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QCWA's crafty ladies cover patients in care and kindness

IT'S definitely the thought that counts. It gives patients a sense of warmth and comfort when they know the items they receive have been handmade by someone who cares.

It may be a child in an ambulance who receives a "trauma teddy", a dementia patient handed a therapeutic 'fiddle sleeve' or a cancer patient given a colourful rug or turban. The common thread is that the items are hand-made by someone who cares enough to put in the time and effort just for them — anonymously.

Those 'someones' are the ladies from QCWA Nambour and North Coast Division who are meeting regularly throughout 2022 to knit, crochet and sew a range of comforting gifts.

They will be donated to Wishlist Sunshine Coast Health Foundation to distribute to hospitals for individuals and families experiencing a health crisis.

"It just brings such joy to realize that once you've finished with it, somebody's going to be able to cuddle into it, or be warm or comforted, said the division's Knitting and Crochet Convenor Sharon Tilly at Friday's Wishlist Donation Workshop at Yandina's CWA Hall.

"The nurses tell us that people can be in very sad situations but they always smile when they are given something so colourful and hand-

"Wishlist and the nurses and ambulance

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President Patsy Lee, Knitting and Crochet Convenor Sharon Tilly and Wishlist Marketing Manager Emily Wilkinson surrounded by the ladies from QCWA at the Yandina Workshop. They are modelling "fiddle sleeves" sensory tools that help calm dementia patients and alleviate stress.

Have your say on development

SUNSHINE Coast Council is preparing a new planning scheme to guide the way we grow and develop as a region.

Residents can provide early input into the scheme development process by providing feedback on proposed planning directions at both a regional and local level.

A community reference group has

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been working with council from the outset of the project, providing valuable feedback about the best ways to engage with our community as part of the plan-making process.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson encouraged residents to get involved and have their say on the proposed planning directions before March 31.

"Through careful planning, and in partnership with our community, we can provide the foundations that support the opportunities for the future prosperity and liveability of our Sunshine Coast as Australia's most sustainable region: healthy, smart, creative," Mayor Jamieson said.

"We want to hear from our diverse range of community voices and to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard during this important preliminary engagement phase.

"With that in mind, I'd like to thank the community reference group for their valuable input, which has helped council plan for this prelimi-

nary engagement. "The current planning scheme has

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QCWA crafts gifts for people in crisis

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officers tell us what is needed. And we create everything from little toys and trauma teddies for kids who may be in a medical emergency to turbans and knee rugs for cancer patients. They tell us they are very helpful because it helps cheer and distract them from their fear or trauma."

This will be the Division's major project for 2022, in the association's 100th anniversary year. "I would like to thank Patsy, the committee, and all the enthusiastic members for their support,"

"It's such a wonderful feeling to be able to use our creative talents to put smiles on people's faces when they might be in a terrible situation."

Wishlist Chief Executive Officer Lisa Rowe said the heart-felt gifts were greatly appreciated. "We are extremely grateful to have caring, clever people in our community like the team at QCWA Nambour North Coast Division.

"Each item will be distributed to areas of our Health Service, from paediatric to palliative care, in line with how Wishlist directs financial donations to support local health services.

'Without volunteers in our hospitals in recent months we had no way of distributing trauma teddies, fiddle sleeves and cushions, and quilts across our hospitals.

"But our Wishlist volunteers have come to the rescue and we've just cleared a backlog, so we're in need of the next delivery."

If you'd like to pitch in contact Sharon at Nambournorthcoastdivision@qcwa.org.au.

Wishlist volunteers needed

WISHLIST Chief Executive Officer Lisa Rowe said her organisation was in urgent need of volunteers in Wishlist Coffee Houses at Nambour and Gympie Hospitals, as well as at accommodation centres at Nambour and Birtinya and the new Wishlist Centre about to open in July.

"We also need volunteers in our office and for colouring kit packing and teddy bear safety checks," she said.

▶ To become a Wishlist volunteer go to wishlist.org.au/get-involved/volunteer/



Congratulations to Palmwoods State School leaders

Pictured are the 2022 Palmwoods State School Captains with Deputy Principal Craig Wokner (in 'Fun Shirt Friday' mode) and new Principal Bec Hutton. From left, Deputy Principal Craig Wockner, Maya Shakespeare, Isla Tomlinson, Malikai Maru, Noah Malone, Bec Hutton. Ms Hutton hails from Nambour State College where she was Principal of Junior Campus.





The Crowd in Ash Park for Diddillibah Book launch. Photo Marion Jonkers

Book and event honour Diddilibah's proud history

MORE than 130 people attended the successful launch of the book "Diddillibah" on Sunday (20 February).

The launch and Community event was held at Diddillibah Hall and Ash Park, at the heart of this scenic rural-residential area.

The book is 111 pages with historic facts, old photos and maps and stories gathered from many descendants of pioneer families.

Diddillibah was a thriving economic hub in the 19th Century, with timber cut and hauled by bullock trains and floated downstream to be loaded onto barges. The book includes tales of early settlers - timber getters, cane cutters, bullock train drivers and farmers.

It is the culmination of an eight-month research project by Eunice Paulett with help from Lynette Walker and Jenny Catalano (nee Mackay), John Hammond and many others, assisted by a grant from the Hall Committee.

Author Eunice Paulett gave a speech and was presented with flowers by local children.

Division7 Cr Ted Hungerford officially launched the Book and MC for the day was Diddillibah local Eloise Gallagher.

The event was abuzz with lively conversations and activities thanks to the wonderful volunteers who banded together to organize and set up the historical displays in the Hall, entertainment and a delicious afternoon tea in the park.

The Community hub of Diddillibah was alive with a vibrant and happy atmosphere just as it has been over more than two centuries at this location. The Hall really is a valuable asset to the Community of Diddillibah.

To keep it running, a meeting calling for new members with fresh ideas will be held on April 6 at 7.30pm.

Cr Hungerford, who grew up on a farm nearby, recognized a lot of the family names in the book: Aird, Bugenhagen, Brinkley, Campbell, Clark, Coghill, Erbacher, Hooper, Kuskopf, Mackay, Pettigrew and Willersdorf.

"I am a fourth generation Sunshine Coast resident," he said. "I find this very interesting. History is interesting."

He was delighted to see the historical photographs and memorabilia of the area's bygone days when the cane train hauled sugar cane along tracks which ran from Diddillibah to the Sugar Mill in Nambour.

Copies of the book can be found at Council libraries, Nambour Museum, Nambour Genealogy Society, Woombye Historical Society, Bli



Eunice Paulett and Councillor Ted Hungerford at Sunday's launch. Photo Marion Jonkers



Doug Greenwood, who was the last teacher at Diddillibah School, and author Eunice Paulett.

Bli on Maroochy Historical Society. Book sales ran hot with first and second print runs totally sold out.

▶ For book enquiries Contact Eunice Paulett at paulett@powerup.com.au

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Everyone is invited to help clean up Petrie Creek for the resident platypuses. See videos of platypuses in Petrie Creek on Facebook @PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc

Sightings add new impetus to Nambour Clean Up

Elusive platypuses finding sanctuary in Petrie Creek

THE Clean Up Australia Day event along the creek around Quota Park Nambour has taken on extra significance following multiple sightings of platypuses in recent times.

Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group are coordinating the annual Clean Up and organsier Jamie Slaven hopes the platypus proof inspires more people to come along to help improve fish, turtle and platypus aquatic habitats.

"This year is important as we have had some regular sightings of platypuses in Petrie Creek in the Nambour stretch, likely due to the rainfall and higher water flows in the creek," he said. "Last year with Covid we had fewer volunteers but are hoping this year we may have more people.

"We think it's important to protect our catchment which has important Platypus and aquatic fauna habitat and to prevent rubbish from travelling downstream into the Maroochy River and out to sea.

"One of our members Celia Drake has taken some videos and still photos. They are posted on our Facebook page @PetrieCreekCatchment-CareGroupInc and Celia is happy for us to use them to promote a great cause?

Celia said she had noticed more platypuses in and around the Nambour CBD reaches of Petrie Creek in the last year than ever before. She said the best time to spot them is early morning, 5.30-6.30am.

A link to the Wildlife Preservation Society of Old web site (www.wildlife.org.au - Platypuswatch) where the public can report platypus sightings to contribute to their program to help maintain a reliable 'snapshot' of platypus populations in Queensland.

There is also an option to email information to platypus@wildlife.org.au

Jamie said the annual clean up was a great chance for like-minded environmentally-conscious people to come together for a truly constructive purpose.

"We appreciate everyone's help," said Jamie. "We have been involved for many years at this site which is suitable for all ages and physical abilities. We will be based at the large barbecue shelters at Quota Park to welcome everyone.'

Clean Up Australia Day in Nambour at a

Clean Up Australia Day began 30 years ago as a way to gather people together to clean up and preserve the environment.

To take part all you have to do is turn up at Quota Park for the event which will run from

8am to 11am on Sunday March 6. Morning tea will be provided for all helpers.

Bring sturdy shoes.

If you can't participate on the day you can volunteer at one of the three monthly Bush Care working bees along Petrie Creek.

▶ For more information www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au and Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group web site www.florabundabushcare.wordpress.com or normmorwood@

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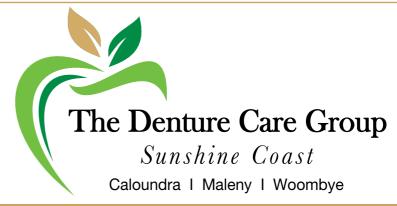
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Garden organics bins roll out from July 2022

COUNCIL'S garden organics bin collection service will expand across the Sunshine Coast from July 2022, so residents can recycle garden waste and help the environment.

About 50,000 property owners will have received a notice in the mail or an email from council to inform them of the new service.

The other 40,000 property owners are already using the garden organics bin service.

Lawn clippings, weeds, leaves and other organic garden materials placed in the new lime green-lidded bin will be collected by council, diverted away from landfill and mulched ready

Council says mulching garden waste, instead of dumping it, will extend landfill life and reduce greenhouse gases being released into the atmosphere.

The 240 litre garden organics bin service is expected to be approximately \$35 per year (subject to change), collected fortnightly and will be delivered to residential properties later this financial year, ready for the service to begin from July 10.

As a result of economies of scale, the garden bin collection service will cost less.

Some property owners may apply for an exemption. Details are available on council's

▶ For information on the exemption criteria and answers to other frequently asked questions please visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov. au/gardenbin.

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Plan feedback will be used to prepare draft

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been in place since 2014 and a lot has changed, but one thing that remains constant is the importance of maintaining our region's identity, character and lifestyle.

"The new planning scheme can ensure future growth and development aligns with the evolving views of the community, changes in technologies, updates to state, regional and local planning policies as well as the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Here on the Sunshine Coast, we've been experiencing growth for some decades now - it's not something new.

"We cannot escape the fact that people move to the Coast to enjoy our laid-back lifestyle, community spirit and, of course, our spectacular beaches and hinterland."

Service Excellence Portfolio Councillor Winston Johnston said feedback received on the proposed planning directions would be used to prepare a draft new planning scheme that would be subject to further community consultation.

"The planning scheme is, and will continue to be, the key tool to assist council in responding to growth management challenges," Cr Johnston

"The outcomes of the preliminary consultation will be used to inform the preparation of a draft version of the new planning scheme, which will also welcome future community feedback."

The new planning scheme is intended to be in place by 2024.

How you can have your say

View the proposed land use planning directions and provide your feedback by completing the online surveys at Sunshine Coast Council's Have Your Say Page haveyoursay.sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au before Thursday, March 31.

Online information sessions focusing on proposed local planning directions are being held during the consultation period. Visit https:// haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/newplanningscheme for details of online information sessions relevant to your local area.

Visit council's website for more information on the Community Reference Group, the process for preparing a new planning scheme or to receive project updates via the project e-news-

What is a planning scheme?

· A planning scheme is a document that the community, businesses and governments all look to in order to understand the local government's plan for managing growth and change.

• A planning scheme sets out the vision for the local government area in a strategic plan or stra-

To help achieve the vision and strategic framework, a planning scheme regulates:

what development should occur where by including each parcel of land in a zone;

- how development should occur by outlining the rules (codes) against which development is

Cr Johnston gives insight into public concerns about planning

THE Gazette asked Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston, pictured, to answer several questions about the Planning Scheme.

• What are the common complaints you hear when it comes to development and the planning scheme? People complain about narrow streets, removal of trees, lack of land available for light industry, and lack of land for emerging business opportunities and transport related busi-

• What do you think the community wants to see changed (if anything) in the new planning scheme? The above problems fixed and tighter controls on intensive develop-

ment west of the Bruce Highway. Why is it important for people to have their say about the 2024 planning scheme? The planning scheme is our community's document and

will affect or protect their lifestyle and amenity.

It will impact upon the future of their local and

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston

informed input will the plan truly reflect their desired outcomes. • People may be reluctant

regional economies. Only

by our community having

to step forward because they think their feedback won't make any difference. Can you allay their concerns? All input will be considered in detail by both Councillors and Councils Planners. Wherever possible (within the constraints of the State Government SEQ Regional Plan) everyone can be assured that realistic submis-

sions will receive a positive hearing. • Is it important to have some growth? How much, do you think, is optimal growth? The State Government mandates future growth targets and where that growth must occur. Most of the growth proposed on the Sunshine Coast by the State will occur east of the Bruce Highway and Steve Irwin Way. There will be minimal population growth west of those roads, other than some infill development in Nambour and Beerwah townships.

 Why is there a trend towards so-called "sardine suburbs" that we seem to see popping up? New suburbs with small allotment sizes are unfortunately occurring due to either State involvement or due to community demand for less garden and/or cheaper housing. Our rural towns have Local Area Plans which regulate larger allotment sizes.

• What else would vou like to say? I strongly encourage all residents and property owners to participate in the broad range of consultation opportunities over the next 18 months. Your input is very important, indeed vital to a satisfactory outcome for our community. This final gazetted Town Plan influences the future direction of our local and larger Sunshine Communities. Its your Town Plan, so please become involved in its development.

Div 10 Cr David Law will provide feedback next edition.

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'Let's make Australia's best rum ... No worries'

IN December 2018 founders of the award winning Sunshine & Sons spirits brand Michael Conrad and Matt Hobson shared a bottle of one of the world's finest rums and thought it was about time Australia had a true world-class rum of its own.

Since then Head Distiller Adam Chapman and the team have left no stone unturned to fulfill a shared vision of producing Australia's finest rum.

That vision came to fruition yesterday at the launch of 'Nil Desperandum First' - the very first Australian certified organic molasses rum.

The event at the distillery door in Woombye occurred at precisely 2.22pm (on 22.02.2022). The special time was a nod to Australian Rum being required by law to be aged in wood for two years.

'The newest release was the culmination of a multi-million dollar investment and more than three years of uncompromising effort," said

"Nil Desperandum is the Latin translation of Nothing to Despair, and the uniquely Australian expression No Worries. We just love that. It not only sums up the Sunshine Coast, it also gives you an idea of who we are and why we do what we do.

"Australian's love rum and so do we. It's well and truly time Australia had a rum the equal of the world's best.'

Michael said there was also great historic value in the name Nil Desperandum which captured an adventurous spirit and an association with Woombye (formerly known as Cobbs Camp). "Nil Desperandum was a speak-easy owned by Cobbs Camp's first hotelier James Costar," 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

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Michael Conrad, left, and Matt Hobson have created 'Nil Desperandum First' - the very first Australian certified organic molasses rum.

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 Costar's operation was dwarfed by competition from Cobb and Co who put him out of business.

Thankfully for Australian drinkers, Sunshine & Sons gin and vodka and now Nil Desperandum rum are on a firmer footing, incredible artisan spirits being made locally, in 'Sarah' and 'Maria', impressive copper stills named after the wife and mother of Mr Costar.

Celebrations included live music, an openfire barbeque, cocktails, tastings, bottle sales and Sea FM broadcast live from the distillery

▶ Proceeds of all 200ML limited edition bottles sold yesterday will be donated to support the work and students at the Sunshine Coast's STEPS Pathways College, said Michael.

WCBA holds first meeting for year at Thrill Hill

WOOMBYE Community & Business Association last night held their first meeting of the year. It was an informal social gathering at Thrill Hill Waterslide. Members discussed the year ahead and shared ideas regarding priorities for the Association which include:

- · Woombye streetscape schedule
- Woombye heritage trail
- · Sunshine Coast Council's proposed new planning scheme.

Nibbles were provided courtesy of hosts Richard & Kaye Law. Having operated since 1979 at 74 Schubert Road Woombye, Thrill Hill is the Sunshine Coast's only waterslide park. It offers waterslide fun for both adults and children as young as two. Info: woombyecommunity@gmail.com



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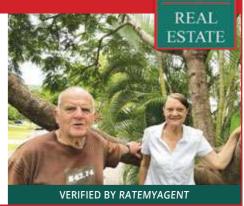
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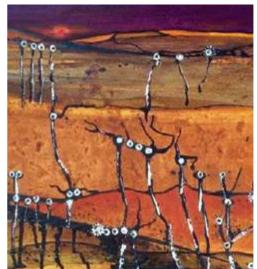


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300-year-old cello gets window seat to concerts

A cello handcrafted in Italy in the early-1700s has been safely buckled into its own seat for a flight from Germany to Montville, where it will be played in the coming-home concerts of locally-born classical musician Sam Lucas.

The circa 1720 Nicolo Gagliano cello, on loan from a Rhineland Music Academy, will star along with Sam at concerts at the Lucas Parklands auditorium later this month and in early March.

"It's a real honour to play it," Sam said, a day after arriving in Montville. "It's quite different both physically and geometrically to my own cello, when you play it and feel it, and when you compare the two, it's a little smaller, and slightly narrower.

"However, the important thing is, I don't have to try as hard to make the sound I like - it has 300 years of cellistic sound waves passing through it, from 300 years' of being played by great players. This has given the cello a beautiful sound and made it very diverse for the player, and it is simply very lovely to play.'

Coincidentally, Sam first heard the instrument when he moved to Germany several years ago; later his teacher suggested his need for an exquisite new instrument, and he was eventually honoured to take possession of the Gag-

"I was always intrigued, not only is it a rare instrument, but it has incredible sound - with a different quality to my own. I wanted to have the experience of discovering how my playing would develop, I guess you could say, in the hands of another cello," Sam explained.

"I'd heard others play the Gagliano - my teacher and some staff, for example - and I was very intrigued. I was at a stage in my playing where my teacher realised that I should upgrade to a world class cello.

"We were lucky and found this instrument; it has been loaned to me for the next couple of years - hopefully longer - and I'm delighted."

The rare instrument will be vital for Sam as he prepares for the finals of the Queen Elisabeth International Cello Competition, held in Brussels from May to June. It is the biggest competition of its kind in the world this year, patronaged by the Belgium Royal Family, with

Euros plus worldwide concert engagements. Sam is the only Australian invited into the event, which is open to the world's 50 leading cellists aged under 32, selected from 350-plus applicants.

His pending performances at Lucas Parklands will in part help him prepare for his performances at the event finals as well as providing locals with some beautiful music.

"It's important to perform as many practice performances as possible... They allow you to take interpretive risks that may lead to some errors. teaching you what needs to change to prevent them

reoccurring, but, equally important, see how your interpretation and preparation stands up to the pressures of performance. From all this you learn how to improve a piece doing things slightly differently.'

"So when you're under the real pressure - in front of 18 members of the jury and a full audience. and being televised and broadcast on

radio - that pressure doesn't get to you as much because... you've had the experience of expo-

"Coming here is always a joy, and it's also very difficult as the audience is very near you, and you can almost feel their breath on you, so it's the right kind of pressure you need to see where you're at as a player."

On February 25, Sam and the cello will per-

Sam Lucas takes his seat next to the cello that is so valuable the insurance company doesn't

> form with South African-born pianist Berta Brozgul at Lucas Parklands. She appears thanks the strong personal recommendations of internationally-renown Australian piano maestro Piers Lane AO.

allow it to leave his sight on a flight.

Then on March 6 at 4pm, Sam will headline a matinee ensemble concert with South African born pianist Peter de Jager, Hungarian cellist Gyuri Deri and violinist Yena Choi, who per-

The repertoire will include piano trios, duets, and other exciting pieces, including Brahms Piano Trio No. 1. movement 1: Dvorak Dumke Piano trio movements 5 and 6; and a single movement from the Arensky Piano trio no.1.

For Sam's parents, Ian and Lee, it's a wonderful homecoming for their son, who was last able to spend real time at his childhood home

"Lucas Parklands was always intended to help the young, we are returning to our original vision," Ian said of the upcoming concerts.

"I always wanted to provide young highachieving musicians, who spend much of their youth alone in practice rooms, somewhere spe-

"I guess having Sam here typifies our intentions when we built Lucas Parklands all those years ago, and it'll be our first concerts where a member of our family is the featured artist, so it's quite a thrill.'

Sam grew up in Montville, attending Montville Primary School, but is today based in Germany, where he has a recording contract and studies at the Robert Schumann Conservatorium, Dusseldorf.

His return to Australia, with a rare musical instrument that will also intrigue audiences, was not without its challenges.

"The insurance company doesn't allow this cello to travel in the cargo hold, so dad bought a seat for the instrument; however, it's always funny for the other passengers to see that," Sam explained.

"Usually, I don't advocate for it very much, but this particular time I was very hungry on the flight, and because the cello's seat comes with food, I just took advantage of that.

"But it's always an emotional trip returning home. The immediate thing I noticed is the amount of pollen in the air, the scent of the eucalypts and all things uniquely Australian.

"Australian sounds and smells are a real welcome home - it's quite nice - and the humidity, the wildlife, the birdsong and the chirp of the crickets tell me I'm home.

▶ For performance and ticketing enquiries, phone 07 5478 5667 or 0409 623 228. Due to Covid-19 physical distancing guidelines, seating for the concerts will be limited.

Nambour man remembered as Dreamworld's visionary artist

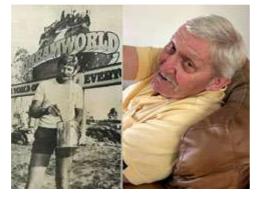
Vale John Williams, 1944 - 2022

A Nambour man who passed away this month has been remembered as the creative mind behind iconic tourist attraction Dreamworld. JOHN Williams, 78, passed away at Caloundra's Dove Cottage palliative care centre on February 4. It was only four weeks after receiving a diagnosis of brain cancer.

'Dreamworld's Golden Years - Past, Present. Future' Facebook page paid tribute to John in a post on February 13:

"John Williams was a man who had an impact on every Dreamworld guest from the day the park opened. John was the park artist, he designed the park maps, hand-painted park signage, and designed rides and themed areas for

We were fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with John and hear some of the stories of his time at Dreamworld in those early days. In time we will be able to share some of these stories and insights with you.



"John was very proud of how Dreamworld started and his work at the park. "Dreamworld wasn't his only line of work though, he later worked with the late Ken Maynard to design the Ettamogah Pub at Darling Harbour, plus he worked on the pub of the same name at Aussie World on the Sunshine Coast.

"John later returned to design the Banana Bender Pub, where his design work can be enjoyed today.

"We are thankful for the opportunity to meet a very talented man, and our thoughts are with his family during this time."

John is survived by his partner Lorraine Taylor, who is well know as Street Art Nambour Chairperson. Sadly Lorraine will be moving to Mackay but remains one of three volunteers on the community board.

"I will keep working on Street Art Nambour, from Mackay, to continue building our trail of murals," she said. "I have come up here to be close to family. The rest has been nice, but I do feel devastated," she said.

Lorraine said John's other creative side will be honoured posthumously with the publication of a children's book.

"John's son in Switzerland has taken a book John wrote for children, "The Upside Down Tree", to have it published for his Dad there,"

Little Village Theatre launches free concert series

PALMWOODS Community Branch Heritage Bank have sponsored Little Village Theatre's community engagement program for 2022.

Free variety concerts will be staged at the Palmwoods Guide Hut, corner Lingara Avenue and Palmwoods-Montville Road, presented by Palmwoods Little Village Theatre and Little Village Choir. At each concert guests will enjoy a mix of musical theatre and choral performances followed by morning or afternoon tea, all provided at no cost. Raffles will be held at each concert. As numbers are strictly limited, entry tickets will be available prior to the day of the concert only, and must be presented on entry. There will be no tickets available at the door.

The first free community concert will be presented on Saturday, March 26, 2022, starting at 2pm. Look for further information on our facebook page @littlevillagetheatre.

▶ Tickets are available by email or phone request only from: Judith Bandidt 0427 745 579 judy.bandidt@gmail.com



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Keeping the faith:

Minister aims to resurrect **Nambour Uniting Church** congregation numbers

REVEREND Maile Molitika is used to more families and young people in his previous congregation and hopes to even the balance somewhat as Nambour Uniting Church's new minister.

His parishioners during his 10-years at Park Uniting Church in Brisbane were mainly members of the devout Tongan Community from all over Brisbane

"Yes this is totally different from my previous congregation," he said.

"Park Church is the biggest Tongan congregation in Brisbane. Nambour is an Anglo congregation. And the youngest person is in their 50s," he laughed.

"The rest are in their 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. But they are very active. Despite their age they are young at heart. I am so amazed to see the spiritual energy of these people despite their old age. They still do all the cleanings, maintaining the property preparing everything for

"But how much more joy there would be if we could see younger generations take over and relieve the older people.

"Covid19 has affected the church in the last two years. Some are not coming back due to ill health and some still worry about getting

"My main task remains the same - to look after the spiritual needs of the congregation and help people on their spiritually journey.

"At the same time I'm looking to build the church. I'm hoping to start Sunday School and a youth group and I'm looking for the community's help with that. Seeing the Nambour High School is opposite the church, maybe there is an opportunity here to start inviting all the neighbours to bring their children to church.

As Covid subsides and we go back to normal I'd like to have a cultural night where we invite people to a community dinner as a way of introducing ourselves and letting people know the Nambour Uniting Church is here.

"This is a beautiful church. But a church is not the house. It's the people that make the church. The only way this church can continue is if it is refreshed with the younger generations.

"I am still positive and hopeful that this beautiful facility can be rejuvenated and continue to lead people to God."

Rev Maile said he would also aim to help strengthen the community by reaching out to

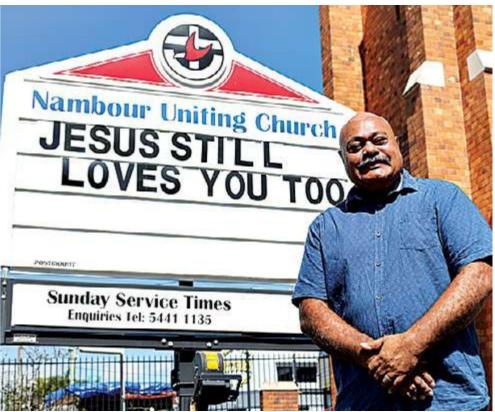
support Nambour's vulnerable people.
"Of course there are people with drug and alcohol problems. Maybe we can help them and maybe we can introduce them to a better way of living, leading them to a new life in Christ. Maybe having something different coming into their lives - maybe this is a stepping stone to a better life."

Rev Maile and his wife Siale share a great interest in music. They arrived in Nambour for New Years eve with their daughter and grandson. They have five other children, one in America and four living in Brisbane.

▶ The Uniting Church in Nambour came into being on 22 June 1977 formed from the Nambour Methodist Memorial Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Enquiries 5441

Reverend appeals for Tongan tsunami assistance

THE volcanic eruption and subsequent tsunami that hit Tonga last month affected 85,000 people, cost the country \$90 million, destroyed or damaged more than 600 buildings and significantly impacted crops, livestock and fisheries, according to the first impact report since the



Reverend Maile Molitika: "This is a beautiful church. But a church is not the house. It's the people that make the church.'

If anyone would like to help, new Nambour Uniting Church Reverend Maile Molitika is leading efforts to support the Tongan commu-

His other role is as President of the Brisbane Tonga Community. "Together with Tonga's High Commissioner to Australia, Princess Angelica Halaevalu Mata'aho, we have formed a committee to collect any donations that help build up the country," Rev Molitika said.

"The Swire Shipping Company has given us two 20-foot shipping containers every month, so we can fill them with them and they are bearing all the cost to send to Tonga.

"If there are some generous people in the community that can help this Charity it would be much appreciated. We have an account too for those who can deposit straight to the account. "The things that they really needed are tools, building materials, water, canned food, boat equipment, fishing gear, linen, cooking utensils and towels. There are two containers every month starting March, April, and May."

▶ If anyone would like to donate items please contact Rev Maile on 0425 378 174.

Mapleton Netball calls for players

MAPLETON Netball Registrations are open for the 2022 season.

Boys & Girls from grades 2 to 6 who want to learn new skills, make new friends and have fun are welcome to join.

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▶ For more info email mapletonnetball@ gmail.com or 0413 709 687.



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Fine wine, cocktails, evening dining at The Shed

BUSINESS WRITEUP: The Shed Palmwoods

WHEN it comes to dining out there's no doubt the people of Palmwoods are spoiled for choice. From the famous Palmwoods Hotel and Ricks Garage to Cafe de Orient and Piggyback Restaurants, the Bowls Club and Homegrown and Talking Turkey Cafes there's plenty of options for such a small town.

And now The Shed's already-popular 'Chew Chew Bistro', is launching evening dining and a fresh menu.

The Chew Chew Bistro is currently open Wednesday-Sunday 7.30am-4pm and offers evening dining Friday and Saturday nights from 5.30pm to 9pm.

"When we relocated from our previous location to Palmwoods and expanded our cafe into a Bistro it grew and grew with demand, faster than we expected, which was very encouraging," said The Shed's owner Geoff Ryan.

"We wanted to be individual, not replicating or taking away from anyone else in town and I think we've blended in well. Now you've got a half dozen or so quality dining venues that are all serving something different for their patrons.

"Palmwoods used to be a place you drove through on the way to Montville and the Range. Now it's a destination in its own right."

The Bistros refreshed menu has something to tempt everyone. "We've kept the favourites but added a lot more exciting lunchtime offerings," said Geoff.

Some highlights include: 14-hour Briskets; Chilli Mussels Cooked in Light White Wine and Fresh Tomato Salsa; Chermoula Mixed Seafood Dish; and Southern Fried Prawns and of course our hugely popular breakfast offerings including our Eggs Benny that people travel far and wide for.

"Because The Sheds building is heritage



With a liquor licence and a new menu Geoff Ryan, Taine Digby and Eloise Ryan are ready to serve hungry and thirsty guests at The Shed Palmwoods.

listed it took some time to get zoning permission for our liquor licence," said Geoff. "But here we are.....we now have beers on tap, spirits, cocktails and wines. In fact our wine list is a selection of cellar-door-only wines, sourced from around Australia and overseas. It's a truly unique list that includes wines you won't find at any of the retail outlets.

"We had many enjoyable evenings trialling and testing our wine and cocktail list and we think we've found the perfect wine matches to go with our new menu and a selection of cocktails that our customers will just love!

Geoff and his wife Dianna have been overwhelmed with the welcoming nature of Palmwoods locals and businesses since they opened the vintage furniture and homewares emporium last August, reinvigorating the old railway yard sheds in Main Street in the process.

"I think the Palmwoods locals and the business community are happy that the old sheds have been given a new life," said Geoff.

The heritage listed building was in quite a state of disrepair when Geoff & Dianna first came across it.

"However, to our excitement the old sheds were already in the beginning process of being lovingly restored by long-term local Marilyn Stokes. We just completed the renovations to suit the new 'Shed and Chew Chew Bistro'. Everyone has welcomed the business coming to town and the old railway sheds are standing up and smiling again. The old building has come alive and she has such a wonderful energy."

The move to Palmwoods came because The Shed outgrew its former location at Forest Glen which they had operated for five years. They spent a year searching for a suitable premises to relocate to.

"The new location has made an immeasurable difference," said Geoff. "We now have a fully licensed Bistro, more space, more parking for our customers and more options to explore the exciting plans that we have in store for The Shed. It's been a fabulous move. It's been exciting and we are so happy to be part of the Palmwoods community and the vibrant Palmwoods village.

"Palmwoods today reminds us of Buderim 30 years ago. It's growing, and growing fast."

▶ The Shed is at 3-5 Main Street, Palmwoods, www.theshedsca.com.au, sales@theshedsca. com.au. Phone 5479 6603. Menu and bookings available via the website.



Proud Rett with his ute before it was stolen by

Help raise funds to replace stolen ute

FOR the past 12 months 17-year-old Rhett Dodd has been working hard as a first year apprentice carpenter and saving his money to be able to purchase his own vehicle.

In fact four months ago he was able to purchase a modest and practical Hilux ute. He was very excited about getting his license in five weeks time, having his independence and looking forward to getting himself to and from work and some solo adventures.

But his hopes were shattered when thieves stole his car from the front of his family's property in Eudlo. It has not been seen since February 3 when it was sited with two young boys driving it and the plates removed.

"Due to the exorbitant costs of insurance for young drivers the vehicle was only covered for third party. So it was obviously not covered for theft," said Eudlo's Helen Knight who has launched a campaign on MyCause.com.au raising money to help Rett replace the vehicle.

"I am putting a call out to our local and wider community to help restore this young man's faith in humanity," Helen said. "He paid \$3000 for this car and I would love to see if we can raise close to that, to either replace his stolen car before he is due to get his license, or do whatever repairs may need to be done to his original car if it happens to be found and maybe have enough to purchase comprehensive insurance."

The campaign had yesterday raised \$750. To contribute go to https://www.mycause.com.au/p/276228/help-rett-replace-his-stolen-ute

Thank you Palmwoods!

Heritage Bank Palmwoods Community Branch are proud to help shine a spotlight on the next generation of Palmwoods' leaders by sponsoring the Rose Bartlett Award at Suncoast Christian College! This Award highlights a student who embodies the concept of service to others, gaining respect from both teachers and peers. Congratulations to the 2021 recipient, Judah!



Rose Bartlett Award at Suncoast Christian College is proudly supported by



Visit your local community branch at Palmwoods Plaza or call 07 5294 0600

You'll find vintage, retro and antique goods at Nambour Showgrounds' Collectorama

torama Fair will once again be held at Nambour Showgrounds.

"New homemakers to the Sunshine Coast will find shopping at Collectorama provides a unique way to express individuality and avoid mass produced items from the big stores," said event organiser Laurie Wall.

Thanks to Tom and Laurie Wall, the Collectorama Fair has firmly established itself as a much loved event for those who appreciate vintage, retro, unique and antique goods. It provides a fun and exciting atmosphere to unearth all manner of treasures and bargains.

"We have found that Collectorama attracts people who collect specific items, and eclectic 'magpies' who love a standout piece," Laurie explained. "Upcyclers can always find something unique to put their own stamp on.

particularly love to learn the history of

items, and this can be gleaned by meeting the seller. There is an awesome network of information at our fairs because for many of our regular dealers, curating their stock for customers is their life's work. We have such a large number of dealers, there's always a bargain to be found".

"Over the years, the Fair has attracted a broad diversity of stall holders, so we find that there is almost always something for everyone," said Tom. "So much so that it has become a major drawcard for interior decorators and collectors



Collectorama provides a unique way to express your individuality.

For the convenience of fair goers, there will be ATM's, food trucks, great coffee and sweet treats available on the day. The Nambour Showgrounds are a weather friendly venue.

"We wanted to make a special mention of the fact that the Wilvos (Wildlife carers) will be there with their stall," Laurie said. They are always looking for volunteers to help with the ever growing wildlife casualties".

▶ Collectorama Fair will run from 7am until 2pm at the Nambour Showgrounds. Admission fee is \$6 cash for adults, kids and parking are



The net is dropped onto prey — even an insect in flight.

Spider captures passing prey with its net

NAMBOUR'S Don McGlusky came across this weird critter while looking for things to photograph. It is a Net-casting Spider. They are more prevalent in your garden shrubbery than you may realise but being so well camouflaged they are easily missed. They are prevalent throughout Australia's East Coast wherever there

is native and dense garden vegetation. Their colour ranges from fawn through to dark brown depending on their environment. The net it is holding is dropped onto any prey that passes even an insect in flight. Being nocturnal, their main feature is two very large forward facing eyes. They are completely harmless.

Sunshine Coast Boat Model Boat Club event

ON Sunday 13th March Sunshine Coast Boat Model Boat Club are having their Sail, Scale and Market Day at the Sunshine Coast University, Sippy Downs campus.

If you are interested in sailing come and see the Yachts and Schooners gliding along built with meticulous detail by the members. Or scale tugs, paddle-wheelers, fishing trawlers, Navel vessels and so much more. New members are always welcome.

▶ For more details view the Sunshine Coast Model Boat Club Facebook page or website for directions and club contacts. www.scmbc.org.

Free portable shade for hinterland kids

NAMBOUR and hinterland schools and children's organisations are eligible for free portable shade marquees from Cancer Council Queensland. Not-for-profit organisations that care for children up to the age of 18, such as primary and secondary schools, outside school hours care, and early childhood centres have until 28 February to apply for a marquee.

Successful applicants will be provided with a UPF50+ marquee (3x3 meters) to give kids some extra sun protection this summer.

▶ To apply: www.cancerqld.org.au/portable-





Annual Maleny Motorcyle Swap meet roars back in 2022

THE Sunshine Coast branch of the Historical Motorcycle Club will hold their 28th annual Maleny Swap Meet at the Maleny Showgrounds on March 12.

The club has been holding this event every year since 1994, except last year which was cancelled due to Covid.

"A Swap Meet is where people of similar interests gather, set up small stalls and sell all their excess parts and anything relating to their interests," said Secretary Keith Canning. "Because ours is a Motorcycle Swap, then anything offered must be motorcycle-related. That ranges from parts, complete motorcycles, clothing, riding gear, tools and tyres. The list goes on.

Keith said motorcycle enthusiasts came from all over Queensland and interstate to buy and sell. "These visitors stay in the area, close to the showgrounds so they can get an early start on the bargains or get a prize position to sell their goods. Businesses around Maleny and the wider Sunshine Coast benefit as these people all take time to eat, sleep and enjoy the area while they

Each year at the Swap the club includes a Bike Show. "This show is held in honour of a younger past member, who we lost some vears ago," said Keith. The judging of the show is by "People's Choice". Those who walk through the pavilion are asked to vote for their favourite bike. "There is no fairer way," said Keith. "So, if you attend the Swap, make sure you take in the show and vote.

The Historical Motorcycle Club encourages the restoration and riding of older motorcycles. "Many people will often see members out on the road enjoying a ride. We very often get feedback from the public saying that they enjoy





Sunshine Coast Historical Motorcycle Club Secretary Keith Canning and his wife Colleen, pictured just before one of the Club's rides, are keen for the swap

able. "The Maleny Lions have catered for our Swap for many years. It's an important fundraiser for them and we are glad to support their efforts."

People can camp on the Friday night and be ready

for the Swap on Saturday morning at no charge.

"We would love to see everyone at the Maleny Swap and maybe they may like to join our club and share the love of old motorcycles. A club-eligible motorcycle has to be more than 30 years old. Make sure you come and see us in the pavilion, we would love to hear from you."

▶ The Swap is to be held at Maleny Showgrounds Saturday March 12 from 6am. Entry is \$10. Stalls \$10. Information call Murray 0404



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seeing these bikes from yesteryear out and

The Maleny Swap is the major fundraising

event. Not only does it fund the running of

our club but money raised supports charities

including the Queensland Cancer Council,

Prostate Cancer and Bloomhill Cancer Care to

name a few. The club takes this role very seri-

ously and enjoys seeing our fundraising put to

Keith said there will be plenty of food avail-

about as it brings memories flooding back."

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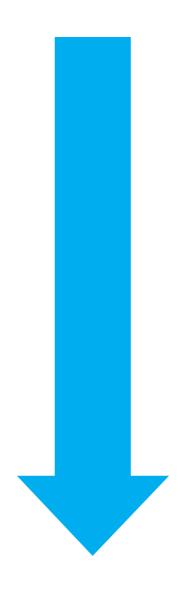
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From left, Dental Assistant Claire Winterbourne, Joseph Reiner and Dr Joseph Hollywood.

Practice celebrates first year of independent ownership

Business Writeup: Blackall Terrace Dental

ONE of the oldest established dental practices in Nambour had been treating hinterland locals for many years when Dr Joseph Hollywood BDS became the new owner and practice principal in February 2021.

One year on and Joseph and his team are celebrating their anniversary and reflecting on the trials, tribulations and positives that come with running a small, independent dental practice in

"I moved to the Sunshine Coast from England in 2019 and started seeing patients in Nambour pretty soon after that," says Joseph. After a difficult period during the first wave of lockdowns mid- 2020, Joseph learnt that the practice was being sold by the then owners.

"The sale of the practice was a bit of a bolt out of the blue, especially as by that time I was enjoying seeing lots of regular patients and welcoming new ones, too.

"The idea of becoming completely independent was somewhat daunting but I look back now and see how far we've come in such a short space of time and I'm so proud of the practice we've built up."

As independent businesses across the region have struggled navigating the impacts from lockdowns and government mandates, the team behind Blackall Terrace Dental helped drive it from strength to strength.

They did so by focusing on clinical excellence and individualized care, something they say patients appreciate when they visit.

"We're a small team but everyone's on the same page," said Jospeh. "The focus really is on putting the patient first and I think that's what they notice when they visit us.

"We try to be comprehensive and understanding and really do take the time to be as thorough as possible. By doing it that way, it helps patients understand the treatment that is recommended and gives them the control over their oral health.'

It has been one year since Joseph took over

the practice. With new patient demand rising, the plans for 2022 include inviting another dentist into the team and installing new dental equipment to help give their patients top levels

"The response and support from our patients and the community during our first year has been incredibly positive so it's a big thank you to everyone for enabling us to keep going. I think we're all looking forward to growing the practice over the next 12 months, too and are excited to keep the momentum going.

▶ Blackall Terrace Dental is based in the health hub precinct of Nambour at 87 Blackall Terrace. To check-in for your next dental visit, you can call Joseph's team at Blackall Terrace Dental on 07 5441 3583 or visit them online at www.blackallterracedental.com.au.





Dragonfly image wins Montville award

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of Montville Chamber of Commerce's "The Magic of a Montville Christmas Photography Competition".

Niel Wark won the Gold Award for his stunning image of a dragonfly. The winning entry was awarded a large framed canvas generously sponsored by Ben Messina Landscape and Nature Pho-

Big congratulations to Niel who was also our inaugural winner last year," said Chamber of Commerce president Shiralee Cooper.

The Silver Award was presented to Tina Cooper for her gorgeous capture of Lake Baroon festooned with Christmas colours. Tina won a 2-night cottage stay in the award-winning The Falls Montville generously donated by Alan and Aryna Dryden.

The Bronze was awarded to Jaqueline Watkins for her adorable photo of her son with a pine cone. The prize is a \$250 Illume Creations voucher donated by Shiralee Cooper.

Niel was also awarded Highly Commended for his image of a Kookaburra perched on festive bunting in Montville. Our final four entries were all from locals sharing their love of Mont-

"A huge thanks to the amazing judges Ben Messina Landscape and Nature Photography and Ben Connolly Professional Photographer who once again supported the competition," said Shi-

TOP: Niel Wark's winning entry of an Australian Emperor Dragonfly - "nature's Christmas bauble" — taken in Niel's garden on a Lily Pilly he planted. LEFT: Niel with Ben Messina showcasing his winning entry printed on canvas

Community gathers for Palmwoods' big Clean-Up

THE Palmwoods community is banding together to organise and conduct another Clean-Uup Palmwoods event aligned with the National Australia Clean-up Day on March 6.

Clean-Up Palmwoods Day will be staged again on Sunday, March 6 from 7.30-12 noon from the Palmwoods Soccer Club.

"We call on any volunteers who would like to help on the day," said organiser and local real estate agent Leigh Martinuzzi. "We will have a 'Find a Flag' competition too to make things a little more fun and interesting with many cool prizes to be won.

"Any local businesses who would like to help by donating a

prize it would be much appreci-

"We are also looking for people to volunteer as Area Leaders, responsible for registering people on the day and hiding the flags before the event in five local areas: Old Orchard Estate; Palmwoods Town Centre; Federation Park (& Surrounds); Duck Pond (East-side); and Old Palmwoods (Dunning & Area).

The event is organised and hosted by Palmwoods Business & Community Association, Martinuzzi Property Group and the Palmwoods Warriors Soccer

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Limited places are available to ensure Covid-19 safety can be followed.

Nambour State College can cancel the event in response to Covid-19 developments.



Join Jetts Nambour and you could win a \$1200 surfboard

IF you have been sitting on the fence about joining a gym and improving your health and fitness, this competition at Jetts Nambour might just give you the push that you need to get going.
"We have a fantastic

Machado + LFT surfboard from Beach Beat Caloundra to be won," said Jetts owner, Warren White.

"It is a beautiful board, valued at \$1,200, so it is very worthwhile being in the draw".

The draw is open to anyone who joins the gym between now and Monday the 28th of Feb-

"But we also wanted to make the competition available to our existing members, so if you refer a friend and they join before the 28th, you will also go in the draw to win," said co-owner, Jill Bingham.

"And the great thing is that if you are referring people who go on to join, you can enter as many times as people sign up. So bring in a football team!"

Jetts Nambour has recently undergone a total renovation and has been refurbished with state of the art equipment, and high powered air conditioning - which is particularly important in hot, steamy weather. Jetts offers classes such as Hiit, Circuit, Boxercise and stretch and mobility classes which incredibly beneficial for older people.



Jetts owners Warren White and Jill Bingham with the new surfboard.

"We have an extremely friendly, welcoming culture here at our gym, Warren said.

"Our members are all very supportive of each other. It's really nice to be a part of it. We are very excited to welcome new members to our Jetts

▶ Call 5441 6154 to find out more.

College to shine at Open Night

NAMBOUR State College Open Night will be held 30 March 2022 with students and their families invited to the Enrolment Showcase from 3.30pm.

Nambour State College is proud of its rich and long connection with its local community. The independent Prep-Year 12 school has a strong reputation and attracts students from across the Sunshine Coast.

While the College is passionate about nurturing and celebrating every student's strengths, the school's consistent success stems from its understanding that success looks different for evervone.

"We recognise and embrace achievements in many different forms here at Nambour State College and that's why we offer a diverse

curriculum and a range of unique and exciting specialist programs that have become renowned for their excellence and high-quality outputs," said College Principal Anthony Green.

"The education and growth of each and every child at our College is what shapes our teaching and drives us every day to do better. Success for us is about being creative, compassionate, collaborative, engaged, showing leadership, striving for the best and building meaningful rela-

"We want to support students to excel while nurturing their independence, creativity, compassion, innovation and global citizenship."

This year, the College welcomed more than 200 Year 7 students and over 40 Prep students and both groups have done a fantastic job of settling into their new learning envi-



Preppies, Emma and Maverick.

ronment and school routine.

Two of the newest Preppies, Emma and Maverick (pictured), have already been described by their teacher, Mrs Julie Jeckells, as being "beautiful children who are very eager to learn".

Emma said she wants to "be a good student" while for Maverick, it's all about "making new friends".

Meanwhile Year 7 students Hudson Barrett and Marcus Staite (pictured) have had a positive start to high school. Both are enrolled in the Pinnacle Program, an enrichment and excellence program offered by the College. The initiative provides students the opportunity to connect and learn with similarly bright students.

Students are supported and encouraged to grow their skills across six key areas: character, citizenship, collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.

Hudson and Marcus are enjoying



being Pinnacle students because apart from being able to work with like-minded students — their athletic abilities (cricket and soccer) are also being honed through the skills development component of the program.

Being able to seamlessly transition from primary to secondary schooling means students can experience the full range of learning at the College enabling their academic, cultural, social and sporting prowess to grow.

At Nambour State College the education, enrichment and care of every child is aligned with striving for excellence, embracing diversity and fostering a sense of belonging.

▶ Nambour State College Junior Campus is in Coronation Avenue. The Senior Campus is accessed via 1 Carroll Street. For information go to namboursc.eq.edu.au or email info@ namboursc.eq.edu.au.

With customer anger and abuse on the rise, campaign aims to shield workers

SUNSHINE Coast Council has launched a new campaign promoting kindness to help shield workers from customer anger and abuse.

The campaign, It's Cool to be Kind, is designed to support local businesses and industry doing it tough in the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Workers across many sectors, including hospitality, retail, transport, medical and administration are experiencing an increase in customer anger and abuse.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said the camfeaturing unbranded

videos, posters and marketing content for everyone to use, would generate widespread community awareness of the importance and benefits of treating staff and others in the community with kindness and respect.

"It's all about encouraging a culture of kindness here on the Sunshine Coast," Mayor

"We know times have been tough, but many workers who are copping abuse have been providing us with much needed goods and services since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"Staff shortages and supply issues are having big impacts and ripple effects across the region and country, and no business wants to inconvenience their customers



Cool to be Kind campaign launch - Roz White, Co-Owner and Operator of White's IGA Group and Mayor Mark Jamieson.

Sunshine Coast's Roz White, Co-Owner and Operator of White's IGA Group, said the campaign was very much needed.

Throughout the pandemic our store teams have been directly impacted by constant change and uncertainty, some supply disruption due to peak demands and, more recently, an abnormal level of staff absenteeism due to a surge in COVID-19 cases," Ms White said.

"It has been a tough few years for our team members. Please know we are trying really hard to support our community as much as possible and are focused on keeping everyone safe and well.'

▶ Unbranded campaign material can be downloaded from council's website.

Come and try bowls at Palmwoods. Free coaching

EVERY Thursday afternoon coaching is available at Palmwoods Bowls Club for anyone wanting to try their hand at bowls. The club will supply the bowls, all you need to bring is your enthusiasm and flat soled shoes (or go barefoot). Time is 2.30pm usually for two hours. Everyone is welcome. This is a great way to have a go at the game, and you might find you enjoy the game as much as we do here at the Club.





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Matt Wall, centre, and staff of the Nambour & Hinterland Bank of Queensland: "Customer relationships are at the heart of everything we do."

Nambour & Hinterland BOQ changes to owner-managed

Business Writeup BOQ Nambour & Hinterland

BOO Nambour & Hinterland are excited to announce Matt Wall has become the new Owner-Manager of the branch. If the name or face sounds familiar, you'd be right - prior to investing as an Owner-Manager, Matt looked after the local community's banking needs in his capacity as BOQ Nambour's Branch Manager. With over 10 years banking experience behind him, Matt is thrilled to have made this exciting next step in his career.

"I have long considered investing in BOQ as an Owner-Manager, but was never brave enough until now. Over the years I had met many BOQ team members and it was apparent BOQ's culture and outlook was vastly different. I was delighted to find that purchasing BOQ Nambour was a possibility, and from there it was an easy decision - I chose to invest." Matt says.

Matt coming on board as Owner-Manager isn't the only change the branch has seen either, with the recent inclusion of 'Hinterland' in the name recognising the support they provide not just to Nambour but neighbouring communities too.

"Nambour has never been a town that has just looked after just its own. It is a service hub that supports a large geographic area and diverse population. I felt that it would be appropriate that we recognised that in our name.

Matt and his team are community minded individuals, who have strong ambitions for the

"Our aim is to serve the Nambour & Hinterland communities with distinction and we're excited to help the community to achieve their financial goals - whether it be business or personal. We like to say we're the perfect mix of country service meets city banking," he said.

'We're here as locals to support locals – if our customers thrive, so will we.

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Rebecca Coordinator Stacey Hampshire, left, with Ange Barnes of Palmwoods Psychology, whose idea

Event calls for respect for women, support for 'Rebecca' program PALMWOODS residents will wake to the roar of selves, and know that they should expect women on International Women's Day March respect in their relationships."

women on International Women's Day, March

That's when a group of 40 women will gather at Homegrown Cafe in Little Main Street to support a Young Women's domestic violence prevention program called 'Rebecca'.

The breakfast event's theme is "Don't be too polite girls", supporting the messages from Australian of the Year 2021 Grace Tame. Guest speaker is former Queensland Minister for Women Dr Karen Struthers.

Rebecca is a new support group and the brain-child of Sunshine Coast based community service, IFYS. Coordinator Stacey Hampshire said Rebecca aims to build awareness and confidence in young women who have experienced domestic violence relationships so they could regain control of their lives.

"The young women were not only able to confidently identify that domestic violence is not just when a man hits you, or sexually abuses you, but when he uses coercion to manipulate and control your thoughts and feelings," she said. "Like telling you what to wear, who your friends are or convincing you to provide your passwords 'because he loves you'.

"It was so encouraging to be a part of the young women's journey throughout the group, being able to support and educate them to become stronger, more confident in themrespect in their relationships".

Women and girls have smiled and been polite for too long, said Dr Struthers. "But violence and sexual abuse continues to spiral," she said.

"Like Grace, it's time for us to roar and demand action. Every day girls and women know this might be a day that they are harmed.

"We all look behind and cross a road if we see a threatening man, we worry if the train is late and we arrive at the station in the dark —we are constantly doing risk assessments. "Wouldn't it be a relief if the next generation

of young women didn't have to worry about that. Wouldn't it be great if they could expect respect and get it every day.

But local news reports and the court reports remind us everyday of the risks girls and women face on the street and in our own homes."

The event is the brain-child of Ange Barnes of Palmwoods Psychology. "I just wanted to create a local event to provide my community with an opportunity to both celebrate and to keep the awareness on the very real issues that still exist," said Ange.

▶ To attend the breakfast at Homegrown Café or for more information on the breakfast, contact the organiser Ange Barnes, Palmwoods Psychology ange_barnes@yahoo.com.au. For information on 'Rebecca' contact Stacey Hampshire, IFYSdfv@ifys.com.au.

Indee Theatre back on the road to laughter as Covid subsides

WHEN COVID first hit The Sunshine Coast, The Independent Theatre, better known as

The Indee, decided to take a new tack and rather than continue to stage its comedies in Coast halls with the possible vagaries of health restrictions, to take the plays 'on the road' by offering them to retirement villages.

The idea had a number of benefits, including should health restrictions suddenly cause a performance to be postponed, those attending could be quickly notified within their village.

The concept was warmly welcomed by village activity committees and last year The Indee covered much of the Coast, with double comedy-bills presented at Hibiscus Retirement Village at Chancellor Park, the Peregian Springs Country Club, IRTs at both Parklands and The Palms, Buderim Meadows, Palm Lakes Resort at Caloundra Cay, Bellflower Retirement Village at Sippy Downs and Aurora Gardens at Maroochydore.

The final venue for the year was Eden Lea at Buderim and as with some other villages, The Indee was immediately booked back.

The Indee Theatre's 'We Bring the Laughs to You' show travels with its own lighting and sound and very experienced, mainly matureaged casts, onstage.

It also comes at a very low cost, which make the shows extremely accessible and many retirement villages have, for a modest extra charge, built the occasions into packages eg. show plus drinks and various forms of food such as barbecues, snacks, bubbles, soups, canapés etc.

Most shows have been weekends but there have been weekday bookings as well.

The first of The Indee Theatre's 'We Bring the Laughs to You' shows, will kick off this year on March 19 at Eden Lea at Buderim with two John Burls comedies, The Elder Berry and In the Wake of Harold Parsley.

▶ For information call Carol on 5472 8200 or

Rock and Roll Dance at Belli

BELLI Hall is holding a rock and roll dance on Saturday March 26 at 6.30pm. Cool cats will be running the evening, with a lesson at the start. Cost is \$25 a couple. Dinner and drinks will be available. Come and join us for a great night of fun. Call 0448 948 198 for enquiries.

Palmwoods Devils training

PALMWOODS Rugby League invite anyone who is interested in playing for the Devils in the 2022 season to come to training at Briggs Park Jubilee Dr Palmwoods on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 5.30pm. For information phone 0479 132 834 or look the club up on Facebook.



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4. Beef lasagne Lean beef bolognese layered with bechamel, pasta & cheese	\$9.90	\$18.00
5. Oven baked beef rissoles & gravy - GF DF Served with buttered potatoes & seasonal vegetables	\$9.90	\$18.00
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12. Braised pork, Italian sausage & butter bean stew - DF Mild, served with couscous	\$9.90	\$18.00
13. Stirfried chicken & hokkien noodles - DF Stir fried in asian sauce with peanuts	\$9.90	\$18.00
14. Creamy coconut Indian veggie & chickpea curry - GF DF VEG Mild, served with rice	\$9.90	\$18.00
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Keen players ... Libby Taylor, Michael Wilson, Patrick Farrell and Patt Mann. Below: Wendy Bednall.

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Club of the Week: Nambour Croquet

IT'S a bit like playing snooker with a mallet on a tennis court. It's a game requiring tactical nous and a range of subtle skills.

It's croquet! And, best of all, it's great fun, according to Nambour Croquet Club spokes person Patrick Farrell who is now looking for new players. As an incentive, the club is even offering the first four games free of charge.

Located next to the Nambour Bowls Club, Nambour Croquet also has tutors who can show you the elements of the game. Mallets and all equipment is supplied.

"The benefits include being outdoors, learning coordination and playing with others who will make you feel very welcome," said Patrick. "The games usually last for 30-45 minutes depending on the number of hoops played. All that is required is a reasonable fitness level."

Nambour Croquet Club plays on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8.45 to 12 noon. Soft soled shoes need to be worn.

Mah-jong also available

Interestingly, the Club also offers a mah-jong group for anyone interested in learning the tile-



based game of skill, strategy, and luck developed in 19th century China. Mah-jong is played on Monday mornings in the pleasant clubhouse from 9am till noon for just \$4. "If you have never played we will be happy to teach you," said Patrick.

▶ If interested contact Patrick at 5472 7287 or email berpat@bigpond.com



Cr David Law, Ted O'Brien, Deputy Group Leader of Nambour & district SES Christopher Perkins and

Showgrounds to benefit from emergency comms upgrade

SUNSHINE Coast Council will receive an extra \$561,000 in bushfire recovery funding from the Federal Government on top of the \$2.8 million delivered for projects on the Sunshine Coast.

The funding boost will support the delivery of an emergency management and evacuation call system at the Nambour Showgrounds which is used as a major evacuation centre during emer-

Federal Member for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien said the funding would ensure the region was 'disaster ready'.

"Only two years ago, wildfires engulfed a number of local communities and people were evacuated from their homes to take shelter at locations across the Sunshine Coast, including the Nambour showgrounds," Mr O'Brien said.

"This significant investment will guarantee the effective and direct communication to several hundred evacuees, as well as agency staff managing this major evacuation centre which is spread across a 14.52-hectare site.'

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson welcomed the federal funding on top of the \$50,000 council contribution from the Nambour Showgrounds Development Levy fund.

"Nambour Showgrounds is a critical evacuation and support hub for many people during times of crisis," Mayor Jamieson said.

"This public announcement system upgrade will also be particularly useful for many events held at the Nambour Showgrounds each year including the Queensland Garden Expo, the annual Sunshine Coast Agricultural show, caravan and camping expos and a host of community and sporting events."

This will enable key personnel such as council and emergency services to provide critical information to people under community evacuation orders and allow for the safe coordination of evacuation centre operations.

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AGENT'S CHOICE: 15 Karnu Drive, Ninderry

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It is spacious and well-designed with versatile options including dual occupancy and perfectly positioned to maximise the spectacular sweeping coastal views to the north-east across lush, verdant countryside.

Across three levels, it has a grand formal entry, four bedrooms, three bathrooms, elegant modern kitchen plus kitchenette, multiple living zones, expansive balcony and terrace showcasing the glorious vista, separate laundry,

double lock up garage, and double carport. From the stunning interior brick feature walls, cathedral ceilings, and timber flooring;

the home's presentation, character, and warmth truly shine. A wood-burning fireplace in dining, split system air-conditioning, ceiling fans, luxury standalone bath in main bathroom, abundant use of glass to invite in light and frame vista, and resort-style inground pool, are just some of the other notable features.

Infrastructure on the property includes a 7x11m powered shed, 7mx7m carport, cosy gazebo, 3 x water tanks (20,000-gallon capacity in total), and bio-cycle septic system. There are delightful ponds, tropical palms, and even a small dam on-site.

It is located on coveted acreage built high in the hills of Ninderry on Yandina's eastern out-

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Vintage charm, loads of appeal

AGENT'S CHOICE: 29-31 Park Road Nambour

THIS charming Queenslander (circa 1935) exudes all the character and warmth that make homes of this era so timeless.

It has been tastefully renovated in recent years to enhance comfort, liveability and

The four bedroom home has office/sunroom, elegant modern bathroom, updated kitchen, formal lounge and an elevated covered north facing deck with outlook to Ninderry. It has masses of storage under, an alfresco timber deck and abundant onsite parking on a fully fenced 905m2 block.

Features include high ceilings, decorative fretwork, original doors, casement windows, stained glass and timber floors.

In addition there are ceiling fans, three split system air-conditioners, roll-down blinds on the rear deck and the home has been freshly painted inside and out, and the roof replaced.

Pristine landscaped and easy to maintain gardens frame the home beautifully.

There are masses of grassy space and a huge north-facing backyard for children and pets to play safely.

It is located in an older, established part of Nambour just a short walk to town amenities, including St Joseph's Primary School and offering quick easy access to Nambour Connection Road and Petrie Creek Road.

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163 North Maleny Road, North Maleny

A grand entrance awaits you at this very attractive home situated in highly sought-after North Maleny. The home itself is perfectly positioned on a 1 Acre block with park-like grounds that are a haven to wildlife, a gorgeous mature fig tree, citrus trees, and established gardens. With 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, including a master with en suite and parent's retreat, the 9ft ceilings in this low set, Western Red Cedar home allows for loads of light and space. Outside, set the family and your four-legged

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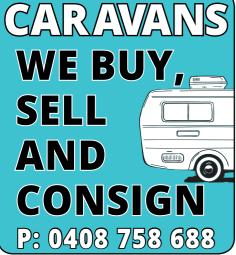
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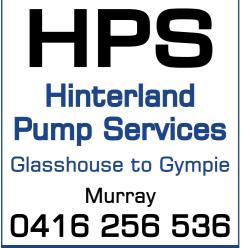
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Letters to the Editor

On kerbside cleanups: How about some value?

I agree with Mr Coulter, Ilkley. Either kerb-side clean-ups or some free vouchers for the local tips with our rates bills would be better value than, for example, a transport levy. A bus will never come past our place!

Brisbane councils include them. Or would that include another 'levy' added to the rates. Levies that seem to be multiplying every rates bills?

- E. Mabb, Eumundi.

Council Department shows compassion and care

We would like to thank the Sunshine Coast Regional Council's "Cemetery Services, Customer Response, Customer Engagement and Planning Services" for listening to our concerns about the safety of the columbarium wall site at the Nambour Garden Cemetery.

Previous to the current improvements, the area was rather dangerous. It was a tad uneven and boggy after rain and there was nowhere to sit and reflect (particularly for the elderly). So we alerted the Council to this situation and in due course the main stage of the work was done.

We greatly appreciate the recent work to make the area a more secure and comfortable place to visit. And we look forward to the shade tree planned for the site. We thank all concerned for their empathy and care.

— Lorraine and Dr Bob Roberts, Nambour

Town plan needs room for compassion

The review of our Town Plan is a rare opportunity to shape the way we want to live for the next couple of decades. We certainly need change!

As a landowner I offered my place for a lady traveling in her caravan when the Western Australia border closed and she got stuck here. All was well until a neighbour complained because our existing town plan limited people living temporarily in a caravan to 28 days in a calendar year.

She received a notice from Council to leave. We need more compassion in our town plan, we need more diversity in housing options. Not everyone wants to live in a standard house on

sunshinevalleygazette.com.au. Please understand there is a strict 300-words limit. a block of land or downsize into a retirement village. Young people want to live in smaller

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dwellings that leave a smaller environmental footprint. They want flexibility to move around in tiny house on wheels so they meet their changing

needs. Landowners are wanting help to look after their land, to share it with others and to build community resilience. I want to see some out-of-the-box thinking

when it comes to our new town plan so I will be having my say and I encourage everyone else to have their say too.

- Helen Andrew, West Woombye

When it comes to town planning, residents are the experts!

Unfortunately, any changes to the town plan aren't going to make a material difference until we consciously move the scheme from a developer-led scheme to a resident-led scheme.

Last time the plan was modified, developers gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to our political parties through "corporate donations". They have made billions in return for a system skewed towards them.

The current system requires that residents have time and suitable education to navigate the system in order to stop or slow development. These resources are not available to everyone. Developers count on it!

But for those that say change "can't be done". It can. There are many overseas examples. Australia (yet again) is lagging behind.

Residents are experts in their local area. Give them back the power!

- Andrew McLean, Maleny Greens Spokes-

Get involved in the planning scheme process

Sunshine Coast Council has started the process of drafting a new planning scheme.

This is a genuine opportunity for the community to be involved. The Woombye Community & Business Association (WCBA) encourages your feedback.

We understand the skepticism by many

towards town planning. But remember it was the planning scheme that was the tool used to demonstrate how inappropriate the telecommunications tower was for Woombye.

This shows how the planning scheme can be used to stop inappropriate development.

Also everyone can contribute. The survey has questions about granny flats, and duplexes. You may ask should the rules for rural properties be more flexible for more appropriate activities to take place.

Tourism is a major drawcard, should there be better rules for distilleries and breweries? The

Woombye Community & Business Association encourages everyone to read about Council's plans for Woombye/Palmwoods and then complete the survey at the link below. This is a quick 5 minute survey: www.haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/newplanningscheme/woombye-palmwoods

— Grant Palethorpe, Vice President, Woombye Community & Business Association

No loo on the long train trip to Brisbane

To Jeffrey Addison, Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate:

I should have reported this earlier but I put it off. The 9.08 from Nambour on the 11 October 2021 had no toilet on the train. It is not good enough, not to have a loo for a long trip. Many of the passengers (like me) were seniors and a little worried about the lack of facilities.

We did stop at Caboolture for a toilet break but we were not told that there would be such until the train was about to pull in. There was a tenminute halt. I remember a lot of fuss, some time back, about this very issue.

How often does this happen? Can QR let us know which services in the last month have not

My GO Card shows the trip as: 8.53am (entered station) Nambour 11 October 20221.

- Phillip Richards, Yandina

- Ed's Note: With Mr Richards' permission we sought a reply from Queensland Rail in the same edition. They have not replied but may not have received our email for whatever reason.
 - Also see Jeffrey Addison's column Page 26.

Entrepreneur makes every mile count for struggling mates

LIKE many of us Vasilis Comblas has had to overcome the problems that COVID-19 threw at small business owners.

Although over the past few difficult years, he was a little more creative, learnt from his past mistakes, built up a successful business and is now giving back to the community.

In 2013, Vasilis put all his money into launching a new fitness centre that went into liquidation. This financial failure was a hard lesson but wasn't the end of the road as it led him to re-evaluate his life.

"I had to lose everything I owned, my savings, my family and my sense of self-worth before I was capable of moving forward in the right

Vasilis' business failure wasn't the end of the road, he got back up, made another charge, and hit pay dirt.

His passion for cars re-crafted his business focus and helped him develop Iconic American Imports. "It was great, I was travelling to the USA several times a year searching for American Muscle Cars - it was every car enthusiasts dream - then COVID hit and within a week everything stopped".

Vas was determined to make this business work. "We changed our way of doing business, instead of personal face-to-face everything was done online, and it worked!"

Today, Iconic American Imports is busier than ever, Vasilis employs six people and hasn't forgotten the way he felt after his last business failed. "I was depressed, nothing left, business people I trusted let me down. I was at the lowest point in my life, luckily for me I had good friends who supported me, I took responsibility, paid off my debts and looked at it as a positive step forward."

Due to his own personal downward spiral and knowing a close friend who committed suicide due to depression, Vasilis set his mind to helping others. He has set up the Thunderbolt Run Event, a week-long car rally from

Sunshine Coast to Sydney that raises money for Beyond Blue.

Vas's supercars and muscle cars can often be seen at Ricks Garage in Palmwoods and is planning a car event soon.

He also takes the Thunderbolt Run Corvette (pictured) along with other sports cars for drives to Maleny, Montville and around the hinterland for photoshoots and lunches.

Vas is planning another car event and photoshoot in the hinterland to capture video for the Thunderbolt Run promos, so he will be doing a callout to all owners of super or performance cars in the Hinterland to join him.

▶ Contact Vas direct on 0429 877 997 or go to www.thunderboltrun.com.au



Vasilis Comblas in his Thunderbolt Run Corvette. As Vasilis says: "failure is the biggest lesson of all but failure is only the end if we let it be".

See solution next page 26

Crossword

ACROSS

- Grinding tooth Meditate
- Drink 11 Fish eggs
- 12 Planet
- 15 Insect
- 16 Threatening
- 18 Postpone
- 20 Evil emperor 21 Paradise
- 23 Take away 25 Abode of the dead
- 26 Like better 28 Fork tailed bird
- 30 Country 32 Indicate indifference
- 33 Supplier 34 Respectful fear 36 Grade of proficiency 37 Love god
- 38 Sailor
- 40 Whole

- DOWN
- Followed orders Quickness of
- perception Step's vertical face
- Went before
- Draw with force Vast age
- Answering sharply
- 10 Dash 14 Wearies
- 17 Indicate assent 18 Reckless from
- despair 19 Festivity
- 22 Minesweeping device
- 24 Consumer 25 Biblical king
- 27 Tree
- 28 Bird 29 Titanium dioxide
- 31 Numeral
- 32 Cults 33 Saucy 35 Pale

Your First Nations stories matter

David Law

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



If you have information and stories about First Nations sites, pathways and place names or Sunshine Coast sporting history, Council's historians-in-residence, Dr Ray Kerkhove and USC PhD student Kate Kirby, want to hear from you.

Dr Kerkhove is developing a definitive map of First Nations place names and pathways on the Sunshine Coast and Kate Kirby is keen to hear about the community's contribution to the development of Sunshine Coast sports.

If you didn't get chance to attend a community sharing day, they'd still love to hear from you; just send an email to culturalheritage@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

The Historian in Residence program will help fill the gaps in our region's past and is funded by the Heritage Levy.

Road Resurfacing and Rehabilitation Program

Dulong residents will soon be able to enjoy that 'new road feeling' with Dulong Rd to receive a new road spray seal.

Inclusive-mapping pilot project

Council has partnered with Briometrix and Spinal Life Australia to undertake a pilot project which focuses on inclusivity and mobility, changing the way our community travels. The project, which will initially map routes from Maroochydore to Mooloolaba, will map footpath conditions, access to public transport and parking, amenities, boardwalks, beach access and more.

The mobility pilots, Bevan Kearsley, Dane Cross, Lachy Chapman and Kay MacLean have all had devices installed to track their route.

Once the data is collected it will be uploaded to council's website to help residents and visitors plan their day more easily, given their ability and needs – watch this space.

Stay in touch

Don't forget if you have any questions please contact me at email: david.law@sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au and follow my Facebook page for regular updates: @DavidLawDivision10.

More bushfire funding

Ted O'Brien

Federal Member for Fairfax ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au



I was pleased to announce \$561,000 for an emergency management and evacuation call system at the Nambour Showgrounds recently. Ensuring effective communication at times of crisis can be the difference between life and death and that's what this project will deliver.

It's just over two years since the Black Summer Bushfires, and I have since provided over \$3.3 million in Federal Government for bushfire recovery projects here on the Sunshine Coast.

Building resilience so we're better prepared for future emergencies is what it's all about.

Good female youth employment news

While there is still much work to do, the latest economic figures demonstrate Australia's strong economic recovery from COVID-19. Unemployment for women is now at 4% with one million more women in work since the Liberal National Party came to Government and the gender pay gap has narrowed to record lows.

It's also good news for youth unemployment – now at 9% - which has been a perennial problem on the Sunshine Coast.

Boosting Aussies' Super

From July, more than 300,000 Australian workers will begin to earn super on their salaries; an effective pay rise of 10% for some of our lowest paid workers. The Government, as part of the Women's Budget Statement, promised to abolish the \$450 threshold - and we delivered.

Planning the Future

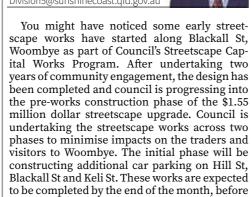
I sat down with Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Urban Infrastructure Minister Paul Fletcher recently to discuss future plans for South-East Queensland, including a Zoom meeting with the SEQ Council of Mayors to discuss the SEQ City Deal and the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Even though the Federal Government is delivering record amounts of infrastructure here on the Sunshine Coast, there's no room for complacency. I'm going after more.

Woombye street upgrade under way

Winston Johnston
Division 5 Councillor

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Need a ride?

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phase two construction starts mid-2022 on the

streetscape and landscape improvement works.

\$2 each way (\$1 child/concession). Operating with a CovidSafe plan in place, the services run three return-daily services from Monday to Saturday. For bookings, call 1300 511 163 two hours ahead of departure, or by 9pm the previous night for the first morning services. Full details here: https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/flexilink

Help council create a new planning scheme

Council is preparing a new planning scheme to guide future growth and development and to help preserve the things we love about our region. To provide early input and inform the drafting process, council is seeking feedback on planning directions at both a regional and local level. You can help shape the future of our region and your local area by visiting council's website to have your say by March 31. You can also come along to an online information session for your local area.

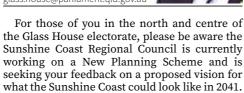
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New Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme

Andrew Powell

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



More information is at the link below but online information sessions will also be held focussing on specific local areas.

Online Information sessions

- Woombye Palmwoods 22 February at 12pm • Blackall Range - Maleny - 2 March at 10am
- Beerwah Landsborough- 3 March at 12pm
- This Planning Scheme is important.

It will determine where we house more than 150,000 new residents over the next two decades.

It will determine what type of development can occur in our communities.

Some of the discussed topics which are of hot importance to many people in Glass House are affordable living and housing affordability, design of multiple dwellings, and dual occupancies and secondary dwellings.

cies and secondary dwellings.

Please make sure you "Have your Say" by heading to: https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au/newplanningscheme

Peachester Leadership Ceremony

It is always wonderful to see future leaders in the community at the start of their journeys.

I recently attended the Peachester State School Leadership Ceremony and met

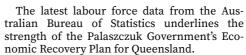


up with new school captains, Darby and Ashton, pictured. I look forward to watching them as they lead, grow and progress as they work alongside an amazing crop of House Captains, Library Captains and Environmental Captains.

Queensland leads nation in Jobs

Rob Skelton

State Member for Nicklin nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au



During January, Queensland recorded the highest growth in employment in Australia, and the largest fall in unemployment of any state.

Queensland defied expectations of an Omicron downturn, creating 17,400 jobs in the month. Australia would have gone backwards without Queensland, given employment increased by just 12,900 across the nation.

This strength is thanks to our world-leading health response, which allowed our economy to stay open until Queenslanders had sufficient access to vaccinations. Since we were first elected, the Palaszczuk Government has seen the creation of more than 1,000 jobs, on average, every single week in Queensland.

That's 376,800 new jobs under Labor.

9 local organisations share in \$250,000

Congratulations to the 9 local organisation which successfully applied for a grant through round 112 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

Gympie Auto Sports Club, Hunchy Community Assoc, Lily House, Nambour Golf Club, PCYC Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Valley Men's Shed, Nambour Tram Co, 2nd Nambour Scout Group, Woombye School of Arts took a share in the \$250,000 awarded across the Nicklin Electorate.

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program and distributes approximately \$60 million each year to not-for-profit community groups.

From 2022 the program changes to include 1 super round with grants of up to \$100,000. Applications for the Super round opened February 21st, get in touch with my office for more details.

My office is offering a FREE grant writing session to local community organisations wanting to apply for Round 113 of the GCBF on the 26th of February in Nambour. Head to bit.ly/Nicklin-Grants to find out more.



A masked lapwing undergoes the Sunday weigh-in.

Caring for 'all creatures' is rewarding but can be tiring

from **Donna Brennan** Wildlife Volunteers

WILVOS 5441 6200 www.wilvos.org.au

MANNING the WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline can be a stressful time. There may be no calls for a couple of hours and then a few come in one after another.

Members of the public are often surprised that they get to speak to a 'real person'.

WILVOS have a great system where the Hotline volunteer can call someone else and help is immediately at hand.

Often people will look at the cute native animals and say, 'that's a good job you've got', not realizing we are all volunteers. Everyone contributes in different ways as our lives are all so diverse.

My universe revolves around the rescue, rehabilitation and release of native animals but there are some mundane chores attached.

Not my favourite job, record keeping is so important for the future of our wildlife.

All details are recorded as one location may be a 'hotspot' and this data can then lead to fauna crossings being installed. When we input such data as weights and diet,

this information is beneficial to check on the health of the animal.

It is also a good reference further down the

track when we once again have that particular species come into care.

It is very difficult to assess an animals exact weight under all the feathers and fur so the

Sunday weigh-in is now a regular ritual.

Sometimes it's difficult containing them on the scales!

Coast trains need solutions for ablutions

by **Jeffrey Addison** Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



I respond to correspondence in 'Letters to the Editor' from Phillip Richards of Yandina, titled 'Rail no loo'

Dear Mr Richards,

Thank you for letting us know, or at the very least forewarning of the potential lack of toilets on our Sunshine Coast trains.

I apologise, because it should NOT be happening.

I earnestly hope that this is a 'one-off' anomaly and that the on-board ablutions gained in 2013, haven't been reversed.

Next Generation Rollingstock (NGR) trains currently provide one on-board toilet.

That toilet is located in either the third or fourth car, depending on the travel direction.

The NGR upgrades currently in progress (completion early 2024), include the addition of a second toilet on all 75 NGR (six-car) trains.

This upgrade was announced in a media release by Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Transport Minister Mark Bailey on 10 December, 2018.

The fact that there were no toilets on the 11 October, 2021 9:08am train that yourself and other senior folk caught into Brisbane, suggests it was an older style Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) type train or a Suburban Multiple Unit (SMU series 200, 220 or 260) that don't have toilets.

The incident you refer occurred in 2011, when a Eumundi mum's three-year-old, couldn't find a toilet.

It was one of many incidents and complaints of lack of ablutions for the two-hour Nambour to Brisbane trip. In response to that incident, a spokesman

for then Transport Minister Annastacia Palaszczuk apologised for the lack of toilets. It wasn't until a new government came to

It wasn't until a new government came to power, that the issue of toilets on our trains was resolved, in early 2013.

Since December 2011, I kept a log on the RAIL Back on Track website, listing delays and services without working toilets. I kept it

for over four years.

It culminated in Sunshine Coast Daily journalist Kathy Sundstrom travelling to Brisbane to see what our journey was like, and when she turned up to travel, the toilets were locked

Published 15 January 2013, her story led to Transport Minister Scott Emerson issuing a media statement 6 days later.

"Having travelled on the Sunshine Coast line many times before I understand how frustrating and inconvenient it can be when

toilets are not available," Mr Emerson said.
"From today, trains with toilet facilities will be prioritised to the Sunshine Coast line with particular focus on those busy morning and afternoon peak services.

"Trains travelling to and from Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast will be inspected daily to determine if repairs are needed.

determine if repairs are needed.

"Queensland Rail will then ensure any maintenance required is done overnight so passengers on the first Sunshine Coast service of the day will no longer have to put up with faulty toilets."

what used to happen before we had working toilets.

As to how often this occurs, or how many

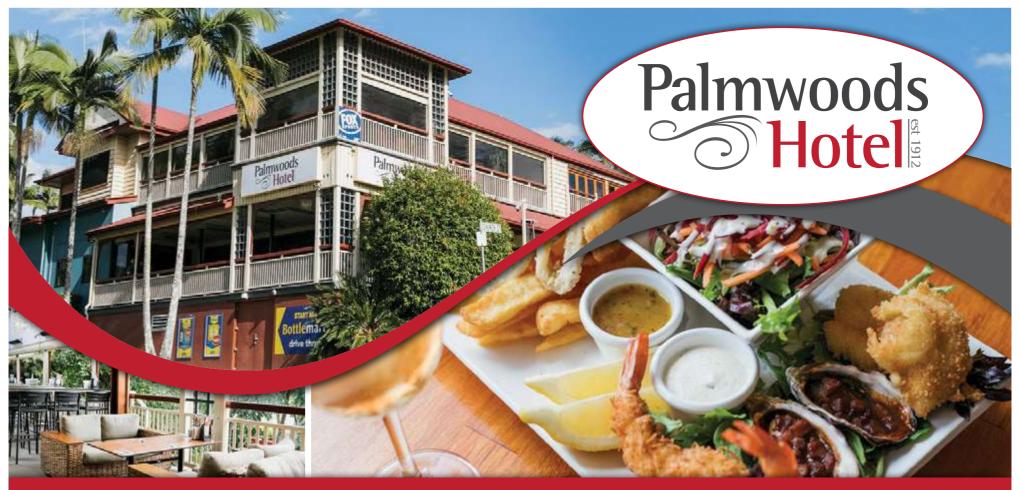
The Caboolture stop for a toilet break was

haven't had toilets available, we'll have to ask Queensland Rail. Are these commitments still being met?

Crossword Solution

That's a question for the Minister.





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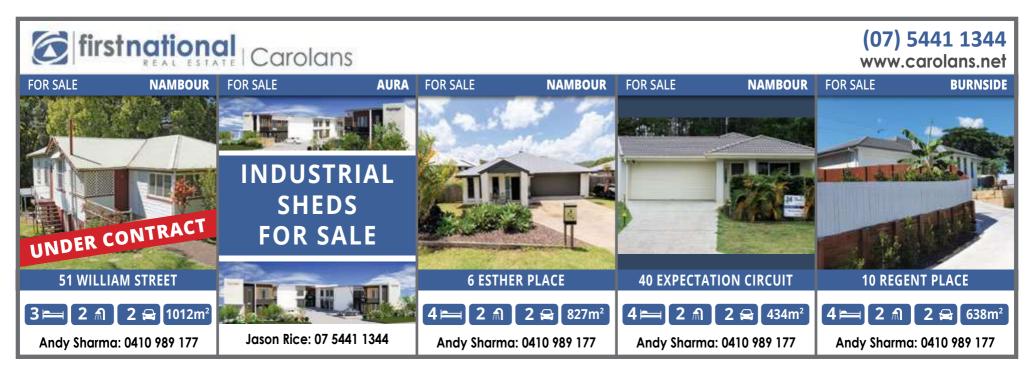
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