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World-class cellist back on home turf in Montville

by Richard Bruinsma

WORLD-RECOGNISED cellist Sam Lucas is arriving back in Montville this month to catch up with his family, but to also host local concerts in preparation for a prestigious competition of the world's elite cellists.

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.

He is this year a finalist in the Queen Elisabeth International Cello Competition, which is the biggest competition of its kind in the world this year, patronaged by the Belgium Royal Family, with a grand prize of 25,000 Euros plus worldwide concert engagements.

Sam is the only Australian finalist at the event, open to the world's 50 leading cellists aged under 32, selected from 350-plus applicants to be held in Brussels from May to June.

"It's the most prestigious global competition - it gets incredible attention from the Belgium public and royalty, Europe's classical music elite and is televised and widely publicised by the Belgium and European media - and all entrants are challenged to perform at a flawless high standard," Ian Lucas, of Lucas Parklands, Montville, said.

"As his father, I'm proud and excited, but music lovers here on the Sunshine Coast have that to look forward to as well."

Covid-19 meant Sam last visited home in 2019 and hasn't seen his family since January 2020. But while here catching up with loved ones, he



Former Montville boy and now elite cellist Sam Lucas is preparing to compete against the world's best. Inset: Sam in his Montville State School days.

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Nambour's character draws retail interest

AFTER moving to the Sunshine Coast four years ago Debra Lawson fell in love with Nambour's countless cafes and quirky businesses.

The former music TV presenter from Melbourne was inspired by her old city's mixed variety businesses to open a similar shop in her new town.

Gatherer, at 1 Howard Street, stocks an eclectic range of cruelty free plant-based groceries including meal kits and treats, fair trade fashion and footwear made from sustainable materials, accessories, beauty products and jewellery.

"Gatherer is all about fair trade," said Debra. "Fashion is one industry notorious for unfair conditions and low pay for workers, so for us from the start, we have made the choice to only work with designers and companies who practise fair trade processes."

"From fashion, to footwear, bags, accessories and beauty - we have looked high and low for products we can feel confident are fair trade. Our motto is 'Living Kindly' and this applies to people and animals alike."

"We love products with a story and working with brands that are advocating for change in the world of manufacturing."

Debra said she'd always hoped to own her own store and create a label.

"I'd worked in fashion amongst other things in Melbourne and loved it! Being creative is where I prefer to be and working within the cruelty free space."

"After my move to Nambour and the Sunny Coast that dream started to come to the fore-front again, considering this beautiful lifestyle we enjoy here - it just felt more like this was the



Debra Lawson has opened a mixed retail business *Gatherer* in Howard Street. "Nambour is quirky and full of community spirit."

place to do it.

"After leaving a corporate role last year and finding myself unsure about where to go from here, I came upon the perfect location and just went for it. Ensuring that the brands we support are Fair-Trade has definitely taken a little more time than first thought, but we know it's worth the wait."

Debra said she was excited by Nambour's colourful streets and it's developing personality.

"I saw an article about Nambour and they were saying all these cool funky people were coming here and opening shops and it was very music, arts, culture oriented and that certainly appealed to us."

She could see similarities between Melbourne's flourishing suburbs and Nambour's potential with its cafes, pubs and breweries, restaurants, clothing stores, op shops, vintage

stores, books and record stores and street art.

"The reason my husband and I wanted to live in Nambour was that it reminded us of the character-filled Melbourne suburbs like Brunswick and Collingwood," said Debra.

"We could see what Nambour could become. Nambour is quirky and full of community spirit, just like me, so it's the perfect fit! It's full of great people running their dream businesses and Gatherer will have a home here, right in the heart of town."

"I feel Nambour, with its easy-to-get-to location by train or road - is the perfect shopping town and I hope more retailers look at a move to Nambour," she said.

► Gatherer is at 1 Howard Street Nambour, on Facebook and at www.gathereraustralia.com.au.

Moment in Time



May Day procession entering the Nambour Showgrounds. c 1926: Throughout the 1920s and 30s, large crowds attended Nambour's annual May Day Festival organised by the Maroochy District Friendly Societies Association to raise funds for worthy causes in the town. On the left of the photo is the house built by Mr. J. T. Low and later owned by Nambour's first bowling green keeper, Mr 'Bob' Dixon. The second house was the home of George and Alice Brockhurst, followed by the house of the Harris family whose dairy farm stretched down to Petrie Creek. The Nambour State College now occupies this land. (Photo: Nambour & District Museum)

Cellist returns for Lucas Parklands performances

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will perform local concerts at the prestigious Lucas Parklands auditorium, Montville, and will treat local music lovers and help fine-tune his performance program for the Brussels finals.

"Sam is returning to Montville, where it began for him, which is exciting for our family, but it's also wonderful for his friends and lovers of classical music who have a rare chance to see him perform his complex and demanding repertoire specifically designed for the Queen Elisabeth event," Ian Lucas explained.

"To be named finalist in such a prestigious event is a wonderful achievement, it marks the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, and is a real credit to his talent and commitment."

Sam first played cello at the recommendation of a teacher at Montville State Primary School, at a time when the rest of his family was learning piano. His love for the instrument grew and developed. His path to his professional career in Europe began during his senior year, when he became the first Australian awarded the prestigious Sir Edmund Hilary Scholarship, which took him to the University of Waikato. Soon after, he was selected from all



For one performance on February 25, Sam will be accompanied by pianist Berta Brozgul.

New Zealand tertiary students to perform for Prince William and Princess Katherine during their Royal Tour.

It was in New Zealand that Sam was invited to audition for the cello class of Pieter Wispelwey of

the Robert Schumann Conservatorium. Sam was accepted and Pieter remains his teacher today.

For one of his local performances, on February 25, Sam will be accompanied by South African-born pianist Berta Brozgul, who joins the list of accomplished musicians to feature at Lucas Parklands. She appears thanks to the strong personal recommendations of internationally-renown Australian pianist Piers Lane.

Miss Brozgul was born in Cape Town, studied in Salzburg in Austria, and at Australia's National Academy of Music in Melbourne. She has performed throughout Australia, including with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

Lucas Parklands is set on a 30-acre property just outside Montville. The property features the performance hall, which is adjacent to the main residence and guest suites. Much of the hidden property is undisturbed rainforest, which sits adjacent to the Kondalilla National Park. The manicured lawns and bushland surroundings lend itself to a unique natural and relaxed atmosphere.

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Hinterland Suburbs Price Growth

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Suburb	Mar 20	Nov 21	change	\$ change
Chevallum	\$925,000	\$1,575,000	70%	\$650,000
Yandina Creek	\$692,500	\$1,225,000	77%	\$532,500
Doonan	\$962,500	\$1,455,000	51%	\$492,500
West Woombye	\$665,000	\$1,070,000	61%	\$405,000
Diddillbah	\$805,000	\$1,150,000	43%	\$345,000
Montville	\$680,000	\$1,000,000	47%	\$320,000
Ilkley	\$950,000	\$1,250,000	32%	\$300,000
Valdora	\$901,000	\$1,200,000	33%	\$299,000
Ninderry	\$735,000	\$985,000	34%	\$250,000
Flaxton	\$679,000	\$925,000	36%	\$246,000
North Maleny	\$880,000	\$1,105,000	26%	\$225,000
Woombye	\$518,000	\$737,500	42%	\$219,500
Mooloolah Valley	\$550,000	\$765,000	39%	\$215,000
Rosemount	\$675,000	\$865,000	28%	\$190,000
Witta	\$664,500	\$850,000	28%	\$185,500
Yandina	\$491,250	\$675,000	37%	\$183,750
Maleny	\$626,250	\$802,500	28%	\$176,250
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Eudlo	\$650,000	\$802,500	23%	\$152,500
Kureelpa	\$649,000	\$800,000	23%	\$151,000
Mapleton	\$590,000	\$740,000	25%	\$150,000
Burnside	\$473,000	\$610,000	29%	\$137,000
Nambour	\$411,500	\$545,000	32%	\$133,500
Coes Creek	\$485,000	\$603,500	24%	\$118,500
Kenilworth	\$362,500	\$454,000	25%	\$91,500

NEW data from Core Logic shows exactly how much hinterland house prices have exploded since the Covid pandemic.

Experts put the massive increases down to demand generated by southern migration to the Sunshine Coast coupled with record low interest rates.

The data from November 2021 reveals how much each suburb's value has grown since March 2020.

Median house prices in some suburbs have grown by more than \$500,000 in 18 months. The highest price growth on the Sunshine Coast came from Sunshine Beach which saw a 74 percent rise from \$1,780,000 to \$3,100,000 a change of over a million dollars.

The highest price growth in the Gazette readership footprint was at Chevallum which grew 70 percent to \$1,575,000.

Nambour median home prices grew by \$133,500 to \$545,000.

Maleny home prices grew 28 percent to \$802,500.

Woombye home prices rose 42 percent to \$518,000 while Yandina Creek saw a massive 77 percent increase.



Blood donors needed ... people are not showing up for blood donation appointments.

Omicron sidelines donors

THE Lifeblood Nambour Donor Centre has issued a call for new and existing donors to come off the bench as the pandemic sidelines an estimated 100,000 donors across the nation.

An estimated 20 per cent of the nation's donors have been unable to donate on any given day in recent weeks due to record numbers of people isolating or currently unwell with COVID-19, according to Australian Red Cross.

Lifeblood spokesperson Cath Stone said it was as if winter had come early with cancellations and no shows peaking and less than one in two appointments resulting in a donation.

"Traditionally we see high numbers of no shows and cancellations during the winter months, with many regular donors unwell, but we've never seen numbers this high in the

middle of summer," Ms Stone said.

"It's a real challenge for blood supplies because even in the midst of a pandemic there are still cancer patients, trauma cases, pregnant women and unborn babies who all require donated blood.

• Nambour Donor Centre, 19 Mapleton Road (next to the Nambour Hospital). Open Monday: 7am-1pm. Tuesday: 11.30am-7pm. Wednesday: 9.30am-3.30pm. Thursday: 11.30am-7pm. Friday: 7am-1pm. Saturday: 7am-12pm.

• The Mobile Donor Centre visits Maleny every 3 months at the Showgrounds, 13 Maleny-Stanley River Road. The next visit is set for Monday 21 March from 7am-2pm and Tuesday 22 March from 11.30am-6pm.

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Moment in Time



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Montville's Multiverse of wonders celebrates anniversary

AS Montville's Crystal Multiverse passes its second anniversary it's amazing to think that some of its stock has been around a couple of hundred million years.

"As you can see Richard and I are not the only fossils in this shop," joked Serge Doumerge, who mans the shop on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays.

This gives owner Richard Sargent time off to source interesting and unique items from around the world. Items like 500 million year old Trilobite Adaluciana fossils from the Cambrian period, pictured, or a 160 million year old Ammonite fossil from Madagascar, also pictured.

"I do a lot of online searching and sourcing from word-wide locations," said Richard. "And where possible I like to be able to hand-pick items in person, so I can check the quality. I can source items everywhere from Melbourne to Morocco."

Despite starting right at the same time the pandemic Richard is proud and relieved his enterprise had survived and grown. "It's reassuring in a way. We're still here, so I think we must be doing something right," he said.

"I just love seeing the smiles on people's



Richard Sargent, left, and Serge Doumerge from Crystal Multiverse with 500 million year old Trilobite Adaluciana fossils (main) from the Cambrian period and a 160 million year old Ammonite fossil from Madagascar, lower left.

faces from the fascination they experience in the store. It's more than just retail therapy. Everyone has an experience when they come in. They walk away with a smile on their face, whether or not they've bought something.

"Part of the experience is being able to pick up and appreciate crystals and fossils that have been around for millions of years.

"We're always happy to answer questions, and we offer something quite educational for kids that you can't find anywhere else.

"The mystique and wonder of it all is what ties it together I think, from our ancient fossils

to Egyptian civilisations to Harry Potter. It's all wondrous, magical and thought-provoking."

"It's like we're in a natural history museum," said Serge.

"It really is quite a unique experience, to be able to experience something that is 500 million years old.

"That's one of the key attractions of the shop. You can touch and hold almost everything we sell."

► Crystal Multiverse is at the top end of Main Street Montville and you can find them on Facebook @crystalmultiverse



Poetry and Songs at Eumundi bookshop

ACCLAIMED British singer-songwriter and poet Emily Maguire will present an evening of poetry and songs at Berkelouw Books in Eumundi on Friday 18 March 2022 to celebrate the publication of her most recent poetry collection 'Words With Wings'. The book is a collection of stream-of-consciousness poems.

Emily and Christian will be performing in the intimate surroundings of Berkelouw Books Eumundi on Friday 18 March at 7pm.

Tickets are \$20/\$15 concessions available through Emily's website at www.emilymaguire.com.

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The Old Ambo's John Waldron and Arts Connect Coordinator Lou Jaeger with Molly Galpin's Birdlife Caravan Lamp.

Truth, Healing and Prophecy at the Old Ambo

THE Old Ambulance Station is pleased to team up with Arts Connect to present a fabulous new exhibition by Sunshine Coast artists, entitled Truth, Healing and Prophecy.

Arts Connect Coordinator Lou Jaeger said the idea started in June 2021. Member artists were invited to create art reflecting the difficult times we live in, and were given complete freedom to choose forms and media. The 28 Arts Connect members who responded range from well known established figures to emerging artists for whom this is their first opportunity to be exhibited.

This has resulted in a wonderful diversity of art, ranging from stunning bronze sculptures, oil and acrylic paintings, artist books and prints, to found objects and installations.

Visitors to the gallery will have the chance to vote for their favourite work for the People's Choice prize of \$500, donated by Marcel Desbiers from the Bienarte Art School in Brisbane.

Truth, Healing and Prophecy is now open at the Old Ambulance Station Gallery at 80 Howard St Nambour, across the road from the Plaza. It will run until March 5th, Monday to Saturday from 10am to 3pm. For more information go to theoldambulancestation.com. To find out about becoming a member of Arts Connect, go to www.artsconnectinc.com.au.



Instructor Philippa Johnson's Dance for Joy classes start with chair dancing to improve mobility.

So, you think you can't dance? This might change your tune

EXERCISE and health are on the top of many people's new year resolution lists, but mobility issues may seem a deterrent.

Not so for participants in the Yandina Dance for Joy classes who have started this year with enthusiasm and gusto.

Members of the group are focusing on improving their health with regular dance-based exercise.

Whatever the concern, be it knee/hip replacement, arthritis, a chronic condition such as Parkinsons – or feeling the effects of the ageing process, Dance for Joy offers a specific program which takes these factors into account.

"The program caters specifically for people with mobility issues, offering a program approved by doctors as well as occupational therapists and physiotherapists," said instructor Philippa Johnson.

Philippa said classes began with chair

dancing with sequences ranging from sun salutation to Irish tap-dance.

"They then progress to standing stretches and follow up with slow circle dances or some salsa. A variety of music styles means something for everyone.

"The pace is determined by the group. "Dancers experience increased mobility and improved coordination."

Anne joined the group only last year. "I feel so much more confident now," she said.

Philippa said the secret was good exercise, good music and good company.

"It's a friendly group and newcomers are welcome. No partner and no experience is needed."

► Dance for Joy classes are held weekly at the Freemason Hall, North St. Yandina and run every Thursday morning. More details from Philippa 0417 780 016.



Have you seen this vehicle, which was stolen last week? It belongs to Rhett, 17, pictured.

Thieves steal young carpenter's hard-earned ute, before he could dive it

A first year apprentice carpenter from Eudlo has had his ute stolen by thieves before he was able to get his licence.

"My son has worked hard and saved and paid cash for this very clean original Hilux," said his father Tim Dodd.

"Then some grub stole it last night (Tuesday February 1) from our property at Eudlo. He's been counting down the days until his 17th birthday and getting his licence."

Mr Dodd urged locals to keep their eyes peeled for the vehicle. Indeed, there were hopes of tracking down the criminals after a possible sighting.

"We had a lead at 2.10pm this afternoon (Wednesday February 1). A lady was cut off in traffic by an exact looking Ute driven by two young boys. The ute had no plates on it. Any dash cam footage of the Nambour connection Road Blackall St intersection could be helpful," said Mr Dodd, adding that the vehicle has a football-size ding in driver's side guard.

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Maleny and Montville top 'Most Welcoming' ratings

MALENY has once again secured top spot in the top 10 *Most Welcoming Towns* in Australia.

Booking.com announced the recipients of its 10th annual Traveller Review Awards recently.

Maleny won for the second year in a row while Montville was ranked number 9, proving Blackall Range charm still reigns supreme.

The awards draw on more than 232 million verified reviews from real travelers.

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston said it was no surprise Maleny and Montville were such welcoming towns. "Congratulations to our community and business owners who have worked tirelessly for many years to promote our area and to ensure that visitors enjoy a welcoming experience to the Blackall Range. This award is not easy to win and it is a credit to all concerned. It requires a lot of planning, training and strict attention to detail. Keep up this excellent work."

Montville Chamber of Commerce President Shiralee Cooper said Montville's accommodation venues have continued to provide outstanding service despite the continuing challenges of last minute cancellations and staffing because of the pandemic.

"I am so proud to see how our local businesses have extended a warm welcome to guests in trying times," she said. "The friendly face is an important part of the experience for visitors to our hinterland home."

"Our proximity to Brisbane, our epic green vistas and fresh air have enticed visitors to escape to the hills. Montville's natural beauty,

our vibrant arts and crafts scene, unique shops and cafe culture are all a part of the appealing mystique of Montville.

"One of our hosted accommodations, Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat took out the top gong for Tripadvisor's Travellers' Choice Most Romantic Hotel in the entire world last year. While another multi-awarded accommodation, The Falls Montville won third place in the Small Hotels in the world as rated by Tripadvisor guests."

"If you read the reviews on any of the booking platforms you will understand why Montville and the Sunshine Coast Hinterland are such resilient destinations. Our tourism offerings are exceptional, as are the people who make it their business to warmly welcome guests."

"If you are seeking a refreshing break, now is the time to book before the onset of the Easter holiday crowds."

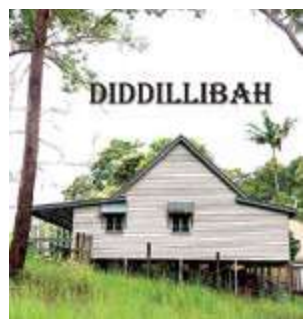
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Diddillibah Book launch

AFTER many months of researching and gathering information, the Diddillibah Book is ready. There'll be a book launch with afternoon tea, on Sunday afternoon February 20 from 2-4pm at the Diddillibah Hall and nearby park. Covid rules will apply and masks must be worn indoors.

The books will cost \$15 each, preferably preordered. Information has been gathered from descendants of early settlers and families who had farms last century, and we know there will always be untold stories. It is hoped the book is enjoyable reading for anyone with connections to Diddillibah.



Q&A Profile

David Dangerfield founder of Compass

DAVID Dangerfield founded Compass, an innovative Sunshine Coast-based, for-purpose organisation assisting people with intellectual and physical disabilities. David is this edition's Q&A Profile Person.



David Dangerfield ... "I love that Compass has been a disruptor in a space that really needed a shake-up".

• Birth Place and Star Sign: Ashgrove Private Hospital in Brisbane. Aquarian / Pisces cusp.

• Dream Car: I'm more of a motorbike guy and I already own my dream bike, a 2020 Triumph Rocket 3R.

• What's one thing on your bucket list? I want to travel the world for one full year, minimum.

• What was your first job? My career as an entrepreneur started when I set up my first business at age 12 ... a Carwash at the garage at the top of our street.

• Best advice you have ever received? My Uncle Harold advised me to assume all other road users were idiots and expect them to do ridiculous things. This has saved me from serious harm on many occasions.

• What has been your most memorable moment (not related to family matters)? I'm a huge fan of the here and now. It's called the 'Present' for a good reason.

• What is something people don't know about you? People may not know that I enjoy watching the Sumo.

• What's the best thing about Compass Inc? I love that Compass has been a disruptor in a space that really needed a shake-up. We're breaking rules all over the place ... and having fun with the wonderful people of Compass - the trainees, their families, my colleagues. And, of course, our amazing supporters.

• What's Your Vision for Compass Inc? It's all about our impact. How many people with a disability can wake up with the sense that people believe in them and will assist them to lead rich and meaningful lives.

• What one thing would you like to see

happen in Nambour/Hinterland? Free and reliable public transport (electric) that would improve connectivity and enable people who may not be able to drive.

• Best thing about Nambour/Hinterland (apart from the people)? Well naturally as a motorbike enthusiast I enjoy the quiet country roads early on a Sunday morning on my way to some of the great breakfast destinations we have around us.

• Is there a Nambour/Hinterland business or community group you'd like to give a shout-out to? My shout-out goes to you guys and girls at the Sunshine Valley Gazette. I think you provide a vital service and you do so with genuine friendliness and professionalism.

• What haven't we asked that we should know about you?: My passion is to understand how can we work together to develop a system of governance at all levels that attracts non-partisan people with genuine vision, wisdom, energy and a non-adversarial mindset to positions of leadership in our country.

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A year later and RE/MAX owner has plans for more agency growth

LAST Wednesday marked a year since Tristan Brown purchased RE/MAX Property Sales Nambour.

Mr Brown said he was proud to lead an award-winning and record-breaking team that had grown from 8 to 19 employees in 12 months.

"I honestly couldn't be happier," Mr Brown said. "It has been a very big & busy year. We have some tremendous agents, who have been with the company for years & continuously have hit incredible goals, I am very thankful that they welcomed me in with open arms. My administration team is second to none & our Property Management department (which was started a year ago when I become the owner) have been knocking it out of the park.

"Most importantly, I really enjoy walking through the doors every day, and as an owner and an agent what more could you ask for than that.

"It is a tremendous culture and wonderful atmosphere, so thank you to everybody within our office and also a special thank you to everyone outside our office that supported us and all our loyal clients. We are looking forward to a big year in 2022."

SVGazette: Speaking of 2022 what are your plans for the Agency this year? ...

Tristan Brown: "We are excited to be launching our very own RE/MAX Hot Air Balloon here on the Sunshine Coast. It will be operated by Balooning Sunshine Coast and available for everyone to book and experience the Sunny Coast by air.

"This was a major investment by RE/MAX Australia and the 3 RE/MAX offices here on the coast.

"We will also continue our rapid growth with the recruitment of both new and experienced agents.

"This is aimed at not only continuing our strength in the Nambour market but our expansion throughout all other suburbs on the Sunshine Coast."

SVG: Have we hit a ceiling in real estate prices yet?

TB: "Generally buyer interest is very strong for property that represents value and appeals to the marketplace. We are seeing some properties remain on market a little longer due to increased seller expectations.

"We could likely see another 5-10% increase this year however we are noticing many sellers looking to take their profits sooner rather than later."

SVG: How has the start to the new year been in terms of the market?

TB: "It has been mixed. Stock levels are increasing slightly and buyer interest is still strong.

"Some sellers are being caught out with increased price expectations which will require monitoring. Overall it's still a phenomenal time to sell."

SVG: What else would you like to say about the local real estate market?

TB: "Nambour remains high on the list for buyers however we are seeing the entry level price point now sitting closer to \$700,000, which is quite incredible from where we were 2-3 years ago!

"There is increased interest from investors who are looking to try and fill the void for tenancies in the area.

"The market is certainly doing its job. Now the focus needs to be firmly shone on local, state and federal representatives to work on the anti-social behaviour still plaguing the town centre. It's one the missing pieces of the puzzle for Nambour."

► RE/MAX Nambour is at 50 Lowe Street. Phone 5470 7000.



Above: RE/MAX Nambour Principal Tristan Brown ... "We could likely see another 5-10% increase this year".



Right: RE/MAX Nambour Staff pictured during a recent Walk For Daniel fundraiser.



Low act: Snake mascot stolen from Woombye soccer club roof

WOOMBYE Snakes Football Club's rooftop Red Bellied Black Snake metal sculpture, pictured, has been stolen sometime between last Saturday and last Tuesday (February 1).

The sculpture has sentimental value to the club as it was designed and built by longtime Woombye Snakes supporter Joe Hastie after the passing of his daughter.

"Many hours of hard work went into the creation of this Snake Pit entry statement," a club spokesperson said.

"Camera footage is being investigated and police have been notified."

Editor's Update: Good news! Happily, a resident has informed us, at time of going to press, that the welded snake has made its way back atop the roof at *The Snake Pit*.

Nambour Probus Club Meeting

NAMBOUR Probus Club will meet at 9.30am Friday 11th February in the Masonic Hall, North Street Yandina.

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Co-working Studios a perfect fit for allied health

IT is no secret that Nambour is once again going through a revival with rental demand increasing, house prices rising and new businesses popping up regularly.

Long-time locals Greg and Cherryl Butcher are passionate about supporting this growing economy and have opened a unique co-working space in Mitchell Street to help small businesses thrive.

The Hub Coworking Studios is located in the heart of the business precinct on Mitchell Street and offers private office suites in a collaborative workspace.

Greg Butcher said community, security, and inclusivity are at the core of the facility.

"Each office is completely private with its own lockable door but there is also a large break-out area for informal gatherings or an open meeting room," he said.

"It means people can focus on their work in a comfortable environment but also step out and collaborate with other people when they need to take a break."

Speaking of comfort, each office has its own controlled air conditioning unit, skylight for sunlight, and even a system that brings in fresh air. Breaking away from the traditional hotdesking environment, The Hub Coworking Studios is all about being cost-efficient while also providing a sense of professionalism and privacy.

"We are suitable for a range of industries, but especially allied health due to our facilities and disability capabilities," Mr Butcher said.

"All our allied health credentials are fully met. With the convenient car parking, all offices on one level and our studio doors exceed standards."

Cherryl Butcher said she is excited to see what types of businesses this new offering will attract.

"Nambour is an amazing place to live and



Greg and Cherryl Butcher have opened a unique co-working space in Mitchell Street offering private office suites in a collaborative workspace.

work and I am so pleased the town is thriving and more and more businesses are attracted to the area," she said.

"The Hub Coworking Studio is all about bringing people together because there is definitely strength in collaboration."

The Hub Coworking Studios is located on Mitchell Street but can also be accessed from Tamper Street.

► For more information visit hubcoworking.com.au.



Gubbi Gubbi visitor enthralled at Story Time

from **Woombye Community Library**

WHAT a great time we had at our Story Time Event on January 19.

We welcomed children early and started with drawing and colouring activities. Then our visitor from the Gubbi Gubbi people, Nathan Morgan, arrived and the fun started. After reciting the Welcome to Country in local language, we learned the Gubbi Gubbi names for the places on the Sunshine Coast and the stories behind how these names came about. We learned some cool dance moves, like the pippi shuffle and how to dance like an emu. We saw different boomerangs and beautiful Indigenous art.

Nathan was interesting and entertaining and kept the children and adults enthralled with his Gubbi Gubbi stories, and Suzanne Howard took a small group of little people aside to tell them the Bug story which is new to the library. She showed the children her collection of bugs from her garden. They loved seeing her bug collection!

Woombye Community Library would like to thank the Sundale Foundation for supporting our Story Time Event. We have been able to purchase a collection of Indigenous stories for the library with funds they provided. These books are on display in the East Wing of the library and are available to be borrowed when next you're in Woombye. Don't forget it's free to join the library!

Feedback from participants and parents about our Story Time event has been so positive we are planning another day for children in the term break so like us on Facebook to keep up to date with the fun.



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Lily House Business Manager Jo Higgins welcomes the grant support from Ted O'Brien.

Volunteer Grants inject \$135,320 into local groups

FORTY community groups in Fairfax have received federal grants of up to \$5000 to increase participation, promote awareness of volunteering opportunities and help purchase equipment and training resources.

"We're fortunate to have such an incredible culture of volunteerism here on the Sunshine Coast," said Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien.

"Whether it's providing meals to those in need, protecting lives along our coastline or training the next generation of sportspeople, the value of volunteering is immeasurable."

"I'm delighted to be supporting those people in our community who dedicate so much of their time and effort to helping others with \$135,320 in funding."

These grants are part of the Morrison Government's \$18 million 2021 Volunteer Grants program, which will support thousands of community organisations across the nation.

Lily House in Woombye, a crisis centre for women and their children in need, received

\$5,000 through the grant.

Business Manager at Lily House, Jo Higgins warmly welcomed the grant support.

"This grant is so important to Lily House and will enable us to update our ageing computer which is very old and does not run well making it hard to manage a range of tasks in this digital age," Ms Higgins said.

"We will also be able to use this funding to upskill and support our wonderful and appreciated volunteers."

More than 8.7 million volunteers across the country freely give their time and skills to support others and contribute around \$290 billion each year to Australia's economy.

Volunteering also plays an important role in Australia's social landscape as a proven pathway to get people into jobs, reduce marginalisation and increase community participation.

The 2021 Volunteer Grants provide organisations with grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to directly support their volunteers.

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A very special vehicle, manufactured by the Little company, makes its way through the hurdles event.

Drivers skills put to the test at Aussie Day Car Club Gymkana

THE Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club celebrated Australia Day with a 'gymkana' putting their cars and driving skills through challenges before heading off on a run through parts of Woombye and Nambour.

As is the case at most traditional equestrian gymkanas, our 'hurdles' challenge was a major focus for onlookers, whilst appropriate 'dressage' is always required at special Club events.

Competition commenced when Club vehicles were expected to precisely accomplish one rotation of their tyres under the close inspection of our adjudicators.

In the vertical hurdles event drivers firstly indicated to the hurdle controllers as to how narrow a space they perceived their vehicle required, before proceeding through to hopefully clear the hurdles. Two drivers tied for first place with only 5¼ inches clearance (these cars are at least 30 years old, hence pre-metric measurements were justifiably taken).

During the motorcade of 25 vehicles through the neighbourhood, speed racing through obstacles was not condoned and nor were any water jumps encountered to further test the

skills of the drivers and the aged state of their vehicles.

The morning wound up with an Australia Day-themed barbecue lunch for members.

Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club members are looking forward to Australia Day 2023, in the hope that with the wider community we can celebrate Nambour and district's agricultural, industrial and manufacturing heritage with a display of 'older' vehicles in the Old Mill precinct along with The Nambour and Districts Historical Museum and the Western Tram Terminus and highly anticipated Tram.

Sign on Day and Display February 27

The SCACC's next major event is Sign-On Day on February 27 from 10am to 1pm at the Nambour showground's Trade Pavilions. Members of the public are welcome to view our display of members' cars, along with special vehicles from other some other clubs and organizations. A gold coin donation on entry to the showgrounds will be collected by the Kawana Scouts and a coffee and food vendor will be on site.

How to tap the subconscious and help new beliefs take hold

Business Writeup: Rapid Transformational Therapy

FROM working in dentistry, to a business in hypnotherapy and natural healing, Yandina's Adelle Gauci has dedicated her working life to helping people.

"I had been working in dental health for many years before I personally experienced a Rapid Transformational Therapy (RTT) session to help me overcome Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD)," Adelle explained. "PMDD caused me to feel as though I was having a mental breakdown every month. I had sought treatment from Doctors and Specialists but nothing helped. It was horrendous.

"It was pretty much a last resort when I found a RTT practitioner and after one session, my symptoms were alleviated. I was so happy I found something to finally free me from the emotional pain I dreaded, month after month. That's when I knew I had found my life's purpose. I wanted to make a career out of helping people and free them of their emotional pain too, using RTT".

RTT is a hybrid therapy developed by Rapid Transformational Therapy trainer and best-selling author, Marisa Peer. Marisa has nearly three decades of experience as a therapist who has received multiple international awards, been named Best British Therapist by *Men's Health* magazine and featured in *Tatler's Guide to Britain's 250 Best Doctors*.

"I have trained under Marisa Peer and have been practicing RTT for two years now," Adelle said. "RTT works with the subconscious mind which stores everything we have learnt and experienced that has shaped our beliefs and why we react to things in a particular way.

"To change, we need to connect with the subconscious via hypnosis," she said. "This heightened state of focus gives your mind more control, not less. The critical chatting mind is bypassed so we can access old beliefs and the subconscious mind is more receptive to positive suggestions. New beliefs can take root typically in just one session, and generally no more than three".

RTT can be used to effectively manage issues



Adelle Gauci helps people connect with their subconscious minds via hypnosis.

such as anxiety and depression, smoking and addictions, weight loss and eating issues, fears, phobias, fertility and pregnancy issues, relationships, confidence and self esteem, children's issues such as bed wetting, bullying and finger sucking, and many more.

"So many issues of modern life find their root cause in a lack of self love and not feeling 'enough'. I am seeing a sad number of young people for whom social media (in particular), has been a terrible influencer," said Adelle.

"The good news is that with RTT we can very quickly and gently get to the root cause of the problem. For many, a pharmaceutical approach is not effective in the long term, and I would like people to know that there are options for them. There is no need to live in suffering".

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Council's decision on SW Yandina challenged

In December last year Sunshine Coast Council rejected a 265 lot development application at Southwest Yandina because the developer, Noel Covey, failed to comply with a request to modify the plan in order to meet Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme (2014) requirements.

Brothers Gordon and Murray Oakes, who own the former cane land bordered by Wappa Falls, Creighton and Bracken Fern Roads have lodged an appeal against Council's refusal in the Planning and Environment Court.

The 12 reasons for refusal given in the Sunshine Coast Council's Notice about Decision include:

- The plan did not reflect traditional rural town residential qualities such as large lots, open streetscapes and mature street trees.
- The plan did not provide for larger-than-average lot sizes which appropriately transition to adjacent properties on Wappa Falls Road and Bracken Fern Road.
- No vegetated buffer had been provided between the industrial land to the east and the housing estate, nor along Wappa Falls Road.
- The drainage line in the south-west corner had not been protected.
- Road A (which will carry traffic from Creightons Road and the estate) had not been designed to operate in a safe and efficient manner.

The design of Road A was critical for over 100 property owners south of the subdivision, all of whom will be forced to negotiate the four roundabouts in the housing estate once the Creightons Road exit is closed. These are rural properties, owning or requiring the services of big vehicles like trucks with earth moving equipment, tankers for sewerage pump outs and horse floats. Road A needs to be able to accommodate this type of traffic.

It's not too late to create an estate we would all be proud of. Unfortunately the current design has many local residents concerned. Even though this is a code assessable development application Council received more than 200 submissions from residents.

Developers should abide by Council's Planning Scheme Requirements. Performance Outcomes spell out what is expected. The Community rely on these Performance Outcomes to ensure everybody's interests are protected.

— Marie Reeve, President YADCA

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What happened to Council kerb side clean-ups?

Years ago we used to get kerbside clean-ups included in our Council rates and this was a great way to get rid of unwanted 'stuff'.

Since Council stopped this service it is now very difficult for older residents to dispose of unwanted items too large for the garbage bin.

The cost of skips and removal services are just too expensive for the few items we may want to get rid of and for older people putting items in trailers or utes to take to the tip is difficult plus you then have tip fees.

Brisbane Council is going to have its next kerb side clean up in July this year. So why can not we have the same service from the Sunshine Coast Council?

— Ken Coulter, Ilkley

Cr Johnston replies ...

The provision of kerb side clean-ups has been discussed at the past two budget meetings and Councillors considered the following:

Due to the size and widespread nature of our region, compared to the more compact area of Brisbane City Council, the cost for every Sunshine Coast ratepayer to provide this service would be \$17 a year, added to the current waste collection fee. This service will once again be discussed at budget meetings in May and perhaps Council's new Waste Management Contractor can provide a more cost effective contract for carrying out this desirable service.

— Winston Johnston, Division 5 Councillor

Non-compliance shouldn't cost you your livelihood

I response to Lynley Boyle's letter SVGazette January 26.

I fail to relate to the comparison of mandatory vaccinations and the wearing of seatbelts.

I note that some people still do not accept the reasoning of wearing a seat belt. These thoughts and reasons are their own.

However it is now law to do so. Therefore the vast majority comply. Those that do not comply run the risk of hefty fines.

Importantly though, they do not run the risk

of losing their jobs, their homes etc.

While a mandate is legally enforceable it is not a law. I agree that there is a lot of misinformation on both sides.

But unfortunately only one side is being reported on (by most mainstream media).

I agree that we do have a tiered society due to wealth, race and gender which is very unfortunate. But do we really need to add to it with further discrimination? Surely people should have freedom of choice.

Regarding the claim that booster shots will not be never-ending; the way things are going I have serious concerns here. Just look at the pattern so far. Many Scientists have concerns but are silenced – as are many doctors.

— Janet Holland, Coes Creek

Official convoy to Canberra

I'm wondering if people are aware that convoys of thousands of trucks and cars have been descending on Parliament House to voice their concerns against the vaccine mandates and other issues which they feel have been threatening our democracy, disrupting our economy, undermining the quality of people's lives, running rough-shod over the Australian Constitution and resulting in the removal of some pretty basic human and civil rights.

It's possible to keep abreast of the action via the 2022 Official Convoy to Canberra Face Book group. It's a private group but easy to join. It has some 168,500 members with messages of support coming in from all over the world and provides viewers with up to the minute posts and videos so you can keep in touch with all the action happening down there in Canberra.

The inspiration for the initiative came from a similar action in Canada where thousands of truckers descended on Ottawa to speak out against the vaccine mandates.

In Canberra, it's inspiring to see thousands of Aussies, both vaxxed and unvaxxed, coming together to peacefully speak out about all the issues that concern them.

Many people have driven to Canberra from all over the country and have fronted up to Parliament House to tell the Government they have had enough of the mandates, the lockdowns, the mask-wearing, the tracking, the social distancing, the collapse of the economy, the job losses, the losses of livelihoods, the fears about vaccinating their kids with experimental mRNA vaccines, etcetera, etcetera.

It feels to me like a positive shift in the right direction for all of us. These brave Aussies are coming together, speaking up and speaking out for a return to the values of democracy and freedom of choice that honour our sovereignty before our Gods and all the human rights and basic civil liberties social justice warriors down through the ages have fought for. Good on them!

— Wendy Buss, Yandina

Truth will set our kids free

No more false lies, unlawful mandates, face nappies, dangerous jabs with long-term debilitating effects and other authoritarian suppression of any kind.

There is no necessity whatsoever to remain faceless till the end of our days. Stop torturing the young ones with these face nappies and stop jabbing them. Parents, please wake up! Your child's intact immune system is being suppressed by those draconian measures who serve no one but the tyrannical authorities and Big Pharma.

By now you should know that you cannot believe what the mainstream media, who are being heavily funded by the government, dishes you up 24/7.

Please start doing your own research from independent sources. Stand up peacefully for your rights with other awakened souls. The tyranny only stops when we all stand united and speak up for our rights. Only the awakened people can bring a speedy ending to these draconian and unnecessary government measures.

— Fridelle Stanyer, Woombye

My wife and I are out of work for refusing vaccines

We have been advised that you are interested in Covid stories and the impact on local residents. Both myself and my wife have been stood down from our jobs because of Covid mandates.

I work in retirement living and they could not mandate the injection quickly enough. My wife has worked in a government organisation in Nambour for over 30 years and they could not mandate it quickly enough either.

I am prone to focal seizures (a type of epilepsy) which are controlled by medication. Seizures are a side effect of the Covid vaccine. Therefore I chose not to get vaccinated. Ironi-

cally, my colleague, who chose to get the jabs, is now off work because she has Covid. So I don't believe the vaccine stops infection.

My wife had two heart operations in 2015. She was fully recovered and had no heart problems since then.

At least, that was until she chose to have the first injection in November. She ended up in Nambour hospital with tachycardia and other heart issues. We went to our GP and back to her heart specialist. Doctors have been threatened with disciplinary action by APHRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) if they speak against the vaccinations so neither of us could get an exemption.

I refused to have any injections and my wife refused the second dose and the rest is history. We are both without work or income and do not know what our futures hold.

My wife has been threatened with disciplinary action and/or termination if she speaks about it to anyone.

This is an indication of where Australia stands at the moment. Welcome to Stalag Australia.

Shane, Peachester (Full name supplied)

Questions for Ted O'Brien

I was very interested to read about Ted O'Brien's planned Sunshine Coast road trip in late February, in the Sunshine Valley Gazette.

I hope he realises he is likely to be asked about the federal health initiative of rolling out trial Covid vaccines in 5-11 year olds.

Covid poses virtually no risk for children 5-11. The vaccines don't prevent Omicron. The vaccines don't stop its spread.

The Omicron variant is not dangerous enough to justify injecting our children, in order to make us make us feel safer. I suggest parents and Mr O'Brien acquaint themselves with the TGA's Database of Adverse Event Notifications. It lists adverse events resulting from the vaccine.

On January 18, 2022, only 8 days into the rollout in this age group, a 10 year old is reported to have had a bundle branch block (coronary event), post-Pfizer.

On the same day a 5 year old is reported to have had a basal ganglia haemorrhage (stroke), post-Pfizer. There were a total of 150 adverse events listed in 5-11 year olds, just between January 10 and January 19.

Please read this www.apps.tga.gov.au/PROD/DAEN/daen-report.aspx and prepare for questions from constituents.

— Grace Brown, Nambour

Mr O'Brien responds ...

I write in response to a letter-to-the-editor from Grace Brown.

The issue of vaccinating children is a sensitive one. I know this as a parent of young children myself. While I agree that vaccinations should not be mandatory, I must correct Mrs Brown's assertions out of concern for public health.

Firstly, Australia's vaccine experts – ATAGI – recommend COVID-19 vaccines for 5-to-11-year olds. I have checked, time and again, and ATAGI's recommendation is based on extensive trial results which demonstrate that the Pfizer paediatric vaccine is highly effective.

Secondly, I would caution against drawing conclusions on the risk of a vaccine by quoting statistics directly from the TGA database without knowledge of extenuating circumstances behind individual cases. The TGA must transparently list all adverse events regardless of whether or not they are experienced as a direct result of the vaccine. The TGA is itself very clear about the risk of drawing conclusions from a self-assessment of its database.

Thirdly, Australia's experts note that unvaccinated children will remain at greater risk of adverse outcomes relating to the COVID-19 pandemic than vaccinated children.

As for me, personally, I am fully vaccinated and my family is following the advice of our GP whose advice, consistent with ATAGI and the TGA, is that vaccinations work. I recommend that you also get advice from your GP.

— Ted O'Brien, Member for Fairfax

Time to lift the mandates

Thank you for reporting on the adverse impact that heavy-handed government Covid responses have had on local businesses.

With Covid cases proving to be quite mild for the many, and with it spreading freely amongst the jabbed and unjabbed, it is time to lift the mandates. QR codes are no longer used for contact tracing, and they too should go.

— Lynn Preece, Mudjimba

Ed's Note: Since this letter was written, the Premier has announced the check-in app will be scrapped at businesses not under the vaccine mandate.

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Ingrid James has performed extensively around Australia.

Renowned Jazz Vocalist comes to Forest Glen

MUSIC lovers are in for a fabulous evening of great food, smooth brews and amazing jazz when award-winning Queensland vocalist Ingrid James plays at the Glass House Brewery Forest Glen.

Ingrid's jazz interpretations are wrapped in storytelling with her forte being her infectious interplay with the musicians with whom she plays.

With many recordings and awards under her belt, Ingrid is a class act and is highly-renowned in Australia and beyond.

She is bringing her show "This Happy Madness" to The Jazz Sessions. It reflects the state of mind of many artists during the pandemic. In amongst all the madness, artists are grateful to have the opportunity to perform and to share their music, joyfully and with love.

► It happens at The Jazz Sessions at Glass House Brewery, Forest Glen, on Sunday February 27 at 6pm. A two-course dinner and show ticket is \$54 and can be booked through - www.stickytickets.com.au/TheJazzSessions.



Owner Adam Tomlinson, pictured outside Stalwarts on the eve of the opening, 18 months ago.

Alehouse closes doors, but the beer will keep flowing

Omicron the last straw

THE Omicron wave proved to be the straw that broke the camel's back for brave brewer Adam Tomlinson who closed his Nambour bar on Sunday February 6.

Stalwarts Alehouse & Brewery opened nearly two years ago, carrying hopes of leading a promising resurgence for the town's Currie Street.

Adam said in another time the pub would have flourished.

But painful lockdowns, staff shortages, supply chain issues and stress had taken their toll on the fledgling business.

It officially closed its doors Monday (February 7) but the brand will remain and Adam is looking to possibly co-lease the premises.

"Stalwart Brewing Co will continue and now focus on building its brand with new brews in bottle shops and bars," said Adam.

He planned to continue to brew at the Alehouse premises for at least another 12 months at this stage and focus purely on bottle shop sales "keeping the company and the brand going".

"I'll be concentrating on Stalwarts, my cur-

rent lease is for another 12 months. I do love the idea of co-leasing the place with someone running the front-of-house and kitchen. The place is too good to be vacant for too long. As long as we get through this pandemic there will be better times ahead.

"Still the reality is, while this continues, it is going to be tough. I'm worried about other small business too ... as long as we have restrictions. It's such a terrible time.

"Looking back I signed a lease early March 2020 and ten days later they shut the pubs down in Queensland.

"It was a tough way to start and unfortunately the Alehouse has only ever been open in the pandemic. Still, I'm proud of the two years that we had there.

"A huge thank you to our regulars and all Stalwart customers for supporting us over the past two years.

"The love of craft beer and good times with friends and family will carry on and continue to build Stalwart's legacy."

In the meantime Adam said he'd returned to his old job as a surveyor and was about to go working FIFO in the Surat Basin gas fields.

Nature Watch



Encounters with the Goliath of stick insects

IN the *Courier-Mail* of Saturday February 5 a Currumbin Waters lady describes her encounter with a Goliath Stick Insect. I am surrounded by heavy timber and I believe they live in the eucalypts. During rough weather you can come across one which has been blown out of its environment. We have had the odd one over the years land on our screens at night possibly attracted by the light. As the lady says they are large and look scary but are completely harmless. I have attached a photo of a particularly pretty one I came across recently near the back door after a stormy night. Sadly it didn't survive. — **Don McGlusky, Diddillibah**

Native Plants Sunshine Coast branch

NATIVE Plants Sunshine Coast branch AGM will be held on Sunday March 13. The AGM will be followed by a gardening for butterflies educational event at Kurrajong Shelter, Maroochy Regional Botanical Gardens, Tanawha. For more information please contact: spencer.shaw@brushturkey.com.au

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BushCare is looking for volunteers

What's BushCare? It's a group of likeminded people who care for the bushland near them, who like to enjoy the outdoors with the company of others, keep active and connect with nature, and have the flexibility to volunteer when it suits them! Morning tea, equipment, gloves and guidance are all provided. Join your local BushCare working bee. Search "bushcare" on Council's website to register.

Major grants now open

Does your community organisation need funding to help make something great happen? Make it a reality with support from Council's Community Grants Program. Major Grants are open now and close 14 March. Attend a free Grant Writing Workshop to help with planning. For more information, visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

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Calling all artists! Funding available

Are you an artist, producer or creative practitioner with an incredible project to get off the ground? Are you looking for professional development or mentorship? The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants application round is open until 1 March, with up to \$10,000 funding on offer per project. RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland. Visit Council's website to apply or for more details.

One for the calendar

Next Council Ordinary Meeting - Thursday, 24 February at 9am.

Is your pool safe?

It's been a hot summer and your swimming pool is probably getting a lot of use – but is it safe? Pools capable of holding more than 300mm in depth, which includes all swimming pools, spas, portable and inflatable pools must comply with the Queensland Government pool safety standard. Pool owners should be doing regular checks to ensure swimming pool barriers are compliant. Visit Council's website for more information about pool safety compliance.

Heading to Mooloolaba?

Locals and visitors will soon have a smoother and safer car park to access The Wharf precinct in Mooloolaba, with Stage 2 resurfacing works underway on the eastern car park, accessed from Parkyn Parade. The works kicked off late January and are expected to wrap-up next month. It's business as usual at The Wharf precinct, but be sure to allow a little extra time for parking while works are carried out. See Council's website for more details.

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Don't shoot him, he's only the piano player

DAVID Scheel is a true Australian success story. So much so that he is regarded internationally as one of the finest solo musical comedy performers in the world.

David first tasted success in England, starting in the famous satirical News Revue in London's West End. He then turned to devising solo shows, and the result was "Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player".

An instant hit, sell-out London performances were followed by three consecutive Edinburgh Festivals and the critical acclaim that goes with them.

Not surprisingly, David soon found himself a regular on British TV and radio in addition to touring widely to some 30 countries and putting in guest-appearances with artists as diverse as Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Eartha Kitt, Ben Elton, Jay Leno (in Los Angeles), Norman Wisdom and Patricia ("Hyacinth Bucket") Routledge.

In David Scheel's concerts you can expect to hear anything from a well-known folk tune played in the styles of various famous composers, two different pieces played with different hands at the same time, and a medley of the 20 worst tunes ever written.

His raconteur-style send-ups of the ridiculous include true stories of bad pianos he's had to play, sharp-edged commentary on the celeb lives of the Kardashians, Meghan & Harry & Co, and equally topical digs at politicians.

His hilarious translation of the lyrics of

Waltzing Matilda is already an established comedy classic.

► David Scheel will perform at the Old Ambo in Nambour on Saturday 19 March at 7.30pm and Sunday 20 March at 2.30pm. Bookings www.bit.ly/davidscheelpiano Also visit www.davidscheel.com.



The San Francisco Chronicle described David Scheel's routine as "The only show in town that can satisfy lovers of classical music and stand-up comedy alike."

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5. Oven baked beef rissoles & gravy - GF DF Served with buttered potatoes & seasonal vegetables	\$9.90	\$18.00
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7. Corned beef sauteed onion & fresh herb white sauce - GF Served with steamed vegetables	\$9.90	\$18.00
8. Savoury mince - GF DF Lean beef gravy served with buttered herb potatoes & steamed vegetables	\$9.90	\$18.00
9. Sticky teriyaki pork & asian greens - DF Served with rice	\$9.90	\$18.00
10. Cottage pie - GF DF Lean beef & vegetables sauteed in gravy & baked with creamy mash potato & seasonal vegetables	\$9.90	\$18.00
11. Malaysian satay chicken - GF DF Mild creamy curry served with rice	\$9.90	\$18.00
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
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15. Vegetable lasagne - VEG Seasonal vegetable in napolitana sauce with bechamel, baked with cheese	\$9.90	\$18.00
16. Spinach & ricotta cannelloni pasta - VEG With napolitana sauce, baked with cheese	\$9.90	\$18.00
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SOUPS

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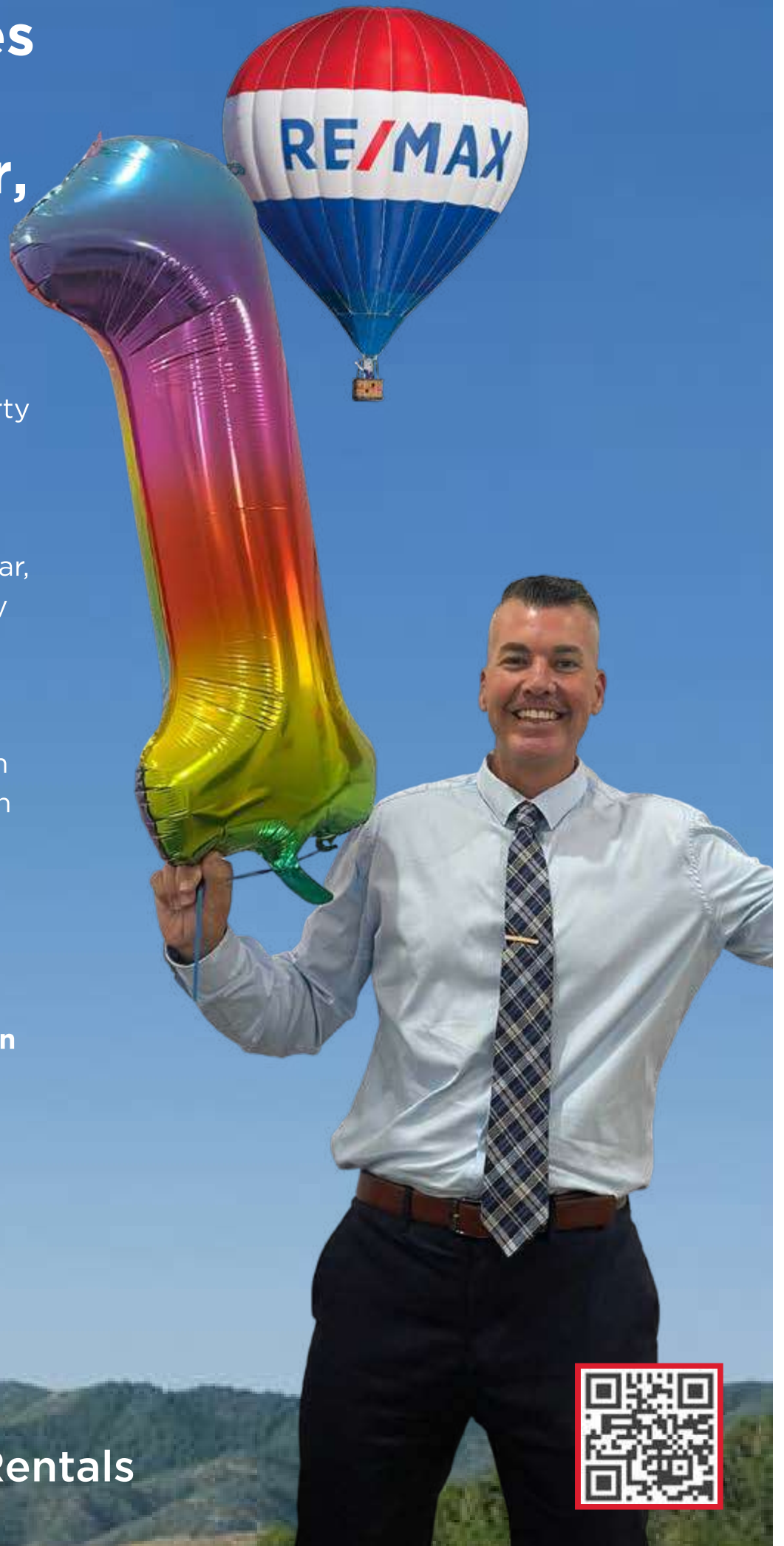
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A wood-burning fireplace in dining, split system air-conditioning, ceiling fans, luxury standalone bath in main bathroom, abundant use of glass to invite in light and frame vista and resort-style inground pool are just some of the other notable features.

Infrastructure on the property includes a 7m x 11m powered shed, 7m x 7m carport, cosy gazebo, three water tanks (20,000-gallon capacity in total) and biocycle septic system.

An asphalt circular driveway at front not only sets the tone for the grandeur of this property but



The gardens are beautifully manicured and landscaped. There are delightful ponds, tropical palms, and even a small dam onsite.

provides easy turning space and onsite parking for visitors.

The gardens are beautifully manicured and landscaped.

There are delightful ponds, tropical palms, and even a small dam onsite – the exterior has been as well cared for as the interior!

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all seasons, and all ages.

The downstairs area is perfectly set up for dual living, so there's always room for extended family members.

'Lifestyle masterpiece'

The home is built high in the hills of Ninderry on Yandina's eastern outskirts. In fact, Yandina is only a five minute drive, as is access to

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► Contact Richard on 0422 997 810 or Megan Manly on 0421 040 807 for more information.



Braehead is a 42-acre property and only minutes to Mapleton.

Historic Mapleton gem, Braehead, is now on the market

AGENT'S CHOICE: 563 Delicia Road, Obi Obi, Qld

OWNED by the same family for generations, Braehead is 42 Acres of fertile, freehold, rural land that sits opposite the Mapleton National Park.

"In the area you can enjoy horse trail rides, bushwalking amongst birdlife and nature's wonders," said selling agent Vanessa Brunton.

"I had the pleasure of selling the land behind Braehead some years back and it was a great privilege to have known the late Ted and having him walk me over his family's land.

"He told me many stories of growing up on the land and how his Braehead Nature Refuge was the first to be listed on the Sunshine Coast Council – providing 100 hectares of remnant rainforest in order that a plethora of birdlife and native animals be protected for generations

to come.

"The family has raised cattle, prize-winning horses, chooks, ducks and geese all on this productive farmland. The views are incredible and you'll be starstruck by the night sky.

"If you're looking to build, then a new country home would be a magical addition to 563 Delicia Road."

The property is only six minutes drive into Mapleton Village which offers an IGA supermarket, BP Service Station, Doctors, Cafes and speciality shops plus the iconic Mapleton Pub just up from the Mapleton School.

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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

friends free with grass to run on, trees to explore and a lifetime of adventures to create. There are also 2 dedicated entertaining areas that offer gorgeous rural views and the perfect outlook over the property itself. Envious in its location and presentation there is still scope to add your personal design touches to this delightful property.

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78/65 Kilcoy Lane, Conondale

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Nestled in the eco village of Crystal Waters, just 24 minutes to the town of Maleny and 28 minutes to Kenilworth, this spacious timber home is set in a peaceful bush location. Boasting a separate cabin for visiting family and friends or potential income, there is an abundance of privacy and peace to plan a true escape. From the gorgeous North-facing deck, here you can entertain and spot the abundant wildlife; kangaroos, goannas, wallabies and gorgeous birdlife. Offering the ultimate change of lifestyle for the entire family, this property just has to be inspected to appreciate everything on offer.

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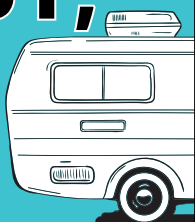
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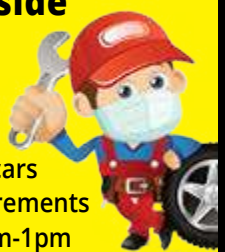
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Public Notice
The Palmwoods Bowls Club
 will hold their Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 27th February at 9am**
 All full financial members are requested to attend.



Anna-Maria Piatza ... "Each story incorporates a gentle lesson for life."

German expat writes a very Australian book

GERMAN expat Anna-Maria Piatza, of Ninderry, has written and designed a booklet which includes 12 stories about the adventures of Billy the kangaroo and his friend Lilly in the desert.

"Billy and Lilly live in the desert in Alice Springs (Mparntwe) and go on several adventures together," said Anna-Maria.

"Each story includes a gentle lesson for life. For example there is one story teaching children about collecting rubbish from the beach or our nature. They also learn that the star constellations are different in Australia from Germany, or that if you see a dead Kangaroo on the side of the road you should check the pouch for the baby."

The booklet is written for children 6-11, but also for younger children.

Anna-Maria was born in Dresden and has travelled all over Australia. She came 2014 to Australia and has called the Sunshine Coast home since 2021, where she studies Early Childhood Education.

Five percent of each sale will be donated to Childrensground in Alice Springs, an indigenous children's organisation.

On Saturday (Feb 12) Anna-Maria will have a table in front of the Berkelouw Book Shop in Eumundi between 9am-12pm. You can grab a copy for your child or family members, get your book signed and meet her in person.

► For more visit www.facebook.com/BillyandLillyfromthedesert or email Billyandlillyfromthedesert@gmail.com



Petrie Creek Bushcare followed by a cuppa

HOW'S this for BushCare? The very welcome "Cuppa" at the finish of our couple of hours of taming of the weeds at Gulung Gung off Howard St in Nambour in January. Paul Geoghegan (hand and foot only) Geoff Carra, Nadia Joyce, Tony Foley and Cheryl Geoghegan were the lucky ones to join in.

The next opportunities to join us in these native animal habitat creation events will be at

- Namba Creek (Model Railway Park Nambour) on Saturday 19 Feb 2022 starting at 7am
- Gulung Gung. Access from the carpark behind Repco off Howard St Nambour on Wednesday 23 February starting at 7am

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided and we'll finish with a cuppa after a couple of hours of solid exercise and satisfying achievement in the outdoor air.

For more info see the FB Page www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc/ and www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au, "BushCare" or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email norwmorwood@gmail.com



Palmwoods bowlers contest Men's & Ladies 4s

A team made up of Dominic Sheridan, Col McK-inlay, Neil Ashton, Shane Ashton (sub) & Ken Murray took out the Men's Club Championship 4s.

Dom's team played three hard-fought games, scoring wins over Bryan York's team & then a last bowl, edge of your seat win over Johnny Moore's team in the semi.

Their opponents in the Grand Final were Geoff Brown, Nev Perren, Richard Knofke &

Peter Wilson who overcame James Tustin's team in the semis.

In what was a game of extremely high quality, Dom's team came out victors 23-9.

The Ladies Club 4s was won by Judy Walker, Dell Casey, Sylvia Hollins and Norma Rochow who defeated Gail Clewett, Fiona Woodley, Joan Clark & Julie Johnston. The ladies played very well, but Judy's team were far too strong on the day.



Winners, from left, Rick Holt, Peter Nixon, Ed Haller and Doug Tognolini.

Bowls tournament launches Nambour Club's 90th year

THE Nambour Bowls Club kick-started its 90th birthday year with another successful Australia Day Open Fours event.

The origin of this highly-popular annual competition dates back to 1949 when the first Foundation Day Carnival, as it was called then, was conducted on the Nambour bowling green.

Some 73 years later, the modern competition is open to male and female bowlers who are greeted with a traditional Aussie BBQ breakfast. A thong throwing competition entertains the crowd during the lunch break before the third and final round of play begins.

On the greens there were many winners but

the team of Peter Nixon, Doug Tognolini, Ed Haller and Rick Holt triumphed in first place. Hot on their heels in second place were Greg and Sharon Baker, Steve and Denise McLean.

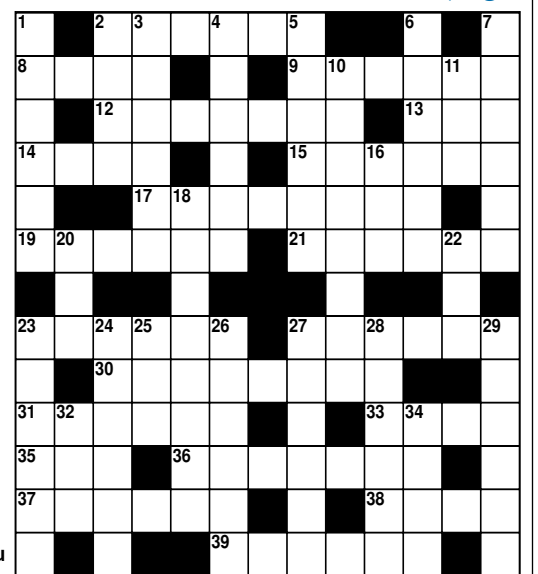
Doug Tognolini capped off a great day by flipping out former winner and favourite Michael Thorogood in the Thong Throwing grand final.

► Shamrocks will soon replace the thongs when the Nambour Bowls Club stages its annual St Patrick's Day Mixed Medley Event on Thursday March 17. Teams of four comprising two men and two ladies participate in this fun-filled day with dress and music encapsulating the occasion. Team nominations are now open.

Crossword

See solution next page

- ACROSS**
- 2 Harry
 - 8 Cast off
 - 9 Cat-like mammals
 - 12 Works havoc upon
 - 13 Long-leaved lettuce
 - 14 Astonished
 - 15 Devotional exercise
 - 17 Involved by necessity
 - 19 Letting contracts
 - 21 Provides for
 - 23 Cavalry man
 - 27 Mock
 - 30 Permitted freedom of action
 - 31 Impassive
 - 33 Labyrinth
 - 35 Part of the body
 - 36 Caller
 - 37 Cricket team
 - 38 Incline
 - 39 Prevented from speaking
- DOWN**
- 1 Assault
 - 2 Brave man
 - 3 Proverbs
 - 4 Makes suitable
 - 5 Picturesque
 - 6 Withdraw from federation
 - 7 Compositions
 - 10 Segregated
 - 11 Weight
 - 16 Animal doctor (abb)
 - 18 Expressing denial
 - 20 Flightless bird
 - 22 Colour
 - 23 Silenced
 - 24 Inclines
 - 25 Salt (chem)
 - 26 Division of Yorkshire
 - 27 Deceiving
 - 28 Out-of-the-way
 - 29 Casts out
 - 32 Sesame
 - 34 Dry



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Shade Sails installed at Yandina Skate Park

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New Shade Sails have been installed at the Yandina Skate Park. The benches, tables and shelters have all been cleaned up as well. Late last year, the fence alongside the road was renewed and later this year will be continued further along to keep our kids away from the road. The installation will be a welcome improvement for a much-loved community space.

Changes to your liquid waste collection service

Council currently coordinates holding tank collection service on behalf of the community and engages a contractor to collect and dispose of your liquid waste. The service has recently undergone a review and as of 9 July 2023, Council will no longer be providing this service to our community.

Council seeks to offer excellent customer outcomes that represent best value for money for our community and the review found that the costs for Council to continue to provide this service will increase considerably and from July 2023 there will no longer be any financial benefit to households from council performing a coordination role for this service.

You now have the flexibility to select your own supplier, giving you a greater variety of choice and the ability to negotiate a service arrangement that best suits your requirements.

We will continue to provide updates between now and July 2023 when the changes take full effect. Search for 'holding tanks' on Council's website for more frequently asked questions.

Major Grants applications now open

More than \$500,000 in funding is up for grabs in the latest Major Grants round, which is now open and applications close on March 14.

In the last Council Major Grant round for this financial year, eligible not-for-profit organisations can receive up to \$15,000 for projects, events and activities that meet community need and provide community benefit.

Be sure to apply on behalf of your community group and visit council's website for more information.

Economy recovering despite challenges

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Despite the daily challenges of Omicron, the latest data suggests that our economic recovery is in full swing. Unemployment is expected to drop below 4%, Australia's AAA Credit rating has been reaffirmed, over 95% of the population are double vaccinated and the performance of our economy has outstripped most of the world's advanced economies. This doesn't happen by fluke; it's a testament of strong economic management.

Aged Care Support

Such is the nature of COVID-19 that our oldest citizens are among the most vulnerable, especially those in Aged Care.

That's why we continue to support the Aged Care sector including our recent announcements of support from the Australian Defence Force and the provision of two bonus payments of up to \$400 each to aged care workers including those providing direct care, food or cleaning services. I thank our Aged Care operators and workers for showing the dignity and care that our senior residents deserve.

Volunteer Support

I couldn't have been happier to provide forty local community groups with over \$135,000 in Federal grants recently to support their volunteer workforces.

Local recipients included Lily House, Mapleton Community Library, Mapleton Men's Shed, the Mapleton Observatory, Nambour Meals on Wheels and Neighbour Aid.

We are very fortunate to have such an incredible culture of volunteerism here on the Sunshine Coast.

Back to School

Students have sacrificed so much over the past two years due to COVID-19, and so too have their mums and dads.

Although it's been delayed, I am thrilled the school year has now commenced and I wish all students returning to the classroom a happy year ahead.

Maleny named most welcoming town

Winston Johnston
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Congratulations Maleny and Montville for taking out the top accolades for the 'Most Welcoming Towns in Australia' at the Traveller Review Awards. Maleny was number one for the second year in a row. The good news was announced by Booking.com who said the sunshine state and its pristine beaches dominated once again, with four out of the 'Top Ten Most Welcoming Cities' featuring from Queensland, including Maleny, Montville, Mount Tamborine and Hervey Bay. This is great news for our region and highlights our hinterland's unwavering hospitality during a global pandemic.

Citrus Road Upgrade

The final stage of Citrus Road has been completed. Whilst these works have had some unavoidable impact for residents and road users, please know that your patience was appreciated while we delivered this vital safety improvement for Palmwoods.

Garden organics bin ready to roll

The garden organics bin collection service is expanding to households across the Coast from July 2022. It's an easy and convenient way to dispose of your lawn clippings, weeds, leaves and other organic garden materials. Each fortnight, the bin will be emptied by council, and diverted away from landfill and mulched ready to be reused. The garden organics bin service is expected to be about \$35 per year for a 240L bin and is the first step on our journey to a future Food Organics and Garden Organics (aka FOGO) collection service. If you already have a garden organics bin your annual fees will reduce to the new rate. See sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/gardenbin.

New footpaths

Works have finished on a new footpath along Pine Grove Road in Woombye. There is another footpath project remaining for this financial year in Maleny, which will see Bean and Palm street pathways and crossings upgraded. These works are expected to start in April, and an extended bridge guardrail upgrade on Jubilee Drive, Palmwoods is scheduled for May 2022.

School camps take a devastating blow

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I fully support the school camps industry (and the many suppliers that work with them) in their quest for a business support package as another industry teeters on the brink.

The decision to suspend school camps for a month without any meaningful economic and business support plan in place is a devastating blow for a vital industry that is so important to the education experience for Queensland kids and to our local economy.

I met with Shadow Education Minister Dr Christian Rowan and Andrew Grant of Queensland Conference and Camping Centres, based in Mapleton, on the Sunshine Coast last week to hear first-hand the impact on the camping and convention sector.

Dr Rowan said term one was traditionally the busiest time of year for school camps organisations as schools prepare for the year ahead.

"The economic and employment impacts on organisations like the QCCC cannot be underestimated," Dr Rowan said.

"School camps are such an important experience for kids and we cannot afford for them to go under."

Dr Rowan said the delayed return to school had already caused great uncertainty for parents, students and teachers.

I call on the Government to urgently give clarity and support to businesses like QCCC.



New Round of Local Heroes Grants

There are still four of my \$250 Local Heroes Grants up for grabs! If you know any local community group that could use \$250, apply at www.andrewpowell.com.au/local-heroes/

Thank you to our Health Heroes

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Thank you to all the doctors, nurses, ambos, wardies, cleaners, lab and admin staff across the Sunshine Coast for everything you have done to care for the community during the pandemic.

Last week I put a tab in place at cafes in Nambour to thank health workers at Nambour General Hospital and local testing clinics with free coffee, just one small way of showing my gratitude.

I would also like to thank Palmwoods Pharmacy for giving me my booster shot on Friday, even though the peak may have passed, it's still a good idea to get your booster shot.

The overwhelming majority of cases ending up in ICU or with serious complications are unvaccinated.

Have a look at the Queensland Health website to book your booster shot today.

Community Centres receive Funding Boost

The Palaszczuk Government has announced a \$2.54 million funding boost for Queensland's 127 state-government funded community centres. This funding will contribute, in our region, an extra \$20,000 to Nambour Community Centre, Maleny Community Centre, Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre, and Pomona & District Community House Inc to flexibly respond to local needs. Community Centres have been working incredibly hard to safely continue delivering services and supports to their local communities.

Apply now for the YMCA Youth Parliament

Young people deserve a seat at the table, to participate in shaping their region and our state's future. The Palaszczuk Government is proud to support YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament and I encourage young people aged 15-25 years from our community to nominate today.

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An antechinus enjoys the safety of his manmade nest.

Platypus, antechinus and lorikeets on the mend

There has been a variety of wildlife species coming through the WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline lately.

A young platypus was found near a camping ground at Imbil. Disorientated and not looking well, it was probably confused by all these strange beings camping in the usual peaceful habitat!

The platypus was transported through to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital where hopefully it was able to be treated and eventually returned home.

My antechinus that came in at a few grams were released this week in their manmade nest.

It was lovely that they were able to go back to where they came from at Brooloo. The wonderful couple who found them as tiny joeys drove them all the way to Yandina and came and picked them up to take them home.

On their property they have a lovely bushy area selected, with plenty of leaf mulch on the ground and bugs in the trees. The antechinus had great hunting skills and I hope they will do well back in the wild.

Again the poor lorikeet populations have been hit with the Lorikeet Paralysis Syndrome. Research is still being done into just what causes this. It seems to be brought on by seasonal fluctuations and possible diet choices.

These birds need to be taken to a wildlife centre as soon as possible. Early treatment can mean the difference between life and death. Also, what may seem like LPS could be a fracture somewhere in the body. Early diagnosis is crucial to prevent unnecessary pain if there is a fracture.

The quiet sinking of the forgotten Nautilus project

by **Jeffrey Addison**
Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



Many readers may be familiar with CAMCOS (Caboolture to Maroochydhore Corridor Study) that determined the route for the proposed 40km heavy rail line from Beerwah to Maroochydhore.

None of you will be familiar with NNAMCOS. The NNAMCOS study (Noosa-Nambour and Maroochydhore Corridor Options Study) we were told, will examine the benefits of extending the rail line initially to Maroochy Airport, and ultimately to Noosa.

It would later be renamed the Nautilus Study - before it disappeared altogether from government websites between 24 June and 27 July 2010. The South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2006-2026, p40 described it thus:

"Nautilus will revolutionise transport and improve the quality of living in the northern part of the Sunshine Coast by sustainably connecting communities and enhancing the prosperity, character and diversity of the region."

So said the (vanished) website on 1 July 2007. What do we know of it?

We know the study existed and its budget was \$6 million over 4 years, from 2005-2009.

We know that engineering companies; Maunsell and Arup, were commissioned to carry out studies during phase one of the Nautilus project. Maunsell provided a Public Transport Scoping Access Study into transport corridors into/out of Maroochydhore as well as a Strategic Transport and Transport Economic Study.

Arup provided an Environmental Analysis report for the entire study area.

The NNAMCOS project proposal and plan for Phase 1 (concept analysis) was completed.

We know that Transport and Main Roads (TMR) signed a confidentiality agreement with a company called Bitzios Consulting in May 2007. Bitzios carried out the Nautilus Stage 2b Public Transport Study.

Why the secrecy? The Internet Wayback machine, uncovered the proposed timetable:

Phase 1: Background information, visions and values (January-October 2006)

Phase 2 (a and b): Development of corridor options and terms of reference (October 2006 - November 2007)

Phase 3: Detailed corridor analysis (December 2007 - November 2008) - this wasn't completed until March 2009.

Phase 4: Corridor finalisation and study handover (December 2008-June 2009) - no information found.

We know it was to present its recommendations to the Queensland Government in 2009.

That may or may not have happened.

We know that by 31 March 2009, the investigations had ended at Phase 3 (above).

We know the Nautilus study was completed in 2009-10 according to South East Qld Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) 2010-2031, p9.

A search was conducted of Queensland Hansard, Questions on Notice, the Queensland Parliament Library, the Tabled Papers database, the National Library of Australia Trove Database and the State Library of Queensland.

No trace of the report can be found.

The only parliamentary mention found was a Question on Notice (QoN 1443) by Ms Carolyn Male in 2006.

"There are also investigations into possible public transport link extensions from Maroochy north to Noosa and westwards to Nambour - (Nautilus Study)."

It may have been taken to Cabinet - where it will remain classified for 30 years.

Why such extreme action was taken to hide this taxpayer funded report, will likely not be known until 2040.

Crossword Solution

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