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Dulong locals call for clarity on quarry

A growing number of Blackall range locals and community groups are concerned about the potential impacts of Sunshine Coast Council plans to lease the Dulong Quarry to a commercial operator by mid-year.

Council resolved at its ordinary meeting on 8 December 2022 to contract its Dulong and Image Flat quarry business and operating sites to a private operator by 30 June 2023. It's aiming for a 10-year lease with 2 x 2 year options. It plans to release Expression of Interest packages later this month, with submissions due 12 weeks later in April. Council's evaluation process will be closed.

Worried residents have formed the Dulong Quarry Action Group, with 50 people from the immediate area attending the group's first public meeting at Kureelpa Hall on Saturday, and additional apologies and concerns flowing in by email. Dulong resident and group spokesperson, Anne Veivers, says people are frustrated there's been no community engagement and an inadequate amount of clear communication from Council on the matter.

"People in our area only heard of the plans thanks to a local community organisation sharing the news initially, and neighbours

spreading the word from there," Anne said. The quarry currently operates around 12 weeks per year, with trucks transporting material along Sherwell Road and the busy Mapleton to Nambour Road in the first instance.

"Operations are permitted at the quarry six days a week between 6am and 6pm, but we've heard there's a possibility of 24-7 operations, so we're fearful of how big and busy the Dulong Quarry could become in private hands, right on our doorstep.

"We believe the commercial operator will be to page 2



Margie and Father Richard Gowty with their cavoodle Barney at St Augustine's Palmwoods ... "I thank God for the privilege of serving in this community."

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Father Richard retires after 50 years service to Anglican Church

SUNDAY January 29 will be a sad day for the parish of St Augustine's Palmwoods as they farewell their much loved priest-in-charge Father Richard Gowty and his wife Margie.

Fr Richard had retired from the parish of St Mark's Buderim in 2012 and was planning a life of golf, golf and more golf, though family, friends, church life and of course the Geelong Cats were hugely important.

This was not to be and he was persuaded to accept the position as priest in charge of St Augustines in 2013. This was only a part time position, but he and Margie quickly became an integral part of the loving and caring church family and many happy, busy and fulfilling years followed.

Margie took over the position as manager of St Augustine's Op Shop after retiring from teaching at Matthew Flinders and, like her husband, loved playing an active part in the life of the church and the wider community.

"The Op Shop has been so much a part of my life and it has been wonderful to be part of the church in the community this way," says Margie.

The people of Palmwoods have strongly supported the shop. It has been a joy to be involved in the lives of so many people. I can't tell you how grateful I am for this rich experience."

Fr Richard was ordained priest in St John's Cathedral Brisbane on St Andrew's Day 1972, and so his retirement comes after 50 years of service as a priest.

Significantly, a wonderful service to give thanks for his ministry was held in the cathedral on November 30 last year, with people from past parishes attending.

Fr Richard's first appointment was as a curate in Toowoomba then he served in Gatton, Indooroopilly and Buderim. In between there were stints in the UK and Austin, Texas, as well as many chaplaincies in Germany, Italy and Spain.

The service on January 29 will bring to an end a lifetime of faithful and com-• To page 3





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Concerns raised over **Dulong Quarry**

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bound to work within all current operational restrictions, but we're unclear on those details, and despite spending weeks seeking information from Council to address our apprehensions, nothing has yet been provided.

"People have expressed valid concerns about dust and associated health impacts, noise, road damage, road safety, environmental impacts to nearby waterways and native animals, negative effects on property prices and lifestyle and more.

"Blasts are currently limited to two times per year, but we don't know if that will continue or what the parameters on those blasts will be going forwards.

"We believe the minimum extraction amount will be 50,000 tonnes of material per annum, but we're not aware of any upper limits. So, for all we know, it could increase to a million tonnes with hundreds of truck movements per day.

"We support economic growth for the broader region, but not at our expense as ratepayers, residents, business owners and road users, and certainly not at the expense of this special and beautiful area we call home.

"Our community shares a strong sense of stewardship and responsibility for protecting our local natural environment as well as each other, and we think it's reasonable to expect Council to do the same.

"It's beyond time we got the consideration and answers from Council we deserve."

▶ The Dulong Quarry Action Group will hold its next open meeting at 7pm on 9 February 2023 at Kureelpa Hall, with Councillor David Law and State Member for Nicklin Robert Skelton both invited to attend, and all concerned community groups and individuals welcome.

Country Music Club

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their February Concert on Sunday 12th, commencing at 12 noon. Cost is \$8 and includes free tea and coffee. The venue is the Country Music Hall of Fame, Steggals Road, Yandina. Raffles available, and great music. Inquiries phone Darryl on 0458 671 568.



Nambour Meals on Wheels has been delivering nutritious meals to the community for over 50 years. This Christmas they received a helping hand from the good folk from The Shack.

Shack lends a hand to help **Nambour Meals on Wheels**

THE Shack and Nambour Meals on Wheels joined forces last month to deliver Christmas hampers to all the local Meals on Wheels clients.

"The Shack did a wonderful job collecting and bagging all the goodies and then assisted us in delivering the bags and boxes to the clients over three days," a Nambour Meals on Wheels spokesperson said.

"The feedback from the clients has been fantastic and the hampers were very much appreciated.'

Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

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

Now Showing: Avatar the Way of Water; Whitney Houston I Wanna Dance with Somebody; Blueback (Australian); Puss in Boots: The Last Wish; A Man Called Otto (Tom Hanks); M3GAN

Nambour Meals on Wheels has been delivering nutritious meals to the community for over 50 years.

The service has expanded significantly over the last few years and they are looking for additional volunteers to join the team.

If you can spare a few hours a week or a fortnight on an on-going basis they would love to hear from you.

▶ Nambour Meals on Wheels is at 21A Price Street, Nambour. Phone 5441 3543 if you think you can help.

(horror); Operation Fortune (Action/Drama): Lyle Lyle Crocodile and The Banshees of Inisherin (Collin Farrell).

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Tim Logan was heavily involved with the Pharmacy Guild over a number of years where he became state president and also acted on several occasions as the national president.

Popular chemist retires after 40 years in profession

POPULAR Nambour Pharmacist Tim Logan is retiring after four decades helping sick people with their medical needs.

Mr Logan will spend his last day at Nambour Amcal in the Plaza this Friday (January 20) after 28 years in town and 40 years in pharmacy.

Mr Logan, who is one of three partners in the business, said he had enjoyed being able to help people from all walks of life over the years.

"It's a profession where you can make a big difference to people's lives," he said. "Where you can help them out when they're in vulnerable positions, when they're very unwell. People recognize that pharmacists are a good point to turn to for advice and that's what we try and provide at Amcal.

"One abiding memory I have was of a guy who came in who was all sweaty and clammy and complaining of an upset tummy. My training told me that some of those symptoms could be associated with heart attacks. So I recommended that he go up to casualty. And sure enough he was suffering a heart attack. And he came back a few weeks later to thank me. And that was very rewarding and there have been many rewarding episodes over the years.

"When I first started we used typewriters and we hand wrote repeats and we had to put in codes for medicines to send off to the government to get paid for the PBS (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) subsidy.

"And now everything is computers and laser printers and instant access to Centrelink records to make sure someone's entitled to a concession. So I think it's much better nowadays."

Mr Logan was heavily involved with the Pharmacy Guild over a number of years where he became state president and also acted on several occasions as the national president.

He said he would consider revisiting his profession occasionally.

"After I have some time off I might do little sessions here and there. I might still do vaccine clinics and that sort of thing, depending on whether my colleagues or any other mates I know need a hand. But I'm certainly looking forward to having a rest after so long."

Anglican priest-in-charge calls time after 50 years

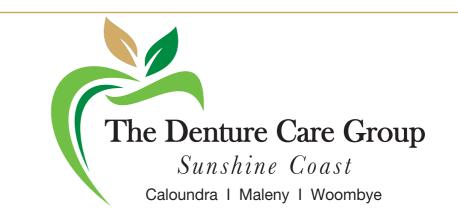
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mitted service to the Anglican church and will be an acknowledgment of how much he has given to so many people over the last 50 years.

"I thank God for the privilege of serving in this community," said Fr Richard. "St Augusti ne's is a wonderful parish. We have loved being part of it and will miss it enormously.

"Barney will miss keeping watch at the front door and waiting eagerly for all the treats that come his way at morning tea. "Margie will miss her close involvement with the Op Shop and all the special relationships she has developed over the last nine years. I will miss being part of the lives of those at St Augustine's. Happily the Rev'd Deborah Bird, the rector of Maleny will now also look after St Augustine's and the parish will be in good hands."

▶ A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to attend the January 29 farewell service at St Augustine's Anglican Church Palmwoods starting 8.30am, followed by morning tea.





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Call for relaxation of temporary housing laws in light of crisis

THE housing crisis on the Sunshine Coast does not look like it will improve any time soon. Under the circumstances, Woombye resident Helen Andrew says its wrong that many residents who are having to resort to affordable accommodation like caravans and tiny homes remain at risk of eviction by the Council.

The Sunshine Coast's subordinate local law 'Establishment or Occupation of a Temporary Home' currently restricts the time frame to park to no more than four weeks in a 52-week period without a permit. A permit costs \$514.

While Council staff do not actively pursue those breaking this law, they will act on it if they receive a complaint.

This happened to Ms Andrew when she and her husband Ron allowed Western Australia resident Darlene to park her caravan on their land. Darlene had not been able to return to WA during border closures in 2020.

"A neighbour complained to the Council, they got in touch, and ultimately, Darlene was given the notice to vacate," she said.

"We were shocked and disgusted. We asked for compassion, given the circumstances, but it didn't make a difference.

"Unless this law is changed or suspended, no one living in caravans, buses or tiny homes has any security or certainty."

The situation prompted Helen to spearhead a campaign to suspend this local law until the new town plan is implemented.

"A short email from people can help provide more security for people choosing different permanent housing options," she said.

"I sent a very personal email to (Council CEO) Emma (Thomas) and received a cut-and-paste, tick-and-flick reply explaining the local law with instructions on how to apply for a permit, which costs \$514," Ms Andrew said.

"This reply did not address my concerns, and I will ask for a response that addresses my concerns as a landowner who wants to help people during this housing crisis."

Ms Andrew also hopes the new town plan recognises that these housing solutions are no longer viable temporary housing options but permanent housing choices.



Helen Andrew, on her property at West Woombye, has plenty of room for affordable accommodation. She says Council needs to relax the rules on temporary housing to alleviate the housing crisis.

Tiny home advocate from Polkadot Community Inc, Jimmy Hirst, said suspending this law would enable the many local people living on a knife's edge to enjoy stability and breathe a sigh of relief.

"It also allows the region to create a housing model which supports more affordable living and enables our significant elderly and retiring population to age in place. It also leads to better outcomes which improve mental health, connection and wellness, and lead to a more meaningful way of life.

"Land sharing and sharing goods in small communities is a significant win-win for residents and local regions alike with economic, environmental and social benefits," he said.

"I'd be proud to see the Sunshine Coast Council showing leadership in genuinely taking care of the needs of its citizens like so many other councils in Australia are doing."

"The entire state of NSW has taken action to respond to clear and urgent community needs to relax the rules on temporary housing to alleviate the brutality of escalating property values until better solutions can be found, so it's time for Queensland and the Sunshine Coast to catch up."

How to help

If you would like to support the Suspend the Local Law campaign, email Emma Thomas, the CEO of Sunshine Coast Council, requesting that she suspend the Establishment or Occupation of a Temporary Home local law. To contact Ms Thomas go to the form at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Contact-Council/ Contact-the-CEO. For more information and resources, visit www.regensunshinecoast.au.

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Response from Council

REPLYING to Ms Andrew, *see article left*, Sunshine Coast Council says it appreciates that the recent rapid increases in the cost of owning or renting a home on the Sunshine Coast has been causing some people to consider moving into temporary accommodation to remain on the Coast.

It says the current local law for a temporary home allows for a person to set up temporary accommodation on a property for up to four weeks without an approval and, depending on the type of temporary home proposed, allows approval to be obtained for the placement of a temporary home on a property for up to 18 months. By requiring approval to be obtained, Council says it is able to appropriately manage any amenity and health issues that might arise with a temporary home. Council looks particularly at such matters as the location and placement of the temporary home and the management of waste and grey water produced.

Recent changes have been applied to the Planning Regulation 2017 to remove the requirement for the occupant(s) of a secondary dwelling to be a part of the household occupying the primary dwelling on the property. Council says this change has the potential to make more accommodation options available.

Beginning the new year with theatrical flair

PALMWOODS Little Village Theatre will kick off the new year in fine style with a series of workshops at the Guide Hut in Palmwoods in preparation for their 2023 musical theatre production 'Serenade of Love'.

This song and dance show and high tea extravaganza will be presented in four matinee performances over two consecutive weekends in August. Regular weekly rehearsals at the Guide Hut start on January 23. Little Village Theatre is actively seeking new members, and now would be a great time to join this friendly troupe. No previous experience is required, just a love of music and a zest for living. Call Musical Director Marji on 0488 220 262, or Secretary Ronda on 0411 115 786 for further information.

▶ For details of upcoming events see the Little Village Theatre's facebook page. For membership enquiries email ourlittlevillagetheatre@gmail.com.





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The Toads under 12s enjoyed a Premiership win at Sunshine Coast Stadium in 2022

Toads rugby aims high in 2023

THERE are big plans in the pipeline for the Nambour Toads Rugby Union Club for 2023.

"We are building a club that not only supports players in their personal development and love of rugby but engages with past players, local businesses, friends and families to build a community," said club spokesperson, Kalyani Gardner.

Nambour Toads Rugby Union Club is a rapidly growing club which achieved 4 Premiership titles in Juniors, Women's and Men's divisions last season.

"The achievements of last year really were a testament to the incredible commitment and teamwork of not just our players, but the wider club community and our generous business sponsors," she said. "We have been able to participate in so many fantastic opportunities, including our Youth Girl's team competing against some of the best teams in the world, in New Zealand late last year.

That experience highlighted the incredible depth of talent in our club."

On Australia Day, the club will officially launch the 2023 season with a sign on event and are inviting anybody who would like to join their thriving community to come along.

"There will be novelty golf on a putt putt course, thong throwing, toad races, backyard cricket, pulled pork burgers and a bbq available to feed everyone.

"Ours is a family club, and there will be something for the whole family to enjoy."

Sign on Saturday

The sign on will kick off at 2pm on Saturday the 28th of January at the Nambour Rugby Football Club in Laidlaw Road, Nambour. Moving forward, sign on and social touch football is on every Tuesday at 4pm starting January 31. For more information you can email the club at toadrugbycommunity@gmail.com



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Happy New Year, and my 2023 Priorities

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There are good reasons why people flocked to the Sunshine Coast over this Christmas period – we are a lifestyle capital and we locals enjoy the world's most enviable way of life.

As we enter 2023, I reaffirm a pledge I made in my maiden speech in 2016: "to be Sunshine Coast's man in Canberra and not Canberra's man on the Sunshine Coast". My loyalty lies at home and I'll continue fighting for our region.

This year, I want to see tangible outcomes where I have secured funding, including: completion of the Maroochydore Road / Mons Road interchanges of the Bruce Highway (over \$300M); ramping up of Phase One of the North Coast Rail Line (over \$500M), and; starting work on the Mooloolah River Interchange on the Sunshine Motorway (over \$300M).

I'll also be continuing my campaign for better rail services to the Coast, including full duplication of the North Coast Rail Line to Nambour (the \$5 million I secured for design work is yet to be matched by the Queensland Labor Government); and a new line along the CAMCOS corridor to Maroochydore (the \$1.6 billion we secured for this project is yet to be matched by the Queensland Labor Government and funding has been postponed by the Federal Labor Government). These aren't my only priorities, of course, but they're the big ticket ones.

Sporting and Para-sporting Champions

Thirty four sports stars were recognised in the latest Local Sporting Champions and Local Para Champions grants for 12-18 year olds.

I would particularly like to give a shoutout to: • Jett Ford from Woombye - SSA Football 12 Years Boys National Championship

• Phoenix Deans from Burnside – Oceania Championships for artistic roller skating

• Mailee Fearon from Obi Obi - Queensland u15 State Hockey Championships

• Millan Power from Kiamba - School Sport Australia 2022 for Triathlon

I look forward to following their journey to the 2032 Games! Sportspeople aged 12-18 can apply for the next round at https://www. sportaus.gov.au/.



Winner of the 2022 Art Award was James Stickland's piece titled "Golden Thoughts".

Kenilworth ArtsFest celebrates 25 years, brings event date forward to May

THE Kenilworth Arts-Fest rose from humble beginnings with borrowed display boards and make-

shift plinths. But now the prestigious festival is one of the Sunshine Coast's major art events. Prizes include \$5000 for the Kenilworth Art Award and this year is the event's silver jubilee

year. The festival will run from 26 to 28 May with visual art, 3D works, poetry and music. A special 3D section this year is for works made from recycled materials. The venue, as usual, is the Kenilworth Public Hall. "We look forward to seeing many visitors as we celebrate our silver jubilee," said ArtsFest President Shirley Moreland. "We are trying to publicise the ArtsFest as widely as possible as we have changed the date from October to May.

"There are just too many events happening in Kenilworth in August, September and October and ArtsFest was at the tail end. So we decided to move up the schedule." See the website for full details www.kenilwortharts.org.au.





Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club members showcase a 1926 Essex Tourer at a recent event.

Car Club to celebrate 60 years with 100 cars on display at anniversary

THE popular Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on February 19 from 9am to 12.30pm at the Nambour Showgrounds Trade Pavilions.

Secretary Ro Latham said the public was welcome to come and see a display of over 100 of members' veteran, vintage and classic vehicles.

"There will be free parking on site and a coffee van will be available to sell patrons a great brew and a snack," said Ro. "After the vehicle display in the morning, members are invited to celebrate this significant event with a light lunch and the launch of the publication of the Club's 60 year history at the clubrooms."

The SCACC is based in Nambour, with a branch at Bribie Island. It has clubrooms at Nambour Showgrounds. The Club was formed in 1963 to foster and advance interest in the history, restoration, care and preservation of historic and classic motor vehicles. The club welcomes as members all those who are interested in the preservation of our motoring history. Generally, members own vehicles over 30 years old, but this is not a pre-requisite for membership.

▶ For more information about the Club contact Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club via scaccsecretary@gmail.com.



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More projects coming in 2023

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's break with friends and family, I know I certainly enjoyed the quality time.

I would like to thank our critical front-line workers who have continued to keep our region safe over the holiday period. There is much to look forward to this year, and I am excited to deliver more community and infrastructure projects throughout Division 5 in 2023.

Kicking off January

I am thrilled to advise that the new and highly sought after shade sail for Palmwoods Skate Park will be installed in January 2023 welcome shade for our skating community. This will be much welcome shade for our skating community. Also this month, I am happy to advise that the playground equipment renewal for Cedar Court, Maleny will start towards the end of January. Works are expected to wrap up within a month of starting (weather permitting). This is a welcome playground upgrade for the Maleny community and is sure to bring big smiles on little legs.

Recycle right this year

Did you know putting small branches into your bin before grass prevents the grass from sticking to the bottom? Check out council's new video in the recycle right series which shares top tips on how to get the best from your Sunshine Coast household garden organics bin. Visit sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/gardenbin to view the video. Remembering what goes in your garden organics bin is really very simple - if it grows in your garden, it can go in the bin.

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SUNSHINE Coast Audiology was established last year by Anita Burgess and Emryn Maclachlan and is conveniently located in Sippy Downs, with easy access from both the Bruce Highway and the Sunshine motorway.

Having most recently worked together in Nambour, Anita and Emryn were keen to open an Audiology clinic that was locally owned and independent of hearing aid manufacturers. This enables them to provide personalised service and give patients the time they need to fully understand their results and consider their options in an unrushed environment which in turn leads to greater patient satisfaction and better outcomes.

Both Anita and Emryn are both fully qualified and university trained audiologists and have over 15 years of combined experience across a number of audiology settings.

Sunshine Coast Audiology is an accredited provider of the Government's Hearing Services Program, which can provide free and subsided hearing tests and hearing aids (when necessary) for eligible veterans and pensioners.

Privately funded patients are also welcome and being independent allows Anita and Emryn to make device recommendations that best fit the needs of the patient and their budget as they are not tied to recommending a particular brand of hearing aid.

Recently Sunshine Coast Audiology have expanded their services to include ear wax removal. This popular service can be performed via irrigation, micro-suction or manual removal. This is in addition to offering hearing testing of adults and children aged 4 years and older, as well as tinnitus advice, custom ear plugs and accessories such as TV headsets.

Anita and Emryn pride themselves on offering the best client care and service on the Sunshine Coast.

▶ You can contact Anita and Emryn on 5378 2226 or via their website www.sunshinecoastaudiology.com.au.



An impression of the planned shade structure

Palmwoods skate park shade sail project goes ahead

DIVISION 5 Cr Winston Johnston advises that work will commence this month on shading for the Palmwoods Skate Park.

Cr Johnston said the initial footing installation works would be completed within 1-2 days after which Council would install the posts and shade sail after 4-8 weeks of manufacture.

Heritage Bank Palmwoods Community Branch Ltd and Sunshine Coast Council agreed to enter into a joint funding arrangement for the supply and installation of the shade sail at Palmwoods-Montville Road.

Recognition signage will be installed on the tennis club fence.

This project will involve supply & installation of a new galvanised posts; supply & installation of a new shade sail and new turf if required.

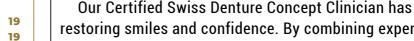
Nambour Garden Club meets first Monday monthly

NAMBOUR Garden Club Inc. meets at the Nambour Uniting Church Hall (entry via Donaldson Road) on the first Monday of the month with guest speakers, raffles and a variety of plants for sale. You are welcome from 9am to join with members before the meeting starts at 10am for a light morning tea to learn more about gardening and to make new friendships. Any enquiries please call 0490 415 067 or email nambourgardenclub@gmail.com

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Cabins help meet demand for Kenilworth overnighters

MARK and Sophie Bingham spent years exploring the Sunshine Coast hinterland. On their travels they realised Kenilworth lacked the accommodation they were looking for.

After a lot of feedback from locals suggesting accommodation was the number one issue in town, they purchased a block.

And so, Kenilworth Country Cabins was born. The Ilkley couple held a pre-opening of the property's six luxury self contained cabins on Saturday (January 14) and hoped to open to guests by the end of the month.

They hope to help the growing tourist town fill the demand for short-term holiday accommodation.

"Certainly accommodation was what kept coming up time and time again. A few luxury self-contained cabins seemed to be the way to

go," said Mark. "To have six brand-new luxury self-contained cabins, right in the heart of town makes them quite unique. There's a few smaller Airbnbs around and, obviously, pub accommodation, but this is a little bit special."

Mark said interest from wedding venues had been very promising.

"Wedding venues are screaming for the accommodation for their guests and they have been in close contact," he said. "There are a lot of guests in town either can't find accommo-



Manager Andrew Courtney, left, with owners Mark and Sophie Bingham at Kenilworth Country Cabins.

dation or they're having to stay somewhere an hour away.

"Sleepy little Kenilworth no more," he said. "As well as weddings there are more and more festivals happening, like food and wine festivals. And everyone comes to town for a donut and trip to the cheese factory."

And, of course, camping on the river was always a huge attraction. "There are a lot of people coming camping, but grandma and grandad don't have a caravan, so Kenilworth Country Cabins gives them a place to stay as well."

▶ Kenilworth Country Cabins includes six cabins, three one-bedders, one of which has wheelchair access, and three two-bedders. The two-bedders include bunks and a queen bed. All cabins are air-conditioned and self-contained. Prices are about \$200-\$300 a night. Address: 2 Philip Street. Phone 0431 889 758.

Drop-In & Op Shop reopening soon

DROP-IN & Op Shop at Sanctuary Park Church of Christ, Nambour, will reopen on Tuesday February 7 with a two-for-one sale across all clothing. Hours are 9.30am - 1.30pm every Tuesday at 22 National Park Road, Nambour. Inquiries to Sanctuary Park Church of Christ 5441 2833.



Also available on Facebook Marketplace

Genealogy group can help trace your family tree

GENEALOGY Sunshine Coast is located in Petrie Park Road opposite the swimming pool. Do you need help to find those missing people in your family tree? Then come along to one of the following informative sessions where we will endeavour to help you solve your problems

• 1st Tuesday 9.30am-12pm: Australian Interest group. • 2nd Monday 9.30am-12pm: Convicts. • 2nd Tuesday 9.30am-12pm: Irish. • 3rd Monday 1am-3pm: DNA • 3rd Tuesday 9.30am-12pm: Scottish. • 3rd Tuesday 1am-3pm: Roots Magic 8 and Familysearch.

• Our next monthly meeting will be on Saturday January 21 at 9.30 with a scrumptious morning tea and short talk speakers. We look forward to seeing you at one of our above sessions.

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Summer fun in Nambour David Law Division 10 Councillor

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Nambour is an ideal place to spend this summer with your kids, with not only the new splash park (which opened in September), but also the new adventure playground at Quota Memorial Park which is now open for families to spend hours of fun in the region's hinterland.

The Quota Park adventure playground includes a huge seven-metres high 'Spire Gear Tower', contoured rock wall, climbing rope net, banister slide, internal climbers with various levels of challenge, a rope elevator and a huge spiral slide.

The park is great for families with varying aged children and has been redesigned so the layout is accessible for all and includes rubber soft-fall in and around all the play elements.

The Nambour Aquatic Centre Splash Park offers more than 580 square metres of healthy and active water play and two huge water slides were thrill-seekers of all ages can take the plunge.

Why not start your day at the new playground at Quota Memorial Park and then cool off at the Splash Park.

Business Sustainability Workshop

Council will be running a business sustainability workshop in Nambour which I invite all businesses to attend in February.

The workshop will be delivered with Cleantech Industries Sunshine Coast and will help businesses understand how they can cut costs and reduce their environmental footprint.

Participants will analyse their energy, water and waste use to understand where efficiencies can be made and learn how to create a Sustainability Action Plan to implement into their business

This is open to all businesses but will be of particular use to small businesses that have limited resources to investigate and implement.

The Nambour workshop will take place on Thursday, 16 February at The Old Ambulance Station from 4-6.30pm. The workshop costs \$25 per person.

For more information and to buy your ticket, please visit Council's website.

Maleny low marker cards rare double to end 2022

By Richard Owen

MALENY golfer Garth Bailo scored a rare albatross in competition last November at Maleny Golf Club in Queensland's Sunshine Coast Hinterland and then aced the par 3, 17th a few weeks later to cap a memorable 2022 golfing year! A scratch marker, Garth, 39, is

a former club champion at both Maleny and nearby Beerwah golf clubs and once helped legendary Aussie larrikin test cricketer Doug Walters try to improve his golf drive off the front foot during a local visit in 2010.

After teeing off on Saturday November 12, from the Stone markers on the 456m dogleg left par 5 second, Garth's prodigious 320m drive left him with just an 8 iron approach shot in from about 135m which hunted down the pin with laser-like precision to find the cup.

Then, during the last Monthly Medal competition round of the year on December 31, Garth jarred his tee shot with that same 8 iron from the back markers on the tricky 147m par 3, 17th.

The albatross was a first for Garth and while he had two previous Aces

up his sleeve – the first at the age of 10 with his father Rob's old cut down 4 wood - neither was during a competition.

The odds of scoring an albatross are estimated to be as great as 6 million to 1 so it's a rare feat indeed - one achieved by just a few hundred golfers around the world each year, compared to 128,000-odd aces.

According to former senior USGA director and Golf Digest contributing editor Dean Knuth, an albatross requires "two great shots" by a player with both "length and ability", and



Garth Bailo with his 8 iron on the green of Maleny Golf Club's Par 5 Second Hole after holing out his second shot for an Albatross.

Garth's game ticks both boxes admirably.

"Only a small percentage of golfers, less than 10 percent, ever reach a par 5 in two," Knuth notes in a reference post on the PGA's web site. "That means 90 percent of golfers don't have a chance of making one."

In fact, most golfers have a better chance of being struck by lightning than making an albatross.

▶ For more information about Maleny Golf Club, the course and membership options visit the website: www.golfmaleny.com

Cricketers to raise money for McGrath nurses

NAMBOUR Cricket Club will be turning pink on 29 January in support of the McGrath Foundation's mission to ensure that no one goes through treatment without the assistance of a McGrath Breast Care Nurse.

The McGrath Foundation raises funds to support people with breast cancer by providing the specialist nurses where they are most needed across Australia. It is through the support of



Foundation can continue providing this crucial support to local families experiencing breast cancer.

"It's the McGrath Foundation's goal to fund 250 McGrath Breast Care Nurses by 2025, as we work towards our mission of ensuring that no one misses out on care," said McGrath Foundation Ambassador & Director Tracy Bevan.

"Events like this are truly helping us to make a difference and move towards that goal."

"The entire Nambour Cutters community is excited to turn pink to raise funds for a cause so close to our hearts," said Nambour Cutters Finance and Publicity Officer Jack Watson.

Event details

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29 January: Nambour Cutters Pink Stumps Day 9am start Nambour Cricket Club, Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Ave. All funds from participation fees and raffles will be donated to the McGrath Foundation. In addition 30 percent of funds from the Pop-up Your Mates Brewery Bar will be donated. \$15 Participation Fee. To donate to the Nambour Cutters online fundraising page, please visit www.pinkisthecolour.com.au/fundraisers/jackwatson/ pink-stumps

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An Azure Kingfisher on the lookout for fish while BushCarers were hunting for weeds along Petrie Creek last month.

Fishing and weeding at the weir

from Norm Morwood, Petrie Creek Bushcare

PICTURED is an Azure Kingfisher doing it's thing: fishing at the weir at Quota Park last month. It was right in the thick of local Bush-Care activities along Petrie Creek.

The BushCare group restores local native wildlife habitat at various sites in the area. If you'd like to join in or just enjoy the results, the next opportunities to assist are as follows.

• Namba Creek on Saturday 21 January 2023 starting at 7am (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour).

 Gulung Gung on Wednesday 25 January starting at 7am (you can park in NE part of Aldi Carpark in Howard St Nambour and walk down to the creek by following the rough track that skirts the north of the carpark. Alternatively walk across the new park from Quota Park off Matthew St)

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided.

▶ For more info see the FB Page www. facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCare-GroupInc/ or www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/ bushcare or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com.

Choir spreads cheer, raises voices & funds for Parkinson's

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The Choir of Sound Intent sang to about 100 people at Sundale.

LAST month saw the Choir of Sound Intent raise their voices once again to raise funds for Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy.

The Christmas Sing-A-Long at Sundale Palmwoods Village was organized by the inspirational Peter Stidolph and around 100 had guests joining nearly 20 members of the choir in a variety of Christmas favour-

ites, and a couple of new ones, with harps, guitars, keyboards and wood-

wind accompaniments.

The Sing-A-Long was officially opened by Sundale CEO Helen Sharpley and the MC duties were performed, once again, by Scott Grimley. Two of the newly-appointed directors of Sundale, Ian Black and Marty Hunt, were there as guests, as were members of the local Coastguard.

The songsheet was compiled by our wonderful Musical Director Riani Rattray.

A very enjoyable and entertaining evening was had by all and much-needed funds were raised for our local charity Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy to enable them to continue the fantastic work providing speech therapy programs to some of the 8000 people with Par-

kinson's Disease on the Sunshine Coast.

Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy's vision is to "Restore the lives of those impacted by Parkinson's and empower living with Intent".

Special thanks to Sundale for their on-going support and to the following local traders who made donations: Mojo Hairstyling Studio, We Meat Again in Palmwoods, Palmwoods Country Bakery, Palmwoods Newsagency, Palmwoods Pharmacy, Palmwoods Physiotherapy and Palmwoods Takeaway.

Donations can still be made at Help People with Parkinson's Improve Their Speech and Swallowing - Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy (rhptherapy.org.au).

Women motorcyclists kick-start into 2023

THE Sunshine Coast women's motorcycle group, Girl Torque, is having its annual Sign-on day on January 21 from 10.30am at the Apollonian Hotel at Boreen Point.

This will be the club's 23rd sign-on and all women riders are invited to come along and join on the day.

"The ride calendar is set for the year and it's our one big meeting for the membership of 105 women from all around the Coast," said Group Leader Judy Carroll. For more information phone Judy on 0407 760 729.





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Show News with Rowan

O'Hara Sunshine Coast Show President

Well, Christmas and New Year have come and gone and we hope that everyone enjoyed the festive period. It's hard to believe that we are already half way through January ... how time flies.

January is the middle of preparation for the 2023 Show and from a Committee perspective, everything will start to build from here.

Entertainment is currently being arranged and we will have more details in the coming weeks. Trade stall applications are open via our website with a closing date fast approaching. If you know of anyone who has a trade stall or sells amazing items, please ask them to put in an application.

We often are asked - Why have a trade site at the Show? The answer is simple: the seller has the opportunity to make an impact on over 30 000 people in a 3-day window.

Not only to locals but to people from the greater SEQ area but interstate visitors as well. And, if they want to go further, they can access our marketing and sponsorship team to see how we can help to broaden their profile. Where else would you get such a fabulous opportunity!

Speaking of sponsorship, we are excited to welcome Andrew Boyd to our Show Team as Sponsorship Specialist.

He comes with a wealth of experience and professionalism having worked for Qantas, the National Gallery of Victoria and the Melbourne Theatre Company.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the show as a Sponsor, please contact the office. We are looking forward to working with Andrew as he brings exciting ideas and new sponsorship concepts to our team.

We also have some exciting news - we are very proud to announce that 91.9 Sea FM's Ellie and Becks have become part of our Show team by taking on the roles of Show Ambassadors. We look forward to working with them as we work towards another exciting Show.

Library stalwart shares views on volunteering

Woombye Community Library news by Cathy Cash

IT'S often said that the world wouldn't go around without volunteers.

Many community organisations are partly or entirely staffed by volunteers who are drawn to their mission and happily give hours of their time to deliver or enhance services to the community. With International Volunteer Day celebrated on December 5, with the theme of "Solidarity through Volunteering", I decided to sit down with Nambour local, Chris Milloy to chat about her thoughts on volunteering and her history with the Woombye Community Library.

Q. How long have you been involved with the library and what do you do there?

A. I've been with the library for 7 years and held the position of Convenor for the past 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. I've also coordinated the Big Balcony Book Sale for the past 5 years.

Q. How many hours per week do you spend on average in your library role?

A. Around 8 - 10 hours either in the library or organising behind the scenes.

Q. Have you volunteered in any other organisations?

A. Lots of school and sporting related activities over the years like many parents, and also

Mapleton Choir to Sing on Australia Day. New members welcome

THE Mapleton Choir sang Christmas carols at The Barn Flaxton and the Montville Festive Street Fair in December and now they are focused on Australia Day.

A small group of members will sing at the Montville Village Association celebration on 26 January at the village hall. We always look forward to this event as it is an important part of our community participation.

The full choir will resume rehearsals at the Kureelpa hall on Monday 6 February at 7 pm for our first concert season "An Aussie Celebration". We are a non-audition community choir and there are vacancies for all voice parts. New members are always welcome. For information contact Musical Director Ailsa on 5478 6079 or Secretary Robyn on 0403 761 147.



Chris with her grandkids Jesse and Emelia.

things like Driver Reviver, adult literacy, bingo and Red Cross. Currently I also do a rostered JP service at the Nambour Courthouse.

Q. Is volunteering part of your family tradition?

Yes. My parents, husband and sons Α. have all volunteered in various ways. I can remember my mother always involved in either church or school activities, even though in

that tells the story of how a young boy from

Bundaberg grew up to become Principal of

the Cherbourg School. It was there he began

to develop the concept of stronger, smarter, an

idea which radically changed teaching both in

Queensland and around the country. At present

Chris holds a senior position in the Queens-

land Government. He remains Chairman of the

those days without any mod-cons in the home she still made time to give.

Q. What is your motivation for volunteering? A. I think it's vital to "give back" to the community you are a part of. We live in such a lucky country and it's important to sit back and take stock of what we have, that people in many countries would only dream of. I also want to set a good example to my grandchildren and hope that a commitment to volunteering will be a part of their adult future too.

Q. As a leader of other volunteers what are some of your aims?

A. I'm always trying to streamline practices and I enjoy helping to inspire volunteers to maximise their own potential. Obviously there are standards to maintain but it's important to have fun and enjoy what you're doing too.

Q. Finally, which 3 authors would you most enjoy being stuck in an elevator with?

A. Colleen McCullough, because she's so clever and outspoken and is diverse in her writing. Peter Watt, for his meticulous research and such interesting subjects, and Nikki Gemmell, a journalist and a very modern woman with a wicked sense of humour. I think they would all make for very lively company!

Outspoken kicks off with exceptional writers From Steven Lang

OUTSPOKEN'S program of author events for 2023 kicks off with two exceptional writers: Dr Chris Sarra in February and Alexander McCall Smith in March.

Dr Chris Sarra is a Gurang Gurang/Taribelang man,

a former Queenslander of the Year, and the author of Good Morning, Mr Sarra, a memoir

Stronger Smarter Institute. We're more than simply delighted to have Chris come to Maleny to talk about his book, but also, in this year when a referendum on a Voice to Parliament is to be held, to talk about what are often considered the three pillars of effective reconcilia-

tion: Treaty, Truth-telling and the Voice.

Alexander McCall Smith, pictured, often referred to as 'Sandy', is one of the world's most prolific and best-loved authors. Tickets can be purchased through Outspoken Maleny's website or Trybooking.

• Dr Chris Sarra: February 1 at 6 for 6.30pm, Maleny Community Centre. • Alexander McCall Smith: March 10, Maleny Primary School Hall at 6 for 6.30pm.

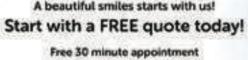
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Mitch Kelly says business has already been strong at the new bottleshop next to White's IGA at Forest Glen.

Thirsty? Palmwoods Hotel opens new Bottleshop at Forest Glen

FOREST Glen Cellars opened late last year and is the third bottle shop under the Palmwoods Hotel umbrella.

"This is a really exciting expansion," said Marketing Manager, Cassie Orreal. "For the owners, Rick and Keri Gazzard, this is the first outlet east of the Bruce Highway. The other six venues in the Bayblue Management group are located in the Hinterland," she said.

"There is so much growth in the area, it seemed like a wonderful opportunity to bring the product range and friendly service that the Palmwoods Hotel is famous for, to the Coast."

Forest Glen Cellars will be managed by Kelli Hewson, whom Palmwoods locals will know well from her years at the Palmwoods pub.

"Kelli has so much experience and product knowledge," Cassie said. "She was the perfect fit to take on the new shop."

Shoppers can expect to find the same range of popular products at Forest Glen Cellars as at



the Palmwoods Hotel and Palmwoods Cellars. "We will also be offering the same fortnightly specials that our regular customers look forward to," said Cassie.

You can check out the new shop at Village Centre Way, Forest Glen. Phone 5445 9485.

Some alarming insights into our rail system

by **Jeffrey Addison,** Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate

THE Queensland Competition Authority's (QCA) charter is simple: "We regulate the prices and

terms of access for monopoly infrastructure in Queensland".

I came across a document about the Queensland Rail (QR) network and rail-freight operator, Aurizon Network.

Both organizations operate as a monopoly, meaning there's no competition for their services, and as such come under the auspices of the QCA.

Aurizon Network is Australia's largest rail freight operator and is Australia's largest coal export rail network, here in Queensland.

Îts original name was Pacific National and it was formerly owned by the Queensland Government, who sold it off in 2010.

I will never understand why states sell off income-producing assets for a short term gain, but I digress.

QR's network involves more than 6600km of track in Queensland and, since 2010, no longer operates freight services.

It does allow access to 'below-rail services.' These comprise the tracks and associated infrastructure such as signalling.

In March 2019, QR was given the opportunity to respond to a QCA draft recommendation that wanted to make a 'declaration' over parts of the QR network. A declaration would allow third-party access to the network, thus providing an opportunity for competition. As QR rightly made out in their response, passenger transport services are state government subsidised so the chances of competition are next to none.

I won't go into the detailed specifics today on their entire argument with the QCA, as it is a complex mix of networks, freight options and intermodal accesses, totalling some 770 pages.

Their 11 March responses did provide some interesting and alarming insights into our rail system in Queensland.

Here are some facts and statements on the state of rail play in Queensland – it's not good news as rail is being left behind in the funding stakes compared to roads – and that comes at great cost to all of us.

• p15. Queensland Rail faces intense and increasing competition from road operators. • p26. The competition posed to rail in the

transportation of freight by road operators has intensified in recent years given significant improvements in road vehicle productivity and substantial investment in road networks, a trend which is set to continue. Accordingly, over the last decade, Queensland Rail has seen freight traditionally moved by rail switch to road transport.

• p27. Rail suffers a range of challenges compared to road freight. These were summarised in the 2015 Ranbury Report:

- Transit Time: Even if rail could match road on the line-haul transit time (which it does not), rail cannot match door-door transit time, due to the Pick Up and Delivery (PUD) legs at each end, and the extra rail terminal times (including waiting for loading/unloading, waiting for the train departure time slot, and the activities post-train arrival). This is exacerbated by the limitations on train scheduling imposed by sharing track with passenger services (in Sydney and Brisbane), and the constraints of single track corridors.

We well know the limitations of single track corridors that have been strangling our region (and freight) for decades.

Letter to the Editor

Here's a New Year's resolution to live by

Thank you for your inspiring newspaper. Congratulations on your contribution to our wonderful Sunshine Coast and beyond.

For your next edition, may we suggest a reminder to all who wear, or should wear, "safety" helmets, of the need to not take them for granted but to be very careful how they travel. There is a rapidly growing number of users of bicycles, motorised skate boards, hiker/climbers etcetera. And that number will no doubt grow even bigger over this holiday season. There have recently, I believe, been several deaths resulting from such accidents. – Lorraine and Bob Roberts, Nambour



Powering our future with sunshine

Council is the first local government in Australia to build, own and operate its own solar farm. The award winning 15 megawatt solar farm, at Valdora, has offset Council's electricity consumption across all of its facilities and operations since July 2017, including buildings, parks, libraries, aquatic centres, galleries and street lighting. Based on current electricity prices, the solar farm will save an estimated \$22 million over 30 years. To see live generation data from the solar farm, visit Council's website and search for 'solar farm'.

Top tips for new garden bins

Did you know putting small branches into your bin before grass, prevents the grass sticking to the bottom? For more top tips on how to get the best from your Sunshine Coast household garden organics bins, check out Council's new video in the recycle right series at sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/gardenbin.

Share your stories

Historians in Residence want to hear your local farming and community WWII stories to help fill gaps in our local history. Community days are on 15 and 23 February at Bankfoot House, Nambour Heritage Library and Landsborough Museum. Bookings are essential: visit heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au, email heritage@sunshinecoast.gld.gov.au or call 5420 8600.

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Welcome to the new provider for the Council Link service, Suncoast Cabs. They will be undertaking the same service as previously provided through ComLink. Council Link operates across the region and is an affordable transport service that is available for people aged 60 and over and people with a disability or mobility impairment. To book your service, please call Suncoast Cabs on 5441 8856. For more information, visit Council's website.

One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online - Wednesday 25 January at 9am.

Time to explore some of the Coast's picture-perfect parks

The Sunshine Coast's pristine natural environment and vibrant villages offer endless opportunities to get out and explore. Our region features 1293 parks, 356 playgrounds, 39 dedicated off-leash dog areas, and 16 dog exercise parks, with something for all ages and abilities to enjoy. From the sparkling new Northern Parkland on Mooloolaba's famed foreshore to the newest doggy area at Lilyponds Park, Mapleton, grab your family, friends and fur-babies for a fun day out. Head to oursc.com.au and search 'picture-perfect parks' for nine beauties to check out that recieved an upgrade this year.

24 artists over 12 months

Project 24 is an artist residency program in Nambour. Each month two creative residents develop, collaborate, experiment and showcase their work via a free public showing. The next is on 25 January. For more, follow @ArtsCoast on Instagram or search 'project24' on Council's website. This project is funded by the Sunshine Coast Council Arts and Heritage Levy.

Don't fur-get your furry friends

It's holiday time! While many may tune off during the holiday season, it's important to still be responsible for your furry friends. Remember to always keep your dog on a lead unless signed otherwise. On your adventures, be sure to bag it and bin it, leaving nothing but paw prints. Together, everyone can share public spaces safely and respectfully.

Nambour's Bowder Lodge earns 5-star aged care status

SUNDALE'S Bowder Lodge Care Centre in Nambour has been named the Sunshine Coast's only Five-Star residential aged care home by the Australian Government.

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety recommended developing and publishing Star Ratings based on measurable information so older Australians and their families could compare the quality and safety performance of every aged care home in Australia.

Last month Department of Health and Aged Care published the Star Ratings on the My Aged Care Website, which considered four categories, compliance, residents' experience, staffing minutes and quality measures.

Sundale CEO Helen Sharpley said less than one per cent of all aged care homes nationally achieved a Five-Star rating.

"It's an extraordinary achievement for the entire Bowder Lodge Care Centre team to be recognised as the best aged care home in Queensland by the Australian Government," Ms Sharpley said.

"The Star Ratings allow older Australians and their loved ones to easily compare services and make informed choices.

"Out of a possible 20 points, Bowder Lodge Care Centre achieved 19, with five-out-of-five scores for compliance, staffing minutes and quality measures.

"Bowder Lodge surpassed he Australian Government's Registered Nurse time targets by 44 per cent and nursing and personal care targets

Minister for Aged Care Anika Wells congratulates

Sundale staff at Bowder Lodge for the Five-Star rating.

by 40 per cent.

"We've always been proud of the care we provide our residents and believed it was exceptional. Now we have proof.

"Next year Sundale will celebrate its 60th birthday. This acknowledgement by the Australian Government of the care, compassion and love we provide our residents is the perfect birthday gift, and fitting recognition for Sundale's founding fathers and the Nambour community."

 Sundale's other aged care homes, Aloaka Care Centre, Bindaree Care Centre, Coolum Waters Care Centre, James Grimes Care Centre, Palmwoods Garden Village Care Centre and Rotary Garden Village Care Centre all received Four-Star ratings by the Australian Government.

Nambour Chamber of Commerce

THE Nambour Chamber of Commerce would like to sincerely thank all our members for their support during the past year.

2022 saw a substantial increase in our membership and we look forward to that continuing in 2023.

In 2023 the Chamber will be continuing with our coffee catch ups, and drinks@5 events, which have been very successful and have created great opportunities for our members to network and engage in business with other likeminded people.

Please go to our website to view the dates for

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Loki is available for adoption or to be fostered immediately. these events, and keep an eye out for them on our socials.

The Chamber will continue to stay in close communication with our local State member Rob Skelton, Sunshine Coast Council, Division 10 Councillor David Law and other local and State organizations with a view to bringing information to our Members that may be of assistance to them.

We wish all our members all the very best in business in 2023.

Lets all make 2023 a great year for Nambour, and support local business!



Land protected by your levy

Your Environment Levy supports a range of projects, programs and initiatives to protect and enhance our natural assets and helps Council to deliver a healthier environment and more liveable Sunshine Coast. Last financial year, the levy enabled Council to acquire four parcels of environmentally significant land, protecting a further 165ha across the region. Visit Council's website to learn more.

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Fascinating puggles can struggle in the heat

from **Donna Brennan** Wildlife Volunteers WILVOS 5441 6200 www.wilvos.org.au

I am sure there is a logical reason in nature for echidna young to emerge from their burrows in the heat of summer.

Nevertheless, for a native animal that is prone to heat stress, it seems very contradictory. A puggle burrow hovers around a cool 20 degrees, and adult echidnas do their foraging for termites and such in the cool of the night.

Every year, from January on, our Hotline receives calls regarding young echidnas that have left their burrows. They may have been accidentally excavated or it may have been time for them to emerge. They are totally independent, but do not always cope well with the challenges of the outside world.

This year, one young echidna came into care when found looking unwell. It was under some trees, with flies around it, which was an indication of an infected wound above the tail. Xrays fortunately showed no fractures but the wound would need care. WILVOS to the rescue!

In the final stages of being dependent on their mother coming to the burrow to feed them, these visits may be up to ten days apart. This is why it is so important not to relocate echidnas. There may be a young in a burrow nearby that would die without that sustenance. Females only form a pouch when it is time to lay the egg into the pouch. They don't have teats, but a milk 'patch' that the puggle will nuzzle on. Absolutely unique, fascinating creatures.

They love water, are actually quite strong swimmers, and love to take a bath. When coming into care they always utilize a heavy shallow dish of fresh water when given the chance. One of my favourite native animals.



An artist's impression of the finished interchange after the old bridge demolition. The interchange connects Maroochydore, Nambour and the Bruce Highway.

Old bridge to make way for new-look interchange

DEMOLITION of the original eastbound bridge connecting Nambour to Maroochydore over the Bruce Highway is set to start on January 20 marking a significant Bruce Highway milestone.

The original two-lane concrete bridge was built in 1990 as part of the Nambour Bypass, and has since been replaced by a new, two-span one that will carry four lanes of traffic, including active transport facilities for bike riders and pedestrians.

From 7pm on Friday 20 January until 5am on Monday 23 January 2023, weather and construction conditions permitting, construction crews will work continuously to demolish the old bridge.

The old bridge consists of one large concrete structure, which sits above four lanes of the Bruce Highway traffic.

To maintain the safety of motorists during the demolition, all Bruce Highway traffic will be detoured through the Maroochydore Road interchange.

Motorists are advised to expect significant delays at the Maroochydore Road interchange and encouraged to avoid the area if possible. Extra time should be allowed for journeys.

Transport and Main Roads says it appreciates roadworks can be frustrating for surrounding



The bridge section to be demolished is the arc closest to the bottom of photo.

residents and businesses and every effort will be made to minimise the impacts of the demolition on the community.

In the lead-up to the weekend works, traffic travelling from Maroochydore Road to Nambour Connection Road has been realigned onto the newly upgraded, westbound bridge to enable the demolition to take place.

The project is expected to be completed in mid 2023 (weather and construction conditions permitting).

It is estimated to support an average of 380 direct jobs over the life of the project.

▶ For more information and to register for project updates, visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/bruce-highway-maroochydore-road-andmons-road-interchanges.



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This four bedroom, two bathroom, quality home boasts high ceilings and a north east facing covered entertaining area.

There is a spacious cook's kitchen with stone benchtops and quality appliances and an integrated dining area off the kitchen with a glorious garden outlook. There is plenty of living space with a large, separate lounge room plus an open plan family room and reverse cycle air conditioning throughout.

The oversized main bedroom has a walk in robe and stunning en-suite. A double lock-up garage offers internal access and the park-like gardens feature rolling lawns and established trees and the forest bordering the property is abundant with wildlife including koalas, wallabies, and birds.

This home offers many quality inclusions for comfortable living. With the best of both worlds, the property offers wildlife on your doorstep with every convenience in your home.

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Estate's Jess Luthje on 0438 616 064 to arrange your private inspection today.



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Great home, resort facilities

AGENT'S CHOICE: 186/1 Halcyon Way, Bli Bli. Offers over \$1,195,000.

THIS double-storey stand-alone villa in a prime location within the award-winning Halcyon Lakeside over 50s community in beautiful Bli Bli is just minutes to shops, golf, and the river. It offers the finest lifestyle, including some of the most extensive resort-style onsite facilities you will find anywhere.

It has three bedrooms, two bathrooms plus powder room on ground floor, an internal lift, separate living areas, galley kitchen, upper balcony with elevated views towards the mountains, private rear terrace and an oversized double lock up garage plus large storage area. Halcyon Lakeside boasts landscaped, manicured gardens, lakes and walking paths and there is storage onsite for boats/caravans/RVs. There are no exit/entry fees, no stamp duty, and no land or water rates. You directly benefit from any capital gain on your property.

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We all think about different things on January 26. Australia has come a long way but still has a long way to go. Let's use this day to celebrate our achievements, our uniqueness, and our diversity. Let's use the rest of 2023 to help make a difference and make Australia better for everyone!





*Whilst Team Krausz will always be proud to support "Australia Day", we would also like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and understand that this day may cause some distress. We acknowledge you. We hear you. We see you. May our future be all inclusive. Always was, always will be.

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This home offers many quality inclusions that make living easy and very comfortable. With the best of both worlds, the property offers wildlife on your doorstep with every convenience in vour home.

- Oversized main bedroom with WIR and stunning en suite
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- Integrated dining area off the kitchen with glorious garden outlook
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- · North facing, low set contemporary home
- · Separate studio with power
- 9ft ceilings and hardwood floors
- Wood burning fireplace

· Landscaped, flat block with mature trees

Such a pretty property with the valuable addition of the separate studio must be on the top of your inspection's list.



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980 Kidaman Creek Road CURRAMORE

Offering incredible space for the growing family, this home is perfectly positioned on its gorgeous block and is bursting with features; a large 7,170m² block, inground pool, firepit and an enviable outdoor entertaining area. This guality family home has a huge parents' retreat with large en suite and walk-in robe and is thoughtfully separated from the remaining 3 bedrooms.

- Master with large en suite
- High, vaulted ceilings
- Open plan kitchen with generous storage, preparation space and double oven
- Landscaped gardens with lots of usable space for play, more plantings or a studio
- Double bay automatic garage; additional double bay shed and workshop

This forever home offers privacy, peace and loads of space; this is family living at its best

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- · Separate guest room with bathroom perfect for teenage retreat or possible Airbnb potential
- · Four bedrooms; huge main with en suite and patio access
- Spacious kitchen with ample storage and bench space, walk-in pantry
- Huge covered outdoor area plus verandah

1 Currawong Drive **MALENY**

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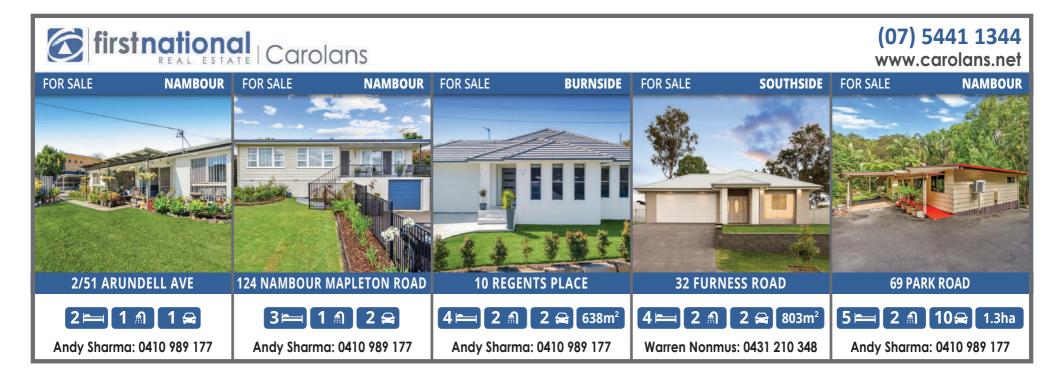
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