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Candidates pitch for your vote

DISCOVER the visions and promises of 13 council candidates vying for your vote in Nambour & Hinterland. Find out their key messages and why they believe they're the best choice for our community. The mayoral and Div 5 and 10 candidates articulate their campaign's core message and reasons why they deserve your vote so you can make an informed decision.

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Support for Nambour Plan

But one in three say there's room for improvement ...

by Janine Hill

A council report on the Nambour Place Plan says there was 94 percent support for the streetscaping plan. However, while 69 percent of the 446 people who provided feedback on the plan last year did indeed support the overall plan

put forward, almost a third were not entirely convinced. Twenty-five percent said they would support it if there were changes and six percent were not in favour of it at all. The plan looks at upgrades at five key points in the middle of town: the Currie, Howard and Mill Streets intersection; Mill Street; Bury Street and the council forecourt; Howard Street between Ann and Sydney Streets; and the Ann and Low Street intersection. It includes some raised crossings, seating, street plantings, and making Bury Street

one-way between Mill Street and Currie Street. An engagement report says the plan aims to "improve the centre's streetscapes, facilitate a diverse range and scale of events, and bring new playful experiences, journeys and cultural connections to the community". The engagement plan does not specifically say what changes 25 percent of people wanted to the overall plan but does refer to "emerging themes". A statement provided on behalf of a council spokesperson said some of the desired changes

included improved footpaths, safety when crossing streets, slower traffic and improved sight lines. Other changes people wanted included the retention of street parking and traffic flow in the town centre, although they also welcomed more active transport routes. They wanted more trees and plantings to create cool, shady streets and a plan which highlighted heritage, character and a village

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Broad backing for town revamp

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feel. Requested changes also included support for local independent shops and services to add to the town as a convenient local destination.

The statement said these changes “formed the basis for the emerging themes” contained in the engagement report.

The spokesperson gave an assurance that the council would look at the conditions upon which people said they would support the plan.

“All responses, including the 25 percent who supported the plan if further considerations were taken into account, will be considered carefully, and the Place Plan will be developed so that it responds in a balanced way to community feedback,” the spokesperson said.

The engagement report did not analyse the responses of different ages, genders and user groups to the plan.

The project team was continuing to review and consider feedback along with technical

studies and budget constraints, the spokesperson said, and would provide “more detail on the demographic feedback and how this feedback has been incorporated”.

• The final plan is due for release later this year. Details: haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/nambour-place-plan



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QCWA Nambour North Coast Division President Wendy Beddington, Wishlist Partnerships & Fundraising Lead Jasmin Wheatley, Wishlist Craft Coordinator Kerri Cavanagh, & Vice President for Nambour North Coast Division Sharon Tilly with some of the latest of more than 4000 items that have been donated.

Local QCWA ladies still knitting, 5433 items later

THE ladies from Nambour and North Coast Division QCWA have knitted, crocheted and sewed a range of comforting gifts to help ease the pain and anxiety of patients at local hospitals.

On Thursday February 8 the ladies handed over their annual donation of toys. Coordinator Sharon Tilly was pleased to announce the collective total, the result of years of work, now sat at 5433. Wishlist accepts the items and distributes them across Caloundra, Maleny, Nambour, Sunshine Coast University and

Gympie hospitals.

Wishlist Craft Coordinator Kerri Cavanagh said the toys and items were appreciated by a wide range of patients and supporters.

“They are a great distraction for people – including the older palliative care patients as well. Patients might come with dementia and they’re very distressed,” Kerri said. “The toys will actually calm them in a lot of cases. Sometimes we just use them to brighten up the room, so there are toys around just to distract from the stress. They’re also gifted to people that have come in to support a patient as well. They’re wonderful. Nothing is ever too small. There’s always a need.”

• The Nambour North Coast Division CWA will have a full day Wishlist Workshop in the Yandina hall on Tuesday March 19 from 9am-4pm making chemo turbans for cancer patients and burping bibs for maternity ward.

Homeless issue takes centre stage at sit-in

by Janine Hill

A SIT-IN in Nambour’s town square aims to raise awareness of homelessness and draw support for plans to provide some shelter for those who need it.

Abigail Permewan, who has been without a home for four years, has been pushing for the council to allow the disused Fred Murray Building, in Currie Street, to be used as a homeless shelter or sanctuary.

She met with council staff and Division 10 Councillor David Law on 15 and 16 February to try and progress the idea.

“I need six councillors on-side,” said Abigail. “That building is sitting there full of rats but basically unused. So the rats have somewhere to go while we’re living in a flooded creek.

“They have said that they’re doing an analysis of the building. It was built in 1983 and is still zoned commercial,” she said. “It would have to be rezoned to be a homeless shelter and it would have to be brought up to standard.”

Abigail understands that getting the council to consider the idea is only the beginning of the battle. And, even if it were to agree to the building being used to shelter homeless people, more would need to be done to make the idea a reality. “The council doesn’t have the funds to refurbish it or run a homeless shelter.”

Dead ends

Abigail has attempted to make headway with the Housing Department but has not got the result she wants.

“They’ve put me back on the housing list and they offered me a night in a hotel but I’m not doing this for me. I’m past that,” she said.

“What about the other homeless people in the state? Right now, we’ve got a 72-year-old man with one leg living down at the park and he’s going to have to move all of his stuff because of this rain.”

Abigail said the sit-in, which will involve banners and tents in the square on the corner of Lowe and Short Streets, was simply designed

to draw attention to the issue of homelessness and start conversations.

Although appreciative that Cr Law has always met with her and keen to maintain a working relationship with the council, she has been disappointed by the length of time it has taken for real action on homelessness.

A homelessness action plan passed by the council in July said there should be a review of public buildings and property which could be used for housing.

“Where is the review of government buildings?” she said.

She said a petition presented a year ago for a safe carpark for people to sleep in their cars, 24-hour access at a public toilet block, and a powerpoint so that homeless people could charge their phones had yet to yield a result.

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Why vote for me: Candidates pitch their reasons

THE Gazette asked the candidates for an 80 word answer to the following question: "What's the key message of your campaign? What's the one main reason Nambour & Hinterland residents should vote for you and, respectfully, not the other mayoral/divisional candidates?"

Here are their responses:

Mayoral Candidates:

• **Rosanna Natoli:** I've been serving the hinterland community through my volunteering and journalism for decades and I understand what makes this part of the world so special. I'm listening. I have toured the region extensively and Nambour and hinterland residents have told me they feel ignored, overlooked, forgotten. That has to stop. Funding has not been allocated fairly, and roads and footpaths have not been maintained. Noxious weeds are an issue. I will refocus on rates, roads and rubbish, plus revitalising.



• **Min Swan:** I am offering a new era of leadership where equity is the outcome and each part of our unique region will be identified and celebrated as a jewel in our crown. We do not need a one size fits all approach. As an accessible Mayor committed to co-designing unified and vibrant communities, I will be by your side as we unlock the potential, solve the challenges, and build a relationship that leads to actual outcomes. You deserve action not words.



• **Wayne Parcell:** My mayoral commitment offers a vision founded in action for the community: seeing, hearing and acting for Nambour and The Hinterland. I offer compliance and consultation rather than cartels of influence. My service awards for authentic leadership qualifies me to negotiate complex issues for better outcomes. Past perfor-



mance is the best indicator of future delivery. My 40 years of experience in government, small business and global business means I can deliver performance and not politics - change that matters to you.

• **Michael Burgess:** The new council must reduce borrowing & slash spending on "Special Projects" to return money to services &, particularly in the Hinterland, neglected infrastructure. The focus of economic development in the region must change from "boom bust" building in the Glitter Strip to diverse local energy production, compatible industry & high-value niche agriculture centred on Nambour



They must lobby hard to get the rail to Nambour duplication completed & grab any other infrastructure grants. Pool for Maleny would be nice!!

• **Ashley Robinson:** I am the only candidate with a track record of listening, leading and effecting cultural change. I bring a whole of Sunshine Coast approach to the job. I grew up in Eudlo, went to school in Nambour and while I now live on the coast my connection to the hinterland remains strong. During this campaign I've been made aware of so many circumstances where the council has not listened and has wasted money while the hinterland missed out.



• **Jason O'Pray:** 1. Experience & teamwork: I have 12 years on the Sunshine Coast Council heading Economic Development. I have a wonderful working relationship with our 2000 Council staff and all three of the Hinterland incumbent councillors.



2. Hinterland policies: My commitment and number one item on my agenda as your Mayor, is to double the dirt-to-bitumen road program and establish a 'Hinterland Portfolio'.
3. Proven track record: I will continue to protect the Nambour and Hinterland lifestyle.

Div 5 Candidates:

• **Tracy Burton:** As a retired high school teacher, former nurse and now community services worker, I am highly motivated to dedicate the next stage of my career to serving the people of Division 5 and working towards the betterment of our community.



Having lived in the hinterland for 15 years, and raising my two children here, I feel genuinely connected and passionate about the future of our local council.

With my strong organizational skills and strategic thinking abilities, I look forward to delivering stronger outcomes for our community.

• **Richard Bruinsma:** Local people need someone like me on council. My careers in journalism and federal government have given me the skills to listen to local concerns, treat everyone with respect, to think on my feet, and make fair decisions that bring the best outcomes for the greatest number of people.



I've lived locally for 22 years, I'm respectful to all, energetic and fit, experienced, approachable, dedicated and sensible. Importantly, I am truly independent, accountable only to local people and fixing their needs.

• **Winston Johnston:** Born, educated and living in Division 5 for my entire life, means that I have an intimate knowledge of the people, communities, infrastructure and needs of Division 5.



My lifetime service to this community and Local Government was recently recognised when awarded an OAM on Australia Day.

The knowledge and experience acquired over the past four years as Councillor, allows me to hit the ground running and be effective from day one, serving my community and delivering infrastructure improvements.

Div 10 Candidates:

• **Camillo Primavera:** The issues I stand for include: Accountability for the impacts of state Government policies on our region; Homelessness as a humanitarian crisis - we need viable solutions now; Youth crime and community values; Escalating rates, fees and charges, and keeping control of expenditure; Re-examining the 15 minutes cities agenda, (Sunshine Coast Smart City framework), community consultation and human rights; Unsustainable and poorly planned development; Cost of living; Better support for the increasing homelessness and displaced families; Transparency in Council; Sustainable development.



• **David Law:** I work hard, inspire positive change, genuinely care about the communities of Nambour and Division 10. I belong to this place and have helped bring about real improvements over the past four years. Nambour's entertainment sector is taking off; I've been guiding this process and want to continue. I've built strong relationships with migrants, indigenous people, business leaders, artists, musicians, the very wealthy and the rough sleepers. I really am 'here for good', fully independent with no conflicts of interest.



• **Peter Walsh:** I'm passionate about advocating for outcomes that will foster social cohesion, economic growth, and overall prosperity. This includes supporting initiatives to increase community safety and engagement, expansion in key infrastructure, improved waste management and timely delivery of maintenance and services while promoting community and sporting groups. Division 10 needs a strong representative that can effectively collaborate with all residents, community groups, services, and businesses to proactively address concerns, while working together towards creating a brighter future for all hinterland communities.



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Three 'Meet the Candidates' events in Hinterland

THREE organisations are hosting Meet the Candidates events in Nambour and Woombye in rapid fire succession over three nights.

Woombye Community & Business Association is hosting a Meet the Candidates event involving Sunshine Coast Council candidates for Division 5 and Mayor at Woombye Bowls Club on Monday February 26 at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. All locals and those from surrounding towns are welcome to attend.

Submit your suggested questions for the candidates in writing via email to: woombyecommunity@gmail.com.

Then the Nambour Chamber of Commerce is holding a "Meet the Candidates" event at Hungerford Hall from 6pm-8.30pm on Tuesday 27 February.

It's free for anyone to attend and it will showcase the candidates for both Division 10 (David Law, Camillo Primavera, Sue Etheridge and Peter Walsh) and those vying for Sunshine Coast Mayor. Each candidate will have the opportunity to summarise their policies, strengths and answer any questions.

Finally Hinterland Tourism is hosting an event on Wednesday February 28 at Woombye State School, the evening will feature Mayoral candidates and those contesting Divisions 1, 5, and 10 and begins at 5.30pm for 6pm.

Why vote for me

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• **Sue Etheridge, Div 10:** It's time for a shake-up. Like most locals, I feel shut out of local government decisions, and I am fed up with seeing the impact of poor development. Our community needs to be heard and our voices respected. I'm standing this election to bring transparency, trust and integrity back to our Council. I am a small business owner and have extensive experience in banking, finance, accounting and business management, along with committee and finance roles in community and not-for-profit organisations.



Artisans shine at haven for sustainable living in Yandina

Business Writeup: **Earthen Roots Collective** by Janine Hill

A SMALL business owner has poured her passions for sustainability and products made by hand and heart into a destination store in Yandina.

Ibtehal "Hali" Elmustafa, opened Earthen Roots Collective in Stevens Street six months ago after growing her small business at the Eumundi Pavilion market.

The boutique-style store stocks the works of about 20 artisans. Customers can browse pottery, eco-dyed clothing, natural and African skin care products, herbal teas, handmade journals and jewellery, pyrographic art and botanical prints.

Hali, the "kokedama mama", also stocks her own kokedamas, plants wrapped contained in decorative, natural fibre wraps for a bonsai-like future.

The products sold at Earthen Roots Collective, bar cacao, are all made locally, meaning their journey from maker to store has a reduced environmental impact.

"All of our products are made within 20km of Yandina," said Hali, adding that the makers often used local materials in their works as well.

"A lot of the artisans forage for products in their own back yards instead of importing from other countries."

A mum of two young children, Hali moved to the Sunshine Coast after the birth of her first child in 2017, drawn to the idea of a living a



Ibtehal "Hali" Elmustafa: "There's a nice community feeling in Yandina and everyone likes the art that we've got in here."

natural lifestyle and enjoying the outdoors.

"I wanted her to grow-up somewhat technology-free," she said.

Of Sudanese heritage but born in Egypt, Hali came to Australia at 11 with her aunt, cousins and two siblings under a refugee resettlement program.

She is grateful they were able to settle in a warm country where she could enjoy the outdoors and natural environment.

She picked up enough English to start primary school and made her way through the education system into the workforce, running her own housekeeping business before starting Earthen Roots collective.

Friends encouraged her to look at Yandina when she needed to expand and she is convinced it was the right move.

"I chose Yandina because I felt comfortable with the store. It kept coming to me that I needed to be in this store. Everything around me was saying Yandina is a good space," she said.

"There's a nice community feeling in Yandina and everyone likes the art that we've got in here."

"The experience is different to other shops.

There's a lot of deep and meaningful conversations in here. I love working here. It's amazing."

• Earthen Roots Collective is open from 9.30am-2pm Tuesday to Friday and 9am-3pm Saturdays.

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Police arrest man after school lockdown, traffic incident

A 36-year-old man was arrested in Yandina bushland after a traffic incident led to a lockdown at Yandina State School.

The incident, involving dangerous driving on the Bruce Highway, prompted a police response at 10.30am on Thursday (February 15). After the man fled on foot, the school went into lockdown around 11am, lifted at 12.30 pm. The man faces multiple charges, including possessing dangerous drugs and a knife in a public place. He is scheduled to appear in Maroochydore Magistrates Court on March 7. The school offered support to staff and students affected by the incident.

Man faces court for fatal Burnside crash

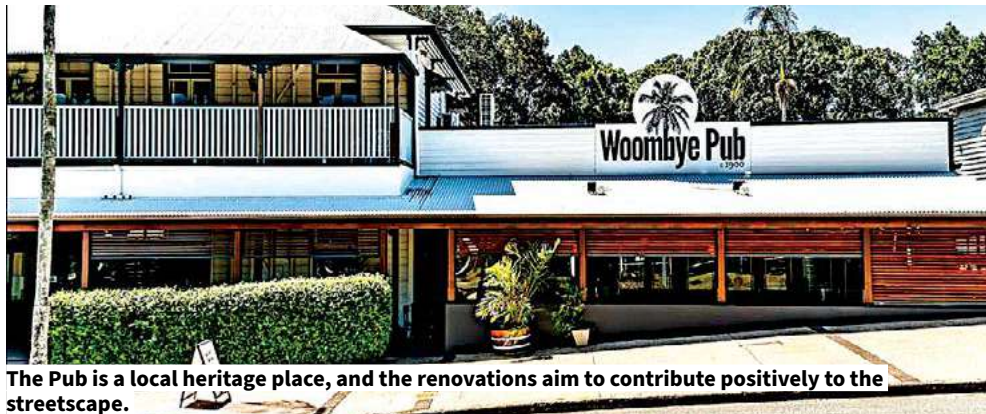
CALOUNDRA West man, Izak Kane Sefton-Bennett, remains in custody for a crash last September at Burnside that resulted in the death of aged care worker Christella Tan.

Facing 12 charges, including dangerously operating a vehicle causing death while intoxicated and leaving the scene, Sefton-Bennett has not entered any pleas.

The incident occurred near Nambour Special School and Burnside State School. Defence lawyer Rowan King requested adjournment for missing material from the police. Sefton-Bennett, already serving a sentence for a separate firearm offence, was allegedly involved in a vehicle theft and was found pretending to sleep in a nearby home. The case is adjourned to March 7.

Buderim View Club

THE Buderim View Club, dedicated to supporting The Smith Family's educational initiatives, holds its monthly lunch meetings at the Buderim Tavern on the first Wednesday of each month. Starting at 11am for an 11.30am kickoff, the meetings, priced at \$30 for lunch and room hire, aid in funding the education of eight school children. RSVPs are required by the preceding Saturday to Gail at gai3@optusnet.com.au or 5476 7163. The club recently held its AGM and elected its new Committee for 2024.



The Pub is a local heritage place, and the renovations aim to contribute positively to the streetscape.

Woombye Pub's renovation aims to honour heritage

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A town planner has lodged an application on behalf of Woombye Pub Holdings for an extension of the hotel.

According to a report accompanying the application, the work will involve extending the lounge 1.5m towards the Blackall Street frontage and a refurbishment and 1.5m extension of the deck fronting Blackall Street.

"The core of the hotel still remains largely intact, however, there have been a number of unsympathetic additions and alterations occur over time, including partial enclosure of both the upper and lower decks, a painted blockwork toilet extension, and extensions of commercial buildings at the rear of the hotel building," the report says.

The plans also include a refurbishment of the upper balcony and facade, and a new pizza kitchen and outdoor dining area in the north-east corner of the site.

The application says the work will be in keeping with the style of the old building.

"The built form has been designed in a manner that is compatible with the historical significance of the hotel, which is a local heritage place, and will contribute positively

to the streetscape. The outdoor dining area open space will be of a high-quality landscaped design, comprising timber pergolas, open grassed areas, paving, decks, feature plantings and a pizza kitchen.

"The design will foster a family friendly environment, appeal to a range of demographics, and assist with activating the streetscape."

Adam Diggie, national operations manager for the Norton Hospitality Group, which runs the pub, said the work the subject of the current application as part of a long-held vision for the pub.

"We've owned and operated the Woombye Pub for 14 years now and the whole idea around the property when we first purchased was to do this when we were in a position to do so and finally, in the last 15 months, we've been in a position to do so," he said.

He said the pub was already loved but he hoped the planned work would seal its position as a hub for the town.

He hoped work could commence mid-year, pending progress with the application through the council.

However, it hit one snag on 14 February when the council decreed the application impact assessable rather than code assessable, saying the proposed changes involved partial demolition of elements contributing to the significance of a heritage place.



Phoebe Rose is set to entertain at the event. Pic Australian Country Music Photography & Videography

Homegrown Woman's Day Breakfast

AN International Women's Day Breakfast will be held March 8 at Homegrown Cafe Palmwoods.

Hosted by Palmwoods Psychology (palmwoodspsychology.com.au), supported by Mindstar this is the third year the event has been staged at Homegrown Cafe, where locally grown and ethically sourced food is the priority.

This year's speaker is the Sunshine Coast's Sustainable Business Woman of the Year 2023 - Jacqui Atique. Jacqui is the CEO of ECOcollaboration (ecollaboration.org.au) an environmental not-for-profit that operates across South East Queensland.

Jacqui is passionate about improving the resilience of the natural environment to ensure it is protected for future generations.

She enjoys drawing on people's passion and motivations for environmental protection and restoration.

As is the tradition for these events, the speaker can choose the charity and this year it is 1millionwomen.com.au, an Australian movement designed to support women from across the globe "to live climate action through everything they do".

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Positive future: Rhonda Billett addresses a Nambour Chamber of Commerce meeting last week.

'I am Nambour' looks to positive future for markets, events, CBD and more

THE local "I am Nambour" organisation is rolling out several projects in 2024 to help promote Nambour and hinterland.

"We will have new projects on the agenda that include things like better promotion of the night time events in the CBD as well as more new events in the CBD," said I am Nambour spokesperson Rhonda Billett.

"That includes the new Nambour Twilight market. We also have the Nambour Rum-magers Market moving from Tram Co into the CBD and we plan on heavily supporting our Showgrounds events like the Sunshine Coast Show as well as some of our other maxi-sized Show Grounds events like the 40 year anniversary of the Nambour Garden Expo in 2024.

"Our goal is to have the CBD tie in with these huge events as much as possible.

"We are also asking that if you have an event on in Nambour, or surrounding Nambour, to please tag us @IamNambour so we can share your event and spread the word further. Our I am Nambour marketing director Maree,

from McGrath Media, is available to assist in promoting all Nambour events and Nambour business events.

"We are also enthusiastic to see the first stage of the Nambour Place Plan - street improvement projects being rolled out focusing on better pedestrian access and more green space in the Nambour CBD."

Rhonda said there were multiple positive housing and commercial developments flagged for the area in 2024. "Whilst the final build dates for these projects are not final yet, we are filled with enthusiasm that investor interest is strong and further providing jobs and future prosperity for the region.

I am Nambour is looking forward to further collaboration with the Nambour Chamber of Commerce and other groups including Nambour Tram Way Company and Nambour Retailers.

This follows a roll-out of several regional projects last year in cooperation with working partner Sunshine Coast Council.

Jim's Mowing crews support Legacy's Backyard Assist program

IN an inspiring display of community spirit, Adam Clout and Asher Mannetje, owners of Jim's Mowing franchises in Woombye and Mountain Creek, have stepped up to support the Legacy charity.

During last year's Centenary of Legacy, Adam and Asher approached Sunshine Coast Legacy Group to offer their services, free of charge, to Legacy's Backyard Assist Program.

Widows from Nambour and Mountain Creek gratefully accepted the offer from the Jim's Mowing Team to tidy up their overgrown backyards.

Not only did the franchisees support the Backyard Assist Program, they also offered all Sunshine Coast Legacy Group members and their families a 20 percent discount on any outdoor services such as lawn mowing, gardening, rubbish removal, driveway and house high pressure cleaning and any outdoor odd jobs.

"We couldn't have done it without the support of these two Jim's Mowing Franchisees," said Sunshine Coast Legacy Group Chair, Rhonda Poor. "We are truly grateful for the support Adam and Asher gave our elderly Legacy widows during our commemorative 100-year anniversary".

About Sunshine Coast Legacy

The Sunshine Coast Legacy Group is home to around 40 volunteer members, known as Legatees, and supports nearly 700 clients, including



Jim's Mowing Woombye and Mountain Creek Franchisees, Adam Clout, left, and Asher Mannetje accept Certificates of appreciation from Legacy.

children and individuals with disabilities. Despite lacking regular government funding, Legacy's commitment remains steadfast, heavily relying on community aid and grants.

Legacy is one of Australia's oldest and most trusted charities dedicated to supporting the families of deceased and incapacitated veterans of our Australian Defence Force. Last year, Legacy proudly commemorated 100 years of keeping the promise to help families carry on with their lives after the loss or injury of a loved one in military service.

One of the services offered, particularly to elderly widows, is the Backyard Assist Program where the support of community groups and schools is enlisted and local service providers engaged to clean up backyards which have become overgrown and unmanageable.

Parklands Mountain Bike Centre now 'under review'

THREE of the five planned Olympic venues on the Sunshine Coast, including one at Parklands, near Nambour, are under a cloud amid a state Government review of the 2032 Games infrastructure.

Premier Stephen Miles last month announced the start of a 60-day analysis of facilities proposed for the Olympics and Paralympics, which will be staged mainly in

Brisbane with events on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

The assessment includes three planned Sunshine Coast venues: a new Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre and an upgraded Sunshine Coast Stadium, within the same complex at Kawana, and a new Sunshine Coast Mountain Bike Centre at Parklands. They are undergoing a Project Validation Report.



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New award aims to keep arts & crafts traditions alive at Show

THE Arts and Crafts section of the Sunshine Coast Show has always been a fabulous showcase of local handmade goods. This year a new range of prizes has been introduced in honour of a wonderful patron of the Arts and Crafts on the Sunshine Coast - Margaret Holder. Margaret passed away last year, but her family and friends want her love of all things handmade to live on.

Margaret Holder (nee Cahill) was born in 1932 in Sydney, her father was a milk man and her mother a tailoress. It was Margaret's mother who taught her to sew, crochet and knit as a young girl. As a young mum herself with 2 children, Margaret made their clothes, crocheted and knitted jumpers for them.

On retirement her love of the crafty arts was taken to the next level when she completed a technical arts course at St George Technical College in Sydney. During this course, she learnt paper and fabric arts, craft skills which she went on to share and teach others. Margaret was all about taking the time to share what she knew. She liked to help others and shared in the success when a project had been completed which used newly learned skills.

For many years Margaret would teach the skills of crochet, patchwork quilting, knitting, paper tole and embroidery to younger people. She was always delighted to be passing down the skills and knowledge she had learned to the younger generations. In her later years she spent her days crocheting soft toys which she donated to the Nambour and Sunshine Coast University Hospital for sick children. Hundreds of children over the years have received a soft toy Margaret had made to brighten their stay



Margaret Holder's daughter Elizabeth Hudson, right, with Racheal Pascoe. Racheal is sponsoring the Arts & Crafts Awards 2024 at the Sunshine Coast Show to honour the late Margaret Holder, pictured at right.

in hospital. Margaret also continued to mentor and teach young and old to crochet.

How to Enter

The prizes this year are for the specific areas that Margaret just loved to work in, which were Crochet, Embroidery, Patchwork Quilting, Paper Tolle and Knitting.

This year the best entry in each of those sections will be awarded the Margaret Holder Award for Best in the category and receive \$100 each.

Interested in entering some of your work this year? Simply see the Competitions section of the Sunshine Coast Show website to see the details.

The prizes are sponsored by Gavin and Racheal Pascoe.



Happy birthday to Sacred Heart Church!



from Andrew Powell
State Member for Glass House
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Happy Birthday to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Maleny. What an achievement! Earlier this month, I joined celebrations marking a century of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Maleny. It was wonderful to join Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Parish Priest Fr Josh Whitehead and members of this beautiful congregation.

They have exemplified what the Archbishop said at the celebration - they have been, and continue to be, "contributors to" the broader Maleny community in so, so many ways, not "consumers" of it. Here's to the future and another 100 years!

Queensland Health Crisis Hits Rock Bottom

The Queensland Health Crisis has reached uncharted territory under Labor's chaos and crisis.

New data for the December quarter shows the worst figures ever recorded for the elective surgery waiting list and the specialist out-patient waiting list. Ambulance ramping in Queensland remains the worst in the nation, with the rate unchanged at 43%. The data shows that:

- Queensland's ramping rate of 42.9% is the worst figure ever recorded for a December quarter;
- Ambulance ramping in Queensland remains the worst in the nation;
- The elective surgery waitlist has risen above 60,000 Queenslanders for the first time in history; and
- 291,507 patients are waiting to see a specialist - the highest number of patients on record in Queensland.

Each of these dire numbers represents a Queenslanders who can't get the health care they need, when they need it most.

These figures aren't the fault of our hard-working health workers, they're the fault of a failing and flailing government.

Only the LNP has the Right Priorities for Queensland's Future, including driving-down ambulance ramping and healthcare waitlists.

Congratulations to Lily Low

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Photo: Lily Low, recipient of Palmwoods State School Arts Bursary receiving her donation.

Our electricity system needs to be resilient

from Ted O'Brien
Federal Member for Fairfax
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Our electricity system needs to be resilient to the weather, not reliant on it.

In times of crisis, our grid requires reliable backup energy generation that's available 24/7.

Blackouts across Victoria due to intense weather systems are not only a major disruption to households and a cost burden on businesses but are also incredibly dangerous.

It's the most vulnerable Australians, including our senior citizens and our essential services like hospitals that typically suffer the most.

You can keep updated on how I am working to secure Australia's energy future at tedobrien.com.au.

HELPing Hand Pilot

Recently my office met with HELP Enterprises to share their exciting new program which is all about enhancing employment opportunities for people with disability and supporting tourism-based small and medium enterprises (SMEs) on the Sunshine Coast with valuable staff.

This comes through HELP's Disability Employment Tourism Local Navigators Pilot which aims to revolutionise disability inclusion in the tourism and hospitality sector.

Born out of the COVID-19 pandemic where businesses in the tourism and hospitality sectors took a hit to staffing, the industry is still recovering.

The pilot program connects people with disability who are available and ready-to-work with SMEs who are prepared to become a more inclusive and supported business with 'Disability Confidence'.

HELP revealed that across Sunshine Coast, Wide Bay, and Brisbane region there are 64,000 people with disability looking for a job.

If you are a business in the hospitality and tourism sector, wanting to find loyal and passionate employees, then I encourage you to get in contact with localnavigator@helpenterprises.com.au.



Students and Rotary Club members at the recent Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program.

Rotary program helps save young drivers' lives

THE Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program is making a real difference in reducing road trauma for young drivers.

More than 750,000 students have benefitted from the training in Australia and New Zealand since 2001. On the coast, Rotary Nambour leads the way in facilitating the training for over 11,000 local high school students.

Rotary Club of Nambour spokesperson Russ Stephenson said training helped equip students to adopt good, safe, life-long driving habits as they qualified for their P plates.

"In 2022, 1,193 lives, many being youths, were lost on Australian roads, and many more were injured, often with life-long impacts," he said.

"In Queensland, most of these young people came from regional areas, hence the importance of the RYDA road safety awareness training," he said.

"RYDA provides novice drivers and passengers with the skills, mindset and tools to make

better decisions on the road."

In 2023, 56 Rotarian and community volunteers and facilitators organised and ran seven training days at the Nambour Showgrounds for 789 students from eight local high schools.

"Topics include practical demonstration of stopping distances at different speeds, risk factors on roads and surrounds, vehicle safety features, the mind, managing moods, and personality risk profiles, reducing distractions in the car, and strategies to speak up about dangerous situations," said Russ.

"We hope to influence the attitudes, awareness and behaviours of young drivers and passengers and equip them with the knowledge they need to stay safe on our roads."

Russ said the program would not be possible without the support of the Queensland Government Road Safety Scheme, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Ken Mills Toyota, Bridgestone, Boral, and BOC.

Demolition heralds Mooloolah IGA expansion

DEMOLITION work has begun at Mooloolah to enable an extension of their IGA store in the growing town.

The store will be extended by more than a third along Jones Street and will have a loading bay on the Hatten Street side.

The existing carpark has already been more than doubled in size as part of the expansion.

In an email supporting the original 2018 application to expand the shop, proprietor Michael White said it would allow for the expansion of all areas of the supermarket.

"This extension is seen as a positive step in providing and capturing the full shopping needs of the local community now and in the future," he wrote.

Documents show the shop extension was originally approved with a number of conditions by the Sunshine Coast Council in 2019.

However, the applicant, Bridgeman Enterprises, owned by Brisbane-based businessman Vincent Ferraro, owner of the site, sought changes to some of the conditions.

The council agreed to a number of relaxations but stood firm on requirements for public artwork on a wall and for overhead powerlines to be put underground along the Hatten Street side of the development.

Bridgeman Enterprises maintained it was unreasonable to require public art on a wall that was within the property boundaries and that it would be unreasonably expensive to put the powerlines underground.

The matter went to the Planning and Environment Court with the result that the development was approved with a mural on the southern blank wall but no undergrounding of power.

On social media, a number of Mooloolah locals have been appreciative of the bigger carpark, which was finished only recently, although a few have expressed a need for shade trees.

Not everyone has been happy about the changes, with one pointing out that a nearby resident had lost privacy.

Some Mooloolah residents were not aware of any plans to expand the shop.

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Operational works permit pending for over 50s village

THE developer behind an over 50s village approved at Highworth, near Nambour, is yet to receive council permission to begin work on the development.

Sungenia Development Subsidiary 9 Pty Ltd lodged an application for an operational works permit with the Sunshine Coast Council in December for its Savilles Road project but the council requested further information.

Sungenia had already received a material change of use approval for 230 two-bedroom units, a communal building with kitchen and dining, and recreational facilities on land on Savilles Road.

The operational works permit is required to commence earthworks, roadworks and construction of stormwater drainage and other infrastructure on the site.

The council wrote to Sungenia before Christmas to advise that its operational works application had been deemed not properly made for a variety of reasons.

The council said the application had not included relevant reports, including a required arborist's report, and the operational works drawings did not appear to be staged, as required.

The council reply also pointed out that the developer had not submitted plans for Fig

Tree Park to the council for approval which it should have done before seeking an operational works permit.

The operational works application also contained a mistake in the application number and was stamped not for construction when the council regards it as construction.

The council gave Sungenia until 29 January to address the issues with its operational works application.

An engineering and science firm acting on behalf of Ingenia Communities Holdings scrapped in just before deadline with 59 pages of drawings and plans submitted at 4.57pm on that date.

The retirement village has been the subject of much paper shuffling between developers and the council during the last four years.

Grove Partners Pty Ltd received a material change of use approval for a 280-unit retirement village on the site in 2021 but subsequently sold the project to Sungenia Development Subsidiary 9, part of the Ingenia group.

Sungenia sought some amendments to the material change of use resulting in changes to operational works permits for earthmoving and infrastructure.

Sungenia has five directors including two based in the United States and two in Australia.

Marsha recognised for volunteer service

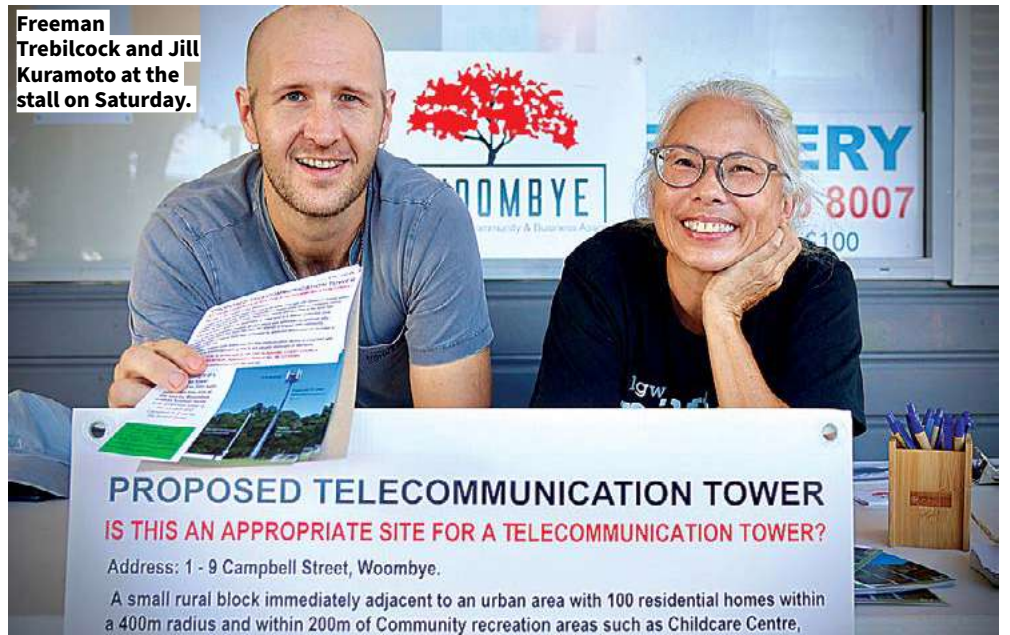
PROLIFIC Maleny photographer and community volunteer Marsha Lindenthal of Mārshā Fötögráfié has been a volunteer with Crime Stoppers Sunshine Coast as a volunteer photographer for 7 years.

Recently at the Mooloolaba Police Beat Headquarters her service was recognised, along with 2 other volunteers. Marsha was recognised for five years of voluntary service for Crimestopper Queensland.

The award was presented by Tim Ryan OAM, the director of the Queensland Crime Stoppers Board.



Marsha, right, with fellow nominees Col Deller and Denise Behn.



Residents rally over telco tower proposal, take 2

WOOMBYE residents are mobilising in response to a fresh application for a telecommunications tower at 1-9 Campbell Street, the same site that sparked some controversy in 2021.

The previous application for a 40m tower was withdrawn by the developer after significant community opposition, with residents arguing the location was unsuitable. Despite this initial victory, the developer has resubmitted an application for a 31m tower under a different guise.

To raise awareness and encourage community participation, residents Jill Kuramoto, Joanne Kupiak, Freeman Trebilcock and Lesli Knetter hosted an information stall outside SPAR on Saturday morning.

They hoped the initiative would galvanise residents to attend an upcoming WCBA meeting and voice their opinions. "The community's response in the coming days will be crucial in determining the fate of the proposed

telecommunications tower and preserving the character of Woombye," said Lesli.

"There has been no attempt by the applicant to engage with the community, again! The proposed location is in a known flood zone and in a riparian protection area. The block of land is owned by people who reside in Brisbane. The telecommunications code fails to differentiate when rural zoned land is immediately adjacent to urban areas as is the case in this instance."

Not enough research

Meanwhile, a medical trainee living in Woombye said he held fears for his family because of the proximity of the proposed tower. "My main objection is the potential long term health impacts to those of us who have homes so close to the tower," said Freeman Trebilcock. "I have concerns for myself, my partner and our young family being located within 180m of the proposed tower, and only 18m below the height of the antenna. The science is clear that high amounts of Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) are harmful to health."

The Woombye Community and Business Association (WCBA) had yet to formally declare its position but planned to assess community sentiment at last night's scheduled meeting (February 20).

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Letters to the Editor

The Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Please keep your letters brief (under 300 words). All things being equal, preference is given to topical, shorter letters on local matters of widespread interest.

Candidates' responses will be informative

As a political tragic, I'm looking forward to reading the candidates' responses to the Sunshine Valley Gazette's Question on Notice: Why should we vote for you?

As a democracy, it is essential that we all exercise our right to vote. We are fortunate to have our local free newspapers to keep us informed, especially at election time. Most of us do not have the opportunity to meet all the candidates personally, so deciding who to vote can be a bit of a hit and miss affair.

Decades ago, a well-respected politician said local government was the most important level of government as it is most relevant to our daily lives; however, he added, it can also be the most corrupt. Those were the days of the "white shoe brigade" and expedient development approvals. These days I think he'd be appalled at governments of all levels and the way taxpayers' funds are spent on "consultants", the distribution of infrastructure spending and grants - think the PwC scandal and sports rorts.

So, to all voters, please take the time to find out as much as you can about the aspiring candidates. Let's get it right and elect a Council which will put the community and the environment first and build a great future for the Sunshine Coast.

- Robyn Deane, Bli Bli

Invasive weeds 'worst since settlement'

The Blackall Range is in dire trouble. Invasive weeds are surely the worst they have been since European settlement. The issue isn't just the constant rain, but also the inability to manage the rampant growth. If we don't collaborate and take action, the developing seed bank in the coming

months will lead to numerous sites becoming irrecoverable. An example is the entrance to Maleny on Landsborough Road, where the Morning Glory is now beyond recovery.

It's not only the known invasive weeds that are a concern, but also many garden plants that are likely to become invasive.

The state of our roadsides is also appalling. Unfortunately Transport and Main Roads has repeatedly stated they will not maintain their roadsides (major roads), though the Council does perform better.

Divisions east of the Bruce Highway have a lower weed burden, so their Councillors may not comprehend the significant struggle faced by residents on the Range. It's crucial they understand this to support a realistic budget instead of rejecting it.

I plan to be at the Kiosk in Maleny for a few days soon to assist residents with any queries. Do visit to learn how to tackle this issue efficiently.

- Jeanette Nobes, Invasive Weed Consultant

When will they ever act?

So many people have been injured or have died. Five years ago, to the day, (11 February 2019) we lost our son, James, following a fall from his bicycle, even though he was wearing a so called "safety helmet".

The New South Wales Coroner immediately recommended an investigation be made into the standard of safety helmets for cyclists, and other users, like skateboarders, climbers, safety helmets, etc. knowing, as the local police informed us, there are many injuries and fatal accidents despite users wearing so called safety helmets.

The investigation was taken up by Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) and has moved through various stages to now (December 2023), the latest we are told:

"TheTfNSW have sought additional time to prepare a formal response to the Coroner's recommendation. TfNSW's previous Deputy Secretary, Safety, Environment and Regulation, Tara McCarthy informed the Attorney-General that a decision was expected to be possible within the next 12 months."

You have to wonder just how many people have been injured or have died in those years, especially given the advent of the increasingly popular e-bicycle?

To quote Bob Dylan: "Yes, how many deaths will it take till he knows that too many people have died?"

Tedious bureaucratic processes in many areas have doubtless caused and are still causing distress and more.

Are we over-governed?

In the case of bicycle safety helmets, a rapid response, could include

(1) A "very public" warning that current helmets may not be as safe as expected, so be very careful while riding. There are many clear warnings about safety helmets on the internet but how many people read them, or can read them?

(2) Immediately, advise all helmet suppliers of the concern. Show the statistics. They may take step to ensure their supplies are improved right away.

(3) Accelerate the enactment process where lives and death are involved.

As we continue to grieve over the loss of our son, James, we write this letter in the hope that its publication will warn users, especially parents of children who ride bicycles, to be as careful as possible when riding. Their confidence and trust in their safety helmet may prove to be unfounded. Wishing all a safe journey.

- Dr Bob Roberts PhD and Lorraine Roberts

Medical student concerned about telco tower

I want to lend my voice to the growing opposition to the proposed telecommunications tower in Woombye. I am a medical student who has recently moved to Woombye and will soon be starting a family here. Our home is approximately 180m from the proposed tower and sits only 18m below the height of the antenna.

My main objection is to the potential long term health impacts to those of us who have homes so close to the tower. I have concerns for myself, my partner, and our young family. The science is clear that very high amounts of Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) are harmful to health. But not enough research has been done to conclude that low/medium levels of EMR are in fact safe. An absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. Public health messaging about this issue appears to be designed to waylay fears rather than genuinely inform. The truth is that this technology has simply not been in use long enough to do long-term studies to know the health impacts in real world scenarios. I certainly don't want our family to be test subjects over the next 20-30 years while

we raise our family in such proximity to this proposed tower.

Furthermore, by lowering the tower from the initial 40m to an updated 31.34m (as the developers have proposed to reduce the visual impact) they will in fact be increasing the EMR exposure level to those of us who live nearby. A mobile phone tower has a typical radiation pattern, with exponentially higher levels the closer you are to the antennas both vertically and horizontally. In attempting to fix one problem, they've created another.

Finally, I would also like to echo the concerns of other residents that this development is being snuck through on a zoning technicality. While it is a rurally zoned site, it is immediately adjacent to a residential zone. The telecommunications code doesn't differentiate or make it clear what is safe or appropriate in such cases. If the zoning was different, I would question whether additional safeguards would be applied to ensure our safety and wellbeing.

- Freeman Trebilcock, Woombye

If it's flooded ... forget getting a response to chaos

The Sunshine Coast Council's reply to my letter (Gazette, February 7) about the traffic chaos in Palmwoods on 30 January during some flooding was a typical PR-style response.

This highlights the lack of clarity over who is responsible during various situations in an event such as a major road closure as we experienced. The Public need to know who is responsible for what.

On this occasion the Council were informed by the Police that the Police did not have sufficient staff to control the traffic under the flooded railway bridge in Palmwoods.

So a council road joins a State Department of Transport and Main Roads road and neither did anything to assist Palmwoods residents. Well, they did I suppose, as someone put barriers closing the road about 3.30pm.

The question is why neither authority did anything to control traffic? In such a major population area as Palmwoods? You can't just say the road's flooded so "forget it". Someone should have organised traffic control.

As this road floods frequently we need Council or State Government to tell residents who in future will be responsible for traffic control during a similar flood event.

- Ken Coulter, Ilkley

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I'm third third-generation local. There is nothing more important to me than the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland **heading in the right direction**.

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STEMM program inspires teen mums to bright futures

By Janine Hill

A NURSE has credited a Burnside-based education program for teen mothers with saving her life.

"Shelley" had two children under three, no support and no hope when she connected with STEMM – the Supporting Teenagers with Education, Mothering and Mentoring program at Burnside State High School.

She had not completed high school but was able to enrol in a tertiary pathways program at STEMM which led her out of an abusive, controlling relationship, into a nursing degree and to a happier life.

"I think it saved my life," Shelley said of the program.

"I wouldn't be the person I am today. I would still be sitting in that environment, probably on drugs, not working a day in my life, and my kids would have grown up in that environment," she said.

Shelley said that through STEMM, she recognised she was in a domestic violence relationship and was able to access the support and help she needed to leave.

"I had never been in a relationship before. I just thought that must be what it's meant to be like. I didn't know what it was and I didn't know how to get out of it," she said.

She said STEMM was like a family to her. "They offered me the family support that I didn't have at that time," she said.

"It wasn't just about study. For me, it was more than just that. It was support, it was safety. It was a place I could go and feel safe and where I didn't have to worry about anything."

Shelley said leaving a DV relationship while juggling motherhood and study had been difficult and people often wondered how she did it.

"In all honesty, when you become a mum, you get a special strength to protect your kids, and it doesn't matter how tough things are, you just try to push through for your kids," she said.

"That was my motivation – to try and give my kids a good life and make sure they were safe."

Shelley now works at the Sunshine Coast



STEMM is available to young mothers up to 24 years old who are at least 12 weeks pregnant or have children.

University Hospital, is in a happy relationship with a new man with whom she has bought a home, and her children are doing well at school.

STEMM founder and coordinator Jacqui Dean said the TPP program was very successful because class sizes were small, and students were able to get the support they needed.

She said TPP students usually studied four subjects – a basic maths and science, assessment skills to learn how to write assignments, and a communities/social work subject – over one to two subjects a year over two years.

STEMM is available to young mothers up to 24 years old who are at least 12 weeks pregnant or have children.

Places are currently available in the TPP program. For information, phone STEMM on 5459 7376 or go to www.stemm.com.au.

* Shelley's real name has not been used in this story for her safety and that of her family.

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Palmwoods pickleball player Ludovica Sciaky, in action at a recent tournament.

Italian tennis player transfers skills to Pickleball

LUDOVICA Sciaky, an accomplished tennis athlete from Milan, now based in Palmwoods, has made a striking shift to pickleball, a sport on the brink of Olympic recognition. Ludovica's competitive spirit extends beyond the court into business ventures and literature, balancing her time between professional networking.

As a major player in the world's fastest-growing sport, Ludovica has clinched the title of MVP in Australia's first professional pickleball team league, leading Brisbane Breakers to victory.

Alongside her team triumphs, she's been celebrated as Australia's top pickleball coach in 2023 and has recently won the Italian Pickleball Championships.

With a degree in Business Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Ludovica is on the verge

of launching Standout Pickleball, her latest endeavor, following her co-founding role at Six Zero Pickleball.

Her new project promises revolutionary paddle designs and technology. Over the last six months she has been rigorously testing over 120 paddle prototypes, with the collaborations with aerospace engineers and manufacturing specialists.

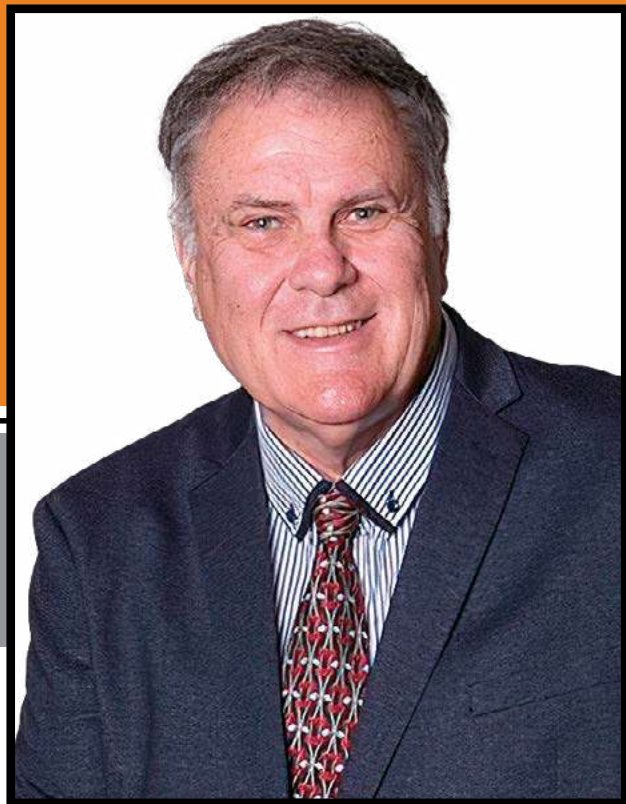
Amidst her business and sport pursuits, Ludovica remains the head coach at KT Academy on the Sunshine Coast.

Complementing her athletic and entrepreneurial endeavors, Ludovica trains with fitness gurus Nathan and Giselle Martin, who have tailored their expertise to pickleball.

Through pickleballworkout.com, they offer an online fitness program where Ludovica contributes coaching tips, aiming to enhance players' performance and injury prevention.

Ludovica's story is one of tenacity and transition, exemplifying how passion can forge paths in new, dynamic directions.

Her journey from tennis courts to pickleball prominence is a testament to her dedication and the ever-evolving landscape of sports and business.



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The Hinterland will be heard, says candidate

WAYNE Parcell PSM is the only Hinterland candidate for the role of Mayor of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. The Hinterland's outstanding natural beauty frames our diverse communities, each having their own character, history and stories. A Mayor who understands The Hinterland can deliver change that matters to you through progress and preservation, balancing agriculture, tourism and creative industries to support our unique lifestyle.

The consistent messages to Wayne from the residents of The Hinterland and the region includes their aspiration for council to help deliver a region that is healthy, smart and creative. Innovation means exciting employment opportunities, sustainable growth and a lifestyle that is the envy of the world.

Offering 'performance not politics'

As your Mayor from The Hinterland, Wayne offers authentic leadership experience with more than 40 years in government, in his own small business and in global businesses to responsibly manage the Sunshine Coast Council's \$1 billion budget. Wayne is offering performance not politics delivering change that matters to you.

Wayne says that as Mayor, he is committed to bringing a fresh approach and perspective to how council delivers services to

residents. New and innovative ideas mean value-for-money for ratepayers who rightfully expect quality in council services. In this, Wayne offers compliance and consultation rather than cartels of influence.

Fresh ideas, agile thinking

"Fresh ideas and more agile thinking are needed to deal with housing affordability, accessibility, supply and homelessness", Wayne said. Council has a responsibility to deliver a planning framework that will enable the projected 2041 population of 500,000 to thrive and prosper in an environment of outstanding natural beauty on the coast and in the hinterland.

The State Government's recent Homes for Queenslanders initiative is commendable. Immediate action is also required for additional housing outcomes now. As your Mayor, Wayne undertakes to advocate strongly to Ministers and Members of the Queensland Parliament that the Sunshine Coast Region, one of the fastest growing areas of the State, with the lowest ratio of supported housing in the State, needs a substantial distribution of state housing investment; and that housing needs to be balanced in delivery across the whole region. The problem of homelessness, including in Nambour, is being addressed by the current council, but more needs to be done.

Public transport is another matter of importance to residents in Nambour and The Hinterland.



Wayne has 40 years experience in government, in small business and in global businesses.

A transport strategy for Nambour

The heavy rail connection to Nambour is a boon, but other transport options need to be re-examined to ensure that visitors and residents from the coast can enjoy what Nambour has to offer in terms of its café culture and gritty history. The council Wayne leads will advocate that the Department of Transport & Main Roads be actively engaged with the community in defining and refining its Sunshine Coast Public Transport strategy, and include everyone living west of the Bruce Highway. A static coastal strategy is unacceptable.

Wayne said: "We need to explore new solutions to the

challenges facing us from urban congestion, housing affordability and the squeeze on our natural environment - what got us here, will not get us there. We need to engage everyone on the issue of social impact whereby council investments generate measurable social and environmental outcomes in addition to a financial return. An outcomes-based approach should bring together all levels of government, service providers, investors and communities so we can all share the benefits of our unique region."

► Learn more about Wayne's purpose, extensive experience and policy positions at www.parcellformayor.au.

Nambour to Coolum, a different rail trail

THE idea of a Nambour to Coolum Rail Trail first emerged 20 years ago following the closure of the Sugar Mill in Nambour, but progress has been limited. A study was done for a Nambour to Coolum Recreation Trail, but it seems not to have progressed in recent times, even though it was endorsed by Sunshine Coast Council in March 2017.

Mayoral candidate Wayne Parcell PSM said, "We should give this proposal some consideration again. There may be merit in considering the proposal via a different funding stream that does not require the council to have the main carriage of the cost and risks associated. On the face of it, the route could be beneficial to residents and visitors."

Community support required

In addition to examination of the corridor and the renewal of the line, there would need to be broad community support for the proposal.

The benefits of a tramway (driven by sustainable energy sources) include a reduction of vehicles on already congested roads. Connecting communities can bring many positive outcomes but consideration would need to be given to the impacts of the concentrated access to greater numbers of people (and vehicles) at stops along the route and at the destinations. Agricultural pursuits along the corridor would also need to be considered.

Wayne said, "As we advocate for increased public transport accessibility, our vision extends to smart, mixed-use developments around transit stations.

"This means creating dynamic spaces where people can live, work, and enjoy leisure activities within walking distance of transit hubs. It's about fostering communities that thrive on connectivity, accessibility, and sustainable mobility solutions."

Wayne said public transport was not just a mode of conveyance but a catalyst for positive and appropriate development on the Coast and in The Hinterland. At the end of February, Wayne is meeting with community members who support the proposal to gain a deeper understanding.

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Bowder Lodge has reclaimed its title as the Sunshine Coast's only Five-Star residential aged care home.

Sundale's Bowder Lodge achieves 5-star rating

SUNDALE'S Bowder Lodge Care Centre has reclaimed its title as the Sunshine Coast's only Five-Star residential aged care home as adjudged by the Australian Government.

The Department of Health and Aged Care released the Star Ratings which considered four categories, compliance, residents' experience, staffing minutes and quality measures.

This follows the *Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety* recommendation to develop and publish Star Ratings based on measurable information so older Australians and their families could compare the quality and safety performance of every aged care home in Australia.

Sundale Board Chairperson Terence Seymour said only 12 aged care homes in Queensland achieved the prestigious Five-Star rating.

"It's an extraordinary achievement for the entire Bowder Lodge Care Centre team to be recognised once again as the best aged care home on the Sunshine Coast according to the Australian Government," Mr Seymour said.

"The Star Ratings allow older Australians and their family and friends to easily compare services and make informed choices about aged care. Last year Sundale celebrated 60 years of caring for the Nambour community. Bowder's Five-Star rating is the perfect birthday present."



Ngaire and Tom Coulstock at the entrance to the white rendered chapel.

Photo Elk and Fir.

Inside Goodwater Ridge: the new wedding venue

by Janine Hill

A FARMING property near Maleny has been turned into a wedding and functions venue with a difference.

Goodwater Ridge, on land at Bald Knob once owned by the pioneering Burgess family, resembles a small, Mediterranean village.

At its heart is a small, white rendered chapel with parabolic arches, the shape favoured by architect Antoni Gaudi, who designed Spain's Sagrada Familia cathedral, a construction epic which has been drawn out over more than 100 years.

Goodwater Ridge sits on 40 hectares owned by Ngaire and her builder husband Tom Coulstock, who live next door, and have taken the project from conception to completion in under seven years.

The couple had been running cattle on the property before deciding to become part of the Range's burgeoning wedding industry, which has now grown the area into one of Australia's premium wedding precincts.

"We were looking around and saw the wedding industry expanding in the area and there seemed to be a market for somewhere that could host the whole wedding package," Ngaire said.

"We had spent a lot of time in Spain and the general Mediterranean and so thought we could do something a bit different, borrowing architectural and styling ideas from Spain, France, Morocco and Turkey.

"We've built buildings that bring an old-Mediterranean flavour to the venue."

Along with the chapel, is a large function room with a commercial kitchen and an adjacent stunning glass-roofed atrium, suitable for receptions and functions. Three cabins and four studio rooms can accommodate a total of 16 on site.

A stone wall ruin, with arches mirroring those of the chapel and venue entrance, frame hinterland views and make a photo backdrop like no other in the region.

The irony of building anew is not lost on Ngaire, who said the remains of derelict farm buildings were removed to make way for the venue.

"The ruins are where an old piggery stood and there were old pens and cattle yards where there now stands cottages and gardens," she said.

The Goodwater Ridge name comes from scratchings on an old surveyor's map.

"On our creek at the bottom, they had handwritten 'good water'. We've called our property Goodwater and because the venue is on the adjacent ridge, it became Goodwater Ridge."

The entire venue took a "very difficult" three-and-a-half years to build - through COVID and a wet season that lasted two years - and opened in August last year.

It has hosted five weddings so far and Ngaire, aware that couples usually book well in advance, anticipates the calendar will fill over time. She said the venue was designed to provide versatility of use and would also suit corporate functions.

▶ For information, see www.goodwateridge.com.



The Goodwater Ridge Chapel. Photo White Parrot Photography and Film.



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Surprisingly tea-riffic: Maleny's unexpected plantation temptation

by Janine Hill

THINK of where tea is grown and you will probably picture plantations in China, Sri Lanka or India – not Maleny.

But at Booroobin, south-west of Maleny, a family has made a go of growing the worldwide beverage favourite.

Arakai Estate, a project between Darryl and Loraine Collins and their son, Brendon, and his wife, Kristie, harvests five to six tonnes of tea a year.

Darryl, a cabinetmaker, originally bought 170ha of land for a timber plantation but after selling his business, had no need to grow trees.

However, instead of selling the land, he and Brendon began exploring other potential income-producing options for the property.

"It would have been 2009-2010 that we first got the idea of tea and that came from Landline, one of the ABC's TV shows," Brendon said.

"Before that, we'd been looking at ginger as a possibility but it wasn't really viable."

They planted Japanese green tea plants – the only sort they could get in Australia in those days and were harvesting about five years after they started looking at the idea.

Their first crop was so successful that they won Australia's Golden Leaf award for green tea in 2015. "We didn't even have a label. We were handing out tea to try in little zip-lock plastic bags,"

Brendon said the area had turned out to be ideal for growing tea.

"It grows whether you want it to or not. We harvest five or six times a year. There's about four months of the year when it's cold and doesn't grow and that gives us a chance to concentrate on other things."

Some of the tea is sold under the Arakai name through online orders and some is sold on for use in blended teas.

Brendon said one of the attractions of tea was that it was a product they could not only grow but process, package and sell themselves.



"We wanted a product that we could handle ourselves. We wanted to do something different and we certainly found that."

The Collinses process using an oolong-type method which involves letting the tea leaves dry out before they can begin processing. They produce five flavours: green, black, and summer, spring and autumn.

Brendon said they had found the tea lasted exceptionally well.

"We try and keep it stored very well. I'm still drinking tea from 2017. The way we pack and store tea, it 'ages' better."

"We had a 'best before' date of two years and we've extended that out to four years but I'm drinking tea that's six or seven years old."

Brendon and Darryl have kept records of each harvest to learn how to optimise their growing and processing.

"People want to call us master tea growers but I wouldn't say that. Things are always changing and we're always learning," Brendon said.

Aside from tea, the Collinses have 500 avocado trees to look after, grow a small amount of ginger to be sold as seed, host occasional timber harvesting, and run after Brendon and Kristie's two young children.



Main pic: Darryl and Brendon harvest the tea. Left: Arakai Estate is a project between Darryl and Loraine Collins, right, and their son, Brendon, and his wife, Kristie.

Taking it easy on the Maroochy River

Nature Watch with Don McGlusky Diddillibah

I spotted this pelican taking it easy on a boat near Chambers Island in the Maroochy River.

Due to the recent heavy rains in parts of inland Australia these birds are not common in the Maroochy and Noosa Rivers at the moment as they go inland to breed which happens at any time when conditions are suitable.

The ones that remain are usually old birds who are not up to travelling vast distances any more. They occur anywhere a large body of water and food is found. They range all over the Australian continent and parts of New Guinea. Rare sightings occur in Indonesia, New Hebrides, Solomon Islands and New Zealand. During the drought a few years ago the birds migrated to the coast and it was common to see one perched on every lamp post on the Bradman Avenue bridge. The sexes are similar with the females being a bit smaller. Nests are



constructed from plant matter in a scrape on the ground. The nests are in dense colonies on islands. A clutch of eggs consists usually of four. The incubation period is about 35 days and the chicks are fed for about 100 days. It is fascinating to watch a number of pelicans herding fish into shallow water so they can literally scoop them up.

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from Rob Skelton
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OUR Homes for Queenslanders plan is about real interventions that will deliver more homes faster, closer to where people work, and look after people who are doing it tough.

The number one thing we can do to make housing more affordable is deliver more supply – that's what Homes for Queenslanders will do.

The plan has five pillars:

Build more homes faster – the bulk of housing is delivered by the private market – 90 per cent. We need broad and real interventions to fast-track supply, closer to where people work.

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Our plan will increase social housing stock to meet the needs of our growing population.

Work towards ending homelessness in Queensland – Our government cares about the most vulnerable in our community.

We're supporting the services on the front-line and making sure everyone has a roof over their head.

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Wedding consultant making dreams come true

IF NOTHING speaks louder for a business than customer satisfaction, then they are yelling about Maple Weddings and Events.

The hinterland wedding planning, hire and styling business scored a tough-to-beat customer satisfaction rating of 99.98% to be named the state's top independent wedding consultant at the Australian Bridal Industry Awards.

Maple also placed second for wedding hire and made the top 10 for wedding styling.

Proprietor Kristy Aitken put the outstanding result down to a lack of pretentiousness.

"I just think, to be honest, we're down to earth. We're a bit more personable, a bit more real," she said.

Kristy is joined in the business by her husband, Scott, and employees Kerrie Glover, who handles administration and styling, and Maegen Morrier, a wedding coordinator.

Kristy, of Dulong, used to have a recruitment business in Brisbane but began looking at a career change after organising a successful fete at her children's school.

She studied event and business management and worked as a wedding venue manager before establishing Maple six years ago.

Kristy said she loved being able to help couples plan their special days.

"You often work with a couple for 12-18 months so you really get to know them and their family, so on the day when you're actually there and you get to see them, I might have a drink with them and a dance. You feel like you're a part of the family as well."

"It's nice to have that feeling of, 'we got you



Maple Weddings and Events Proprietor Kristy Aitken with the award.

here' after 12 or 18 months."

Kristy said a wedding planner was only as good as the team of vendors – florists, celebrants, photographers, and more – that they pulled together for a wedding.

She acknowledged all members of the Sunshine Coast wedding industry when she received the award on behalf of Maple.

"I feel that on the whole, the Sunshine Coast vendors are supportive of each other. We're all small businesses," she said.

"During covid, we all struggled together and we've all supported each other coming out of covid, and that works for everyone."



Pics: Marsha Lindenthal of Mārshā Fòtògráfíê



2024 Maleny Show Launch in Pavilion

THE launch of the 2024 Maleny Show took place on Thursday (15 February) in the Show Pavilion at Maleny Showgrounds.

It was a time for the committee to thank volunteers and sponsors for their past support and a chance to find out what is planned for this year's May 31 and June 1 event.

"Community involvement not only assists the Society in many ways but ensures that we showcase the best of the Hinterland through agricultural displays and competitions that encourage our younger generation to become involved in interesting and informative activities," said new president Lynda Burgess.

Prolific Maleny photographer Marsha Lindenthal of Mārshā Fòtògráfíê was on hand for the social snaps.

Nambour to Coolum Rail Trail on meeting agenda

A community meeting will take place on March 5 at Coolum Beach Bowls Club to share updates, discuss the next steps and establish a working group on the proposed Nambour to Coolum Rail Trail.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the trail and getting involved is invited to attend.

The new rail trail has been proposed linking Nambour to Coolum along the old sugar cane

train line.

However, more community support is needed to get the trail underway in time for the 2032 Olympic Games.

It is envisaged the trail would provide an exciting new ecotourism attraction connecting the coast to the hinterland via active transport.

This follows a Coffee Catch Up hosted in November 2023, by Nambour Chamber of Commerce focusing on the initiative.

'Little Lorikeet' brings hope amidst paralysis cases

Nature Watch News from Donna Brennan.
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LOCAL wildlife hospitals are currently receiving hundreds of almost comatose lorikeets. At a certain time of year lorikeets suffer from what is known as Lorikeet Paralysis Syndrome or LPS.

If found early enough, the birds recover with correct care and nutrition. Of course, not every sick lorikeet is suffering from LPS.

It may have been attacked or hit by a car, so it is very important to get these birds to a wildlife hospital for the correct diagnosis.

Research is being done into causes of LPS. If many affected birds come in from one area, people are encouraged to note what trees are favoured as a food source.

Though mainly nectarivorous, they do ingest some insects, fruit, seeds and nuts. Their feeding trees are different to those where they roost at night, but all information is helpful. Citizen Science has been of great assistance to wildlife researchers over the years.

Not all is doom and gloom! A "Little Lorikeet" came into WILVOS care last week. They are almost a quarter of the size of a



A Little Lorikeet fledgling. Photo: Sharon Brennan.

rainbow lorikeet and are such petite little birds, with a red mask. Though a fledgling, this one was unable to fly initially. Little Lorikeets are rarely seen, as often they fly with a flock of rainbow or scaly-breasted lorikeets. They love to feed high up in the eucalypts and this little one's carer was very happy to see four of them in trees near the Coolum golf course. The last one to come into care was seven years ago and I had the pleasure of rehabilitating that very entertaining bird.

It had a number of injuries but with antibiotics and lots of TLC it soon became a bundle of vitality. At first this little one would leave his little tunnel and run to the corner and 'hide' at medication time. Though not outwardly stressed by the handling and treatment, I also put a soft white cloth in the corner and he would then go and climb under it. It was a joy to see him progress to an aviary and the eventual return to the wild. He never did lose the habit of snuggling when picked up.

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Hatha Yoga Pilates is held at the Woombye Hall: Sat 9am & Wed 9.30am. Beginners & Seniors welcome. Cost \$10. Call Christine: 5441 6285 (Cert. in Pilates matwork; Dip. IYTA: Yoga Instructor; USC Sport & Exercise minor: Ex. Prescrip. for Health & Rehab.)

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Buzz the Jack Russell wants to come home with you

4 Paws Animal Rescue is a 100 percent volunteer run charity organisation that provides refuge for homeless dogs and cats on the Sunshine Coast.

Introducing this gorgeous Jack Russell called Buzz. At just 14 months old, Buzz's owner passed away so he is now in need of a new loving family. Buzz is still a puppy therefore a home that can provide for the needs of a young dog. He adores humans and would be suited to a home in which Buzz is the only pet.

Whilst he is friendly with other dogs outside,



he likes to be the object of your affection. Can you provide the living environment he deserves?

• visit www.4pawsanimalrescue.org.au

Empowering self-protection:

Military-inspired 'Street Edge' course shows the way

by Janine Hill

FOR Paul Johnstone, the proof of what his martial arts studios teach is in the survivors.

One who sticks in his memory is a woman who was assaulted by a man armed with a hammer and a knife and lived to tell the tale.

She thanked Paul, founder of Street Edge Krav Maga, for what she had learnt during a five-hour workshop.

"She rang to say, 'I remembered everything you taught me'. She said, 'I didn't give up. If you hadn't taught me, I wouldn't have made it,'" he said.

Paul said another student who had done two classes a week for seven weeks successfully fought off two men who tried to drag her into a van and a Girl Guide who did a three-hour workshop fought off a man who tried to abduct her two days later.

He said Street Edge did not teach self-defence but rather, self-protection, including how to read the signs of an imminent attack and what to do in the aftermath, including how to stem bleeding and deal with emergency services.

Paul, who has a background in the military, the federal police and in providing private security in Afghanistan, has been involved in Krav Maga for 30 years.

He said Krav Maga was originally developed for use by the Israeli military and police because it was quick to learn.

"It's basically designed for everybody. We've got children from four years learning it. Our oldest, I think, is 68," he said.

Street Edge also offers ninjutsu. Paul said about 90% of students chose to learn both Krav Maga and ninjutsu.

Paul said students could usually pick up enough to protect themselves within six weeks of starting classes.

"I find that ladies are very, very quick to pick it up. They don't have the ego that some guys have. Usually, if there's an ego, we get rid of that pretty quickly.



Paul Johnstone training Cambodian Special Forces troops recently in Cambodia and pictured right.



"We've got a really good culture in our system. We've got no egos. Ladies can come and feel very, very secure."

• Street Edge classes at Nambour taught by Cameron and Lee Henderson. For information, email streetedgekravmaga@gmail.com or call 0421 782 405.

BreastScreen service to visit Nambour Mill

BREASTSCREEN Queensland mobile service will be at Nambour Mill Shopping Village from March 4 to March 21, offering free breast screening for women 40 years and over.

"You don't need a doctor's referral for a breast screen and your appointment takes less than 30 minutes," said BreastScreen Queensland Health Promotion Officer, Gillian Duffy.

Women aged 50 - 74 are encouraged to have a breast screen every two years, as research shows that this age group benefits the most from regular screening. Finding breast cancer early can increase treatment options and save lives. "We are taking bookings now for our Nambour Mill visit," Ms Duffy said. "So call us today and don't miss the bus."

Appointments are from 7.45am to 5.30pm. BreastScreen Queensland also has a permanent service at Nambour Hospital. For more information or to make an appointment call 13 20 50 or visit breastscreen.qld.gov.au



Breast Cancer Facts

- 75% of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over 50. Younger women do get breast cancer, but the risk of breast cancer increases dramatically after the age of 50.
- 9 out of 10 women diagnosed with breast cancer have NO family history of the disease. While women with a family history of breast cancer are more at risk, most women diagnosed have no family history of the disease at all.
- ▶ A breast screen every two years is the best way to detect breast cancer early, well before you or your doctor can feel anything.

BushCare beside a flooding creek

Petrie Creek BushCare News with Norm Morwood

PICTURED are four of the BushCare team working their way through the natives we've planted beside Petrie Creek at our Gulgung site beside the New Council Park Nambour. Recent floods in the creek have covered most of our plantings and rearranged them. Natives have been flattened, rubbish deposited on them and some areas eroded. Fortunately, most plants have survived and we have been progressively setting them back up to continue the strong growth. If you'd like to join in caring for the native habitat the next volunteer BushCare bees will be:

- Gulgung Gung on Wednesday 28 February starting at 7 am. (Parking is available in the NE part of Aldi Carpark in Howard St Nambour and then walk down to the creek by following the rough track that skirts the north of the Aldi carpark. Alternatively walk across the new park from Quota Park off Matthew St).
- Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 03 February 2024 starting at 7am. (Meet near the back Rugby oval at Woombye. Come down Laidlaw Rd and turn right just before the Gymnastics Hall, and follow that road till you see us)



If you'd like to help in these activities, you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then after a couple of hours of good exercise and satisfying achievement we'll finish with a well-deserved cuppa.

For more info and to check starting times and dates etc of events, see the FB Page [PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc](https://www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc) and for additional info sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bush-care or contact the writer on 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com.



Costa Georgiadis, Matt Golinski & friends at last year's Expo. This year's event is on July 4-7.

4-day Garden Expo marks four decades of growing success

THE Queensland Garden Expo, a horticultural staple in Australia for four decades, is gearing up for its 40th anniversary celebration with an extended four-day event (July 4-7).

The Nambour Showgrounds will once again host a seven-hectare gardening experience, featuring Australia's largest gardening speaker program including crowd favourites like Costa Georgiadis, Sophie Thomson, Jerry Coleby-Williams and Phil Dudman, plus celebrations to recognise the pivotal role of exhibitors since the Expo began in 1985.

Event Manager Marion Beazley said, with over 360 exhibitors the event would bring together Australia's gardening royalty, local permaculture and community groups, and more than 55 growers and nurseries.

"The event was conceived by a group of Sunshine Coast Nursery Industry people who wanted to share their love of gardening and knowledge with local gardeners, and has grown year-on-year to the gardener's paradise our visitors travel far and wide for," said Ms Beazley.

"Since its inception, we estimate that the Queensland Garden Expo has welcomed close to 1 million visitors and has contributed over \$200 million to the Sunshine Coast economy.

"This 40-year celebration is really a call out for locals; we couldn't do it without the support of our Sunshine Coast community - the hundreds of volunteers, the community groups and everyone who joins us year-in-year-out - they have all wholeheartedly embraced this event over the years.

"If you've always thought about coming to check out the Expo in our beautiful hinterland town of Nambour - this is truly the year to do so. You definitely don't need to be a pro gardener to have a great time at the Expo as we have something for everyone - from absolute amateurs to fanatical green thumbs and everyone in between!"

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Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. All care taken but please check details with organisers. Please send details to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

Maleny welcomes chamber music stars

THE Maleny Arts Council is set to enchant music lovers with an afternoon of chamber music at the Maleny Community Centre on Sunday, March 10, 2024. The performance, running from 2pm to 3.15 pm, features Australia's renowned musicians, violinist Courtenay Cleary and pianist Alex Raineri.

The duo will deliver a compelling program, including Beethoven's Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Piano, Respighi's Sonata in B minor, and Clara Schumann's Three Romances. This blend of classical and contemporary pieces promises an afternoon of virtuosity and emotion.

Tickets are available at \$45 for adults, \$40 for members, and \$25 for students. The event concludes with a social gathering, offering an exclusive opportunity to meet the artists. Tickets via www.trybooking.com or www.malenyartscouncil.com.

Live @ The Chapel to showcase local talent

THE next Live @ The Chapel Nambour event, featuring Sunshine Coast artists, Andy & Sharny Chapman and Matty Bateson, is set for Saturday, March 2, 2024. Hosted by Ignite Christian Church & Aussie Grown Radio at 29 Short St, Nambour, the event runs from 6pm to 8pm. Entry is free, with donations accepted to support the artists. Drinks and nibbles are available for purchase.

Headliners Andy & Sharny Chapman, known for their engaging worship music and have a heart for Indigenous missions, particularly in the South Pacific. Details, visit www.facebook.com/LATCNambour/. Contact Hank David at hank@aussiegrownradio.com or 0412 747 315.

Woombye Happy Days is coming again

WOOMBYE Community & Business Association, will again present the Woombye Happy Days Festival on Sunday May 5 from 10am-10pm at the School of Arts in Hill Street. The 1950s/60s themed, fun filled community event for families will include dancing, bands, children's activities, food, classic cars and market stalls. Major sponsors are the Woombye Community & Business Assoc and Bendigo Bank Woombye. For information or to get involved please email Milo Frawley at woombyecommunity@gmail.com.

Beginner Netball coaching workshop

A beginner coaching workshop run by Netball Queensland will take place on March 2, starting at 8.30 am at the Nambour & Districts Netball Association's Woombye Courts. The workshop will provide insights into various aspects of coaching, including understanding the role of the coach, providing effective feedback, and creating session and season plans.

It's an opportunity for coaches to enhance their skills. Sessions are free. Register at <https://registration.netballconnect.com/login>



Jim Egerton, Greg Pitman, Barb Dilworth, Norm Morwood and Jamie Slaven. Below: Lauren Hughes & Lara Grice.

Clean Up event to help environment & our platypus population

PETRIE Creek Catchment Care Group Inc is again coordinating a Clean-Up Australia Day site at Quota Park Nambour.

The group is seeking volunteers to help with the event on Sunday March 3.

"We're asking people to arrive anytime between 7.30am and 11am," said Site Coordinator Jamie Slaven. "We are meeting at the large BBQ shelter at Quota Park. You can come and go whenever you wish in that time period and help us pick up as much rubbish as we can. We're planning to pick up rubbish along Petrie Creek and in the surrounding business area of Nambour."

Jamie said the event was an opportunity to collect rubbish that had washed down with the stormwater and to prevent further spread down into the Maroochy River estuary. "Quota Park is a central location



with plenty of areas that need a tidy up. Petrie Creek is home to a local platypus population and it is important to protect and treasure its natural environment."

How to help:

Bring sturdy shoes and your own gloves. The group will supply gloves for anyone who doesn't bring some. Morning tea refreshments will be provided for everyone who helps. This is suitable for all the family. You can register your interest or find more information on the Clean Up Australia Day website by searching for the "Nambour" site. Or you can contact Jamie on 0432 567 603. "Otherwise we're happy for people to just turn up on the day," said Jamie.

Indoor all-weather market for Nambour

A brand new indoor, all-weather market will be held in Nambour every Sunday.

Organisers say Nambour Indoor Market will offer local produce and an eclectic range of hand-made products, vintage items and clothing, local artists, live music and more.

Early on, the market will comprise 15-20 stalls, at Dance, Art Etc, at 120 Currie St.

It is planned to expand to a second venue in the future to house at least another 30 stalls and more.

The first market is planned for April 7, 9am-2pm.

The new market will join other regular local Nambour markets including the Rummager's Market, Thursday Town Square Market and Friday Night Markets.

A morning with Dr Peter McCullough

MOVING Forward Sunshine Coast invites you to a morning with Dr Peter McCullough on Saturday the 2nd of March.

Dr McCullough is a world renowned cardiologist, an internist and an epidemiologist.

"Dr McCullough has had years of dedicated academic and clinical service and has reviewed thousands of reports, participated in scientific congresses and group discussions, and has been considered among the world's most recognised experts," said event organiser, Abby Begeta. The event is being held at the North Shore Community Centre at 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba, between 9.30am and 12 midday. Tickets are \$15 per person: www.tickettailor.com/events/movingforwardsunshinecoast

Experience afternoon of romantic chamber music

PLEASE join Pacific Chamber Players for a finer selection of Romantic chamber music 2.30pm Sunday 10 March at Palmwoods Memorial Hall and Sunday 17 March at Cooroy Memorial Hall.

"A Fine Romance" is the Players first chamber concert series for 2024 and will feature Andrew Paszkowski (viola), Sue Hunkin (oboe), Christy Dykes (clarinet), Carolyn Moore (horn), Neil Heymink (bassoon) and Janet Brewer (piano).

Patrons will be swooned by Bruch's engaging 8 Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano, Op.83, Tomasi's rustic and lilting "Concert Champêtre", Lickl's delightful Cassazione in Eb for Wind Quartet and Beethoven's symphonic Quintet in Eb for Piano and Winds, Op.16. The Lickl has a very Mozartian feel and was first attributed to his genius.

Tickets are \$35 Adult, \$32 Concession, \$12 School Student, and \$25 each for a group of 8 or more.

These are available online at www.pacificchamberplayers.com or cash at the door.

Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

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

Now Showing: "Madame Web" (action/superhero); "Bob Marley One Love"; "Force of Nature. The Dry 2"; "Argylle" (action/spy); and from Feb 22 "Baghead" (horror), "Trust Fall Julian Assange" and "Soul" (disney/kids).

For more information on session times please visit www.majesticcinemas.com.au or phone 5441 2954.

Community Bingo morning, Mapleton

A Community Bingo Morning will be held on Friday March 1 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Mapleton Library and Community Centre. Cost is \$12 which includes morning tea and game sheet.

MONEY raised will support the Mapleton Library and Community Centre.

Bookings preferred. Phone 5445 7011 or email mapletonlibrary@gmail.com. But organisers will happily accept walk-ins on the day.

Tribute to Linda Ronstadt at Country Music Club

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club is set to host its March concert with a special tribute to country music legend Linda Ronstadt.

Scheduled for Sunday, March 10th, the event will commence at noon at the ACMA Country Hall of Fame, located on Steggalls Road in Yandina.

Entry fees are modestly priced at \$10 for non-members and \$8 for members.

Enjoy raffles and complimentary coffee and tea. Contact Darryl on 0458 671 568.

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The Woombye Bowls Club
Monday, 26th of February, 2024
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Submit your suggested questions for the candidates in writing via email to: woombyecommunity@gmail.com

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February

- February 21, 5pm-8:30pm: Summer Networking Event: **Hinterland Tourism's summer networking event** at Amaze World, Tanawha. Tickets: \$35 per person. Purchase at <https://www.trybooking.com/COSJS>.
- February 24: 7.30-11.30am, **Mapleton School Carpark Mapleton Markets**.
- From February 24: **Raw and Urbane Art Exhibition**. Old Ambulance Station Gallery, Nambour. Open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 3pm, until February 24.
- February 24, 10am-4pm: **Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill Book Launch**: Nambour Museum's book launch at the museum, including never-before-published photos and heritage information. Purchase a book and get free admission.
- February 26: **Meet the Candidates - Division 5 & Mayor**: Woombye Bowls Club, 6.30pm. Questions: woombyecommunity@gmail.com.
- February 27: **Meet the Candidates - Division 10 & Mayor**: Hungerford Hall, Nambour, 6pm-8.30pm. Free entry.
- February 28, 5:30pm: **Meet the Candidates**: Engage with Sunshine Coast Regional Council Election candidates Div 2, 5 and 10 at Woombye State School. Mayoral and Division candidates. Free registration at <https://www.trybooking.com/COSSK>.

March

- March 1: **Community Bingo Morning**, Mapleton: Mapleton Library, 9.30am-11.30am. Cost: \$12, includes morning tea.
- March 2: **Beginner Netball Coaching Workshop**: Nambour & Districts Netball Association, Woombye Courts, 8.30am. Free. Register online.



Libor Šmoldas.

International jazz guitarist coming to Ginger Factory

WIDELY considered to be one of the best jazz guitarists in the Czech Republic, Libor Šmoldas ranks among the stars of the Czech jazz scene. He plays, teaches and records with the international stars of the jazz world and regularly tours the USA, Europe and Australia, performing and running jazz workshops.

For the last few years, Libor has been in Queensland to tour and teach.

The Libor Smoldas Quartet has gained recognition across the Czech Republic, Europe and the USA, playing hundreds of concerts both in clubs and festivals. He has

also toured Europe with our own James Morrison.

Libor will be performing on the Sunshine Coast at a special event - The Ginger Factory's first ever "Jazz After Dark" event. With the park opening for one evening only, patrons can stroll through the gardens, take a ride on the train and then sit down for dinner and jazz by candlelight.

Libor will be performing with local jazz star Robyn Brown plus some of Queensland's best musicians, Ross Nixon, Peter Walters and Rodney Ford (from Galapagos Duck). The outfit will be performing a selection of contemporary jazz, originals, vulnerable ballads and a unique take on modern classics.

Supported by the Glasshouse Country Christian College Jazz Ensemble, this will be a very special evening. Tickets are \$35, can be booked through The Ginger Factory's website, www.gingerfactory.com.au.

• March 3: **Clean-Up Australia Day**: Quota Park, Nambour, 7.30am-11am. Contact Jamie: 0432 567 603.

• March 3: **Palmwoods Clean Up Day**: Join the Palmwoods Clean Up Day for a greener town and a chance to win prizes. Register at <https://register.cleanup.org.au/s/39116/82035>.

• March 8, 12 pm: **QCWA High Tea for Women's Day**: Celebrate International Women's Day at QCWA Division Hall, 11 Stevens Street, Yandina. Tickets \$25, 'Elegant in Black and White' theme. Contact Maureen at 0478 659 639.

• March 8, 5:30pm-7pm: **Zonta Woman of Achievement**: 'Dusk on the Deck' at Maleny Community Centre, coinciding with International Women's Day. The event will include the Presentation of Woman of Achievement

Award. Contact Ann at 0407 138182 for details.

• March 8: **International Women's Day Breakfast**: Homegrown Cafe Palmwoods, 7am. Speaker: Jacqui Atique. Tickets: events.humanitix.com.

• March 9: **Global Music Delight**: Wind-borne and Christina Tourin at Eudlo Hall, featuring international sensations in vocal harmonies and Celtic harp. Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:20 pm. Tickets from \$35. Book at www.windbornesingers.com/concerts.

• March 9, 7 pm: **Grand Opening of The Vogue**: Nambour's newest live music hub presents an exciting lineup of blues bands. Venue: 96 Currie Street, Nambour. Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/COWEH.

• March 10: **Chamber Music at Maleny**: Maleny Community Centre, 2pm-3.15pm. Tickets: www.trybooking.com or www.malenyartscouncil.com.

• March 10: **Country Music Tribute**: ACMA Country Hall of Fame, Yandina, 12pm. Entry: \$10 non-members, \$8 members. Contact Darryl: 0458 671 568.

• March 13: **Montville Village Association Monthly General Meetings**. Montville Village Hall, Memorial Close, Montville. 5.30pm for 6pm start-Sunshine Coast Mayoral Candidates will present with a Q&A.

• March 16: **Country Bash at the Maleny Dairy Pavilion**, organized by Maleny Millennial Moo'ers. Tickets available online through the Show Society Website.

• March 17: **Sunday afternoon, Lovers of Opera Cinema** Mapleton Library and Community Centre.

• March 17, 2024: **Black Dog Ride 'One Dayer'**: Motorcycle ride for mental health awareness. Starting from Beerwah. Register at www.humanitix.com (search "black dog ride").

• March 17: **Romantic Chamber Music**: Palmwoods Memorial Hall, 2.30pm. Tickets: www.pacificchamberplayers.com or cash at the door.

• March 19: **Wishlist Workshop**: Yandina Hall, 9am-4pm. Making chemo turbans & burping bibs. Contact Nambour North Coast Division CWA.

• March 23 (7pm) and March 24 (2.30pm): **Montville Murder Mystery**: Enjoy a rollicking mystery in Montville. Fundraiser for the hall.

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Real Estate Column
with RE/MAX Property Sales
Principal Tristan Brown



The cost of selling and buying a home typically includes several expenses. In today's column I thought I would break these down for you and clearly highlight the figures involved.

- **REAL ESTATE AGENT FEES:** When selling a home and engaging a real estate agent you'll be required to pay commission. This fee is usually a percentage of the final sale price. On the Sunshine Coast you'll find it varies between 2.5% -3%. e.g. selling a \$750,000 home at 2.75% commission will be approximately \$20,000.
- **LEGAL FEES:** You'll need a conveyancer or solicitor to handle the legal aspects of the sale and purchase process. Their fees can vary but it is approximately \$2000 in total to both buy and sell.
- **STAMP DUTY:** This is a government tax levied on property transactions. The amount varies depending on the value of the property. The purchase of a \$900,000 home can be approximately \$30,000 in stamp duty.
- **BUILDING & PEST INSPECTIONS:** It's common to get a building inspection done before purchasing a property. This can help uncover any potential issues with the proper-

ty's structure. Pest inspections may also be necessary, especially in areas prone to termite infestations. This can vary from \$500 - \$650.

- **LOAN FEES:** If you're taking out a mortgage to buy the new property, there may be loan establishment fees, valuation fees, and other charges associated with the loan.
- **MOVING COSTS:** Don't forget to budget for the actual cost of moving your belongings from one home to another. Removalists costs can greatly vary but a 4 bedroom home may set you back around \$2000.
- **UTILITIES & COUNCIL RATES:** You may need to settle outstanding utility bills and council rates associated with your old property.
- **HOME REPAIRS or RENOVATIONS:** Depending on the condition of the new home, you may need to budget for repairs or renovations. Or, make minor improvements to your current home before you sell.
- **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:** There may be other smaller expenses like title searches, marketing costs or buyer agent fee.

It's essential to research and budget for these costs to avoid any surprises during the buying and selling process. Additionally, costs can vary depending on individual circumstances and the specific properties involved. For a more accurate overview speak with your local RE/MAX agent and they can help you outline your costs.



Featuring a saltwater in-ground pool and large outdoor patio, this home is ideal for social gatherings.

Beautifully renovated home in Nambour Heights

AGENT'S CHOICE: 10 Amaroo Avenue, Nambour.
Offers over \$779,000.

THIS meticulously renovated home showcases innovative design at its best, offering a harmonious blend of style, functionality, and energy efficiency.

The home features a thoughtful layout designed to maximize space, enhance flow, and promote an aesthetic appeal.

The living spaces are well-proportioned, combining space, light, and comfort, and there

is a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor areas; this home is a terrific entertainer.

There are elegant, polished hardwood timber floors throughout and a well-equipped kitchen featuring stainless steel appliances

Three split system air conditioners provide optimal climate control and the expansive open-plan living area extends to a front timber balcony.

Side access to the property and ample space allows for a backyard shed.

Located in Nambour Heights, this home offers the perfect balance of convenience and quiet. It is just moments away from essential amenities such as the hospital, shopping centers, and a variety of respected schools.

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Offers in the low \$1,000,000s.

TUCKED away in a quiet road is this charming home on a parklike 1.3-acre parcel of land with picturesque dam and small jetty, established trees, two separate entries, and a fabulous, private north-facing alfresco entertaining area.

This well cared for home has three generous sized bedrooms with built-ins, modern bathroom, separate toilet, open plan living and dining, a light-filled kitchen with a bay window, separate laundry, a covered balcony at the rear, and a double carport.

Features include split system air-conditioning in the lounge, ceiling fans, freshly paint throughout, plush carpets in the bedrooms, and parquet flooring in the kitchen and living area. This home is immaculately

presented throughout.

Infrastructure on the property includes 2 separate entries with electric gates plus side access to the property through double gates, a jetty on the dam and a Honda water pump. There is also a 6x6m shed with separate access from the street through an electric sliding gate. There's an adjoining 9.1m x 6m powered shed with deck offering multipurpose options, 3 water tanks (75,000-litre capacity in total), a BBQ pavilion with a built-in brick BBQ, a fully fenced chook yard and house, and a timber foot bridge over the creek.

The grounds are flat and grassy, and despite the generous size of the property, the gardens are low maintenance, with an organic veggie patch ready for planting. Irrigation is provided by the dam.

The property is located four minutes from Yandina.

Buyers in the market for a fully useable parcel of land - not too big, not too small, with well established leafy vegetation and a lovely home with great warmth and heart; this is the one.

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Food, Shelter and Worming

Sheep require a safe place to graze with grass, access to clean water and a dry place to shelter in the heat and when it rains. They are terrific lawn mowers and generally do not require much attention. If you are buying young animals, you will have the opportunity to bond with them. My favourite sheep of all time was called Chocolate. (see pic) She was a darling black dorper and a real smoocher. Dorpers shed their fleece each year which is handy. We still have a shearer visit, but I have also invested in a pair of electric shears. I am going to have a lesson and see if I can shear them myself! Will keep you posted. You will be able to tell which are my sheep, they will be the ones with bandaids all over them!

It is important to worm/drench your sheep and the crew at the Nambour Produce Agency will have everything you need to take care of them. Keep some hay on hand and feed them often, depending on the amount of grass in the paddock of course. Feeding the sheep keeps them social, ensures they are getting enough to eat and also keeps them coming to the fence, so they are easier to catch them when you need to.

Breeding Sheep

If you set up with a ram and a few ewes, you will no doubt soon have lambs. The gestation time for sheep is 5 months. Sheep often give birth to twins and it is pretty special to sit and watch it all unfold. Mother Nature is amazing. We have been late to school on occasion to just sit and watch a ewe give birth. One year I

even helped our vet perform a c-section on my favourite sheep in the paddock! But that is a story for another time.

Manure for the garden

Animal manure is terrific for the veggie patch, so it is a win if you grow your own food. Sheep poop in particular is really great for boosting the soil to improve plant health and strength. At shearing time you can keep the fleece and spin it or give it to a group who are using wool. I have taken fleece into school for show and share many times for the children to feel the fleece and lanolin.

Sheep for the table

Growing sheep for meat is also very rewarding. I like to know the animals have lived a good life in the sunshine, with good food but they have a purpose - to feed my family. When a lamb is about 6-8 months old you can contact a mobile butcher to come to your property. They will kill the animal, it will need to hang for a few days and then they will cut the fresh meat up into what cuts best suit your needs. Eg roasts, cutlets, chops etc. Now I know that not everyone enjoys meat but if you are a meat-a-saurus the first time you pan fry your own meat and water doesn't come out of it, essentially stewing it - you will be pretty chuffed!

Council information available

The Sunshine Coast Council has a page of information regarding keeping sheep and you can also visit the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries website who offer lots of tips on keeping healthy sheep. When buying sheep or any farm animal it is important to complete a Movement Record form, also register for a PIC number which is your Property Identification Code in the National Livestock Identification System. This way the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries know the whereabouts of livestock in case there is a break out of a disease etc.



Large, light filled living spaces looking out to a rolling rural view.

Glorious views, dual living and a beautiful home

AGENT'S CHOICE: 21 Benecke Road, Balmoral Ridge. Price by negotiation.

SET on 2,000m2 and situated down a quiet country lane sits this much-loved and very special home indeed. Offering large, light filled living spaces looking out to a glorious rural view, this home offers the opportunity for spacious family living and boasts separate accommodation for dual living.

A large timber deck runs the length of the rear of the home and creates the perfect space to enjoy the view.

Set over two levels; the bedrooms and living areas are upstairs, and downstairs offers a spacious media room, another bathroom and

the laundry. There is also internal access from the garage and plenty of workshop space for the home handyperson.

The separate two bedroom apartment is connected internally to the house but can be locked off to create a private space; utilised successfully in the past as short-term accommodation, 'Swallows Nest'.

The main house features polished floorboards in the living areas and carpet in the 3 bedrooms. There are granite benchtops in the kitchen, a walk-in pantry, gas cooker and Belfast sink.

In the main lounge room is a wood burning fireplace and additional sitting room which can become a perfect library or retreat.

The apartment has a full kitchen, two bedrooms, one bathroom, and reverse cycle air-conditioning. It is connected to the deck and offers sweeping views from the open plan living and kitchen area.

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Duo'Ambo, pictured in 2021. Nell McCredie's vision for a practical, stylish home.

Duo'ambo, a charming heritage home in Montville

This Old House: Duo'Ambo, 107 Western Avenue, Montville - Cate Patterson Montville History Group

THIS nearly century-old house stands modestly a little back behind its low stone wall at 107 Western Avenue. Its name, Duo'ambo, means 'two together', and confirms this house's romantic history. Its original owners were Leonard and Margaret Millett who purchased 29 acres in 1928. This was part of the original 160 acres, portion 71v Parish of Maleny selected by Montville pioneer George Butt. The couple cut off a 1/3 acre block and Margaret, a Sydney University graduate (1922) asked her fellow alumni Architecture graduate, Nell McCredie to design their home.

One of the few female architects to practice in the interwar years Nell chose to design practical, affordable homes for everyday Australians. Her plans show meticulous attention to detail. On the plans she specifies the building material; fibro cement interior walls and notes the living room is to be lined with 3-ply timber with no nail heads to show in the panels.

The house front had a pleasing symmetry with double hung windows framing the front verandah and its portico entrance. Four elegant doric columns were designed.

The original simple corrugated iron hip roof and weatherboard cladding reflect the

depression years with their imposed restraint and modesty.

In 1931, with the house in her name, Mrs Millett rented the house to popular local band musician John Aird and his wife Olive. The couple raised their two children here until the end of World War II. It was after the Airds moved that Margaret Millett sold the house and not long afterwards it was moved from 203 Western Avenue one kilometre down the road to its present address at number 107.

Len Gorsch was 16 when he moved into the house his Mum and Dad had just purchased. The year was 1956. Duo'ambo has been Len's home ever since. He married his sweetheart, Val Gowlett, and they raised their three children on this pineapple, later avocado farm. In the 67 years the couple have lived here they have made only minor changes to the house.

Inside, the vestibule has been opened up to create a sizeable living room replacing the original dining room. The walls still feature red cedar panels and the fibro cement panelling is topped with a red cedar picture rail. But although the function of most of the rooms has changed, the character of the house is unchanged.

Outside, most of the 1940s tiled roof has been replaced with corrugated iron. Aluminium framed sliding windows proved more practical against termites.

Recent renovations to Duo'ambo include modern kitchen cabinetry and pantry as well as a spacious walk-in robe by Len and Val's cabinet maker son, Wayne.

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- Contemporary, original design
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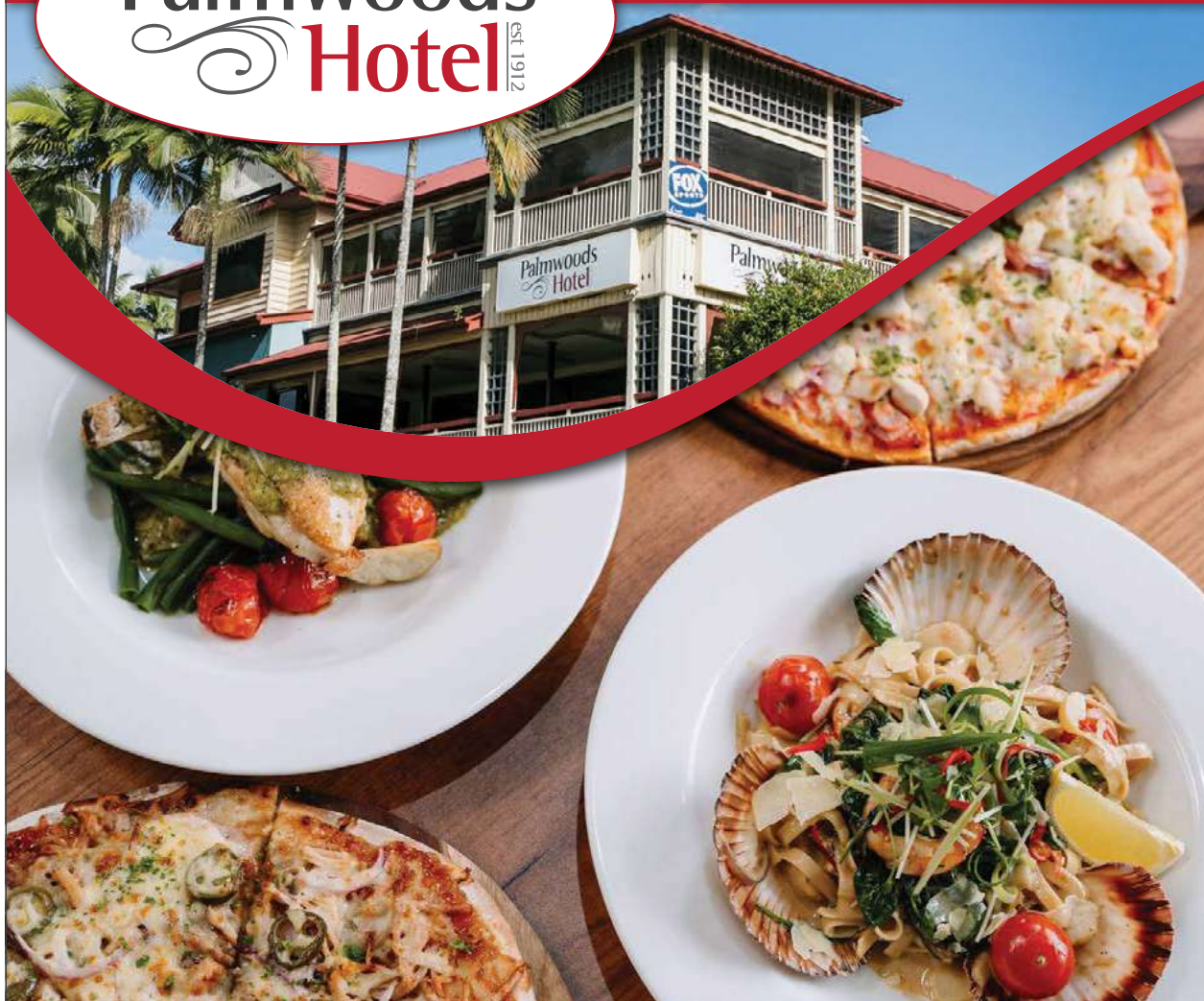
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