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## Nambour's oldest Dad turns 103!

FREDERICK Sandell has accomplished a lot over his 103 years of life but his proudest achievement remains his family.

Born at Lithgow, New South Wales, on January 15, 1921, Fred's first job was at the steel works in Port Kembla as a junior clerk, but just three months later he became a commercial trainee.

His job would take him around the country, with his first major appointment as an accountant at South Portland Cement at Berrima, a subsidiary of BHP.

In 1953 he accepted a position as works secretary at Mount Morgan Mine.

In March 1954 he met his future wife Jean at the Criterion Hotel on the day the Queen and Prince Phillip came to Rockhampton.

The Sandells lived at Mount Morgan until 1969, when Fred took on a job at Brambles Industries in Sydney.

But the yearning for Central Queensland was too strong and in 1973 he returned to Rockhampton, becoming finance manager and secretary of Capricornia Newspapers, where he worked until his retirement in July 1988.

In a stark change from his accounting years, Fred and his wife Jean retired to the family



Back row from left, Karen and Robert Dixon and Hugh Fabbro. Front row from left, Olivia Fabbro, Jean and Fred Sandell and Mirth Fabbro at Fred's 103rd.

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## MPs in drive for Australia Day pride

With Australia Day under pressure around the nation, local Federal MPs Ted O'Brien and Andrew Wallace are flying the flag for pride in the country and our national day.

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## MPs fly flag for pride in Australia Day

WITH Australia Day under pressure from governments, corporate Australia and local councils, Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien has launched a response by supplying free Australia Day merchandise to his electorate.

Designed with the message "Proud of our Country" and "Proud of our Flag", complimentary bumper stickers are being offered by Mr O'Brien to his constituents as part of his call to Australians to celebrate Australia Day with pride and patriotism on January 26.

The Federal MP said he was fighting back against controversial moves to silence or cancel Australia Day. Locally, Mr O'Brien criticised Sunshine Coast Council after its decision to re-schedule and re-brand its annual Australia Day Awards ceremony, which have traditionally taken place on January 26. "Where was the public consultation in my own community about this decision?" asked Mr O'Brien saying Council removed the Australia Day awards "on the quiet".

The Sunshine Coast Council has replaced its Australia Day Awards ceremony with a community awards ceremony dubbed the "Biosphere Community Awards", which will be held in mid-June.

A council spokesman said the change "provided an opportunity to align with and promote our unique global Biosphere status".

"Sunshine Coast Council continues to support Australia Day and is a proud host of the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, attended by more than 250 recipients and their guests annually," the spokesperson said.

"I stand against any attempt to cancel or silence Australian patriotism," said Mr O'Brien. "Australia Day is meant to be a day of unity, to celebrate our liberal democracy, our values of freedom and equality, and to give thanks to our 'way of life' which is the envy of the world.

"At least citizenship ceremonies are set to proceed here on the Coast, but I'm astounded that councils elsewhere have gone even further by denying new Australians the opportunity to



become citizens on our national day. "I'm calling on all proud Australians to not only celebrate this Australia Day but to do so with positivity and optimism.

"It's why I'm providing Australia Day merchandise," said Mr O'Brien. "I refuse to let the anti-Australian brigade ruin Australia Day and so let's respond to their woke negativity with expressions of pride and patriotism."

Australia Day bumper stickers are being provided to constituents of Mr O'Brien's electorate who register online at [www.tedobrien.com.au](http://www.tedobrien.com.au).

### Member for Fisher backs pride in Australia

MEANWHILE, Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace encouraged his electorate to "Sign, Show, and Share" their pride in the nation on January 26.

The Sunshine Coast MP called on all levels of Government, as well as big tech and corporate Australia to cease their campaign of "shame and ideology" around Australia Day.

"We celebrate our Indigenous heritage, we celebrate settlement in this country, and we celebrate our diversity. It is what, together, has made us the greatest country in the world," Mr Wallace said. "We aren't perfect, but it is a positive thing to celebrate all the things that make us uniquely Australian including the opportunities and freedom we enjoy, and to learn from our past to ensure our future is brighter than ever."

Sign the flag bearer petition at [www.andrewwallacemp.com.au/flagbearer](http://www.andrewwallacemp.com.au/flagbearer).



Judy Gordon and Joe Mutz at Mapleton Men's Shed.

## Friendship Force to celebrate Australia Day

SUNSHINE Coast Friendship Force is having an Australiana theme for the General Meeting on January 28 at the Mapleton Men's Shed. Members will wear colours or outfits in whatever they think is typically Australian.

Green and gold colours, beach shirts and zinc covered noses, Akubra hats and toy koalas or kangaroos are often the most popular apparel.

Keeping with the Australiana theme, there will be lamingtons for morning tea and a barbecue hamburger for lunch.

The entertainment will include a trivia quiz to check how much members know about Australia and a thong-throwing competition.

Friendship Force aims to create inter-cultural understanding by home-hosting members with some of the 300 clubs across the world.

This year, 14 of our members will be hosted in Germany by the clubs in Hamburg and Lubeck. Sunshine Coast will host members from Nagasaki Japan and Manitoba Canada. We also enjoy monthly gatherings for lunch or events.

If anyone would like to attend the General Meeting at Mapleton Men's Shed or find further information, please email [info@ffsunshine-coast.org.au](mailto:info@ffsunshine-coast.org.au) or contact Jenny on 0448 866 141.

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Div 10 candidate Camillo Primavera says homelessness is a humanitarian crisis.

## Father of eight enters contest for Division 10

by Janine Hill

A NAVY veteran and advocate for the homeless will take on sitting councillor for division 10 David Law at the March local government election.

Camillo Primavera is so far the only person to challenge Mr Law to represent the division, which stretches from Nambour and Yandina up to Mapleton and out to Kenilworth.

Mr Primavera, of Nambour, said he had decided to run for council after being incensed by the council's lack of action on the housing crisis.

He said the a Housing and Homelessness Action Plan passed by the council seemed to be no more than a piece of paper that had not been put into action.

He has been involved in trying to free up unoccupied buildings and land for occupation and said he would continue trying to help in the same practical vein if elected.

He flagged that he had little time for council regulations which limit occupation of a tiny home or caravan on private property to four weeks without a permit.

"I will continue to look for properties and land that is quite suitable for tiny houses

without the b.....t playing out between the council and the Planning Act when its entirely possible," he said.

Prior to moving to the Sunshine Coast, Mr Primavera was founder and director of a charity in Maryborough, REST (Recovery, Education Services and Training, for homeless families and children.

He described homelessness as a humanitarian crisis and said solutions were needed now.

Aside from homelessness, he is standing on issues including youth crime, sustainable development, transparency in local government.

He is also interested in the rising cost of living and wants a review of the council's finances and a close look at rate increases.

Mr Primavera, a father of eight and grandfather of 12, was a nurse in the navy and medic in the army reserve before moving to Queensland Health, where he worked as a nurse manager at a hospital. He also trained as a naturopath.

A justice of the peace for 30 years, he has a dislike for injustice and an interest in helping out where he sees need in the community.

"I like to help people," he said.

## Installation coming to Montville

THE Montville Chamber of Commerce Streetscape Committee is eagerly awaiting the arrival of a whimsical installation by local sculptor Finn Cossar in February.

We have also been in discussions around the possibility of activating an area with programmable lighting.

Given that we are supporting the Sunshine Coast Council's (SCC) Dark Sky Reserve proposal, we have been assured that the lighting will not be intrusive blue light.

The proposed Dark Sky Reserve, if successful, will encompass almost 900 square kilometres in the Mary River Catchment and adjoining national parks in our local govern-

ment area covering 38 per cent of the region.

Council is considering modifying the street lighting in Montville as part of this project.

Montville Chamber is hosting an International Women's Day Event at Secrets on the Lake on 8 March.

Secrets will be cooking us a delicious breakfast to be served on the deck. Our keynote speaker is Emma Thompson, CEO of the Sunshine Coast Council.

We will be fundraising for local charities. More details in the Chamber's February newsletter - <https://www.montvillecommerce.com.au/>

- Shiralee Cooper Chamber President

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from **Winston Johnston**  
Division 5 Councillor  
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I'm pleased to see Scotts Road in Wootha and Elaman Creek Road in Elaman Creek have been resealed. The road reseat works now provide a smoother and safer drive for our community. If you would like to see some great before and after pictures of the recent works delivered by Council's Civil Asset Management Team, you can view them on my Facebook.

### Minor Grants to boost local clubs' coffers

More than \$133,000, from Sunshine Coast Council's Community Grants Program, will help 80 community groups making a difference purchase equipment and run a variety of programs and projects. Funding categories include community development, community facilities, creative development, cultural heritage, economic development and sport and recreation.

Local community groups benefiting from this latest round include Maleny Netball Association receiving \$1000 towards come and try days for new players to experience netball, Miaomiao Chinese School receiving \$1200 towards the Chinese Lantern Festival and Woombye Snakes Football Club receiving \$2000 towards the installation of a water bubbler. View the full list of recipients on Council's website.

### Maleny Streetscape update

Thank you for providing further feedback on shaping Maple Street as part of the Maleny Streetscape Project between July and August 2023. We sought further feedback on the concept design through an online survey, workshop and conversations.

Overall, there was strong support for the project and the design reflects the community's values and vision for Maple Street. To read the list of priorities our community supported including pedestrian safety, car access, landscaping, and seating, visit Council's Have Your Say website. Right now, our project team is reviewing feedback which will be used to shape the final design. We look forward to releasing the community's vision this year.

# 'I want to be the mayor that listens'

by **Janine Hill**

COMMUNITY, business and sporting identity Ashley "Tugboat" Robinson has vowed to listen and look first before making promises about what he will do if elected mayor.

The former publican, founder of the Island Charity Swim, and Sunshine Coast Rugby League life member has thrown his hat in the ring for the position held by Mark Jamieson for the past 12 years.

If elected, Mr Robinson plans to get himself out to communiites in the region so that residents can speak directly with him.

"I want to be the mayor that listens. What I want to do is go out in the first 12 months and have Meet the Mayor mornings where people come and tell me what the council is doing right and what the council is doing wrong and what things need fixing. That's one thing I will promise," he said.

Mr Robinson, of Wurtulla, a married father of two and grandfather, is about to begin two months leave from his job as development manager of the Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club to concentrate on campaigning.

He has committed to a full review of the council's financials if elected and wants to look at whether or not rate rises are necessary.

"I don't want to make any promises about anything to anyone until I look at the financial situation," he said. "The first thing you do when you go into a new business is have a look at the P&L (profit and loss statement) and work out where you're spending money and what you've got to spend," he said.

A former Nambour High student who grew up on a pineapple farm, Mr Robinson said the hinterland would be treated fairly if he was mayor. "I grew up at Eudlo. Dad grew up at Mossy Bank, Mum grew up at Palmwoods, my grandfather had a bootmaking shop at Palmwoods. "I love the hinterland and I know how frustrated people in the hinterland get when they see money being spent at Mooloolaba.



**Ashley Robinson: "I want to go out in the first 12 months and have Meet the Mayor mornings where people come and tell me what the council is doing right and wrong."**

"I want to be a mayor for the whole of the Sunshine Coast. I'm not going to make any promises about sealing roads until I've looked at the financial situation but I'm certainly going to make sure the hinterland gets its share of funding and infrastructure," he said.

Mr Robinson said cost of living, user-friendly public transport, and balancing population growth with lifestyle and amenity were high on his list of priorities.

"The population is coming. We've just got to figure out what's the most sustainable way to accommodate them and that keeps our lifestyle and amenity as good as it can be.

"I think everybody agrees that the next four to eight years are critical as to which way we're going to go."

Mr Robinson's working life has been spent mostly in hospitality but his public profile has grown in line with his community involvement.

He was manager of the landmark Mooloolaba Hotel in the 1990s before moving into management with two successive companies that had stables of several hotels and taverns, one of which had a charity foundation, through which he coordinated the building of an orphanage in India.

He has invested much of his spare time in rugby league, particularly as chairman of the

Sunshine Coast Falcons for the past 11 years, and in the Island Charity Swim, which has raised \$2 million for Sunshine Coast special schools over more than 20 years.

An animal lover, he has also supported animal welfare causes with his wife, Sheila.

### Knack for leadership

Mr Robinson said the success of his projects had been down to the support of others but admitted he had a knack for pulling a team together.

"That is actually one thing I have got - I can get people rowing the boat the same way."

He revealed he had previously considered running for council and put it back on his agenda when Mark Jamieson announced he would not run again in March.

"When the subject came up, I had a bit of a look at it. I thought about running the first time Mark Jamieson ran but I realised their campaign would be too big and my wife didn't think it was a good idea," he said.

"I've always been interested in council and the strategies and the decisions they make.

"I thought, 'Here's an opportunity that's come at the right time for me. I'm going to put my hand up and see how I go,' and my wife, Sheila, was quite supportive. She said: 'Give it a go. You're not going to die wondering'"

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## 'You just keep going', says centurian

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farm at Kenilworth to raise Poll Hereford Cattle before moving to Nambour.

Last year on August 29, Fred was acknowledged for 80 Years as a CPA member.

Fred said maintaining a slow and steady pace was his secret to a long life.

"You just keep going, plough on, one foot in front of the other and a glass of Scotch might help!"

Frederick's daughter Mirth Fabbro said friends and family continued to be inspired by Fred's longevity.

"We held a family luncheon on Sunday 14 January at his home in Nambour. This party was hosted by Mum (Jean) and myself," she said. "Dad's nephew Robert Dixon and his wife Karen travelled from Wollongong with other friends travelling from Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast and Brisbane."

"Then today (15 January) we had an open house for friends to drop in and celebrate his actual birthday."

## Genealogy group to hold Irish seminar

GENEALOGY Sunshine Coast is holding a Seminar by two well-known Irish researchers Fintan Mullen and Gillian Hunt on Saturday 17 February at Nambour Showgrounds.

Various topics will be discussed during the day and these researchers will also be available on Friday 16th for one-to-one sessions which need to be booked.

These are the same researchers who visited Australia in 2017 and presented on our behalf at the same venue which was very successful. Many new records are now available, and these researchers will be able to help us access them. The cost is \$100 for the day which includes morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch.

► Please contact our Society by email [genealogysc@gmail.com](mailto:genealogysc@gmail.com) or by phone on 07-5329-2315 to book in.

## The Coast is entering a critical stage, says mayoral candidate

by Janine Hill

MAYORAL candidate Min Swan has described feeling a "responsibility" as a long-term Sunshine Coast resident to run for the region's top job.

The businesswoman has joined Montville's Wayne Parcell, community identity Ashley Robinson, television presenter Rosanna Natoli, sitting councillor Jason O'Pray, and council critic Michael Burgess in nominating to fill the vacancy which will be left by Mark Jamieson, who has announced he will step down at the March local government elections.

"I'm a long-time Sunshine Coast local - 30 years - and I believe that the next four years, in particular, but the next four, eight, 12 years, are critical to the future of the Sunshine Coast," Ms Swan said.

"When I was watching the rumours of who was going to nominate, and as they were nominating, I felt I had a responsibility to put myself out there.

### Corporate experience

"I have all of the corporate experience and the small business experience, I believe, to manage the board - the councillors."

"It wasn't something on my radar. It wasn't something I intended to do. But we really need the next four years to be in the hands of a rational, level-headed person who understands the views of all residents."

Ms Swan, of Buderim, has run her own events management company, White House International, for the past 15 years and chairs the Sunshine Coast Business Women's Network.



Min Swan said a key to her successful strategic work had been setting a vision and bringing people along with change.

The business handles company launches, conferences, council functions, mayoral balls, as well as "back-end" operations for eight chambers of commerce from Cooroy, in the Noosa shire, south to Kawana.

Originally from Bendigo, Victoria, Ms Swan moved with her parents to the Sunshine Coast when she was 16 and became vice-captain at Maroochydore High a year later.

She was running a financial planning firm with her then-husband at 21 and after growing that business, was approached to handle strategic planning for a corporate organisation.

### Vision, consultation the keys

Ms Swan said a key to her successful strategic work had been setting a vision and bringing people along with change.

She hoped to do the same on the Sunshine Coast but was aware people felt they were not being heard.

"I don't have any ideas about why they aren't being heard but I would make it a priority to understand that more," she said

"For example, in the hinterland, I can see the enormous opportunities that particularly the

Range has. It's really about bringing everyone on board and making sure they feel heard."

Ms Swan emphasised her experience in small and big business and dealings with businesses and organisations on the Coast would stand her in good stead as mayor.

"I know what it's like to do 4am wages, to start in a corporation and draw up a strategy and go to meetings and talk to the CEO, and I can talk to the man in the street."

### Breadth and depth of knowledge

"I am a long-term local with a breadth and depth of knowledge across the Sunshine Coast."

Ms Swan said her staff and clients were supportive of her mayoral intentions and options were in place should she be successful on election day.

A mum of two children aged 10 and six, she said she had support, particularly from her parents, and was confident she could manage the role of mayor without affecting her children.

"It's that old adage: if you want to get a job done, ask a busy person," she said.

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## Namba Place Plan engagement update

from David Law

Division 10 Councillor  
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**T**HANK you to everyone who had their say on the Nambour (Namba) Place Plan community engagement in August and September last year. We received an overwhelming response with overall support for the Plan. There was also clear community support to prioritise the Currie Street focus area as we move forward. The project team is putting together a detailed Engagement Report with a breakdown of the results of your feedback and this will be available on Council's website in the coming weeks. The team will continue to review feedback which will be used to further refine the design and Council will release the final Plan later this year.

### Library memberships

Whether you're looking for a space to study, a place to catch up with a friend, or simply get your hands on a good read – come in and visit Sunshine Coast Libraries today!

Become a member of Sunshine Coast Libraries to access free services including access to a large collection of books, DVDs, games and toys, connect to free WiFi or use the public computers. Membership is free and anyone can join. Visit your local library today!

### Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme

A proposed new Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme has now been formally submitted to the State Government for first State Interest Review. This is the next stage of the plan-making process and follows a period of intensive drafting and deliberation by Council as well as extensive preliminary (non-statutory) community consultation in early 2022. I thank everyone who got involved in the preliminary consultation in 2022. Our community will again be consulted once the State's Planning Minister and new Council have approved the draft planning scheme.

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

# Experienced councillor risks role for top job

by Janine Hill

**SITTING** councillor Jason O'Pray says he is the right person for the job of mayor of the Sunshine Coast.

Mr O'Pray is the only present or past councillor who has so far raised their hand for the mayor's seat, which Mark Jamieson has announced he will not recontest at the March local government election.

Mr O'Pray said he was ready for the job and could start the next day.

"I'm experienced, I'm the right age – I'm 50. I'm fit and healthy. And I've got 12 years experience – 12 years on the council," he said.

The division eight councillor has held the economic development portfolio, which includes tourism, aviation and digital services for the duration of his council career said it was time for him to "step up".

His campaign is based on five pillars: protecting the Sunshine Coast lifestyle, the economy, community and community services, environment and sustainability, and infrastructure.

### Sustainable growth

He said one of his priorities would be managing growth in a sustainable way.

"What we need to do is make plans in the next few years, with our population set to go to 500,000 by 2041. That's a target set by the state government.

"That's a terrific change and we need to make sure we're on top of that and our planning scheme is the most important element of that."

Mr O'Pray voted against the controversial Sekesui development proposal for Yaroomba which was approved by a majority of councillors, and eventually, a court, despite not



**Sitting Cr Jason O'Pray ... "I've had amazing support from the small business community and the tourism industry. It's quite humbling."**

meeting planning scheme requirements.

He said his top priority if elected as mayor would be to double funding for sealing hinterland roads from \$5 million to \$10 million by 2028.

### Hinterland Portfolio

He said he was also keen to establish a hinterland portfolio which he envisaged would be overseen by two divisional councillors and the mayor.

Mr O'Pray said he also wanted to extend work undertaken at the North Shore Sports Complex in his division to provide female team rooms and change rooms for female athletes and umpires to sports facilities in the hinterland.

"The Matilda effect is happening, not just in soccer. We are seeing increased female participation across all sorts of sports – AFL, hockey, surf life saving."

Having achieved success with about 10 viewing decks along the coastline in his division, he also wants to make funds available for "lifestyle infrastructure" such as viewing decks in the hinterland.

Across the region, he wants to establish a cybersecurity strategy, trial kerbside rubbish collections, and look into the prospect of soft plastic recycling at the council's new recycling facility, just off the highway at Bli Bli, and is keen to introduce a pensioner discount for pet registration.

Mr O'Pray said he talked to his daughters, aged 15 and 19, before making the final decision to run for mayor.

"There's the good, the bad and the ugly with mayor, a lot of ugly. My girls have to be ready for that. That's important."

### 'All or nothing. It's a risk'

Mayoral candidates cannot run for election as councillors at the same time which means that if Mr O'Pray's tilt at the top job is unsuccessful, he will no longer be on the council.

"It's an all or nothing situation. It's a risk. It does require a bit of courage," he said.

"It does require the okay from the family because I do step out of the comfort zone to be mayor but I've had amazing support from the small business community and the tourism industry. It's quite humbling," he said.

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# Newsagency's closure a blow to Montville

**Montville Village Association News** with President Wayne Parcell



THE return of the doctor to Montville is celebrated, but the winding down of the newsagency in the village square is disappointing. Also there, the clock in the tower of the rotunda building stopped some years ago.

As President, I have been making representations to the owner of that building, through their owners' corporation agent to have it repaired for at least the sake of the main street's image.

### Our shared future

Planning is under way to bring to life that community engagement I foreshadowed last year – following agreement on strategy, the Montville Village Association will commence discussions with the community about the shared future we aspire to. You will hear more about this as soon as we have community consultation plans in place.

### Live Entertainment on the Green

The Association achieved grant funding of \$2,000 from Sunshine Coast Regional Council to bring live entertainment to the Village Green once a month, probably the first Saturday or Sunday of the month, subject to availability of performers. This initiative is in conjunction with The Rangebow Festival who are providing creative support – this will bring some regular fun and excitement to the village for residents and visitors.

### Elections loom

As elections for Councillors and the Mayor for Sunshine Coast Council are now within sight on 16 March 2024, take a good look at all the candidates, including the only mayoral candidate from The Hinterland – your choices will be with us for four years.



Habittance owners Alex and Ali Hoffmann with their Sunshine Coast Business Award. Pic: Ben Langfeldt from Bennybeemedia.

# Mapleton architects' energy-positive vision rewarded with business award

IN November 2023, Habittance Energy Positive Architects won a prestigious Sunshine Coast Business Award, taking out the Professional Services Category (Small Business) at a glittering gala event at the Novotel, Twin Waters.

Habittance owners Alex and Ali Hoffmann were one of 250 Sunshine Coast businesses to submit a 5100-word application document, reduced to 137 finalists invited to a face-to-face interview. Judges recognised their commitment to excellence and sustainable practices, and they secured the Professional Services (Small Business) award, resulting in a year of energy positive celebrations!

Back in January 2021 Alex, an Architect of 30 years, joined forces with his wife, Ali, a sales, and marketing whizz, to embark on a mission to revolutionize the way buildings are designed and constructed. Together they pioneered the concept of Energy Positive Architecture (EPA) in SE QLD, which encompasses the three pillars of sustainability: social, environmental, and economic. EPA takes a holistic approach to ensure designs incorporate these principals, whether the space is for living, working, civic,

public or community uses.

"Our mission aligns with, and endorses, the Sunshine Coast Council's commitment for 'responsible and sustainable development' clarifies Ali. "These are all outlined in the Environment and Liveability strategy, the 2032 Legacy Vision strategy to be Australia's most sustainable region and UNESCO's recognition as a Biosphere."

"We are passionate about providing services to ensure long term sustainability for our region and embrace creative solutions, innovative materials and gentle development," explains Alex. "We are adding Energy Positive Consulting to our services fostering collaboration with regional councils, engineers, developers, designers, planners and government departments."

Alex's expertise and reputation in the field have also earned him a coveted position on the board of the Sunshine Coast Business Council for 2024, further cementing his status as a prominent contributor to the regional business and economic landscape.

▶ For more information visit [www.habittance.com.au](http://www.habittance.com.au)

# More bad weather, same bad road: MP

THE weather has again dished it out to Queensland this summer with cyclones, storms and flooding rains.

Member for Glass House Andrew Powell has reminded the new Minister for Main Roads there is work still needed to repair roads damaged from similar events nearly two years ago.

In early 2022, a drain on Kilcoy-Beerwah Road at Cedarton failed and half the road slipped away.

Rightly, one lane was closed and traffic lights installed to allow regulated usage of the road.

However, this was only ever intended to be a band-aid fix until design and construction work could properly – and safely – mend the road.

"It's been 686 days of locals, tourists and business operators having to sit at the lone traffic light on Kilcoy-Beerwah Road and there doesn't seem to be a start, let alone an end, in sight for the roadworks," said Mr Powell.

"I understand that there are more immediate priorities following the recent cyclone and storms, but how much longer are Hinterland locals going to be asked to wait?"

When asked on several occasions last year, the Department of Transport and Main Roads stated that rectification works will require multiple design elements due to the steep embankment failure and the high risk rating the site received during the post-flood inspection.

They've also mentioned that significant work has already been undertaken to complete detailed damage assessments and site investigations, but they cannot confirm the timing for when a contract for construction will be announced and works commenced.

"I have written to the new Minister for Main Roads to remind him of the long overdue repairs. Because from where I stand the community have just been abandoned," said Mr Powell.



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# Our wealth and prosperity hinge on exports: candidate

by Janine Hill

A CANDIDATE for the Sunshine Coast mayor's position says the Sunshine Coast must lift its exports to have a bright future.

Michael Burgess, a retired businessman with an interest in sustainability, said exports were essential for wealth, and prosperity was vital for the region's future.

"Prosperity is always based on wealth. You don't have a prosperous place that does not export," he said.

### Three policy thrusts

Mr Burgess is running a campaign with three main policy focuses: regeneration of the environment, protection of the local lifestyle, and the creation of the prosperity which he said was necessary to support both of those.

"There is little point in having short prosperity that does not allow for people to enjoy the lifestyle they wish in an environment that is just not being destroyed, but is getting better," he said in a background statement.

Mr Burgess has calculated gross regional product per capita, a key economic indicator, as \$58,600 on the Sunshine Coast in 2022.



**Mayoral candidate Michael Burgess: "Without a vibrant local business environment, we won't have a stable & growing employment market."**

He said GRP was \$48,700 in 2012 and should be \$62,100 given inflation which meant productivity had declined by about 6% a year.

"The decline has been consistent except for the year in which the government sent in a great deal of support for the covid unemployed," he said.

"These figures are crucial because they are the only reliable indicator of whether there is money in the economy to allow all business, the principal local employers, to grow.

"It is not that no business is doing well.

"They may not be doing well enough to create jobs proportionate to population growth, and regardless of the individual business performance, there may be businesses who are not getting up or who are failing when they do because of the declining amount of money circulation per person in the region."

His comments cast some doubt on the positive picture painted by mayor Mark Jamieson in his State of the Region address last year.

Mr Burgess, of Kawana Island, has been a strong critic of the council for some years.

He began scrutinising the council after making an unsuccessful pitch to it in 2016 for a community farm and urban sustainability, concepts which he said had since received support from other councils.

### Second shot at top job

This is his second shot at election for mayor.

He ran in 2020, coming third with 10% of the vote behind Mr Jamieson on almost 50% and then deputy mayor Chris Thompson on 33%, but ahead of another council critic, Don Innes, on a little over 6%.

Mr Burgess's website champions not only community farms but parking parks combined with farms to alleviate neighbourhood parking problems, and agrihoods - housing developments with farms at their heart.

He does not support the idea of a new sports stadium for the Sunshine Coast, saying communities derive no economic benefit from such infrastructure, and instead calls for an elite sports training facility.

### Business acumen

He said his natural curiosity and business experience - beginning with an outlay of a few thousand dollars, he and his wife built a video business with 200 employees - would stand him in good stead for the job of Sunshine Coast Mayor.

"There are 32,000 or so small & medium local businesses, there are 149,000 local jobs.

"It's not hard to see that without a vibrant local business environment, we won't have a stable & growing employment market in a prosperous and thriving community, with a lifestyle the envy of the world, in an environment protected from exploitation."

## Rotary Christmas Raffle. And the winner is ... Nambour!

FOR the first time in many years, all three prizes for the Rotary Club of Nambour Christmas raffle were won by Nambour residents. The winners shared in over \$5000 worth of prizes kindly donated by Nambour and district businesses. Rotary encourages everyone to shop locally to support local businesses.

The first prize winners were Kevin & Heather McKeering pictured (ticket 1399), seven-year residents of Nambour & formerly of Bli Bli. They won the wheelbarrow and contents totalling nearly \$3000 in value. In addition to the wheelbarrow, Kevin won a Hardi pump and a wide range of goods and vouchers.

Second Prize winner was Kevin Murphy (Ticket no 560). Kevin has lived in Nambour for 12 years. His second prize was valued at over \$1300 and included a Stihl edge trimmer. Since Kevin already had his own hedge trimmer, the terrific Stihl Shop in Nambour were kind enough to swap the hedge trimmer (with a small price adjustment) for a mini chain saw which Kevin really appreciated.

Third prize winner was Lea Sinfield also from Nambour, winning over \$900 worth of goods which included a mini-chainsaw from The Stihl Shop, Nambour as well as goods from various Nambour businesses.

The proceeds of the raffle will directly benefit the young people of Nambour from many schools in the area, preparing them for productive adult lives that will enhance our community.

The Rotary Club of Nambour gratefully acknowledges the support of so many local businesses and from the many residents who purchased raffle tickets knowing that the proceeds would be invested locally in our young people. The Club also acknowledges the support of Nambour Plaza and Specsavers in facilitating the Christmas raffle. Together, we all make a difference!



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## Maleny Show 2024: Planning under way for showcase of the best of country life

THE year has only just begun but plans are well under way for the Maleny Show for 2024 thanks to the hard work of volunteers. This year's dates are May 31 and June 1.

"Hopefully the rain will be done and dusted by then," said Maleny Show President Lynda Burgess a third generation born-and-bred "Malenyite" having been involved in the community for more than 20 years.

"We are moving forward with a lot of things to happen in the next couple of months. As the President of the Society I wish to continue the advancement of the Show into the future, striving to keep the agricultural aspects of our region, bringing this to the fore and encouraging the next generation to strive to maintain those assets that set our community apart from our counterparts in the area."

This year will commence with a stand at the Aussie Day Expo on January 26 and will highlight things such as the ability to purchase tickets to early events, Membership renewals, Sponsorship opportunities along with the chance to prepare entries into most of the pavilion sections with a hard copy of the schedule.

The official launch of the Show will be held



President Lynda Burgess is looking forward to bringing the best of country life to show-goers.

Thursday February 15 at the Pavilion from 5.30 to 7pm. "This gives us the opportunity to introduce our stewards, thank our sponsors and volunteers as well as releasing our entertainment programme for 2024," said Lynda.

The Show was fortunate this year to have a younger group named Maleny Millennial Moo'ers working behind the scenes.

"This group is currently organising a Country Bash to be staged in the Dairy Pavilion on Saturday March 16th.

"Tickets are online through the Show Society Website and these include, food, music, not only for adults but for families alike. Kids Jumping castles and Fairy Floss to boot."

As for the Show itself Lynda said organisers had locked in the entertainment schedule for the two days. "The great news is that Bluey will be back for another couple of shows on

Saturday, same as last year.

"We will have a lot more interactive activities for kids and younger persons within the Aub Cork entertainment arena.

"This will include a Science discovery activity along with Action Sports that will run Clinics for kids with BMX bikes and they invite the kids to bring in their bike and teach them safety and maintenance along with a range of other activities. This should help the youth of Maleny to occupy their spare time."

There will also be the usual Fireworks and all the activities in the Main Arena including a great Wood Chop program, Dog Jump on Saturday afternoon and the Pavilion upstairs and downstairs.

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The evening's entertainment will be an open mic afternoon followed by our main performer the "Tennessee Lights Band".

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## Resilience & renewal

# Kendray family celebrates Grand Reopening

FROM ashes to grand-reopening, the Kendray family, owners of the Stihl Shop Nambour, have been through a hell of a year after a fire gutted their business last February.

Despite the calamity, the family business, operated by Andrew and Catherine Kendray and their daughters, Rebecca, Dana and Georga, held a grand re-opening on Saturday January 20. The reopening was a major bright spot in a difficult year for the Kendrays, who had been working hard to keep the business running, across two temporary premises, because of insurance and building complexities.

Catherine said the family couldn't have been happier with the opening, and the support from locals, as over a hundred people flowed through the business during the morning.



Andrew and Catherine Kendray and daughter Georga took time out from a busy morning back in their original Rigby Street premises.

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from Rob Skelton

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## Nambour Hospital Redevelopment update

Nambour Hospital is on the final stretch!

The \$86 million redevelopment of Nambour General Hospital is set to be complete this year.

The redevelopment includes increased emergency capacity, more beds for mental health patients, new rehabilitation and surgical wards, as well as the huge refurbishment of the front courtyard and drop-off zone.

This increased capacity will be of huge benefit to not only the local community, but the wider Sunshine Coast, as a result of increased bed capacity & improved access to health services.

# Heritage Tramway finally gains approval

THERE'S great jubilation at Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway.

After many long and frustrating years and one setback after another, they finally have the approval of Sunshine Coast Council to proceed with the display of the restored Krauss locomotive in Buderim.

It will be housed adjacent to the heritage-listed Old Post Office. BWMCA have kindly offered the land and have assisted with gaining the approval.

The old loco ran on the Buderim to Palmwoods Tramway between 1914 and 1935 when the tramway was closed due to lack of custom.

It was then sold off to Bingera Sugar Mill and became a cane train for the next 20 years. BPHTI members discovered it in a sorry state in a collector's yard in 2004 and purchased it with funds provided by several councillors

and the then-mayor.

It was then brought back to Buderim and lovingly restored by BPHTI members, several of whom have since passed on, and BPHTI have since been battling bureaucracy for approval to display it in central Buderim.

BPHTI President Helene Cronin OAM said she wanted to thank everyone who had been involved over the years.

"We would like to sincerely thank all our many loyal supporters who have stood by us through all the years of frustrations and disappointments," she said. "Their perseverance will now be rewarded.

"We now need to raise the necessary funds for the display building and we will shortly be holding a gala event to launch the fundraising campaign," Mrs Cronin said.



From left, Peter Wise, on whose property the Krauss has been stored for 20 years, BPHTI Vice-President Noel Williams (in cabin) BPHTI Treasurer Bruce Horton and BPHTI member and one of the original restorers Doug Benckendorff.

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from Ted O'Brien  
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Australia Day has been under attack from Government, Corporate Australia, and local councils. Australia Day is meant to be a day of unity, to celebrate our liberal democracy, our values of freedom and equality, and to give thanks to our 'way of life' which is the envy of the world. I'm calling on all proud Australians to not only celebrate this Australia Day but to do so with positivity and optimism. Therefore, as a mark of pride in our country and flag, I have been giving away free Australia Day bumper stickers to splash the Sunshine Coast with some Australia pride and patriotism. If you would like a bumper sticker, order yours at [bit.ly/AusDayBumper](http://bit.ly/AusDayBumper) - pick up only until 4pm on Thursday 25 January.

### Summer Road Trip

Each season, I road trip around the electorate to meet and hear from locals. It provides the opportunity for you to be heard, as you may bring any local or federal concern to discuss.

I invite *Sunshine Valley Gazette* readers to come and pop into one of my last two 'Summer Road Trip' destinations.

- Wednesday 24 January: Nambour from 8am to 9am on the corner Carroll Street and Coronation Avenue, across from Nambour State College.

- Thursday 25th January: Cotton Tree from 7am to 8am on the Cotton Tree Esplanade across from 'The Dunes Cotton Tree,' near King Street.

### Calling Young Sporting Champions

The Local Sporting Champions and Local Para Champions program is a fantastic grant initiative that can help support a young person to achieve their sporting goals. Successful applicants will receive between \$500-\$750 for local sporting champions and between \$750-\$1000 for local para champions.

If you are 12-18 years, an athlete, coach or official and have competitions coming up then you may be eligible. More info: [sportaus.gov.au](http://sportaus.gov.au). Applications close 31 January. For further assistance ring my office on 5479 2800.

# Junior Crushers sign new coach, launch Player Academy plans

2024 is shaping up to be a great year for the Nambour Junior Crushers, with the welcome addition of a highly-rated coach to the coaching staff.

Jo Kerr, the current SC Falcons U17 Girls coach, is excited to be joining the club as the coach of the Under 14 Girls team. She brings extensive experience to the role, having also been an assistant coach for the Northern Pride's U19 Women's and Queensland Country Women's teams.

The Junior Crushers are passionate about developing the girls' game, having had a record-number of girls playing in the younger (Under 6s - Under 12s) grades last season. They point to the success of the NRLW competition, as well as the expansion of the Women's State of Origin Series this year, as proof that the sport is growing in popularity with younger players and fans alike.

"There is a tremendous opportunity for girls to both learn the game, if they've not played

before, or further develop their skills if they are a returning player," said NJRL President Leith Hensley. "It's exciting to have Jo join the coaching staff - it's a real coup for our grassroots club."

In addition to this well-received coaching appointment, 2024 heralds a new venture for the Junior Crushers, with the inaugural Bank of Queensland Nambour & Hinterland Crusher Academy - a player development program - being held.

The brainchild of Crushers stalwart Stuart Mackenzie, who is a 200-game veteran of the Senior Crushers and current Under 12s coach for the Juniors, the Crusher Academy is designed to provide identified players in the 12 years and up age groups with key skills training.

The program will engage the help of a number of club legends and experts from



Falcons U17 Girls coach Jo Kerr will also coach the Crushers Under 14 Girls team.

fields such as Strength and Conditioning and Sports Psychology, with a view to equipping players to better face challenges both on and off the field.

### Sign-on Day Sunday

With the club's Sign On Day being held on Sunday 28 January from 10am - 2pm at Crusher Park, registrations to join all teams (mixed U6s - U12s inclusive, Girls U13s, U14s, U15s and U17s teams and Boys U13s - U17s teams) are now open. Head to [juniorcrushers.com.au](http://juniorcrushers.com.au) for more details.

## Hinterland Blues Juniors kick off season with Sign-on Sunday

SEASON 2024 is here and footy is back. And the best news is the Hinterland Blues are looking to add new junior players to the Blues family.

Budding AFL players are invited to the Junior Sign-on Sunday 28 January from 2pm-4pm.

"We are a community-focused club with an emphasis on skills, personal development and participation for all," said club spokesperson Trent Carter.

"Whether you are new to the game or an experienced player you will be made very welcome and

have a role to play.

"If you'd like to know more information please message our Facebook page, come along on the day, join us at our Come and Try Days, or call me on 0439 754 316."

Players from Under 6 to Under 16.5, boys & girls, all abilities and experience welcome.

- FairPlay Vouchers are accepted. Come to Property Lane Oval, Jubilee Dr, Palmwoods. [www.hinterlandblues.com.au](http://www.hinterlandblues.com.au). Contact: Trent Carter 0439 754 316.



## 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.

### Mayoral candidate has say on Pony Club 'farce'

What a terrible situation it is when you have a strong, community-based group like the Yandina Pony Club being given the run-around by council for years. President Kate Pilcher and I have been talking about this over two months and I'm gobsmacked by what this club has had to endure. Surely, this is a sign that council really does need to go back to basics and focus on serving its community? Asking a club, which focuses on outdoor activities for children, to pay thousands of dollars in permit fees to be able to use land really isn't right. We should all be angry about this level of bureaucracy gone mad. It would be funny if it wasn't so serious.

- Rosanna Natoli, Mayoral Candidate

### Nambour Rotary Christmas Raffle 2023

WE were the winners of first prize in the Nambour Rotary Christmas Raffle and we cannot express how thrilled we were in winning. We especially would like to thank Nambour Rotary for the hard work involved getting this Raffle together and the amazing business community who donated.

- Kevin & Heather McKeering, Nambour

### Railway bridge roadworks don't make sense

The new road works where Jubilee Drive joins the Palmwoods Woombye Road by the railway bridge is simply incompetent road planning. All locals know how difficult it is at most times to go from Jubilee Drive onwards into Palmwoods but those turning left had access to a left turn whilst those going ahead

sat in the long queues.

Now with the new road works the road has been narrowed to one lane at this point with no ability for a left turn under the railway bridge unless you sit in the traffic queue!

How on earth was this allowed to happen?

It is poor design and simply zero knowledge of local traffic conditions.

The stupid bollard preventing a left turn lane needs to be removed immediately to enable traffic to form a left turn lane.

It looks as though the bollard preventing the left turn is for a pedestrian refuge. In all my decades of using this intersection I have yet to see even one pedestrian at this point. Yet I see long queues of vehicles.

Locals simply cannot believe Council can be so ignorant of local traffic flows and how this situation was allowed to happen. Can you please organise for the left-hand lane to be re-instated?

- Ken Coulter, Ilkley

### The spirit of Christmas & the kindness of a stranger

A few days before Christmas I was about to redeem my \$20 flybuys voucher at the checkout of Coles in Nambour which I had activated a week before.

As much as I myself and the sales assistant tried after having put my correct pin number in, the relatively new card wouldn't work. To my utter embarrassment the queue behind me at the check-out counter became longer and longer. I apologised profusely to all those patient people, mentioning to them that I had been counting on the \$20 to add to my grocery shopping as I was only getting my pension on a Monday and it was Friday.

The gentleman behind me had observed the situation silently all the time. He suddenly handed a \$50 note to the young man behind the counter, asking him to put \$20 towards my grocery and give him the rest of the money back.

An emotional reaction of incomprehension, joy and utter gratitude took over my whole being. The gentleman did not want me to give him my details and return to him the \$20 the following Monday.

This heart-warming true story proves once again that there are many Earth Angels walking amongst us who come to our help when we need a compassionate heart most.

- Fridelle Stanyer, Nambour



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### Best parks to cool down this summer

Parks with water play, lush forest and cool breezes are the perfect places to escape the summer heat. From tranquil waterfalls to beachside havens, it's time to pack a picnic and enjoy some of the 1180 recreational parks and open spaces maintained by Council. For a great list of parks that will help you escape the summer heat including Kings Beach Park, Buderim Forest, Cilento Park Nambour, Martin Runget Park Mooloolah and more, head to [OurSC.com.au](http://OurSC.com.au).

### Libraries - more than a good read

Whether you're looking for a space to study, a place to catch up with a friend, or simply get your hands on a good read - come in and visit Sunshine Coast Libraries today! Become a member of Sunshine Coast Libraries to access free services including a large collection of books, DVDs, games and toys, connect to free WiFi or use the public computers. Membership is free and anyone can join. Visit your local library today or head to Council's library website for more info.

### Explore new exhibit at Mary Cairncross

Take a trip to stunning Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve and meet the forest fellowship team in the new exhibit on now at the Rainforest Discovery Centre. In the forest, no one species can survive on its own. Nor is one more important than another. It takes teamwork for the forest to grow. You will meet the connectors, the recyclers, the providers, the elementals and the all-rounders. And discover how Mary's team works together to help the forest thrive. For opening hours, visit Council's website.

### CUSTOMER CONTACT

[sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Contact-Council](http://sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Contact-Council)

### Local art prize celebrates 10th year

Submissions for the Local Contemporary Art Prize 2024 are open. Caloundra Regional Gallery and The Gallery's Friends invite artists living within the Sunshine Coast and Noosa regions, working across all mediums, to submit 2D and 3D work. Forty finalists will be selected for the exhibition and four winners will share in a prize pool of \$17,000. Entries close 2 February. For more information, visit [gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au).

### Share your aquatic memories on the Coast

Sunshine Coasters love the water! If we're not in it, we're on it or under it and always have been, but Council's heritage collection is missing the items, photos and stories that tell that story. If you take part in water sports today or if you've got items and stories from way back, Council would love to hear from you. Visit Council's heritage website to learn more.

Get the latest council news delivered directly to your inbox each week. **Sign up for the OurSC newsletter here**

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# Jason OPRAY

— for MAYOR —

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## ✓ 12 YEARS EXPERIENCE

I have served as the Sunshine Coast Division 8 Councillor for the past **12 years**. I've led the portfolio of Economic Development. The Sunshine Coast and Hinterland deserves an experienced and **proven leader** ready to start as your Mayor from day one.

## ✓ CLEAR DIRECTION

I am committed to advancing the interests of the Hinterland community, the environment, and the economy, whilst protecting the Hinterland lifestyle. My commitment and number one goal as Mayor, is to **double the dirt-to-bitumen road program**. As part of my vision, I will establish a dynamic **'Hinterland Portfolio'** within the Council to specifically address the unique needs and opportunities of this stunning region.

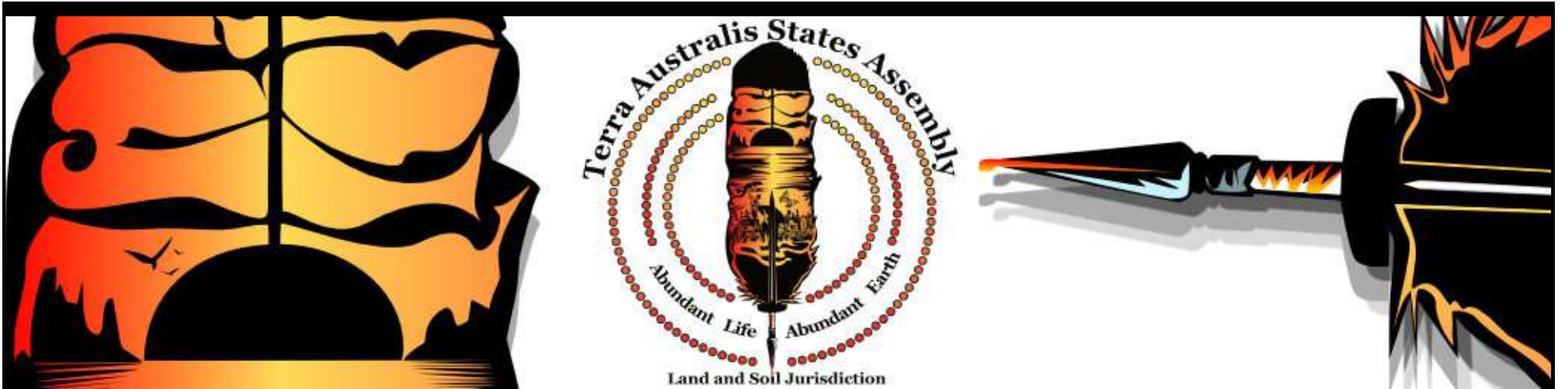
## ✓ BORN & BRED

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

[JasonOPray.com.au](http://JasonOPray.com.au)







# Public Notice

## To all peoples, persons, men and women, the Queensland General Assembly is now Lawfully established Proclamation: 12th January 2024

We, the Queensland State Nationals, having Lawfully established our Political Status, standing in unity on the land and soil of Queensland state, declare we have peaceably assembled and hereby deliver authority of legitimate government to the people.

With the authority of the Lawful government of The United States of America (unincorporated), and with full support of Superior Court Justice, (non Bar member) Anna Maria Riezinger, being the irrefutable fiduciary and holder in trust of all public assets of Australia, Inc and AUSTRALIA, INC, all public assets and utilities owed will be transferred to the people as soon as the Assemblies are functioning in their Lawful capacity.

Let it be known, the Queensland General Assembly;

- is not incorporated or registered in any way.
- is a body politic, a government for the people, of the people and by the people.
- is not subservient to, or influenced by, any service corporations self defining as Government Authority.

“Acts Interpretation Act 1901 section 2B “Australia” means the Commonwealth of Australia and, when used in a geographical sense, includes Norfolk Island, the Territory of Christmas Island and the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, but does not include any other external Territory.”

Let it be known, there will be no economic “reset” on the land and soil of Queensland state:

“RE’SET, noun In Scots law, the receiving and harbouring of an outlaw or a criminal.”

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/reset>

Maxim of Law: “It is fraud to conceal a fraud and it is fraud to aid and abet fraud”

- If you are a person – i.e. a “resident”, a “voter”, a “citizen” etc. - you have a conscious decision to make.
- If you have established your status as a living Queensland state National, then your active participation is welcomed. Pax Vobiscum

**To become involved in your Queensland General Assembly:**

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# What's On

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

## War hero Nancy Wake's story brought to life

from **Glenda Campi**

ATTENDING a women's breakfast, many years ago, I was fascinated from the outset by the speaker's subject, Nancy Wake.

Nancy was a legend and one very brave woman who had control of up to 7000 partisans in Maquis groups in the region of Auvergne in World War II. Wake's fame knew no boundaries, one of the hardest fighters, leaders, great organisers the world would later acknowledge .... though some years too late.

**The Gestapo named her 'the white mouse' for her ability to slip through their many traps.**

In my research to direct another true story, I shared my thoughts with clients and friends and some older folk who knew of this amazing Australasian woman (born in Wellington New Zealand back in 1912 with Māori heritage from her great grandmother) fearless and remarkable, who married Frenchman Henri Fiocca.

She was so appalled as a naïve young journalist witnessing the atrocities the Nazis performed in a Viennese Street, she declared to do everything in her power to remove the Gestapo who named her 'the white mouse' for



Michelle Connelly as Nancy Wake.

her ability to slip through their many traps.

I still feel Nancy deserved better recognition by both Australia and New Zealand for her incredible achievements, while France, England and USA awarded her medals promptly, and it is our honour to share her compelling story with followers of Lind Lane Theatre.

► **Codename: White Mouse** written by Rachel Bublitz and directed by Glenda Campi has the season running from February 16-24. For information visit [www.lindlane.com.au/whats-on](http://www.lindlane.com.au/whats-on).

## Entries close in March for the prestigious Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize

THE Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize invites woodworkers and artisans from across Australia to enter this prestigious woodworking competition.

Finalist pieces of the Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize go on to form the feature exhibition at the Maleny Wood Expo, which will be held May 4-6, for the 25th time. The Wood Expo is known as one of the best wood shows in Australia attracting up to 10,000 people to the region, and has been a beacon for woodworking enthusiasts, fostering an appreciation for the natural environment, and the sustainable use of timber.

Tickets for the Maleny Wood Expo will go on sale in early February. For updates and announcements, subscribe to the Maleny Wood Expo newsletter via the website and follow the Maleny Wood Expo on Facebook and Instagram @malenywoodexpo.



2023 Furniture Winner, **Stella**, held by artist **Garan Hale**. Photo by Sound Images.

## Players bring laughter and heart to Stages revue

MALENY Players' first production for the year promises to be a fun-filled afternoons entertainment on Saturday



17th and Sunday 18th of February. It is to be held at the Playhouse at Maleny Showgrounds at 3pm on both days.

Titled *Stages* it has a revue-type format and is suitable for all ages and the many segments include relatable and amusing snippets of life. It particularly celebrates the joys of ageing and combines a short four act play with several comedy skits and a number of real life and effecting events, presented as genuine monologues. Some joyful singing will round out the show.

The production is unique in that many of the large cast are in their eighties proving that age is no barrier to enthusiastically performing and having fun.

► Tickets are available at [www.trybooking.com/CODLJ](http://www.trybooking.com/CODLJ) or [www.malenyplayers.org](http://www.malenyplayers.org)

## Tell Me on a Sunday coming to Black Box, after 25 years

DIRECTOR Simon Denver waited 25 years to do his latest show, *Tell Me on a Sunday*. And why do it now? Because he has finally found the performer that can take the audience on this incredibly personal journey - Shelley Hansen.

Simon describes Shelley Hansen as a Ferrari. "She is power, style, grace and intelligence with a voice that has air, earth, fire and water at its disposal," he said.

A story about love, loss, laughter and surviving is coming to The Black Box Theatre, Nambour in February.

► February Dates are Fri 2nd, Sat 3rd, Sun 4th (matinee), Fri 9th, Sat 10th, Sun 11th (matinee). Bookings on 0415 421 045.



## 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 Maroochydore 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 Maroochydore 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.



Scan this code to submit your feedback

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

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](mailto: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

\*Subject to change

  
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# What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. All care taken but please check details with organisers. Send details to [editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au](mailto:editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au).

## January

- **January 26:** Hinterland Aussie Day Expo 2024 returns to its previous full capacity format at the Maleny Showgrounds. Free event featuring around 50 community clubs and organisations at the Maleny Showgrounds.
- **January 26:** Montville Village Association celebrates Australia Day with awards and ceremony at Montville Village Hall.
- **January 28:** Sunshine Coast Friendship Force General Meeting with an Australiana theme at Mapleton Men's Shed. Email [info@ffsunshinecoast.org.au](mailto:info@ffsunshinecoast.org.au) for details.
- **January 28:** 2pm-4pm. Hinterland Blues Juniors Sign-on Day at Property Lane Oval, Palmwoods. All ages and abilities welcome. Contact Trent Carter at 0439 754 316.
- **January 28:** Junior Crushers Rugby League Sign On Day from 10am-2pm at Crusher Park. Register to join all teams (mixed U6s - U12s inclusive, Girls U13s, U14s, U15s and U17s teams and Boys U13s - U17s teams). Head to [juniorcrushers.com.au](http://juniorcrushers.com.au) for more details.
- **January 31:** 5.30pm. Free EmergencyRedi™ Workshop at Nambour Community Centre, 2 Shearer Street, to learn about local weather risks and emergency preparation. Register at [nrma.com.au/helpnation](http://nrma.com.au/helpnation).
- **From January 31:** New Tai Chi classes in Nambour every Wednesday from 9-10am at Nambour Uniting Church Hall, 37 Coronation Ave. Email [sunshinecoast@taoisttaichi.org](mailto:sunshinecoast@taoisttaichi.org) or phone 1800 108 801.

## February

- **February 1-2:** Matso's Sunshine Coast officially opens with live music, DJs, and entertainment. This quirky venue offers a pet-friendly experience and plans for regular live music events.

- **February 2: Friday Bingo** 9:30-11:30am. Fun and laughs at the Mapleton Library and Community Centre. \$12 includes a tasty morning tea. Phone 5445 7011 or email [mapletonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonlibrary@gmail.com).
- **February 2-11:** "Tell Me on a Sunday" at The Black Box Theatre, Nambour. Bookings at 0415 421 045.
- **February 3,** 6pm-8pm: Live@the Chapel in Nambour with Darin Browne, Erick Buma & Friends. Free entry. Ignite Christian Church, 29 Short St. Phone 0412 747 315.
- **February 3:** Eudlo Hall hosts blues legend Jeff Lang at 6.30pm. Tickets (\$30) at <https://www.trybooking.com/CNJOA>. This intimate performance in Eudlo will display Jeff's fire for a return to the stage, where the alchemy happens in presence of friends.
- **February 4:** Maleny Anglican Church Contemplative Taize from 5pm: A simple and meditative time of contemplation with prayers, song-chants and restful silence in the tradition of the Taize community in France. In February we also celebrate St Brigid with the blessing of candles - bring your own special candle from home. Everyone welcome!
- **February 4, 11, 18, 25:** Maleny Sunday Markets
- **February 5:** Maleny Library Start Studying. How to take that first step to Uni 10 - 11:30am.
- **February 7:** Mapleton MADCA General Meeting.
- **February 10:** 7.30am - 11.30am Montville Market, Montville Village Green. Handcrafted treasures, fresh produce and tasty treats from our local growers and makers.
- **February 12:** 10am-12noon: Maleny Library Intro to Guitar: Making Music Together.
- **February 14:** Lovers of Books evening event, Mapleton Library and Community Centre.
- **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:** 5pm St Mary's Montville Anglican Church St Valentine's Day Service - All married and committed couples are welcome to this service of renewal, affirmation and blessing.



## Looking for fun in Mapleton while relaxing. Bingo!

NEW friendships are being forged in Mapleton. It is all about bingo and all the associated antics. The caller, David has such fun that his enjoyment is contagious.

Why bingo? Did you know that Bingo has been recognised as a great way to sharpen memory and thinking skills? It's true! There are lots of positive benefits to playing Bingo on a regular basis.

Bingo has a fun way of bringing together friends to create the perfect environment of fun where everyone feels welcome! No matter your skill level, you can play and be competitive, even if you're just beginning.

Laughter releases our 'feel good' hormones called endorphins, and that is what gives us relief from stress and elevates our mood. Laughing together with friends creates an overall feeling of calm and well-being.

"It's a good exercise for the brain to listen for the numbers called out and to try to quickly locate them on the board," said Lyn.

David maintains a fast pace and keeps the players engaged and focused, looking for the numbers that have been called out. While this engages the hand, brain, and eyes, it also helps prevent the onset of issues such as dementia. A Library Centre team of Andrea Walker and Nita C Lester organise this monthly fun activity for the community.

Join the next session Friday 2 February 9.30am to 11.30am. Morning tea with have home baked goods - for only \$12 what have you got to lose? Telephone 5445 7011 or email [mapletonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonlibrary@gmail.com) and ensure there is a place for you.



Australian blues guitarist and song-writer Jeff Lang

## Blues Legend at Eudlo Hall

YOU can be "Alone in Bad Company" on Saturday night February 3, when Eudlo Hall hosts legendary Australian blues guitarist and song-writer Jeff Lang for the first time. That of course is the name of his most recent album.

Lang has produced more than 25 albums so far in his career which has included collaborations with the likes of roving guitar anthropologist Bob Brozman, American blues-rockers Chris Whitley, India's desert-dwellers Maru Tarang and world music virtuosos Bobby Singh and Mamadou Diabate.

Eudlo Hall Association is so proud to be finally bringing Jeff Lang to Eudlo Hall after several attempts that were thwarted by Covid 19. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Tickets (\$30) online at <https://www.try-booking.com/CNJOA>. Eudlo Hall volunteers will provide a bar and snacks as fundraiser for the Hall.

## Workshop to help residents prepare for bad weather

HINTERLAND residents are invited to a free EmergencyRedi™ Workshop offered by NRMA Insurance and Australian Red Cross at the Nambour Community Centre.

The event will take place at the centre at 2 Shearer Street on 31 January, 5.30pm to learn about local weather risks and how to prepare for an emergency.

Workshop participants will learn about their risks and be equipped with the knowledge and tools to prepare for future emergencies. All attendees will build their own emergency RediPlan which includes key contacts, meeting places, animal plans, key documents, special items, medical information and stress management plans. All your vital information in one emergency plan.

To register visit [nrma.com.au/helpnation](http://nrma.com.au/helpnation).



# Celebrate Love Month this February at Secrets – your ultimate romance destination.

♥ Chef has created a special menu! ♥



Spoil the one you love and book a stay in a luxury treehouse cabin or wine & dine with our special lunchtime menu for the whole month of February!



Dining on the Deck Café & Restaurant  
Open for breakfast & lunch 8am-4pm  
Tuesday to Sunday.

Dine before 9am and your tea or coffee is on us!



Plan a celebration, birthday, anniversary or just meet with your friends

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Call us 07 5478 5888 or book on our website [www.secretsonthelake.com.au](http://www.secretsonthelake.com.au) through 'Open Table' • @ f



## Mapleton Book lovers gather on Valentines Day

LOVERS of Books is an annual event that began in 2013 and is held by the Mapleton Library in the Library and Community Centre. It coincides with Valentine's Day, February 14, and the timing of 5.30pm – 7.30pm is deliberate, with the intention that people can go on to dinner or have a drink afterwards at one of the Blackall Range's lovely restaurants or pubs.

Lovers of Books celebrates books written and illustrated by local authors who live on the Sunshine Coast and its Hinterland.

Our speakers this year are: Patty Beecham, Fiona Lawley, Kerryn Lawley, Peta Miller, Lillian Muchiri, and Dr Sarah Pye who have all written quite diverse books from children's books to historical novels to memoirs.

► Organisers would love to see you there – [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1160437](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1160437). \$10 per person includes a plate of finger food. An entrée before you head out for dinner.

## New Tai Chi Classes Starting 2024

MAKE a healthy start to the new year with Tai Chi. Benefits include stress-reduction, pain relief, and improved balance, flexibility and overall health.

New introductory courses will be starting in Nambour on Wednesdays from 9-10am, starting 31 January at the Nambour Uniting Church Hall, 37 Coronation Ave. The courses are being offered by the Taoist Tai Chi Society.

The courses will run weekly for approximately 3 to 4 months. The first session is obligation free. The sessions are designed for brand new beginners and are open to all ages and health conditions. Email [sunshinecoast@taoisttaichi.org](mailto:sunshinecoast@taoisttaichi.org), or phone 1800 108 801.

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## Montville citizens to be honoured on Australia Day

MONTVILLE Village Association will celebrate Australia Day on Friday 26 January in true village style at Montville Village Hall. A welcome and acknowledgement of traditional owners (at the flag poles outside at the hall entrance) will be followed by the national anthem sung by Mapleton Choir and a flag-raising by Montville State School Captains Paul Linder and Jessica Fitzgerald.

Then there will be a formal ceremony in the hall and introduction of guest speaker Wayne Parcell. Mr Parcell will also Present a Montville Citizen of the Year Award and a Montville Lifetime Award.

## Kenilworth ArtsFest returns in May

THE Kenilworth ArtsFest is on from May 17 to 19 at Kenilworth Hall and Showgrounds. The ArtsFest this year is a satellite event on the GOURMay Mary Valley Food Festival Calendar.

For artists, there will be a specialty prize of \$2000 for a 2D work featuring any aspect of Mary Valley food or process.

This could be still life, landscape, dairy cows, goats, camels. It just has to be food-related.

On Sunday 19 May, in conjunction with the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, there will be a Family Fun Day with lots of free activities and entertainment at Kenilworth Showgrounds. Try your hand at damper making in the "Camper Damper Competition". No entry fees for this but there is a prize!

► For information contact [shirleymoreland@bigpond.com](mailto:shirleymoreland@bigpond.com).

## Live@the Chapel

LIVE@THE Chapel Nambour returns on Saturday February 3, from 6pm to 8pm with special guests Darin Browne, Erick Buma & Friends. A special night of encouraging music & singing with a host of family & friends joining the two best mates, Darin & Erick, on stage.

Entry is free. Donations accepted to support the artists. Drinks & nibbles available to purchase. Bring your dancing shoes to Ignite Christian Church, 29 Short St, Nambour. Phone 0412 747 315 for info.



Maleny artist Lara Cooper is looking forward to opening his studio doors in 2024.

## How to join Open Studios

TIME is running out for established and emerging artists as well as passionate hobbyists who would like to be a part of one of the Sunshine Coast's biggest art events – Open Studios 2024 (May 18 – 26).

Organised annually by not-for profit organisation Arts Connect Inc (ACI) since 2010, registrations are open until February 2 for both first time and returning artists to join the event.

Maleny artist Lara Cooper is a contemporary painter in oil and watercolour, who produces work based on the observation of beauty and simplicity of real life.

"Last year I opened my studio space to the public for the first time, which was a brave move—because like a lot of artists, I'm actually quite private and my art space is sacred to me. But fortunately for the visitors I also like to share my art," said Lara.

Coastal venues will be open on May 17 and 18, Hinterland venues open on May 24 and 25, with workshops and exhibitions taking place on the weekdays in between.

► Contact the Open Studios Co-ordinator Lea Parkes via email [openstudios@artsconnectinc.com.au](mailto:openstudios@artsconnectinc.com.au) or go to [www.openstudiosunshinecoast.com.au](http://www.openstudiosunshinecoast.com.au).

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## Garden trellises and archways for protection

Homesteading Column with Racheal Pascoe

MANY plants in the veggie garden need a structure to grow well. Growing on a trellis improves air circulation, the amount of sunlight reaching the plant and makes the fruit a great height to pick. Keeping the fruit off the ground keeps some bugs at bay and also helps to minimise powdery mildew. A trellis or archway is a terrific structure to throw a net over to further protect your crop.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, pumpkins, loofahs and chokos are some of the plants which need to be supported. A trellis needs to be strong enough to carry the weight of the plant when it is laden with fruit and should be installed before the plants grow too big.

### Make it yourself

A trellis does not have to be expensive. Ask the neighbour down the street for a few lengths of their bamboo or use an old gate or fence panel between a couple of star pickets. Hardwood stakes are also a good investment for your garden kit. Have a good look behind the garden shed to see what you can find. It is fun engineering something for the job from what you have around the garden.

### Arches for a more interesting garden

Garden pathways leading to archways you get to walk under makes for an even more inviting garden walk. Making a garden arch can be as simple as 4 star pickets, some large black poly pipe bent over and mesh in between. It is really satisfying to walk under an archway you have built when it is covered with passionfruit or big loofahs hanging through.

A trellis might only be in the one spot for a season, then it might be moved to another



Keeping the fruit off the ground keeps some bugs at bay.

location for a different fruit. It does not need to be permanently fixed in place. That is one thing I just love about the garden space, it is always changing and we are challenged to come up with new solutions each season.

Joining the components of a trellis can be done by wire, string, baling twine, old strips of fabric, zip ties and if you are married to a plumber like me – duct tape sometimes!

Once the trellis is in place, plant your seedlings or seeds along the bottom and keep them well watered and mulched.

When they are tall enough, encourage them to grow through the trellis, some might need some support hanging on. You can gently tie them up each time you see them reaching for the sky.

If you haven't tried growing fruit or veggies on a trellis or archway, maybe you could give it a try!

Go and check behind the garden shed, I bet there are plenty of materials to make a start but if you are missing something, be sure to pop into the Nambour Produce Agency, they will be happy to help get your sorted with stakes, wire mesh etc. Happy gardening!

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## Nambour is a town on the rise (and so are the prices!)

**Real Estate Column**  
with RE/MAX Principal  
Tristan Brown



As the real estate market continues to evolve, Nambour continues to emerge as a hidden gem once more in 2024.

The town's affordability, coupled with its picturesque hinterland setting, has become a draw for those seeking a relaxed lifestyle away from the coastal hustle.

First-time buyers and investors are discovering the appeal of Nambour's charming streets, historic architecture, and proximity to nature. Nambour's strategic location, just 15 minutes from the Sunshine Coast beaches, makes it an attractive option for those wanting a more tranquil living experience while remaining connected to urban amenities.

*Nambour's commitment to fostering a cultural and artistic hub adds to its uniqueness.*

Improved infrastructure, including upgraded road networks and public transport links, is enhancing the town's accessibility, contributing to its growing popularity.

It must be stated that the town's revitalization efforts are fostering a vibrant community atmosphere in Nambour.

Local markets, cafes, and cultural events are

creating a sense of community pride. Home-buyers are drawn to areas with a strong community spirit, and Nambour's evolving local scene is adding to the town's overall charm.

Investors are certainly taking notice of Nambour's potential for residential development. Subdivisions and new housing projects are on the rise, catering to the growing demand for modern homes in a tranquil setting.

The town's affordability compared to coastal areas is attracting developers seeking to provide diverse housing options for a range of buyers.

Nambour's commitment to fostering a cultural and artistic hub adds to its uniqueness.

The town hosts various art galleries, theatres, and community events, creating an environment that appeals to those with a passion for the arts.

This cultural focus is influencing the real estate market, attracting buyers who appreciate the town's creative atmosphere. It really does cater for a wide range of buyers.

This year Nambour stands as a town once again on the rise. Offering a unique blend of affordability, hinterland charm, and investment potential, our town is attracting renewed interest.

As buyers and investors seek alternatives to coastal living, purchasers are valuing the opportunity to be part of a community that appreciates culture, sustainability, and a relaxed lifestyle.

It's hard to see property prices not increasing throughout the course of this year.



Representing exceptional value in a Blue-Chip locale, this property is poised for capital growth.

## Dual-residences in rural Diddillibah \$2.4m

**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 86 Gateway Drive, Diddillibah.  
Dual residences - \$2,400,000.

LOCATED in Diddillibah, this dual-residence represents the epitome of modern Australian living. This immaculate property, set in a coveted acreage location offers a seamless blend of sophistication, style, and charm, enveloped in privacy and functionality.

Designed with a discerning lifestyle in mind, this dual-residence estate presents a modern elegance that meets family practicality. At the end of a quiet cul-de-sac and boasting an elevated vista, both homes are adorned with luxury finishes. The interiors are thoughtfully zoned, leading to multiple outdoor entertain-

ment areas, including a resort-style pool, an inviting fire pit, and a separate media or games retreat.

This home is perfectly situated to enjoy the tranquility of the countryside while still benefiting from the convenience of coastal living. It is a stone's throw from Maroochydore CBD, beaches, and top-tier schools, the balance of rural and urban is mastered here.

All rooms are generous, bathed in natural light and feature an open-plan design that provides ample space for family and guests. Set on nearly 4 acres, there is abundant storage for vehicles and equipment.

► Call selling agents Garren Reisinger on 0476 950 007 or Jai Barber on 0492 855 196.



The grounds are pristine with good pasture suitable for horses and cattle; and there is a creek along the boundary with a pump providing irrigation to the property.

## 3.5 flat, fully useable acres: horse & cattle friendly

**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 427 Image Flat Road, Image Flat. Price range - \$1,200,000 - \$1,300,000

THIS 3.5-acre parcel of flat, fully useable land offers an exceptional opportunity to enjoy a peaceful acreage lifestyle, in Image Flat; just 10 minutes' drive to Nambour, it's a green change without isolation.

A 1985-built single level solid besser block home with a north-easterly aspect is positioned at the front of the property and comprises a wraparound verandah, three bedrooms, modern bathroom, separate toilet, original kitchen, open plan living, separate laundry, double carport, and double lock-up garage.

Features of the home include 2 x split system

air-conditioners, a wood-burning fireplace in the lounge, easy care timber-look vinyl flooring throughout, ceiling fans, floor to ceiling tiles and a separate bath and shower in bathroom, a gas stove, security screens, direct verandah access from the master bedroom, and a 2.7kW solar system with new inverter (2022).

In mostly original condition the home is light-filled, comfortable, and low maintenance.

There are multiple sheds on the property including a cattle shed, a woodwork shed, and a large, powered shed with built-in bench and lights.

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## 'True estate property' hits market in Montville

by Janine Hill

A HIGH-end Montville acreage property offered for sale for the first time in 16 years is attracting strong interest.

Laurelen Estate comprises a house, guest cottage, caretaker's residence, shed and micro-distillery on almost 12.5 picturesque hectares on Negus Road, off Western Avenue.

It is being sold by expression of interest through Property Lane Realty on behalf of the owners, who have decided to move interstate.

Agent William Emms described Laurelen as a true estate property which could be used as a private residence but also had potential as a wedding venue, health retreat or boutique accommodation.

"The gardens are beautiful, manicured gardens and I can imagine a wedding there. I'd have my wedding there," he said.

Mr Emms said the main residence, built in 1983, had been extended and renovated by the owners and was suitable for guests.

He said the four bedrooms were essentially four suites, each with an en-suite but also a separate, adjoining room which could be used as treatment rooms, sitting rooms or for extra

beds.

An old avocado packing shed had been replaced with a one-bedroom guest cottage with raked ceilings, a polished concrete floor and wet bar.

In 2015, a single-bedroom loft-style caretaker's residence was built, privately positioned at the rear of the property overlooking an orchard.

A shed with a micro-distillery, used on a hobby basis, was built the same year.

Outside, there is an orchard of more than 200 macadamia trees.

Mr Emms said there were already parties who were very keen.

"It's only early days and we've taken a lot of interest," he said.

Some enquirers were looking at making Laurelen their home while others were interested in its other potential uses, he said.

Mr Emms did not wish to speculate on the likely sale price. He said it was difficult to estimate given the number of years since the last sale and difficulties finding comparable properties.

► Inspection of Laurelen is by appointment only through Property Lane.



## Local agency helps secure housing amidst crisis

PURPOSE Real Estate in Nambour has taken a proactive step against the current housing shortage by partnering with Coast2Bay Housing.

Purpose Real Estate Sales Manager Dave Rea said the collaboration aimed to procure suitable homes across the region, contributing to a stable stock of affordable and community housing. The move comes as the National Rental Assistance Scheme (NRAS) nears its conclusion, a situation that has raised concerns over potential tenant displacement and a decline in reasonably priced housing options.

With the Department of Housing's financial backing, Coast2Bay Housing Group, Queensland's leading provider of affordable housing, is purchasing these properties.

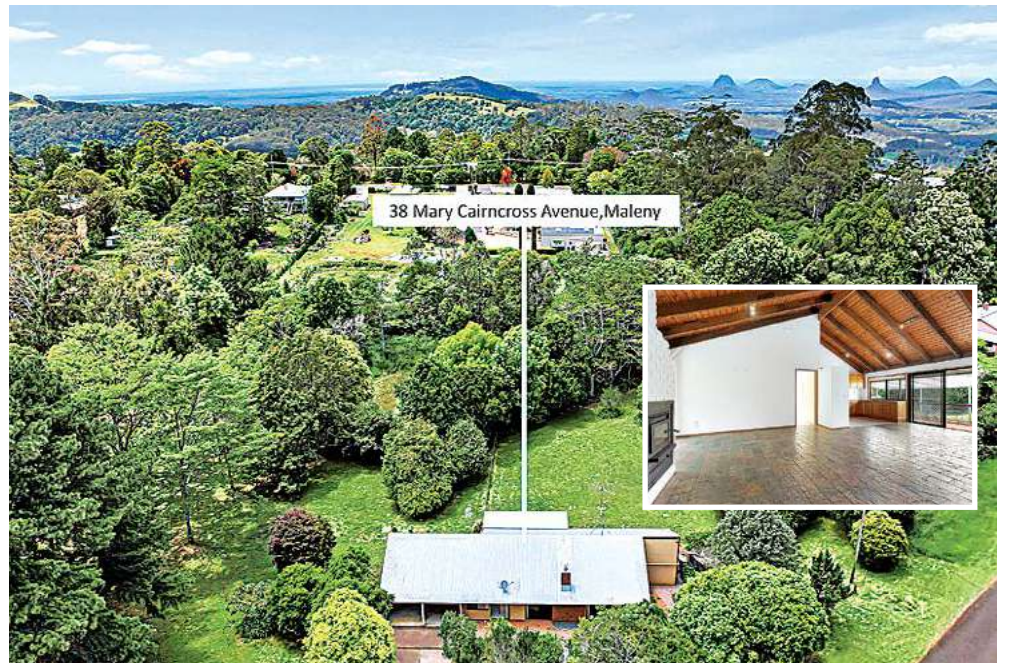
This arrangement allows for minimal disruption, enabling most tenants to stay in their homes while saving homeowners from



Dave Rea is Purpose Real Estate's Sales Manager and Buyers Agent.

the hassles and costs associated with public listings and viewings.

The initiative underscores Purpose Real Estate's commitment to community welfare and represents a significant effort to address the housing challenges on the Sunshine Coast.



Solid in its build, this property offers immense opportunity for the astute buyer.

## Location, potential and incredible land in Mary Cairncross Avenue, Maleny

AGENT'S CHOICE: 38 Mary Cairncross Ave, Maleny.

PERFECTLY positioned in highly sought-after Mary Cairncross Avenue, this home has all the potential to become something very special.

Boasting a flat 7,859m2 block, there is potential here to expand, build a dream shed and work on the existing 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home to create something truly enviable.

Offering "good bones", the solid home offers a place to reside now while you make your future plans.

There is plenty of space and there will be no

end of parking and storage for all vehicles. Thanks to the rich, fertile, Hinterland soil, there is incredible potential for gardens and creating a sustainable lifestyle.

This property is just a 6 minute drive from Maleny, and is close to everything the Hinterland has to offer.

The iconic Mary Cairncross Park is just a minutes' walk away and the walking paths along Mountain View Road are on your doorstep.

► Long held by one family, this property offers immense opportunity for the astute buyer. Opportunities of this calibre are rare, so contact exclusive agent Rodney Millett today on 0477 702 073.



The office of four is headed up by agents Lina Hosier and Michael Scott, who have worked in the area in another franchise and know the market.

## Harcourts agency enters hinterland real estate scene

by Janine Hill

A NEW real estate agency has opened in Nambour, signalling confidence in the future of the hinterland property market.

Harcourts Hinterland, in Currie Street, between the Club Hotel Namba and C-Square, will focus on property sales in Nambour and surrounding areas west of the highway.

The office of four is headed up by agents Lina Hosier and Michael Scott, who have worked in the area in another franchise and know the market.

Michael said Nambour was the obvious choice of headquarters for a new hinterland agency although their hope is to open in other hinterland towns over time.

"The reason we aimed for opening in Nambour is because it was the heart of the hinterland and people still see it as that today," he said.

A Nambour resident, he said it was a great town for living and working in and people who thought otherwise had the wrong idea.

"Often, when people from the other side

of the highway talk about Nambour, they talk down, but it's the best place to bring up a family and it's not as busy as along the coast," he said.

Lina said buyers had been waking up to what Nambour and the hinterland had to offer for the past few years.

"A lot of people come to the coast and realise there's better value this side of the highway. A lot of people, before and after covid, want more space and it doesn't have the stigma that it used to," she said.

Michael said that sale prices were continuing in an upward trajectory in the area despite forecasts of property prices falling due to interest rate rises.

He said the larger block sizes in Nambour and surrounding areas mean buyers had opportunities to build granny flats and similar which would produce capital growth.

"It makes them feel a little bit more secure here than if they spend \$1.2 million on a house in Maroochydore where there isn't any opportunity to improve the value," he said.



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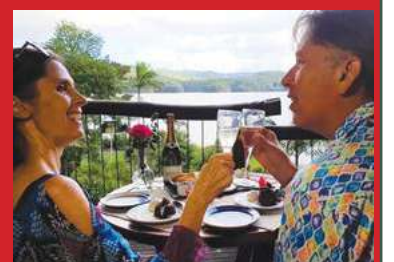


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