

They really have thought of everything, including the installation of Tesla products around the building to help create a healthier environment. These products are also available

for sale.

An authentic pioneering business, Blessed Earth is built with the type of substance and character that is sure to sustain them well into the future.

Shop at Blessed Earth, 74 Maple St, Maleny. Phone 5494 2189.

# Face to face service key to online success

IN an increasingly virtual world, face to face service remains critical to Nambour company 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 to 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

local businesses who gladly took a chance on us," said Michael. "Our success is the result 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 affordable.

*"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 industry."

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".

sponsors the Sunshine Coast District Ladies Lawn Bowls Association and has been working with the Street Art Nambour project.

Thriving despite the Covid pandemic, Morningstar looks forward to an even brighter 2021. "We remain committed to our goal of assisting local businesses by means of quality service,

reasonable pricing and remarkable customer experience," said Alex.

Morningstar Digital is located up the stairs in the Whalley Chambers Building at Suite 1, 65 Currie Street. Email michael@morningstardigital.com.au. Phone 1300 392 542. www.morningstardigital.com.au.

# Reduce cellulite safely, without surgery

CELLULITE is a fact of life for most women, 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 impossible 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 'tuck-shop 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 understands the role that exercise, sleep, water



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 Consultation.

# Early learning centre feels like home

RECREATING a family home atmosphere was exactly what Little Characters Early Learning Centre owner and Director, Kerry Hanson had in mind when she designed her Woombye childcare centre. "I wanted a day at our centre to be like a day at Grandma'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 families."

"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 and infants," Kerry said. "I was particularly fascinated by the work of Hungarian Pediatrician,

Dr Emmi Pikler, who studied the ways parents spoke to their children and the environment children grew up in. She documented 10 core principles required for children to grow in an optimum environment. With respect to childcare, 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 establishes an important connection between carer and child.



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 committed to our model of care because they can see how it enriches the lives of our children and their families."

In its life before Little Characters, the building had been a restaurant called Characters which was gutted and converted into a purpose-built childcare centre.

"When we were considering the physical setup of our rooms and learning areas we were

true to the philosophy of Reggio Emilia, that the physical environment is the third teacher. The environment is an extension of our program. It is a place where children grow and learn through play. "At the end of the day, 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."

Little Characters Early Learning Centre, 46 Schubert Road Woombye. Phone 5442 2387.

# Romantic Cottage a labour of love

**N**ESTLED on a spectacular site with views to Mt Ninderry, Silhouette Cottage 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," said owner Cindy Smith.

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 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 experience.

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

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 infants.

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 popular nearby Spirit House.



**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.silhouettecottage.com.au

# Pulse therapy popular for people, and horses

**A**FTER a four-metre fall which resulted in 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 soreness and pain.

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 Doctor.

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



**So effective: Syd Carpenter swears by the Pulsed Electromagnetic Field Therapy machine which he and his clients use to alleviate pain.**

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 same time, so effective."

Brett Redman agreed. "It is hands down

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.

# Solar install turns power bills into credits for Jason

**J**ASON Dougherty of Nambour was tired of getting \$800 quarterly power bills during summer. After consulting with Dale Rhall of Energy Makers, he had a solar system installed and now he gets credits of between \$350 and \$400 a quarter in the hot season.

"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 to buy.

"Dale was completely different. He looked at what I wanted to achieve and 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),

about solar energy," Dale. "When I'm talking to my clients I strip back the jargon to help them make sense of how it works, and what type of system would best meet their needs. I encourage clients to look at this process as an investment strategy, rather than as a flat financial outlay," he said.

"I had sold my Melbourne based security business in 2007 and moved to Ninderry," Dale said. "I began working 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, and we select from the best to tailor a system for you.

"I have found that even people who are sceptical about the merits of solar energy quickly change their tune when they see how much money they will save by making the switch in a smart

and informed way," he said. "Years down the track, I still hear from clients who tell me that they haven't had a power bill since their panels were installed. It is incredibly gratifying."

Yandina's Rachelle Daly agrees. "I had my panels installed a couple of years ago because I was sick of getting \$300 and \$400 power bills. I live on my own and just felt this was a ridiculous amount of money to pay," she said. "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."

• Contact Energy Makers www.energymakers.com.au Phone 1300 953 693 or Dale on 0428 896 767.



**Jason Dougherty of Nambour is stoked with his new solar panels from Energy Makers.**

# Mitre 10 to open new flagship Hardware store in Nambour

**S**UNSHINE Mitre 10 is set to open a massive new flagship store in Nambour later this year, the same town where the business began 110 years ago.

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.

"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

the communities of the towns in which we operate.

"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 trades.

"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 with it.

"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 loyal 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.



**Jocelyn Lysaght and Carlie McKenzie.**

# Studio sisters join forces to inspire young dancers

**H**AVING been immersed in the world of dance since the age of 7, taking over her childhood 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 decision."

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," Carlie said. "But I absolutely love dance and the offer was irresistible. I worked at my old studio for 14 years and in 2018, my sister Jocelyn and myself bought the studio together and we haven'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 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 nurtures an awareness of characters and theatre in dance. "It is a wonderful, colorful, fun way to introduce little ones to the creative side of dance along with the fundamentals. It is a

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.

Carlie's physiotherapy background has also proven to be a perfect fit for the business, as she is 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 dance to them in terms of their body and muscles. If I can facilitate a greater understanding and awareness of their own body, I know they 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 of the business very well."

Studio 2 Dance has gone from strength to 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."



**Shelby and Anthony Johnson.**

# Chilli sauces and desserts pack a flavour so sweet

**A** 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 just 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 I started to bake cheesecakes, slices, cupcakes and hand made chocolates 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 ingredients from local suppliers. Our products 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 Love (blokes love chilli sauce), and the response there has been incredible. We could never have anticipated how crazy



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."

• Chilli Sweet 4/15 Arundell Ave Nambour, Phone 0403 388 578 www.ChilliSweet.com.au.



Above: The Queenslander has been transformed into a resort-style family home.  
Left: An incredible resort-style heated pool is a highlight.

## 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.



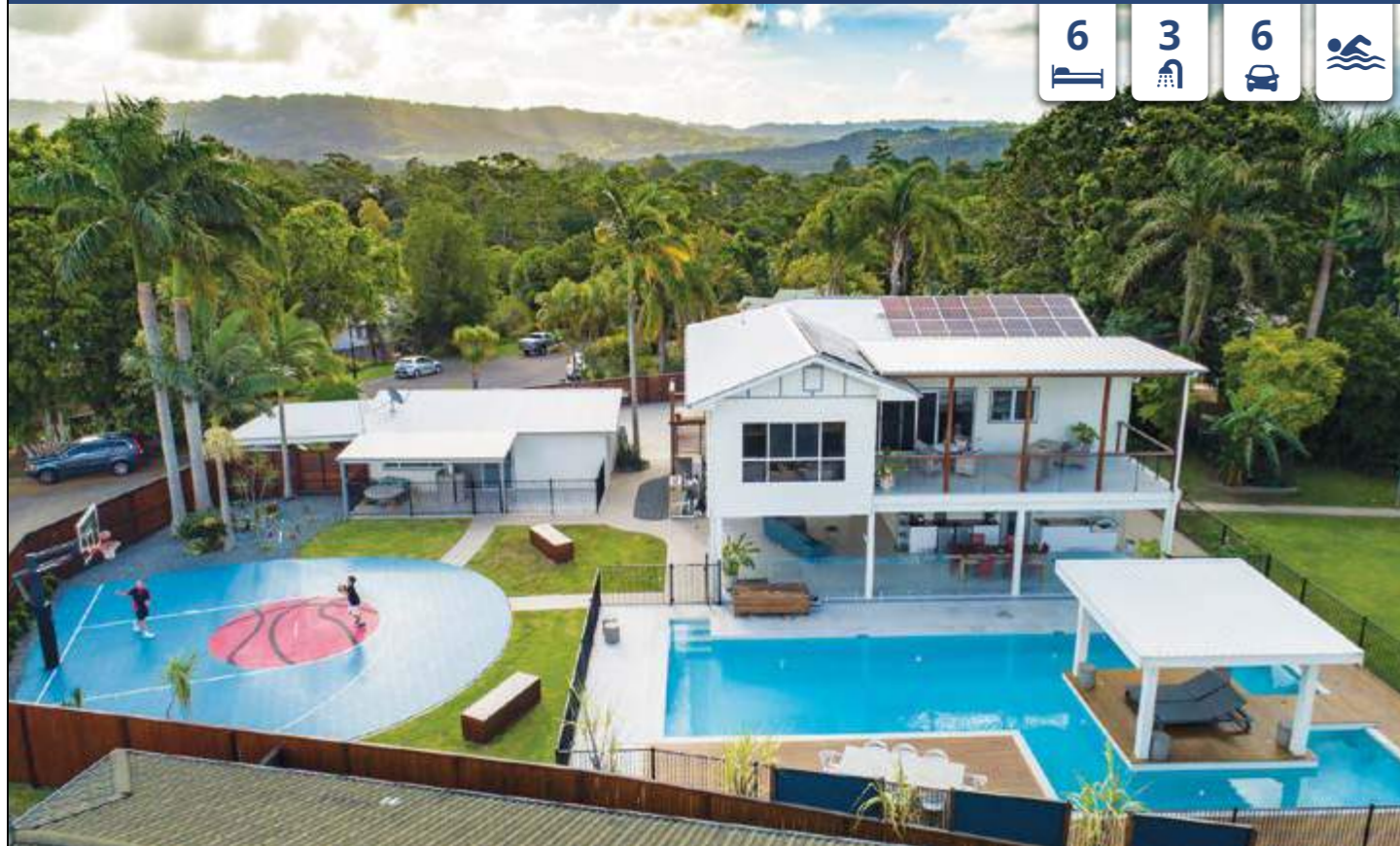
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4 Boongala Avenue, Montville

Boasting panoramic coastal views, this home is situated in very private Boongala Avenue, just minutes from the village of Montville, this home is perfectly positioned to capture the best of stunning views to the Sunshine Coast and across the Hinterland.

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

designed to offer numerous entertaining spaces and the opportunity to take in the best of those views.

Nestled to take in the very best of the Hinterland lifestyle, this home is just minutes from the idyllic villages of Montville and Maleny and just a short, picturesque drive to Flaxton and Mapleton. This solid, generous-sized home is ready for its new owners to bring their personal touches and make it their own.



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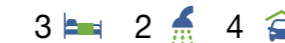
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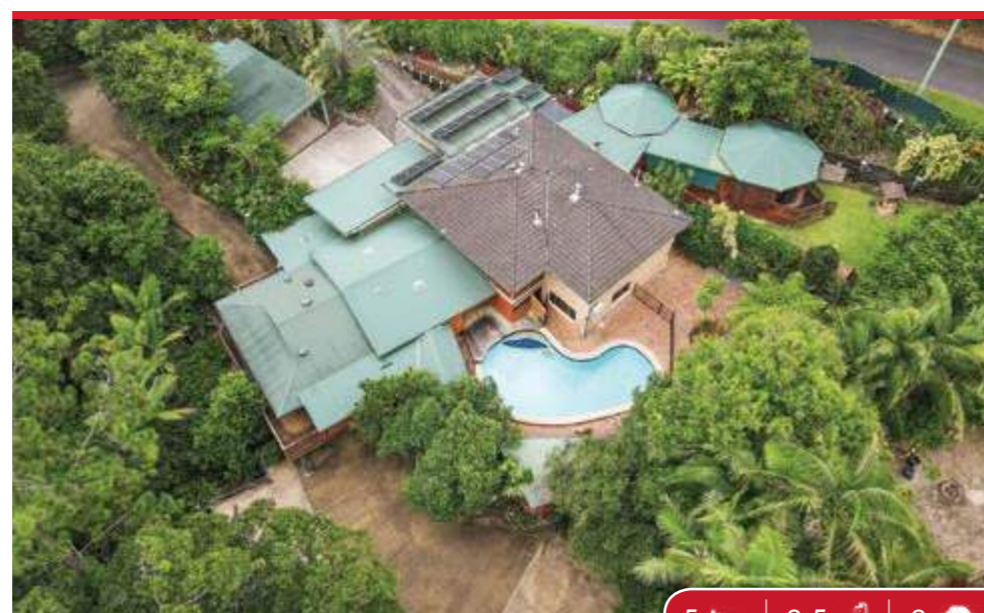
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Grandview Developments General Manager Gavin Wuiske, agent Frenchy Devos, Architect Paul Braithwaite and Town planner Cameron Adams discuss plans on-site.

## 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 per cent 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 per cent of the purchase price," Mr Wuiske said. "But this opportunity is only available 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 600-700m<sup>2</sup>. "The project has been curated with an outstanding architect and is the only subdivision in Nambour delivering flat-benched 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."

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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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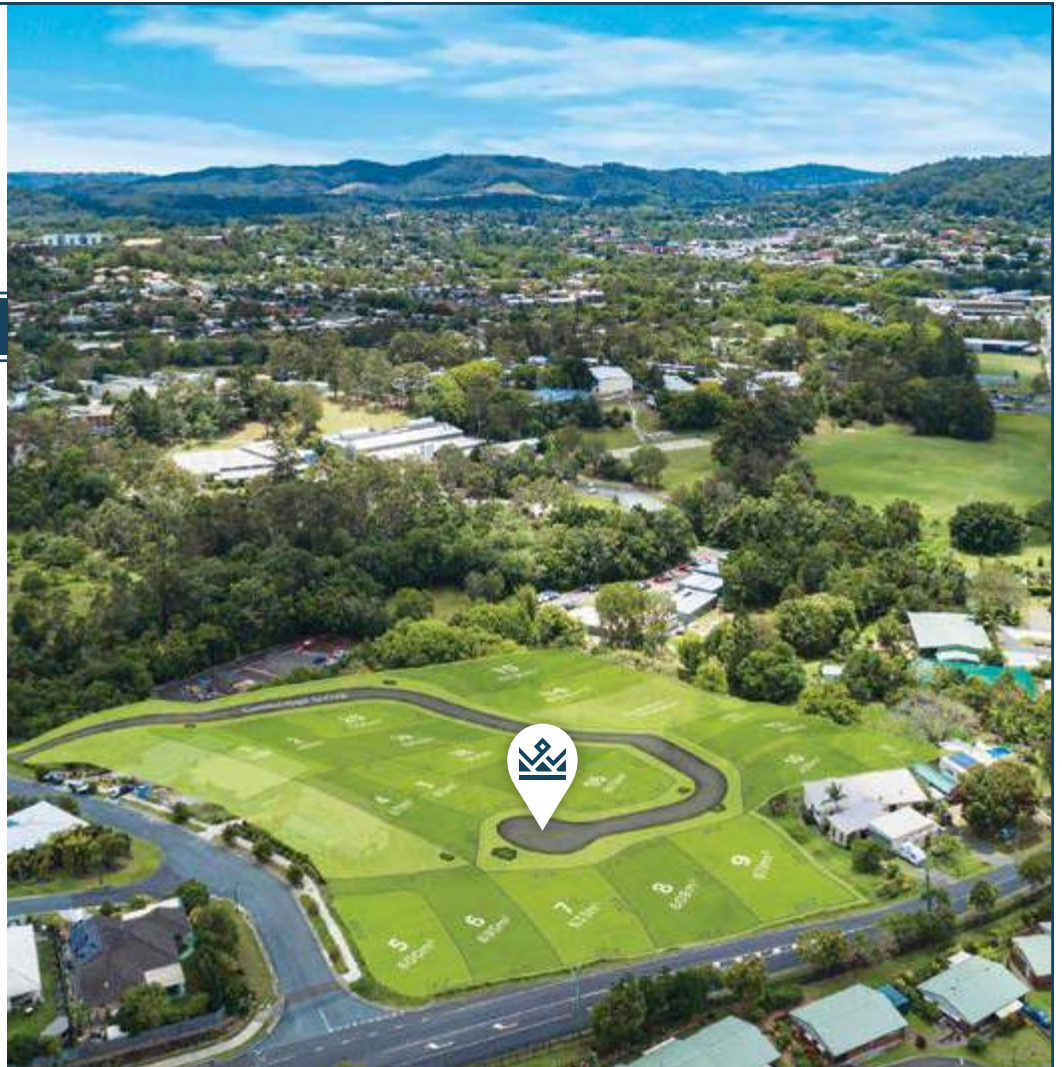
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