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Car Club's Sign-On & Display Day to showcase classic beauties

STEP back in time with the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club as they gear up for their annual Sign-On Day. On February 25, the Nambour Showgrounds will transform into a vintage car enthusiast's paradise, with around 100 members' prized automobiles taking centre stage. From the gleam of polished chrome to the rich purr of classic engines, the exhibition is a feast for the senses.

Open to the public, the event promises a glimpse into the golden age of motoring, inviting one and all to revel in the history and elegance of these timeless machines.

"We usually attract about 100 members' cars for display," said SCACC Secretary John Purcell.

They will be on show in the Trade Pavilions at the Showgrounds (from 9.30-1pm).

"The SCACC has hosted other national and state based car clubs in the past and this year the club will be pleased to welcome the Mercedes Benz National Tour participants in May."

The club welcomed new member Chris Meldrum at last Wednesday's meeting. Chris has fully restored a 1956 Porsche Speedster. He has rebuilt the motor with twin Webber carbs, upgraded the suspension, fitted disc brake replacements and new bucket seats and carpeted the interior.

• For more information contact John on 0401 015 207 or phone 5445 9928. The club meets Wednesday mornings from 9am-10.30am. "We have a get-together for morning tea and a chat at our club rooms," said John.



Vintage charm on wheels: President Kevin Bailey, left, and Secretary John Purcell with John's 1959 Armstrong Siddeley Star Sapphire. New members are welcome, as are the public, at the February 25 Open Day and Display.

Nambour residents urged to support Majestic Cinema as tough times hit industry

'Save Our Cinema'

by Janine Hill

HINTERLAND residents have been urged to rally behind Nambour's Majestic cinema as its parent company faces an uncertain future.

Majestic Cinemas, which operates nine regional cinemas on the east coast, including one at Nambour, has gone into voluntary

administration. The cinemas are still trading under administration while the company undergoes a restructure with a view to continuing operations into the future.

A statement to its moviegoers cited natural disasters, the pandemic, Hollywood strikes and a lack of consistent major movie releases as contributing to difficulties over the past four years.

Majestic Cinemas chief executive officer Kiren Dell said business had been down by 30 percent across the industry during the past 18 months.

Mr Dell said Majestic leased eight of its nine cinemas, meaning it had fixed expenses to cover with reduced revenue and this had resulted in accumulated debt.

He said attempts would be made to renegotiate leases while under administration to put it into a better position to continue trading.

"Administration doesn't mean we are closing and it doesn't mean we are being liquidated or sold off," he said.

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Milo Frawley was a trauma nurse practitioner in the largest trauma hospital in the United States.

WCBA's new president

From trauma nurse to community leader

by Janine Hill

RETIREMENT has given Milo Frawley the chance to increase his involvement in the Woombye Community and Business Association – although a little more than he thought.

After nine years as a member of the WCBA, Milo thought he would step up into a committee position but has found himself president.

“For several years I was asked if I would consider nominating for a position. But due to work and other commitments, the timing was never right,” he said.

“We were fortunate enough to retire about a year ago and so now the time is right for me.”

Milo had thought he would ease in as vice-president but was not about to contest Grant Palethorpe, who renominated and he said does a “stellar job”.

Milo said accountant Nathan Major was also excellent in the role of treasurer and Richard Law was a natural as secretary.

Milo has vowed to carry on the good work of the WCBA.

He and his wife, Jill, have lived at Woombye since 2015, after choosing to move to the Sun-



shine Coast to be closer to family.

Milo has spent half of his life working abroad, particularly in Baltimore, where he was a trauma intensive care nurse and then a trauma nurse practitioner in the largest trauma hospital in the United States.

Friendly, small town vibe

He said Woombye had the friendly, small town vibe they wanted and he hoped the town would thrive without losing its small town charm.

The WCBA plays an important role in town by coordinating events, supporting other groups financially, with muscle power, and insurance, and by monitoring government planning and private enterprise, he said.

Milo said this year was shaping up as a busy

one for the association.

Meet the Candidates

It will host a Meet the Candidates night with three division five candidates and six mayoral candidates at the Woombye Bowls Club on Monday, 26 February, at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

The 1950s-60s themed Happy Days festival on 5 May is the jewel in the WCBA's events crown but it also hopes to be involved in the Sunshine Coast Curated Plate mid-year.

▶ The WCBA meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-7pm. To get involved with Happy Days, volunteer or connect with the association in other ways, email: woombyecommunity@gmail.com.

Vale Lang Walker AO – a city-making visionary

SUNSHINE Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson has offered the condolences of Council and its development manager, Sun-Central Maroochydore Pty Ltd, to the Walker

family and Walker Corporation on the passing of Lang Walker AO.

Lang Walker passed away peacefully with his family beside him in Sydney on Saturday

evening, January 27.

“With the passing of Lang, our nation and our Sunshine Coast has lost a true visionary in city making, urban regeneration and philanthropy, and a person who always put people at the heart of what he did,” Mayor Jamieson said.

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Peter Walsh says council needs to get back to basics on community safety, infrastructure, waste management and maintenance.

Police officer and army reservist in bid for Div 10

by Janine Hill

A Police Officer and Army Reserve Major driven to improve life in the hinterland has raised his hand for council.

Peter Walsh, who has worked as a First Response Officer at Nambour Police Station for more than 17 years, will contest Division 10 at the local government elections in March.

He will take on sitting councillor David Law and another contender, Camillo Primavera, for the right to represent what is the region's biggest division, and includes Nambour, Yandina, Mapleton, Eumundi and Kenilworth.

Mr Walsh, who has lived on the cusp of Nambour and Woombye for 24 years, said he wants to work together with the whole community for better outcomes for all residents.

"I've seen that there are needs in our towns, particularly at the basic level, that are not being adequately covered. I feel that we in the hinterland, not just in Division 10, need a voice that's prepared to represent the people," he said.

With a back to basics focus, he wants to see improvements to community safety, infrastructure, waste management and maintenance.

"There's times when I've seen mothers with a couple of kids pushing a pram on the road



because there was no footpath or the grass was knee-high. That's not how we should be in the modern era. Safety is the first priority" he said.

Mr Walsh suggested a restructure of funding to reflect the area and distances that dollars had to stretch in the hinterland, compared to the more heavily populated coastline.

"Division 10 has many key areas that need addressing such as; sealing of high impact dirt roads, completing missing links, improving footpaths, and reducing illegal dumping.

"These issues, together with other key community priorities, indicate that the funding model must meet the real needs of the hinterland."

He believes that the role of the council is to

get back to the basic needs of the community, in areas such as community safety, infrastructure, waste management and maintenance.

"When there's limited funding, we should review the imperative needs, consult with the community and work together to determine areas of high priority," he said.

Engaged and active in community

A member of the Woombye Lighthouse, the Rural Fire Service and Nambour RSL, as well as a volunteer relationships coach and life skills mentor, Mr Walsh believes that it is vital to be engaged and active within ones community.

He advocates the essential role that community services, church and sporting groups have towards building a resilient and safer society.

"When we have a better quality of life, we have better communities," he said.

Mr Walsh did not want to promise specific projects for different areas, rather making it clear that solutions come from collaboratively working together with all stakeholders to ensure that Division 10 can thrive now and in the future.

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Pioneering landowner passes away

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The eighth-generation farmer whose family had been working land on the Sunshine Coast

since 1901 was harvesting from fig trees for his loyal customers up until the day he went to hospital where he passed away. Mr Wise's grandfather Frederick purchased an £800 property on Buderim Mountain in 1901.

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Woombye farmers mark 50th anniversary

by Cameron Outridge

LONG-TIME local farmers Ray and Marilyn Clark celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss at Woombye Hall on January 21.

The Clarks reminisced about their half-century journey since their paths crossed at a Palmwoods dance in 1973.

"We had about 30 guests from across the generations," said Marilyn.

Ray came to Woombye in 1961 after his parents bought a farm in Diddillibah Road.

"We met at a Palmwoods Dance in 1973 and then we decided to get married in 1974, on January 19 in the Methodist Church in Caloundra.

"We got along all right. We liked each other," said Marilyn.

"The last 50 years has all been pretty good I suppose you could say. When you work hard together on a farm you have to be able to get along. We worked with each other a lot over the years, growing pineapples and avocados and other different things. You just go with the flow and do what you have to do.

"We've still got pines and avocados to this day. And we have hydroponic herbs at our farm. It's called Clark's Veges. We have a sign here on the Diddillibah Road roadside."

Still selling veges

Ray and Marilyn still sell their veges at Yandina and Fisherman's Road markets on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

They had four children and now have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sadly the family has not been without tragedy. Their middle child, Bruce, passed away in 1995 aged 12. "The other boys (Trevor and Darren Clark) still work on the farm and our daughter (Joy Tomkins) is a school teacher and has a house on the farm. She's got her own little block."



Ray and Marilyn Clark at the markets on Sunday ... "The last 50 years has all been pretty good I suppose you could say."

The couple on their wedding day.



Some of the volunteers from a recent event.

Palmwoods to unite for clean, green cause

PALMWOODS is gearing up for its annual environmental rendezvous, the Palmwoods Clean Up Day, where community spirit meets ecological responsibility. Spearheaded by the Palmwoods Warriors Football Club and organised by Martinuzzi Property Group, the event on March 3 promises a greener town and a chance to win exciting prizes.

"Join with your neighbours for a brighter, cleaner future," said organiser Leigh Martinuzzi. "It's more than just a clean-up; it's a fantastic opportunity to join in, have some fun and make a tangible difference."

Local businesses are rallying behind the day by contributing an array of prizes for the 'Find a Flag' contest. Volunteers are the heartbeat of the initiative, and Leigh encourages more hands on deck for the event.

"For any local businesses that would like to help by donating more prizes that would also be appreciated."

Leigh thanked sponsors HomeGrown Cafe, Little Miss Boho, The Little Book Nook and Mason Finance Group.

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Back row from left, Tryphena DeVere, Erin DeVere, James DeVere, Benjamin DeVere, Connor Bateman, Richard Soutter, Kath Bateman & Mark Soutter at the 60th anniversary. Front row, Graham Soutter, Sandra Soutter and Rose Soutter.

School yard sweethearts married for 60 years

GRAHAM and Sandra Soutter met on Sandra's first day at school at Keil Mountain 74 years ago. Last Sunday (January 28) the schoolyard sweethearts celebrated 60 years of marriage. The celebration was held at Woombye School of Arts lower hall, the very same hall that hosted their wedding reception on January 25 in 1964.

"My mum met my dad on her first day of school at Keil Mountain," explained daughter Rose Soutter, the second youngest of six. "They have known each other now for 74 years and have been happily married for sixty of those."

Graham cut cane in his early days and was the first man in the district to drive a cane harvester. Prior to harvesting Graham held the record for cutting the most cane by hand.

Sandra's maiden name is Pringle. Pringle Road in Nambour is named after her family.

Two days off a year

It was in Diddillibah that Graham and Sandra started farming strawberries, tomatoes and a few other crops. "The work was hard with only two days off each year: Christmas day and Bathurst," said Rose of her motor sports-loving parents.

"They opened a fruit and vege shop in Mooloolaba and after many years retired, nearly broke, no house, no 7.5 acres of lush Diddillibah farm land. Just themselves and their tired bodies, moving to our house in Nambour owned by my eldest Sister, Kath."

They are now both in their 80s. "Dad is a heart attack survivor and mum has had two



strokes. Yet even after all of this they are two of the happiest people you would ever meet and their love for each other has no bounds," said Rose.

In 2022 Graham was diagnosed with stage four prostate cancer and Sandra battles extreme fatigue since suffering three strokes.

"They love having us around for our monthly family lunches but, aside from that, it is difficult to convince them to leave their house even for Christmas Day. So you can imagine our surprise when some weeks ago they started dropping hints about us kids throwing them a party."

Graham said it was letters of congratulations from local and national leaders that sparked the couple's enthusiasm for a celebration.

"I hadn't checked the mailbox for about ten days so I thought I had better do it, I opened the door and there was a heap of mail," said Graham. "The first one is from Ted O'Brien, our Federal Member. The next one is from the Governor General, David Hurley. Then the Premier of Queensland, Steven Miles. Then our State Member, Robert Skelton, followed by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. And last of



Graham & Sandra Soutter's wedding day January 25 1964.

all, but by no means least, King Charles and Queen Camilla. And a week before, there was Jeannette Young, the Governor of Queensland. All offering Sandra and myself sincere congratulations on our 60th Wedding Anniversary. We were stoked."

"I guess it reassured them that this milestone is indeed a huge deal," said Rose.

'Go to the movies and save our cinema'

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"It's really important to emphasise that we are open for business."

The announcement that Majestic Cinemas had gone into administration prompted calls of "use it or lose it" by some concerned hinterland residents.

Division 10 Councillor David Law initiated his own 'Save our Cinema' campaign, imploring people with the time and money to go to the movies at Nambour's Majestic, or to buy movie tickets for others.

"Logically, I'm thinking that the Majestic Theatre company, when it's looking to 're-structure' is going to be choosing some cinemas to keep and some to close," he said.

"Let's give them a reason to make Nambour one of the ones they keep."

He bought two tickets to Force of Nature to give away to kick off the Save Our Cinema campaign and encouraged others to do the same.

"This simple action also spreads a little community spirit around town as those who have a little spare cash can help out those who don't."

He said the cinema was an asset to the town and he was also speaking to the council's economic development team to see what could be done to help, although the building is privately owned.

On social media, there were more calls to support the cinema to keep it in town.

RE/MAX Nambour property agent Scott Walters was an avid supporter. "I've personally seen about two dozen movies at this beautiful venue and it would be such a shame to see them close down. I encourage everyone where possible, if there's a movie you want to see and it's within your means to do so, take some time soon to support our local cinema," he wrote.

Movie club member Peter Filsell said Nambour was lucky to have a cinema in town. "Please support them. All four of the cinemas in there are great - all different. Undercover parking is in the building," he wrote.

"Go and see a movie before it becomes too late and we'll have to find time to drive to the coast and pay hugely for parking!"

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New members, guest speakers line up for Nambour Chamber event

NAMBOUR Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its first Coffee Catch Up of the year tomorrow morning (February 8) from 8-9.30am at Nambour Town Square.

"We are excited that this event will coincide with the weekly Nambour Town Markets," said Chamber President Mark Bray.

"There will be a number of speakers at the event and there will be new members to tell us more about their businesses.

"Matty Johnson from Economic Development at Sunshine Coast Council will be letting us know about their exciting plans for 2024, and Rhonda Billett from IAMNambour will also speak about what will be happening in 2024."

Mr Bray will be outlining how the Chamber plans to move into the new year, and the benefits to businesses of joining. The newly structured membership offers not only the opportunity to network and do business, but also various levels of promotion in local print and digital media. "I think it is an exciting way to kick off the year and I hope to see a great attendance," said Mr Bray.

Those attending the event will enjoy a free coffee sponsored by Sunshine Coast Council and provided by Banksia Espresso on the corner of Lowe and Ann Streets. "Our Coffee Catch Ups are always such a great opportunity for business people to meet and mingle, and we would love to see you there," he said.

The Chamber will be holding monthly coffee catch ups and regular drinks@5 events.

Councillor humbled by OAM award

by Janine Hill

"PEOPLE like us don't get these sort of things." That comment from a community member reminded Winston Johnston just how special it was to find himself in the Australia Day honours list.

The Sunshine Coast division five councillor and Maleny Show Society life member has been named as a recipient of the Order of Australia Medal for his service to local government and the community.

A humbled Councillor Johnston paid tribute to those he had worked with over the years to make things happen.

"The OAM, I don't look at it as something I've earned but as something everyone else has helped me to earn," he said.

"If you don't have strong support and people working with you and helping you do things, it's hard to do them yourself.

"I just want to thank the community and tell them that's it's a great honour. The way I look at it, I was just doing what I love doing."

Born and bred in Maleny, Cr Johnston community involvement began work at 15 in the ANZ bank.

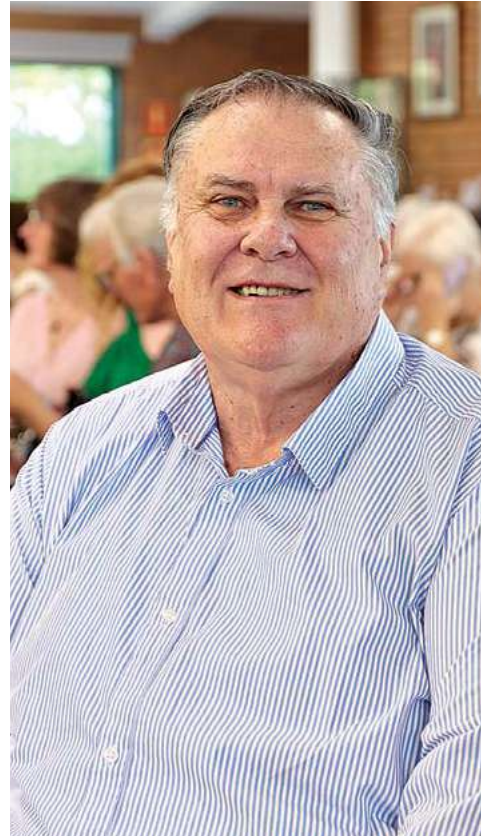
But by 18, had moved into the insurance industry and, at the direction of his boss, found himself convenor of the Miss Insurance quest, which fed Queensland entrants into the Miss Australia quest.

Show Society president at 23

By 23, he was president of the Maleny Show Society and he has also been heavily involved in the Maleny Lions over the years.

"I was always very community-oriented. My mother and father always said make sure you put into the community more than you get out of it," he said.

In 1982, Cr Johnston was elected to the Landsborough Shire Council, later known as Caloundra City Council, and served three terms.



Winston Johnston: "The way I look at it, I was just doing what I love doing".

He successfully ran for election for the Sunshine Coast Council in 2020 and has announced his intention to stand again this year.

Aside from his role as a councillor, Cr Johnston has been on the Sunshine Coast Tourism Development Board, the Landsborough-Maroochy Water Board during construction of the Baroon Pocket Dam, the Sunshine Coast University planning committee, and the Sunshine Coast Hospital Board.

He said he loved serving the community and getting things done.

"I don't drive past stuff and say, 'That needs doing'. I like to be the driving force behind seeing what's needed and getting it done," he said.

His OAM follows another great achievement: he and his wife, Helen, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



QCWA crafts big Wishlist donation

THEY do it to help ease the pain and anxiety of patients at local hospitals.

Throughout 2023 the ladies from Nambour and North Coast Division QCWA have knitted, crocheted and sewed a range of comforting gifts. That work will culminate tomorrow (Thursday February 8) with what has become an annual donation to Wishlist.

Wishlist Sunshine Coast Health Foundation collects the items for patients experiencing a health crisis and distributes them across Caloundra, Maleny, Nambour, Sunshine Coast University and Gympie hospitals.

"It has been an ongoing project with the QCWA members for three years doing workshops in our community," said QCWA Nambour North Coast Division Vice-President Sharon Tilly. "On Thursday we will have made a total donation of 5433 handmade crafty items to help the needy patients, families and children at the five local hospitals.

"We will have a guest speaker from Wishlist to speak to the members.

"I am so delighted to be involved with this wonderful non-profit organisation."

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Nambour gears up for indigenous league carnival

by Janine Hill

A THREE-day indigenous rugby league carnival at Nambour starting this Friday night has been described as modern-day corroboree.

The Sunshine Coast Bunyas indigenous rugby league carnival will be held for the third time at the Nambour Crushers Ground over 9, 10 and 11 February.

The carnival has attracted indigenous teams from as far away as Sydney and Cunnamulla, as well as local teams.

Bunyas president Brad Beetson, son of rugby league great Arthur 'Artie' Beetson, said the sport brought the indigenous community together.

"Probably the first sport where indigenous people could play alongside of white people – because in those days, it was like an apartheid – was rugby league," he said.

"My father, Arthur Beetson, was the first indigenous man to captain an Australian team.

"Rugby league means a lot to our people. If you go to any funeral, you see a rugby league jersey on the coffin.

"For thousands of years, we got together at corroboree. This is a modern day corroboree where people get together and you see all the families."

The carnival will kick off on Friday evening about 5pm with a welcome to country and fire ceremony before a masters match pitching the Sunshine Coast All Stars against an Indigenous All Stars team.

The teams will play for the first time for the Shannon Chilli shield, made by locals Lyndon Davis and Gavin Hazel in memory of well-known local Shannon, who died last year.

The Friday night opener will be an alcohol-free and smoke-free event with a festival atmosphere, with market stalls, face painting, first aid demonstrations, food stalls, and fireworks after the match. Admission will be by gold coin donation.

Ten teams, including two from Sydney, two from Cherbourg, two from Tweed Heads and one from Cunnamulla will play two matches each on Saturday in a bid to make Sunday's finals. Admissions on Saturday and Sunday is \$10 but free for elders and under 16s.

Fifty volunteers have donated their time to the carnival and Brad also thanked the Nambour Crushers for the use of their facilities.

Beetson said the carnival was played competitively but in the right spirit and was still a social event.

"Even though we smash each other out there, we're still family."

Last chance to book for Irish Seminar

GENEALOGY Sunshine Coast is gearing up for a wonderful day learning how to get the most out of our Irish resources. This seminar is being delivered by Gillian Hunt and Fintan Mullan from Ireland at the Nambour Showgrounds. The cost is \$100 which includes handouts, morning and afternoon tea and lunch. The seminar will explore strategies for researching Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors. The program content covers the whole of Ireland, not just Ulster.

• Phone 5329 2315 or book by emailing genealogysc@gmail.com.

Yandina Dog Park Survey Results : Tea Tree Park

YANDINA and District Community Association reports that the local community has indicated strong support for *Tea Tree Park Option 1* as the preferred location for a dog exercise area within Yandina.

This follows a review of the recent community consultation results by Sunshine Coast Council.

Council said *Tea Tree Park Option 1* provided a larger exercise area, had the least impact to open space, and had greater offering with existing infrastructure.

The next step is to secure funding.

Bittersweet history:

Museum to unveil updated book on the locomotives that drove sugar industry

ON Saturday February 24 mayoral candidate Rosanna Natoli will launch the Nambour Museum's book, *Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill* by Clive Plater OAM. The book has been published in the wake of the 20th anniversary, last December, of the mill's closure in 2003.

This is an updated and much expanded second edition of one launched in 2013 by then-Governor Penelope Wensley AC for the 10th anniversary.

It contains many never before published photos from Clive's family collection and fellow light railway enthusiasts. The book is no longer just about the locomotives but now includes sections about some of the major infrastructure associated with getting the sugar cane to the mill. The history and loss of the heritage listed lift span tramway bridge over the Maroochy River in the February 2022 flood is well presented.

As with the first edition 10 years ago the book is dedicated to Edgar Plater, Clive's father. Edgar worked at the mill for 51 years on the locos and tramlines. Following his retirement in 1981 he maintained a keen interest as the mill's honorary historian. His diaries relating to the tramlines and bridges from 1960 to 1981 were still being used for reference by mill staff 20 years after he retired.

These diaries that are in Clive's custodianship have also helped with material for this book. Clive says his father just outlasted the mill by a couple of months, passing away in February 2004. Hence the choice of February 2024 for this book launch.

The books will be on sale at the Nambour Museum for \$15 each with all proceeds to the



Clive Plater with his book. Clive's father outlasted the mill by a couple of months, passing away in February 2004. Hence the choice of February 2024 for this book launch.

museum. Purchase a book on the Launch Day and receive one free adult admission to the museum.

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100 years of faith, unity: Sacred Heart Maleny marks Centenary 1924-2024

MALENY celebrated a remarkable milestone on Sunday February 4 as the Sacred Heart Catholic Church commemorated its centenary.

Parishioners, past and present, and members of the wider community filled the church to overflowing.

The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. State and local members of government, people of other faiths and of the Maleny community were all welcomed by Vince Carbery who, with his family, became parishioners in 1940. Vince also had the honour of performing this same welcome nearly 50 years ago when he welcomed visitors to the opening of that second church.

The Archbishop spoke with great feeling, yet realism, about his hope for the life of the church of the future because of small rural communities like Maleny and its self-reliance and generosity of spirit.

In 1924 the Ave Maria, a traditional Latin hymn to Mary, was sung at the opening. On Sunday it was once again sung with great feeling by Margaret Taylor, Maleny's well-known operatic singer.

All moved to the Pat Daley Centre for refreshments donated by Holy Cross Funerals and served during the morning by Maleny CWA and Maleny Rotary.

A cake cutting followed and 'memorabilia' was sealed in a time capsule for opening in 25 years. More than 20 people worked on the centenary committee and many more assisted generously over the four months of preparation.

Gratefully refreshed visitors were then treated to a presentation of the history of the Maleny Catholic Church. Liz Caffery held her large audience spellbound with a history of



From left, Parish Priest Fr Josh Whitehead, Archbishop Mark Coleridge and former Parish Priest Father Kevin Smith at the Mass.

Maleny from the Jinibara people of the Range up to the 1870s and the opening of the first Maleny church in 1924.

The Heart on the Hill

The morning ended with the launch of the book by Jack Wilcox AM - *The Heart on the Hill* on which four members of the History Group had been working for many months (Liz Caffery, Anne Minter, Vince Carbery and Judy Berlak).

Liz Caffery, the author of the book, explains: "As I began to explore their beginnings, I realised that this self-reliant little community, cloistered amongst the green hills, cherished a strong pride in its identity... the people were committed, communal and caring. In the book, I wanted to know not only how that spirit evolved but why it has endured for more than 100 years. This became the narrative of 'The Heart on the Hill...'



The book makes fascinating reading about the 100 years of Maleny and the Maleny Catholic Church and will be available by contacting Anne Minter: (guyanneminter@gmail.com) until the end of February and later at the Caloundra Catholic Parish Office (5430 9390) Cost" \$25.



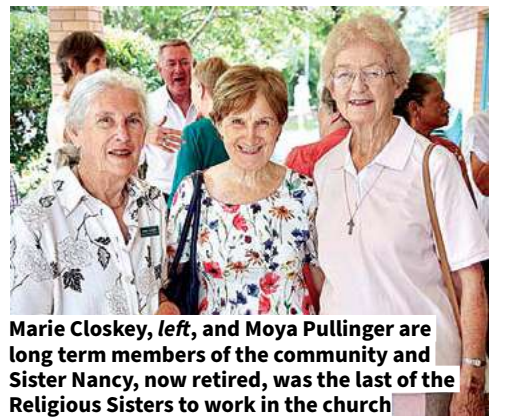
Liz Caffery and Anne Minter made enormous contributions to the celebrations.



Vince & Val Carbery. Vince's family became parishioners in 1940.



Mark Downey, Judy Berlak and Cheryl Isles.



Marie Closkey, left, and Moya Pullinger are long term members of the community and Sister Nancy, now retired, was the last of the Religious Sisters to work in the church

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Hinterland antiques roadshow. Unlock the value in your treasured items

Business Writeup: **Heritage International**

WITH the current trend of downsizing and decluttering, there is a fantastic opportunity to turn unwanted items into cash.

Heritage International, led by father and son duo, Mike and Nate Cornish, is on the lookout for a range of treasured items, from heirloom jewellery to vintage watches and collectibles.

"We are enthusiastic buyers, particularly interested in gold jewellery, whether broken or intact, antique jewellery, gold and silver coins, collectibles including military medals, and banknotes, as well as mechanical watches," said Nate.

"Everyone has something we want to buy, and nothing is too small for our consideration. We are just as happy to buy one item, as we are buying 10,000," said Mike who is the chief buyer.

If you are in doubt about any items you wish to sell, Mike and Nate can give an instant appraisal.

With the gold price still at higher than traditional levels, right now is an opportune time to explore your jewellery box and dig out those old gold chains, rings and brooches, to turn them into cash.

"This is an ideal time to sell," Mike explained. "We will buy anything made of gold

– old jewellery, coins, virtually anything, even gold teeth. We also need silver in any form, including bars of any size."

Check those drawers and cupboards, you may have a rarity lurking amongst your coins.

"We want to see any coin collections or accumulations, even old foreign coins. We will be quite happy to go through your coins on the spot and give you an idea of what we can pay. You just never know what can turn up," Nate said.

From Rolex to Seiko

Our buyers are also urgently seeking mechanical watches.

"Collectors currently favour brands like Rolex, Omega, Patek Philippe, Longines, and Seiko.

"These brands can command excellent prices depending on their model and condition. Nevertheless, we're willing to purchase any mechanical watch, even if it's only worth a few dollars for spare parts," Mike said.

"While we maintain a safe environment at our venues, we also offer home visits for those unable to visit us, or those with too much to carry," Mike said.

• For complete details, including venue times and locations, please see the advertisement on facing page and call Nate on 0426 820 646 to book your appointment.

Hinterland Tourism hosts Meet the Candidates

WITH the Sunshine Coast Regional Council Elections fast approaching on March 16, Hinterland Tourism is offering residents a chance to engage directly with the candidates.

Scheduled for February 28 at Woombye State School, the evening will feature Mayoral candidates and those contesting Divisions 1, 5, and 10. Beginning at 5.30pm for a 6pm start, the event offers a structured format allowing each Mayoral candidate a three-minute speaking slot, followed by a question time.

The division candidates will follow in the same vein.

• Registration for the event is free via <https://www.trybooking.com/COSK>.

Motorbike riders to rally against the black dog

THE Black Dog Ride 'One Dayer,' is a spirited motorcycle journey igniting crucial dialogues about mental health. To be held on March 17, 2024, locals will throttle through scenic hinterland routes starting from Beerwah.

It's not just for the thrill of the ride but to fuel nationwide awareness about depression and suicide prevention.

Everyone is encouraged to get behind the local arm of the Black Dog Ride by registering or by participating in local fundraising. The one day motorcycle ride is held in more than 40 communities across Australia every year.

• Register by visiting www.humanitix.com and search "black dog ride".

Lyle and Leanne McCabe podcast under the name beachtravelwine and have released about 100 shows over the past two years.

Couple's podcast showcases Montville

by Janine Hill

FORMER Montville Motor Inn proprietors turned podcasters Lyle and Leanne McCabe are doing their bit to promote their old hometown to new visitors.

The travel-obsessed McCabes podcast about their roams and have released a podcast about Montville to encourage people to explore the town.

It talks about Russell Family Park, the cafes, shops, the Montrose water wheel and paints a picture of its buildings, gardens of roses, and laneways.

"It's like a paradise. I don't think I've ever seen anything like it, apart from maybe in Europe," Lyle says.

The McCabes podcast under the name beachtravelwine and have released about 100 shows over the past two years.

The Montville podcast is part of their Aussie Summer Series, which they have been working on while home at Kings Beach.

The couple fell into podcasting as a way to share their experiences as they got into travelling after selling their Montville business in 2019.

"It started when we were overseas. I like listening to podcasts so we started podcasting and it's just something we enjoy doing together.

"We're retired. We have the time."

Their simple, friendly, conversational podcasts, which talk about what to do, where to stay, and how to get around in the places they visit, have listeners in 120 countries.

The McCabes' podcasting strength is that



they are relatable and do not pitch themselves as anything but normal people looking for normal weekends away or holidays.

"We're not backpackers, we're not big adventurers, we're not trying to go across the world in a panel van. We walk around, see things and look them up."

Leanne said creating the podcasts enhanced their own travel experiences.

"When you're trying to make things interesting for other people, you see things in more detail," she said.

The weekly podcasts are a good way for the McCabes' blended family of four adult children and eight grandchildren to keep up with where they are, and will form a travel diary for the couple to look back on in their later years.

"Lyle says one day we'll listen back to them so we can remember where we've been," Leanne said.

• Expect to find some podcasts on Europe on www.beachtravelwine.com later in the year when the McCabes set off on another trip.




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Sadly, the statistics reveal that one in four women face domestic violence and too many lives each year are lost at the hands of partner violence.

To help those facing domestic violence within our community, I have partnered with Sunshine Coast based not-for-profit organisation, 'DV Safe Phones' who collect and re-purpose phones for the use of DV survivors.

If you have a spare phone you're willing to donate, drop it by my office at 17 Southern Dr, Maroochydore on weekdays between 9am-5pm.

Local Heroes

The Australia Day Honours list recognised more than 1,000 individuals who have made a significant contribution to their communities. Two of our very own locals in the Fairfax electorate were recognised for their community contribution with an Order of Australia medal. Congratulations to Nicole Cleary and Allen Reed- thank you for your dedication.

Summer Road Trip

I recently wrapped up my Summer Road Trip where I travel



around the electorate to hear directly from locals like you. This road trip marked one of our busiest yet! It was terrific to hear from so many around my electorate of Fairfax.

The road trip was Australia-Day themed in the lead up to our national day. To help splash the Sunshine Coast with patriotism, as part of my Australia Day campaign, we gave out 2000 bumper stickers throughout the community; many of which were collected at the road trip.

The most common issues raised by constituents were the consequences of Labor policies on cost-of-living, youth crime and transport and infrastructure. I hope to see you on my next road trip.

Letters to the Editor

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

Actually, Council should be praised for their work regarding homelessness

I read with interest your article 'Father of eight enters contest for Division 10' (Gazette, January 24). As a community worker working directly 'on the ground' with many people experiencing homelessness, including those who are sleeping rough on the street, I do not feel this story was a valid reflection of efforts made by Council, and in particular Councillor David Law in relation to this issue.

As part of my role I also work with Council on their responses to the housing and homeless situation. While we all share the frustration of Council and State government regulations impeding progress on housing, from my experience it is simply not true that Council is not engaged in this space.

David Law, the current Division 10 Councillor, has been a particularly strong advocate for people experiencing homelessness. David is actively engaged with local community groups and community centres working in this space, as well as meeting with, listening to and advocating for people currently experiencing homelessness. In my time as a worker in this space, I have had greater interest and interaction with David, than with any other elected representative at any level of government.

Council's Community Development team is also funding and facilitating a long-term lived experience program where people who are or have experienced homelessness are informing and educating council and other organisations on the reality of life on the streets. They humanize people experiencing homelessness, actively destigmatizing this group of people, as well as giving advice on how to be a good ally.

- Peter Hogg, Social Worker & Community Development Worker

Palmwoods January 30 traffic chaos a fiasco

What happened today (January 30) in Palmwoods should never be allowed to happen again. From about 1pm and into the evening the road flooded under the rail bridge and absolute chaos ensued.

Council and/or Police had informed the Transport and Main Roads Department at about 1pm of the flooding problem yet nothing was done until about 3.30pm when barriers were erected to stop 4WDs roaring dangerously through the flood water.

Traffic was backed back for kilometres in all directions and this was made even worse when the barriers were erected. All traffic in each direction had to use the single lane raised pedestrian way which was chaotic enough without adding in Jubilee Drive and Chevallum Road.

Police said that due to accidents and other flood issues they could not do traffic control. So why did Council or Main Roads Dept not organise traffic control?

Every time we have a weather emergency on the Coast it seems the area descends into chaos with no one taking control or responsibility.

I understand Council has an Emergency Hub so why did they not organise assistance?

Questions have to be asked why Council were not present to control the traffic flow.

And Council should not reply that it was a State Government issue! Both the State Member and local councillor's phones were on answer machine.

When weather disasters hit our region residents need to know who is responsible for taking charge and organising action. Until now we have not had a clue and simply muddle through. As this spot floods regularly we need to know what can be done to ensure we do not get a repeat of 30 January the next time floods close this road. Never again should we have to experience such chaos.

- Ken Coulter, Ilkley

... Council responds ...

The following is most of a statement provided by a Council spokesperson:

The safety of our community and staff is our number one priority. At times, roads may be closed due to flooding or other natural disasters, trees or power lines over roads, or

landslips.

QPS, TMR and Council continue to work together to manage road closures and provide traffic control across the Sunshine Coast.

Regional weather conditions and accessibility to sites can also be hampered by severe weather conditions and our ability to get staff and crews safely to the sites.

Crews are dispatched on a triage system, based on the highest needs, as well as available resources and to ensure the safety of the public and respondents. Prior to roads being closed to traffic, a site inspection is required. The road closure information is as accurate as possible at the time it is entered. However, as conditions change quickly, this information should be used as a guide only. Council's team lists and signs known closed Council roads as conditions and resources permit.

For the joy of gliding

I recently spent a glorious day in the hinterland and happened to stop at Gerrard's Lookout on my way home. I was soon to be joined by a dedicated paraglider and an eager team of onlookers who gave their words of encouragement, engaged in interesting conversation and helped when the wind would not co-operate.

Dealing with conditions less than ideal, it was easy to see how a collaboration of patience and determination was needed to get off the ground. What I also observed was that it only took one person following their passion to bring together a whole group of people, who in that moment were innately connected with the same purpose, the same desire, the same sense of wonder, the same anticipation.

To everyone's delight and relief, we were able to witness the magic of flight. It reminded me of the eagles I had seen on a previous visit. While entranced in this newfound freedom, I had forgotten about my aches and pains, my own entanglements and the parts of me that felt a little broken.

What became abundantly clear was that I needed more of that - not the gliding, although this does seem like magnificent fun! What I needed, what many of us need is more creative living: to engage, to inspire, to move, to consider, to appreciate, to contribute. Life isn't meant to be static and neither are we.

Who knew that gliding to great heights could be such a grounding experience.

- Andrea Weber, Kilcoy



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Does your community group need funding to make something great?

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One for the calendar: Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers - 15 February at 9am.

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Connect with Council to get your development questions answered. Council's development information officers look after general development, building and plumbing enquiries. You can book a free 20-minute appointment to discuss your matter at City Hall in Maroochydore. Bookings are available Monday to Friday, from 8.30am - 4pm. Visit the 'Development' section on Council's website to book.

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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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Woombye vodka wins national gold

Now vies for best in world

WOOMBYE-BASED Sunshine & Sons has taken out gold for Australia in the highly coveted World Vodka Awards. Vodkas from over 20 countries were put to the test with 'new world' drops up-staging traditional producing countries like Poland, Sweden and Canada.

An expert panel tested vodkas in four categories: pure neutral, varietal, botanical and flavoured.

Globally, 38 country winners have been selected and will now undertake additional judging and vie to be named the World's best - including Sunshine & Sons Original Vodka. The results will be announced on 20 February.

"From our humble beginnings distilling spirits on the Sunshine Coast, we are thrilled to be on the world stage alongside the world's best distilleries from South Africa to Scotland," said Founder Matt Hobson.

"Our Original Vodka is one of less than five per cent of vodkas globally that are produced from grapes giving a soft, spongy and velvety texture that is unmistakably premium in comparison to traditional grain, sugar cane and potato vodkas.

"Combine this with our uniquely local filtration system, using millennia old volcanic



Cheers to us! The Sunshine & Sons team includes Ruari Reynier, Lorien Irwin, Adam Chapman, Matt Hobson, Michael Conrad and Locky Craven.

rock from the Sunshine Coast, gives our vodka a beautiful minerality that can be comfortably described as a floral pepperiness," he added.

Chair of Judges Veronika Karlova said the approach to vodka production had taken a new turn. "Forget the traditional perception of vodka as tasteless and boring - it's anything but plain and flavourless.

"Producers really pay attention to ingredients and focus on how to retain the character of raw material in vodka."

The now-award-winning vodka is available nationally and is the number one seller at popular surf clubs on the Sunshine Coast and

is a popular choice for discerning customers at liquor retailers - led in numbers by Noosa Dan Murphys.

"The award is a great way to start 2024 as we double down on export markets this year. In March, we will join AusTrade in London and we'll be working with our distributors to increase presence globally.

"We're also working closely with Visit Sunshine Coast and the Food and Agriculture Network to shine a light on the food and agritourism sector here on the Coast - both to a national and international audience," said Matt.

Nambour author unveils series of kids' books

NAMBOUR resident and creative author Enrico Rao, pictured, has embarked on a journey to enrich early childhood learning with the launch of his children's book, 'My A To Z Story-book'. This self-published, card-book marks the debut of his 'Big Big Zoo' collection, aimed at preschoolers and kindergarteners.

The series features over 70 subjects, including; animals, birds, fish, insects, reptiles, rodents and human inventions. Each subject is meticulously researched to ensure factual accuracy, while delivering stories in a fun and engaging manner. Rao's books stand out by fostering harmonious learning and promoting the conservation of our planet's resources and species.



Rao's ambition is to provide a toolbox for English language progression, devoid of any frightening or negative elements, focusing instead on ethical dimensions with morals woven into the tales. His stories double as songs, catering to children aged 3 to 12, and are designed for both enjoyment and education.

As Rao is open to discussions for potential publishing partnerships with education via entertainment as enticement. He stays committed to producing a beneficial resource for young learners, as well as a positive product for parents and educators. With the aim of making learning a joyful experience, Rao is setting a new standard in children's educational literature.

Discounted copies of the book are available by contacting Dance Art Etc via Email at: info@danceartetc.com.au to arrange for personal collection from their Creative Space Venue @ 120 Currie St. Nambour, Sunshine Coast, Queensland. The book is also available online at the RoxBooks, Etsy Store.

Woombye's Blackall Gold named Australia's Champion Cheese

AFTER tasting their way through 380 of Australia's finest dairy products, judges of the prestigious Australian Grand Dairy Awards last week announced the 2024 champions from across the nation.

Woombye Cheese Company's Blackall Gold was named Champion Cheese after taking out the Washed/ Mixed Rind category. The award is a testament to the experience, dedication, passion, care and expertise that the team at Woombye Cheese brings to their craft.



Summer networking event

HINTERLAND Tourism is hosting a summer networking event inviting our members, along with Maleny Chamber of Commerce, Montville Chamber of Commerce and Things To Do Sunshine Coast members.

You can join them for some fun and entertainment at Amaze World on Wednesday February 21 at 274 Tanawha Tourist Drive, Tanawha from 5pm to 8.30pm.

• Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/COSJS>

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Fundraiser for Soquilichi after fire rips through shop

SOQUILICHI Rescue Ranch President Miranda Wells awoke to her shop manager at her door crying and distraught. "Miranda, come quick, the op shop is burning down!"

"It was my worst nightmare," said Miranda of the fire that tore through the op shop early Saturday morning (January 27), destroying stock sold to support rescued animals.

"At 4am it was a raging inferno," she said. "By the time we got there, it was destroyed. Burnt to the ground. So many hours had gone into this. To make it great, another source of income for our beloved animals. We are not sure how it has happened. Definitely not arson."

Miranda said her first instinct was to think of the animals.

There were vet bills coming due and the shop was preparing for a big sale.

"We need to raise \$5000 to replace everything and be able to get back on our feet and start selling again," she said.

A Queensland Police spokeswoman said emergency services were called to the property on Rutherford Road, Kulangoor shortly after 3am, Saturday (January 27) and found the building completely engulfed in flames.

The store was unoccupied at the time of the blaze.

A fire service spokesman said on Monday



The fire service was unable to determine the cause of the fire. But they confirmed it was non-suspicious.

(January 29) they were unable to determine the cause of the fire because of the extent of the damage. But they confirmed it was non-suspicious.

• If you wish to donate to the Soquilichi Rescue Ranch Op Shop rebuild please go to: <https://soquilichi-rescue-ranch.giveeasy.org/urgent-help...>

Donations can be dropped off at 5 Rutherford Road, Kulangoor, during store opening hours, which are 9am to 3pm Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Friendship Force celebrates Australia Day

SUNSHINE Coast Friendship Force members wore Australian colours and designs to celebrate Australia Day at the Mapleton's Men's Shed. Despite the rainy conditions, the undercover area was perfect for enjoying a morning tea of lamingtons and iced vovos and a hamburger with beetroot lunch to follow the meeting.

The focus of this Friendship club is to promote intercultural understanding through home-hosting.

• If you are interested in learning about the club, please email info@ffsunshinecoast.org.au or contact Jenny on 0448 866141.

St Mary's Montville Church hosts valentines service

ON February 14 at 5pm St Mary's Montville Anglican Church will conduct a St Valentine's Day Service.

"All married and committed couples are welcome to this service of renewal, affirmation and blessing, with beautiful music and finishing with a champagne toast," the church says.

"Finish in plenty of time to go out to dinner (or go to the MVA meeting next door!)"

• Couples are invited to register at maleny@anglicanchurchsq.org.au to help with catering, but walk-ins are also welcome.



Nambour clinic owner, Karen Johnston, is a trained Colonic Hydrotherapist with the Australian International Colon Hydrotherapy Centre.

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Business Writeup: *Bottoms Up Colonics*

THIS February, immerse yourself in the ultimate self-love and well-being experience.

"Digestive health and wellness is critical for your overall wellbeing and at Bottoms Up Colonics, we go beyond digestive health to support our clients," said clinic owner, Karen Johnston. "We embrace the power of self-care and love."

If you want to cleanse your colon in a gentle, healthy and holistic way, the practitioners at Bottoms Up Colonics in Nambour are certified in the Rojas technique; a gentle, deeply hydrating, nurturing, closed colonic technique.

"We prioritise relaxation and rejuvenation through the healing powers of water medicine and natural products in a spa-like atmosphere," Karen explained. "Colonic hydrotherapy supports your elimination pathways, which contributes to optimal health and physical wellbeing."

"It helps to detoxify the body by gently flushing out wastes, toxins and harmful bacteria from the colon," she said.

"This can promote better digestion, improved nutrient absorption and enhance overall well being."

Bottoms Up Colonics offers tailored cleansing programs, parasite, candida and Blasto protocols, and includes nutritional and herbal infusions in every session.

"We are here to support your wellness goals, whether you are seeking pain relief, weight loss or greater balance, vitality and wellness in your life. We invite you to include colonics in your rejuvenation, ageing-well and preventative care protocols," she said. "Love your body, love your well-being - indulge in the complete Bottoms Up experience. Your journey to self-love begins here."

To launch your gut self loving journey, mention / bring this article for \$20 off your Colonic session.

► Located at Shop 4, 2 Mapleton Road, opposite Nambour Hospital, with wheelchair access and private parking. Book online at bottomsupcolonics.com.au/store-locator/nambour-qld/ or call 5220 8859.

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Precision styling offered at Nambour's newest hair salon

Business Writeup: **Salon Haarscharf**

AFTER 30 years of operating hair salons in Germany, Hubert Sigl and Nathan Cronin have recently opened Salon Haarscharf (Precise Hair) in Nambour.

"At one time we were running two salons, with 20 staff," Hubert said.

"While that had its own rewards, it also took us away from the reasons we originally got into the industry; to style hair.

"So it is actually really nice to be able to offer our services in an environment where we can focus on our clients, rather than managing staff."

The couple found the perfect location for their new home at 122 Nambour Mapleton

Road, and set about fitting out a light, airy and welcoming salon space at the front.

Nathan was trained in Australia and spent his early career working for prestigious salons such as Fadis, Bohemian Hair Artistry and Hype Hairdressers.

Hubert was trained in Germany, where the process of attaining qualifications is extremely demanding.

"In order to become a Master Craftsman or Master Hairdresser in Germany, you have to work through a 6 year apprenticeship," Hubert said.

"There is a very strong focus on cutting techniques and I think that is something we both have a very strong passion for. We used to have clients who would drive up to 100kms to have their hair cut at our salon, which used to blow us away! I guess that was indicative that we were doing something right."

While Hubert's preferences are cuts, global colour and painting, Nathan prefers cutting, foils and balayage techniques.

"I think we compliment each other quite well in that way," Hubert said.

"Having said that, we are both trained in full ladies and mens hairdressing."

Quality products are key to vital, beautiful hair, and Nathan and Hubert have worked previously with brands such as Wella, Kevin Murphy, American Crew, Medavita L'OREAL and Pure Hair.

"We have sourced a new brand that we are very excited about, and it was 'born in Italy, raised in Australia'," Hubert said.

"Jevel is a gentle, cruelty free and vegan range which was developed for longer lasting colour, a healthy scalp and shiny hair," he said.



Hubert Sigl, left, and Nathan Cronin have fitted out a welcoming salon at the front of their home.



From left, MADCA communications officer Wendy Turton and president Max Standage with Kindy President Brooklyn Coyle and a future Kindy attendee.

First MADCA markets grant goes to Range Kindy

THE Range Community Kindergarten families were the delighted recipients of the first grant from the Mapleton and District Community Association's (MADCA) Community Grants Program. This grant has allowed for the purchase and installation of new blinds from local business, In Curtains and Blinds.

"The MADCA Community Grants Program was set up in 2023 to give back to the Community the funds raised by the Mapleton Country Market," said MADCA President Max Standage. "The Mapleton Country Market is run under the auspices of MADCA and the whole community pitches in to support local initiatives. Giving to the Kindy nurtures the leaders of tomorrow."

An outstanding application outlining an urgent need for replacement blinds saw the Kindy start the new year with smart new window coverings. MADCA fast-tracked funds to enable the installation to occur with minimal disruption over the break and welcomed the opportunity to present a cheque while viewing the new blinds.

The Range Community Kindy operates a 3/2 week for 27 students and is well-staffed with a teacher, two educators, a service manager and a great committee. Enquiries are always welcome.

► Visit www.madca.com.au for announcements of future grant rounds. Join the Community Newsletter email list via information@madca.com.au.

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QCWA to host High Tea for Women's Day

YANDINA Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) is hosting a High Tea on Friday March 8 from noon at the QCWA Division Hall (11 Stevens Street, Yandina) to celebrate International Women's Day. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy delicious, homemade savoury and sweet treats served on beautiful vintage crockery and listen to our guest speaker Anna Owen, Principal of Sunshine Coast Grammar School. Attendees are invited to dress in our 'Elegant in Black and White' theme. There will also be a raffle, a lucky door prize, and prizes for best dressed.

Funds raised will allow the branch to continue to support members of the local and wider community.

▶ Bookings are essential. Tickets are \$25 and are to be pre-purchased by contacting Yandina Branch Secretary Maureen on 0478 659 639 or qcwayandina@gmail.com.



Maureen Brook QCWA Yandina Branch Secretary dressed in the 'Elegant in Black and White' theme.

Blues night heralds Grand Opening of The Vogue

THE much-awaited grand opening of *The Vogue* – formerly the historic *Vogue Theatre* – in Nambour is set for Saturday, March 9, promising an unforgettable night of blues music. The newest live music hub on the Coast is all set to host an exciting lineup of blues bands from 7pm.

Music enthusiasts can look forward to performances by The Blues Jumpers, The Spirits Blues Band, and Vix & The Slick Chix.

The event promises an exhilarating atmosphere, complemented by a licensed bar to enhance the experience.

The venue at 96 Currie Street, next to the Royal George Hotel, is geared up to make a grand entry into Nambour's cultural scene. Tickets for this blues-filled evening are available online at www.trybooking.com/COWEH.

Nambour's community choir finds a new home

SINGSPIRE Chorus, the Nambour Community choir has moved to a new home right in Nambour. The choir will be meeting on Tuesdays at 7 or Thursdays at 1 at St Johns Parish Hall, 174 Currie St, Nambour.

This central venue allows us to enjoy a wide range of songs in an supportive environment.

Singing with others has been medically proven to offer important physical, mental and emotional benefits. New members are welcomed and are offered two free sessions. SingSpire offers fellowship and fun through music, so why not give it a go. Contact Helen on 0401 270 476 or Lorraine on 0417 611 684.

Elvis's evergreens at Yandina Country Music

YANDINA welcomes guest artist John Abbott to the ACMA concert on Sunday 18th February. With a rich voice and great stage presence, John will showcase evergreens from Elvis, Johnny, Charley and Roy. Enjoy popular country music and upbeat, crowd-pleasing favourites from local artists backed by a great house band. See you at the Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road, 12 noon start. Raffle and door prizes, byo lunch, free tea and coffee. Entry \$10, members \$8. Phone 0437 191004.

Maroochy River Country Music Club Concert

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold a concert on Sunday 11 February, from 12 noon. Entry is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Free tea and coffee and raffles are available. The venue is the ACMA Country Hall of Fame on Steggalls Road, Yandina. This week we will be featuring a tribute to Elvis Presley. All welcome. Inquiries phone President Darryl Norwood on 0458 671 568.

Montville murder mystery

THE Montville Village Association's Small Events Committee is preparing to bring you another rollicking mystery. Vera and her trusty sidekicks are in Montville for a holiday only to find they have to solve a murder. Rehearsals have started and the Trybooking link will be available soon. If you would like to be included on the database please email Lou at mva2021@gmail.com. Mark your diaries for Saturday 23 March at 7pm or Sunday 24 March at 2.30pm. This is a fundraiser for the hall.

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Notice – Call for public submissions

Yandina Creek Wetland (YCW)
Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID)
Facilities for parks and recreation and water cycle management infrastructure

Yandina Creek Wetland
362 River Road Maroochy QLD 4561
Lot plan numbers 3/RP148079, 4/RP148079 and 2/RP107174.

MID purpose and location

Unitywater owns and manages Yandina Creek Wetland for the main purpose of improving water quality within the Maroochy River Catchment.

To continue to manage the site and recreational access, we are applying to the state government for a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID).

Receiving a MID will help Unitywater maintain the site in a timely, effective, and environmentally responsible way.

Unitywater is applying to the state government for a MID for YCW to allow the delivery, maintenance and protection of community recreation, water cycle management and infrastructure. We are seeking feedback from neighbouring property owners and community stakeholders to inform our MID application.

What is a MID?

A Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) allows for the delivery of essential community infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, water supply and wastewater treatment plants.

A MID streamlines regulatory application and approval processes. The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) manages assessment and approval of MID applications.

View and inspect the MID application

An electronic copy of Unitywater's MID application can be inspected by visiting: <https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/infrastructure-planning/ministerial-infrastructure-designations> or scan the link below.

A printed copy of Unitywater's MID application can be inspected, and a copy obtained at Unitywater's Sunshine Coast head office reception: 8-10 Maud Street Maroochy QLD 4558.

How to have your say - make a public submission

Share your views and feedback on Unitywater's MID application by making a public submission to the state government's online portal between 22nd January – 26th February 2024. Scan the QR link.

Visit Unitywater at Unitywater's Sunshine Coast head office reception: 8-10 Maud Street Maroochy QLD 4558 to receive assistance with making an online submission.



Scan this code to submit your feedback

Community feedback will be used to inform the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP's) assessment of the MID application.

Community engagement

The MID application includes two community engagement phases. Phase one, preliminary engagement, is complete and occurred in November 2022. Phase two, formal engagement, is currently underway.

Community feedback from phase one engagement helped refine the MID application master plan design. Unitywater is committed to ensuring YCW is managed responsibly.

More information

For more information about the MID application please visit Unitywater's community hub <https://communityhub.unitywater.com/ycw-mid>.

For general enquiries, email the MID application project team on: infrastructure@unitywater.com
Or via phone on: 1300 086 489.

About Unitywater

Unitywater provides water and wastewater services that are economically and environmentally sustainable to our communities in Moreton Bay, Noosa, and the Sunshine Coast.

Proposed, detailed works requested in Unitywater's MID application

Upgrades

Upgrade activities including the upgrade of existing tracks to extend pedestrian walking trails, construction of vehicle turn around points, raising vehicle tracks for flood resilience, construction of light vehicle bridges and modification or removal of existing tidal gates.

Maintenance

Maintenance activities including weed control, pest control, general track maintenance, tidal gate maintenance. Maintenance also includes bird viewing infrastructure maintenance, maintenance of drainage lines and internal waterways, fire management, erosion management and culvert repairs.

Construction / installation

Construction activities including construction of a new shed for storage of maintenance equipment. And potential construction of new bird viewing infrastructure and floating boardwalks. Installation of a pedestrian counter and updates to existing site signage will also occur.

Engagement timeline*

- Preliminary engagement (10 days) - Dec 2022
- Endorsement to lodge MID proposal - Mar 2023
- Lodgement of MID proposal - Aug 2023
- Formal engagement (25 days) – 22nd Jan 22 – 26th Feb
- Consideration of state and community comments – March 2024
- MID decision – May 2024

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What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

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February

- **February 7:** Mapleton MADCA General Meeting.
- **February 8, 9.30am:** QCWA Donation Handover: QCWA Nambour North Coast Division's annual donation of handmade craft items to Wishlist at Yandina Hall.
- **February 8, 8am - 9.30am:** Nambour Chamber of Commerce Coffee Catch Up: Join the event at Nambour Town Square with guest speakers and new members presenting their businesses. Free coffee provided. Email: woombycommunity@gmail.com.
- **February 9-11:** Sunshine Coast Bunyas Indigenous Rugby League Carnival: A three-day indigenous rugby league carnival at Nambour Crushers Ground featuring teams from across Australia. Friday evening includes a festival atmosphere. Saturday and Sunday admission: \$10, free for elders and under 16s.
- **February 9:** Sunshine Coast Bunyas Rugby League Carnival at Nambour Crushers Rugby League.
- **February 10, 10am:** Hinterland Music Club Social/Concert: Enjoy music at the Big Shed, Pioneer Village, Maleny. Admission: \$7 (Members \$5). Sausage sizzle lunch available. Contact Harvey at 5494-4229 for more info.
- **February 10, 9am-12 pm:** Woombye Snakes FC Mini Roos Muster at Woombye Snakes Football Club. Age group timings on Snakes' Facebook page.
- **February 10: 7:30am-11:30am:** Montville Market, Montville Village Green Indulge in a scrumptious pancake breakfast on the deck overlooking the beautiful Sunshine Coast. Handcrafted treasures, fresh produce and tasty treats from our local growers and makers.
- **February 11, 12pm:** Maroochy River Country Music Club Concert at ACMA Country Hall of Fame, Steggalls Road, Yandina. Tribute to Elvis Presley. Entry: \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. Contact Darryl Norwood at

0458 671 568.

- **February 12:** 10am-12noon: Maleny Library Intro to Guitar: Making Music Together.
- **February 14:** Montville Village Association Monthly General Meetings. Montville Village Hall, Memorial Close, Montville. 5.30pm for 6pm start-Division 5 Council Candidates will present with a Q&A.
- **February 14:** Anglican Churches in Montville and Maleny Ash Wednesday Services 8am Montville and 9.30am Maleny.
- **February 14:** 6pm-7pm: MVA Public Meeting, Montville Village Hall.
- **February 14:** Mapleton High Tea.
- **February 14:** Lovers of Books event at Mapleton Library, celebrating local authors. 5.30pm-7.30pm. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1160437.
- **February 15:** Official launch of the Maleny Show at the Pavilion, Maleny, from 5.30pm to 7pm. Visit malenyshowsociety@bigpond.com for more information.
- **February 16-24:** Lind Lane Theatre presents "Codename: White Mouse," the story of war hero Nancy Wake. For information, visit www.lindlane.com.au/whats-on.
- **February 17-18:** Maleny Players present "Stages" at the Playhouse 3pm. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/CODLJ or www.malenyplayers.org.
- **February 17: 7.30-11.30am,** Witta Markets.
- **February 18, 12pm:** ACMA Concert in Yandina: Guest artist John Abbott will perform popular country music favorites at the Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road. Entry: \$10, members \$8. Contact 0437 191004.
- **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.



Teresa Baselga, left, and Magali Feuga are bringing their paintings to life in the Old Ambo.

Raw and Urbane:

Nambour's Art Scene welcomes vibrant artistry

THE Old Ambulance Station gallery in Nambour is starting its 2024 season of art with two exhibitions by talented female painters. Soul Sugar is Magali Feuga's name for her recent works. Mostly painted in 2023, these depictions of women's faces are raw, urbane, and funky.

Originally from France, she moved to the Sunny Coast in 2018. Magali works in acrylic, ink, spray paint, and mixed media on canvas, and thinks of her paintings as sweetness for the soul.

She likes working in primary colours, and although her red, white and blue works reflect the French flag, the Tricolore, she believes this is a coincidence.

Magali says she paints to express herself and as a way of communicating with others. She has always been curious about humanity, who we are, and feels more in touch with people than places, which is why she paints faces instead of landscapes.

Our other artist for February is Teresa Baselga who presents us with The Shape of Memories. Teresa was living in Madrid and studying nursing five years ago when she started to paint to relieve stress. She moved to Australia in search of new experiences and has now settled on the Sunny Coast.

Teresa enjoys working with mixed media comprising construction materials, resin, sand and textiles. Her work of the last two years depicted here represents memories of different steps in life, solidified in materials that represent memories of rocks, sand, and sea. She loves the sea and surfing is her favourite pastime.

You can see Soul Sugar and The Shape of Memories at the Old Ambo gallery at 80 Howard St Nambour until February 24th. The gallery is open from Monday to Saturday between 10am and 3pm, excluding public holidays.

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Windborne includes Lynn Rowan, Lauren Breunig, Jeremy Carter-Gordon and Will Rowan.

Global melodies in Eudlo: international acts descend

EUDLO Hall will resonate with the sounds of global harmony on March 9 as Peace Run Records presents an evening with international sensations Windborne and Christina Tourin. The event promises to be a sensory feast, headlined by Windborne's innovative vocal harmonies and complemented by the enchanting Celtic harp of Tourin. Local talents Andrea Kirwin & Claire Evelyn, pictured left, will open the show, promising a blend of soulful vocals and captivating harp melodies.

Windborne is Jeremy Carter-Gordon, Lynn Rowan, Lauren Breunig and Will Rowan. The vocalists balance the time-honoured traditions of vocal harmony with the artists' unique approaches, elevating the traditional music into the modern age.

Described by BBC Traveling Folk as "just absolutely phenomenal," they offer a journey across continents and centuries through their

music. Their dynamic harmonies breathe new life into old songs, creating an experience that is rooted by its history, but strikingly relevant to the contemporary listener.

The ensemble shifts effortlessly between drastically different styles of music, drawing their audience along on a journey that spans continents and centuries and illuminating the power of the voice.

The singers share stories about their songs and explain the context and characteristics of the styles.

Christina Tourin, a harpist with a vast discography and a commitment to harp therapy, brings five decades of experience to share her passion for the instrument.

Christina is praised for bringing thousands of people to the harp through her workshop organisational skills and for introducing the modes into harp education/performance in the



Harpist Christina Tourin.

early 1970s. Healing with sound, working in hospitals and hospices, composing, teaching and writing books round out her full life.

The night will also mark the release of Andrea Kirwin's new single, 'A Village Dreams,' featuring Windborne, which was commissioned for the Woodford Folk Festival's Closing Ceremony.

• Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.20pm start. Tickets range from \$35 general admission to \$1 donations. Children under 5 free. To book tickets visit www.windbornesingers.com/concerts



Local talents Andrea Kirwin & Claire Evelyn

Zonta Club to announce Woman of Achievement

IN the spirit of International Women's Day, the Zonta Club of Blackall Range will hold their annual 'Dusk on the Deck' event.

Scheduled for March 8, 2024, from 5.30pm to 7pm, the gathering will take place at the Maleny Community Centre, providing an opportunity to unwind and learn about Zonta's impactful support for women locally and globally.

This unique event coincides with 'Zonta Rose Day' and will also include the presentation of the prestigious *Woman of Achievement Award*.

• If you want to know more about Zonta, please contact Ann on 0407 138182.

Country Music Maleny: Hinterland Music Club

THE first Social/Concert for 2024 will be held on Saturday, February 10th commencing 10am at the Big Shed, Pioneer Village, Bryce Lane, Maleny.

Admission \$7 Members \$5 Sausage sizzle lunch for a small charge. Gold coin donation bottomless tea/coffee (BYO Mug). Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Harvey 5494-4229 See you there.

Woombye Snakes FC Mini Roos Muster

WOOMBYE Snakes Football Club is holding a Mini Roos (under six to under 12) muster on February 10 from 9am-noon.

This is where the club determines teams and parents put their hands up for coaching and managing. See the Snakes' Facebook page for details about for age group timings.

Maleny Scottish Country Dancing Monday nights

DANCING is on Monday nights in Maleny RSL Hall from 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome. There is no need to bring a partner. Cost is \$5 per night but the first night is free. Our motto is *Fun, Fitness and Friendship*. Call Linda on 0429 654 033 or Helen on 0432 251 606.

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Bird watching and bush care. What fun!

Petrie Creek BushCare News
with Norm Morwood

PICTURED are two of the beautiful birds spotted at our BushCare Bee at our BushCare Site at Florabunda Pocket Woombye in early December. A near record of 41 birds recorded on site in the couple of hours that day. Thanks for the photos Lyn. Its hard to believe now that we had to water the new plants again after planting in December.

Since then, we've had constant showers and storms that have fixed all the dryness and caused an explosion of weeds as well as magic growth of native plantings. We've had a few Bushcare Bees already in January and early February and if you'd like to join in caring for the native habitat the next ones will be:

- Namba Creek on Saturday 17 February 2024 starting at 7am. (meet in The Model Railway

Park off Florence St Nambour)

- Gulung 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).

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 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 www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCare-GroupInc or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com.

Book lovers rejoice: Woombye Library celebrates a year of reading

Woombye Library News by Cathy Cash

DURING a quiet spell on my first library shift this year I thought I'd run a few statistics reports just for fun, and I'm happy I did.

They show that we farewelled 2023 at the library with a few big numbers to celebrate.

Our total number of loans was just short of 7000 items, putting the last calendar year right up there amongst our busiest ever.

November saw the most loans made and for some unknown reason November 21 saw borrowers flocking in all day to make it the record day of the year.

Perhaps it was a full moon.

November also blessed us with fine weather for our Biggest Balcony Book Sale and eager readers came in droves to bag bargains and support our local library.

We had a better-than-expected result to round out the year.

We had a clear winner of the "Number 1 Borrower of the Year" title at 144 items taken out by one of our members.

I won't name names, but I take my hat off to you - you are a book-devouring legend!

Our most borrowed book last year was "A Heart Full of Headstones" by Ian Rankin, and no.24 in the Inspector Rebus series.

Resolution: I must add this to my new year reading list.

Whatever your genre and author preferences, we love to see our hinterland readers at Woombye Community Library, so a very Happy New Year to you all and our volunteer team look forward to being of service in 2024.

Keep an eye on our reinvigorated facebook page this year for up-to-date news on what's happening at the library. Let's aim to break some new records together!

Loving couples: Great Egrets work together to raise their chicks

Nature Watch with Don McGlusky of Diddillibah

I photographed this stately bird on one of the private jetties in the Maroochy River on Bradman Avenue.

They are found in many countries throughout the world. The Great Egret's overall plumage is white, and, for most of the year, when not breeding, the bill and facial skin are yellow. The feet are dark olive-grey or sooty black, as are the legs. During the breeding season, the bill turns mostly black and the facial skin becomes green. Also at this time, long hair-like feathers (nuptial plumes) hang across the lower back, and the legs become pinkish-yellow at the top.

The Great Egret feeds mainly on fish. Both sexes construct the nest, which is a large platform of sticks, placed in a tree over the water. The previous years' nest may often be re-used. Both sexes also incubate the eggs and care for the young (usually two or three). Breeding season is from October to December in the south; March to May in the north. The incubation period is 28 days. The chicks are able to fly forty days after hatching.



Tangy like raspberries with chunks of deep crimson fruit: "I think the flavour is just divine."

How to make Queensland's traditional Rosella Jam

Hinterland Homesteading with Racheal Pascoe

IT'S time! I am hoping you have lovely big fruit on your rosella bushes that will soon be made into delicious jam.

Harvest time

You will need a pair of sharp secateurs and a clean bucket or basket. Do the picking nice and early in the morning to beat the heat. Only pick the biggest fruit which is on the lower part of each branch. The fruit does need to be snipped off, pulling the fruit off by hand just tends to damage the branches. The fruit is called a calyx and it is ideal to pick them at 25-30mm in diameter. You can store them in the fridge until you have enough to make into jam. Snip the fruit off while being careful not to damage the tiny new fruit which is forming nearby. Work around each bush systematically. Picking rosellas is a slow process, so it is great to pick with a friend, so you can chat the time away. Once you have the fruit, rinse it in the kitchen sink with fresh water. This removes any loose plant bits, ants, petals etc.

Peeling and processing

Inside each calyx is a green seed pod which needs to be removed but kept. It is easy to peel all the red flesh off each fruit, but you will end up with red fingertips! Put the flesh in a clean bag and separate all the seed pods into another bag. Keep going until you have peeled all the fruit.

Built-in setting agent 'pectin'

How clever! Each seed pod contains pectin which is essentially the naturally occurring setting agent. There isn't any need to buy jam setter, instead you will need the juice of some lemons. One nifty thing you should know about rosellas is that they freeze really well at this stage. So if you decide you haven't got time after all to make jam this week - no worries - stock pile your peeled fruit in the freezer instead. Keep the seed pods with the fruit they came from. The amount of pectin produced is just right for that amount of fruit.

Hopefully you have been busy buying up Australian sugar and saving glass jars ready for your jam session. You will notice that rosella jam fetches a good price at the markets and smaller stores. It is because it is a labour of

love to grow, harvest and process rosellas to make the much sought after jam.

I really hope you enjoy the jam! Remember to keep picking the fruit as the growing season can wrap up really quickly once the weather turns cooler. It is possible to overwinter the plants, ie keep them until next season but I haven't ever had much luck with this myself.

Rosella Jam Recipe

Cover the seed pods with water in a saucepan, bring to the boil and return to a simmer for 2 hours, leaving saucepan lid just ajar.

Then strain through gauze or a clean chux cloth, save the liquid.

Discard the green seed pods. Put the red fleshy parts of the fruit into a large saucepan and add the liquid from the seed pods and simmer for about 30 mins.

Match how many cups of mixture you have with sugar ie adding a cup of sugar for every cup of mixture. At this time add fresh lemon juice.

The juice of one lemon for every 4 cups of mixture. The lemon takes away some of the sweetness. Gently simmer for 20 mins or until it is jellied. A good way to check is to take a teaspoon full and put it on a ceramic plate. When it has cooled it should be thick and sticky. If not, boil for longer.

Have your clean jars ready, you can heat them on trays in the oven. Pour the jam into the jars while they are still hot, this ensures they are sterilized.

Put each jar lid on tightly and leave to cool. You will in time hear all of the tin lids pop down and seal. It is important to know that making jam is a messy affair and you really can't walk away from the kitchen while it is on the stove.

How do I know this you might be wondering? One year I took my eyes off it and walked back into a larva flow of red sticky rosella jam running over the kitchen bench and down the cupboard. Big big mess and such a waste of effort.

I think the flavour is just divine - tangy like raspberries with chunks of deep crimson fruit. It will keep in the pantry for 12 months unopened and once opened should be kept in the fridge. Enjoy!

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- Elevated 1001m² block with peaceful outlook over neighbouring trees
- Well-appointed kitchen, open plan dining and living with access to expansive deck
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PROUDLY A FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED AGENCY IN THE HEART OF MALENY

What to do about the housing crisis? Here's what our office reckons ...

Real Estate Column
with RE/MAX Principal
Tristan Brown



WITH the state election looming in October this year, it's very likely that the current housing crisis will headline each of the political parties' campaigns. With this in mind I was curious as to the opinions of our industry professionals within our RE/MAX Property Sales office.

Over the course of the week I asked each agent what one particular issue they would like the State Government to address to improve the existing housing crisis. Each person was asked to provide their response regardless of their political allegiances or irrespective of which party was to win the election.

Property investment is good

Garren Reisinger (Sales Agent): "I believe that we need to change the way the government perceives investors. In recent years investors have been receiving unfair criticism for the housing shortage. Let's get back to incentivising investors as we greatly need to increase the supply of rental properties. It's important to remember that without Mum & Dad investors there would be minimal properties available for rent.

Unfortunately, it's very apparent that the government is unable and/or unwilling to supply the necessary housing. The rental price increases are driven by a lack of supply and not by investors directly."

Stamp out stamp duty

Stephanie Black (Sales Agent): "I'd like to see the stamp duty exemption increased. Currently, if the property value is less than \$500,000, you may be eligible for a full concession. This means you won't have to pay any stamp duty. This price point is significantly outdated and has not kept up with the price increases experienced over the past 3-4 years. It's a considerable increase but for it to be effective it needs to rise to either \$700,000 or \$750,000."

Maintain negative gearing

Jason Stock (Sales Agent): "It would be a disaster if the government was to remove negative gearing. We would see an influx of investors selling their properties and therefore only exacerbating the rental property shortage. The removal of negative gearing would have the opposite desired effect of what is greatly needed right now."

Streamline approvals

Scott Walters (Sales Agent): "I'd like to see the government work with local councils to streamline the process for development approvals. "The relevant precautions and consider-

ations must always be of the utmost importance, however currently the process is far too inefficient and time consuming.

"The timeframes given by council are very concerning and only further contribute to delays in new housing approvals. There needs to be a focus on improving this."

Reduce additional costs

Jody Chatillon (Property Management): "I believe it would be beneficial for the government to look at reducing some of the additional costs that only get applied to investment properties. As it stands, investors pay more stamp duty, they get charged more on their Council rates, more on their mortgage, more on their insurance and they pay Land Tax. With these costs regularly on the increase, rental prices must increase to allow the investor to stay in the market, all the while for most people, wages remain stagnant."

Ideally, it would be great to see the future government involve the industry professionals, such as the REIQ and Propertyology Founder, Simon Pressley. The acknowledgment and implementation of their advice is invaluable and greatly required.

Locally, as Principal of RE/MAX Property Sales, with 30 staff and agents operating under our roof, I truly hope that we can work towards finding a balance that assists tenants, landlords, first home buyers, downsizers and social housing needs alike. Roll on October.



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The well-appointed kitchen boasts an island bench with a dual sink, stone benchtops with waterfall edging and pendant lighting, a Euro dishwasher and EuroKera four-burner electric cooktop, and a butler's pantry.

The kitchen, dining and living spaces are located on the lower level, along with a media room, study and laundry. The bright and airy living space opens to a covered alfresco enter-

taining area.

The downstairs living spaces are also air-conditioned for year-round comfort, and the areas enjoy cooling breezes through sliding and louvre windows.

The bedrooms are situated on the upper level, which offers an air-conditioned central rumpus room. The master bedroom boasts a walk-in wardrobe and private ensuite complete with a bathtub, shower and skylight, while the remaining three bedrooms all include built-in robes.

The property is located just a 5-minute drive to Palmwoods Village. Families will love the quality of local schools on offer here, with Suncoast Christian College and Woombye State School both nearby, while Nambour Christian College and Sunshine Coast Grammar are within easy reach.

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This modern home is in a fantastic position.

Contemporary home is walking distance to Maleny township

AGENT'S CHOICE: 6 Ribbonwood Avenue, Maleny. Price by negotiation.

SITTING high on an elevated 1001m2 block this spacious, double storey home has a clever floorplan and high ceilings throughout.

The well-appointed kitchen opens onto an open plan dining and living area, with access to the expansive deck.

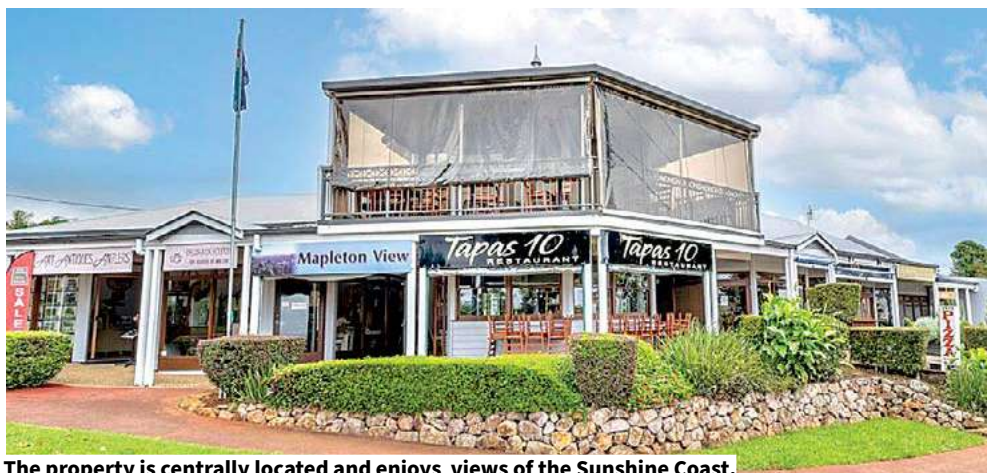
The main bedroom features an en suite and deck access and there are three additional generous guest bedrooms plus a media room.

This property is in an enviable location; it is an easy walk to town along the Obi boardwalk.

There is a double lock-up garage with internal access, a separate workshop, plus storage under the house.

The home is connected to town sewer and water, plus there is rainwater storage for the toilets, laundry and gardens.

• Contact exclusive agent Jess Luthje of Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate on 0438 616 064 for more information or to book a private inspection time.



The property is centrally located and enjoys views of the Sunshine Coast.

Investment opportunity for sale. Inviting offers: Shop 5 'Mapleton Views'

AGENT'S CHOICE: 5/1 Post Office Road, Mapleton. Inviting offers.

THIS is a prime investment opportunity in the heart of Mapleton. "Mapleton Views" freehold shop, 5/1 Post Office Road, Mapleton, has 85m2 of net lettable area and boasts breathtaking views across the Hinterland to the coast.

The 85m2 NLA consists of a ground-floor kitchen and reception area, outdoor covered dining plus a comfortable upstairs dining space with outdoor seating on the verandah.

Currently leased until April to *Tapas 10*, a well-established dine-in and takeaway restaurant and cafe, this listing represents a fantastic investment opportunity.

The net rental on this property is \$21,120 PA + outgoing. The property has reverse cycle air conditioning plus a feature fireplace.

• Contact Vanessa Brunton of VB Real Estate on 0467 448 850 to register your interest or to see how this investment can work for you.



This small acreage family residence has so much to offer.

Family home with separate guest house, office, garaging and gym

AGENT'S CHOICE: 105 Kentish Road, Kiels Mountain. Offers around \$1,495,000.

105 Kentish Road is a characterful small acreage family residence on approximately 1.5 acres. With a spacious 4 bedroom 2 bathroom home, this property has so much to offer to those who work from home or wish to have an additional income.

There is a family sized pool together with wonderful outdoor entertainment areas

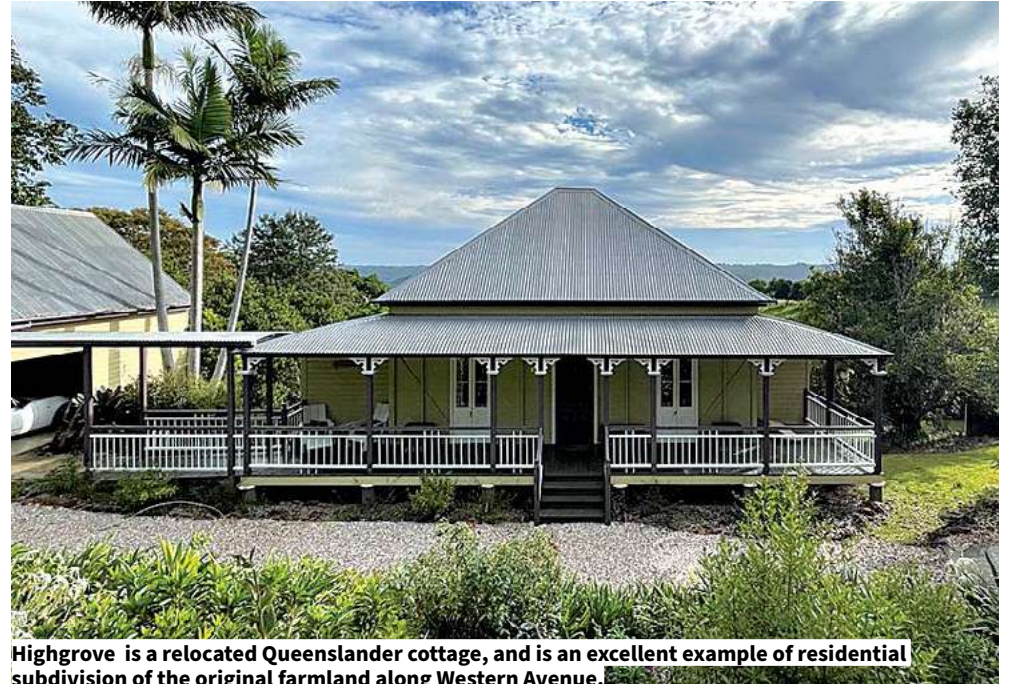
including raised decking, shaded areas and a lovely pool cabana. The pool area is complimented with beautiful lighting.

The separate studio guest house with separate office is perfect for extended family members or can bring you a separate rental income.

The stable block is currently used by the existing owner for garaging for cars and bikes, a gym and workshops. This is a big bonus for those astute buyers who can see further potential with this building.

There is also lots of useable land to park your caravan, trailers and cars.

• Contact selling agent Wendi Turner of Nev Kane Real Estate Yandina on 0435 770 030 to inspect this beautiful property.



Highgrove is a relocated Queenslander cottage, and is an excellent example of residential subdivision of the original farmland along Western Avenue.

Queenslander on Western Avenue lovingly restored

This Old House: Highgrove, 210-212 Western Avenue, Montville. A column contributed by Montville History Group

HIGHGROVE is a lovely, genuine 19th century Queenslander with many of its original features intact or lovingly restored. It has high ceilings, French windows, decorative veranda brackets, pull chain light switches, fretwork breezeway panels above the doorways, polished timber floors, VJ's throughout and casement windows with window hoods.

The current colours of the cottage are wattle yellow, with prophetic purple and vivid white trims and heritage green decking. The inside has been painted a soft yellow with antique white trims, and antique white in the dining room and hallway with vivid white trims.

The house has a box roof and had originally wrap around verandas. This building style was in vogue in Queensland in the period from 1880 to 1900.

There are no details of when the house was constructed, but it is assumed to have been completed in 1886. It became known as "Highgrove" and was relocated to Western Avenue in Montville.

The land that the house currently resides on at 210-212 Western Avenue was subdivided in 1992. The farmland has had a range of crops, and there are currently still a dozen macadamia trees left surrounding the resulting one-acre plot.

The site was a great choice, with views over Lake Baroon towards Witta and North Maleny, framed by hills and the neighbours' paddock with half a dozen pet cows and two donkeys.

The house was moved on site in two sections and placed on concrete stumps.

The original single skin wall is still preserved at the front of the house. The two side verandas were enclosed to provide an ensuite to each of the two bedrooms and a study and dressing room. The side and rear walls of



the property have been cladded and insulated.

At some time, before or after the move, the living room was extended onto the old veranda, and a new kitchen was added. A new veranda was added behind the living room.

The large square deck behind the kitchen was added to the rear of the property in 2008, providing a great spot to watch the sunsets over Baroon Pocket.

Recent occupants have included Garth and Christine Greenaway, who owned this home between 2002 and 2006 while trying to develop a golf course in Montville. After that it served as a holiday home to Greg and Joanne Bess from Brisbane for 12 years before again becoming home to permanent residents, Brian and Wanita Morgan.

Current owners Mike Spilsbury and Janny Spilsbury-Schakel moved here in early March 2021. They have done a large number of repairs and updates, taking away modern additions where possible, as well as replacing the dated kitchen and bathrooms. The new kitchen and bathrooms with their walk-in showers are sympathetic to this Queenslander, simple with clean lines while also practical, using the latest materials.

The focus is now on the garden, which will be a project for many years to come.

'Inviting' pools can become a trap for our overheated wildlife

Nature Watch News from Donna Brennan. Wildlife Volunteers, WILVOS | 5441 6200 | www.wilvos.org.au

IN the extreme heat we have been experiencing, everything is drawn to water. But this can be perilous for our wildlife. Bandicoots, pictured, possums, koalas, birds and reptiles are just some of those trapped and often drowning in pools. They too want to cool down or may need a drink of water.

Unfortunately, swimming pools are inviting as a water source for animals, native and domestic. We don't consider what will happen if they go into the water and can't get out again. Now being recognized as a major problem, people have devised some ingenious methods of preventing animals from drowning in backyard swimming pools. Floating mats, or rafts made from pool noodles can be secured to a tethering point. It is important to ensure that whatever is used as a tether is not also a tripwire for those walking or running around

the pool.

There are a number of commercial products now available such as Frog Logs. You can simply install one or more of these around side of the pool. The more the merrier! Positioning of the "safety ramps" is important. It is always best to place any floating, tethered device relative to where the water is flowing. Pools circulate water towards the skimmer basket so if positioned correctly the animal will be carried towards the safety 'ramp'. To find the best spot, throw something light into the water and watch where it ends up. Always make sure the mat is firmly up against the pool wall so the animal can climb out easily.

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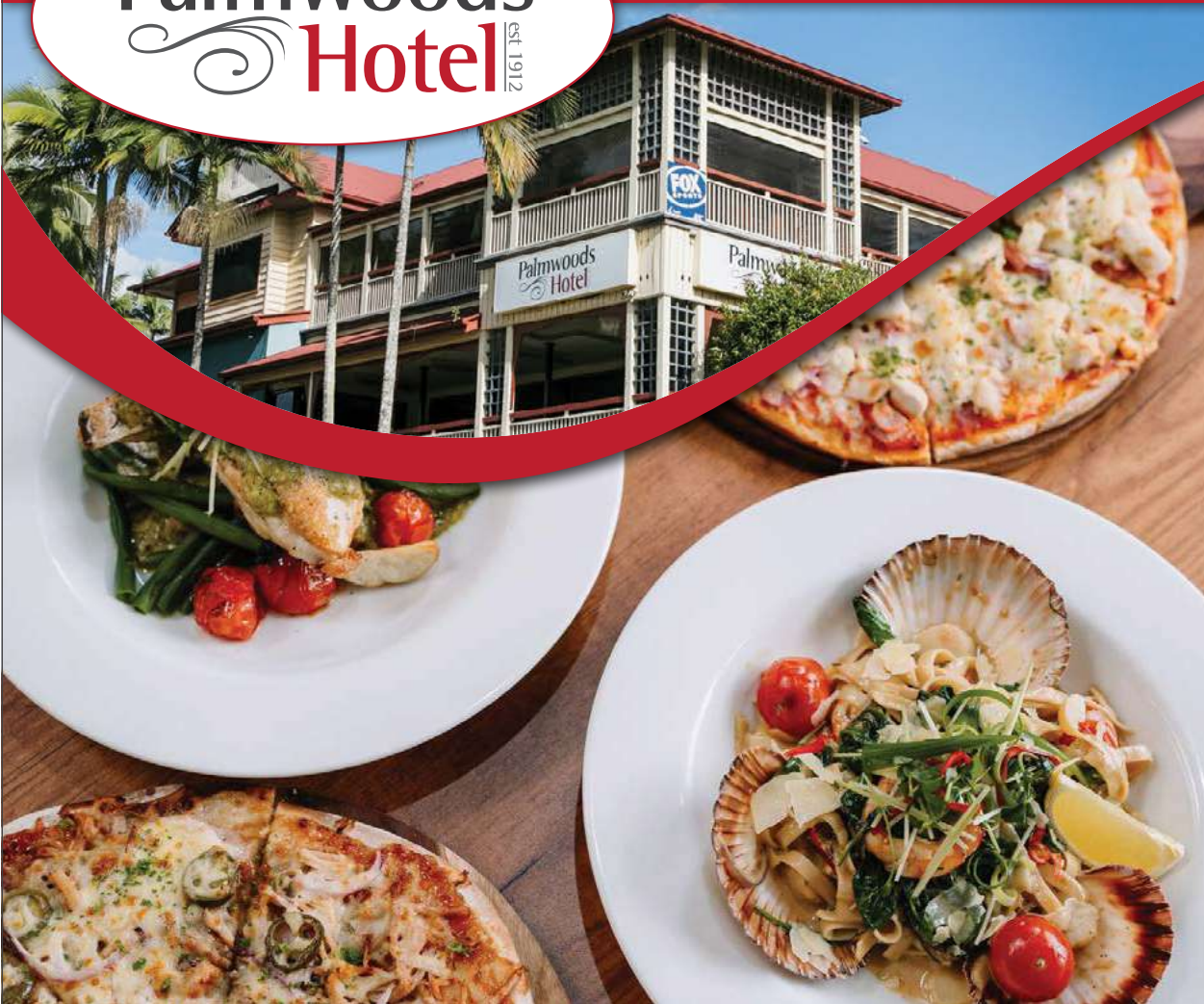
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