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## **Tennis Club bounces** back stronger than ever

WHILE the lockdown has meant no events in the Nambour Showgrounds, Nambas Tennis Club has used the opportunity to have a troublesome court re-built.

Nambas' number three court has required multiple repairs over many years as it was built on unstable ground too close to Petrie Creek. A major repair was done following the 2011 floods, including moving the whole court further from the creek. But the drainage problems continued.

With the help of a grant of \$35,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Nambas self funding the major portion, a complete reconstruction has now been completed.

Nambas Tennis Club now has four top class synthetic grass tennis courts all under lights.

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# Home buyers looking to escape to the country **Real estate sales booming**

CASHED up buyers are snapping up hinterland properties in search of value, a more relaxed lifestyle and a safe store of value in uncertain times.

Palmwoods real estate agent Mike Burns said he'd had over 43 inspections through 3 properties last Saturday. "It's the most I have ever had in my 16-year career," he said.

Mr Burns said extra money available from superannuation drawdowns and government incentives such as home buyers grants was being used to purchase property.

"Also people aren't travelling so they're looking to put their money they get very good value for their money. \$500,000 still buys a very good property."

Mr Burns said city slickers were trading trendy inner city homes for an escape to the country, looking for more "isolated" homes in highly sought after tree change areas like the hinterland. "Our buyers are savvy and well-researched. And they attend open homes well-equipped with information. I have never met so many great people."

Mr Burns said COVID-19 had inspired people to look to more open

veggies, fruit trees et cetera. They want to kick a ball, walk with the dog in a peaceful environment. They're looking for the more neighbourly community feel that a more-rural hinterland settings offers.'

Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate Agent Rodney Millett said buyers were also citing the ability to work from home with proximity to the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane while appreciating the great services and amenities of the Hinterland. "Not to

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mention the cafés, unique shopping, restaurants, art scene, markets and

"Investor confidence is also growing because of our strong rental market. Although negative media coverage about the future property market has been talked about in the Southern markets - we are not experiencing that in the Hinterland.

"It's a really positive time to be an agent and part of this community in the Hinterland right now. People have been facing a period of uncertainty and stress due to the pandemic, however we are now experiencing really confident buyers and sellers who are looking to create the next stage of their life; retirement, raising families and professionals setting up home offices.

"Buyers are keen to secure their own piece of the Hinterland and create a lifestyle for themselves and their family. At the forefront of their minds is wanting to be part of the close-knit hinterland community, and if not now, in the future. It really is an aspirational purchase and a move to the hinterland is something









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## It's our Special Food Edition, quite by accident

Editor's Letter by Cameron Outridge editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au

WE might have called this fortnight's paper the "special food edition" because we're featuring so many mouthwatering cafes and restaurants inside. We put the call out last week for local businesses to get back to us if they wanted some editorial coverage and we got a bit of a rush of foodies, so we went with it.

It's our way of giving you the lowdown on the best cafes and eating spots in the hinterland (picture me licking my lips) while helping them get back on their feet at the same time. We're thinking of making it a regular feature of the paper. If we missed you, never fear, we're happy to drop in for a "drive-by photoshoot and editorial". Let me know by email if you want to be considered for a write-up about your local business.

 In other good news this week (pages 2, 3), Yandina is picking up where it left off before COVID reared its ugly head. Great to see. Such a lovely town with wonderful spirit.

· And, of course, our front page story tells of the unexpected boom in hinterland real estate right now. Properties are selling like hotcakes, apparently. How delightfully unexpected is that?

• But wait there's more good news. We're running a special promotion, next edition only, on quarter page ads. If you book a quarter page ad, you get a quarter page business feature free. Details page 14.

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# **Yandina recovers & rebuilds**

## Town looks forward to bright future, says **Chamber secretary**

BACK in March foot traffic in Yandina's main streets was virtually zero. Now, with restrictions easing, life is returning to normal for the robust and growing hinterland community.

"In March it dropped off to next to nothing," said Yandina Chamber of Commerce Secretary Bill Gissane.

"It really took a lot of the spirit and a lot of the momentum out of the place. We noticed that in our case, our revenue dropped off by 60 percent. So it was really a remarkable downturn.'

Mr Gissane, who owns Yandina Art and Framing, praised the town's community spirit for the recovery.

"We said, we're not going to just sit here and moan, we're going to do something about it. So, like in other places, cafes marketed themselves as takeaways. They did deliveries. We all adopted technology wherever we could.

"In our case, we offered and we still offer online consultations for people's framing. So it's all helped to keep us going."

Mr Gissane said things started to pick up again in April. "And I think the most remarkable thing we noticed was, when the Yandina markets got going again, Saturday mornings just exploded. All the overflow from the markets are coming up the street to have a coffee and a look around.

Since the lifting of heavier restrictions the town had definitely "got its mojo back", he said. "There's a good vibe and people are spending again. We're not back to where we were but we're very confident that if we can keep this momentum going Yandina will move on from here and prosper.

Mr Gissane said Yandina was well positioned given its character and location.

"People are really responding well to the artistic and food nature of Yandina," he said. "It's become a really popular spot for particularly people from further north ... to get away from the areas that they have been to many times. They love the streetscape, and the quirkiness of Yandina. So we really think we've got something to offer people that's a bit different from just more Chinese-made products and wall-to-wall franchises."

Mr Gissane said part of the reason for Yandina's success was that it did not have a shopping centre. "Once you're inside one of those malls you could be anywhere," he said. "There's no character. They're all much the same.

"I think we're like Maleny 10 was years ago because we've still got the character, still got the community feel."

Mr Gissane pointed to Yandina's booming industrial area as a positive generator for locals. "It means we've got employment. Plus there's growing agricultural employment opportunities on the outskirts of town towards North Arm.'

Yandina was looking forward to Nambour recovering. "We get a lot of Nambour visitors down this way. So we wish them all the best. And we think Yandina is a really good counterpoint to big brother up the road.

"We love Nambour but we're not good because we're bigger. We're good because we're different."



This town has potential: Bill Gissane says Yandina is a lot like Maleny was ten years ago... "When the Yandina markets got going again, Saturday mornings just exploded."



The Yandina Markets, evry Saturday, have brought crowds back to the small town

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**Cindy Lidington of Stay Wild Collective Yandina** 

## Fashion shop expansion a strong sign for thriving town

AT a time when so many businesses are closing it's a testament to Yandina that Cindy Lidington is looking to expand her women's clothes shop in Stevens Street.

Such is her faith in the town the owner of Stay Wild Collective is looking to double her space to a new premise.

She said Yandina's distinctive feel derived from its interesting mix of shops and the individuality owners brought to their enterprises. The town's character was drawing people from

near and far as Yandina's reputation grew.

"Yandina is such a lovely town," she said. "Country towns that do well are the ones who do something a bit different. It's a great little place.

"We stock natural fibres and small labels for ladies from 16 years old to my oldest customer who is in her 80s.

"We're on trend but not trendy. We don't do fast fashion. It's more slow fashion." Stay Wild Collective is at 13 Stevens Street.

## Live music back at Gun **Cotton Coffee Roasters**

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Dave

more info.

THERE'S no doubt the music industry felt the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic more than most.

Bands and musicians all around the world cancelled every tour, gig and festival on the horizon.

Local singer songwriter Dave Barrie, pictured, had five gigs in the hinterland booked in April and May, all of which were cancelled. Dave quickly found the positives in the situation and jumped into the recording studio to record a batch of new original songs.

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# \$301m Bruce Upgrade

THE Sunshine Coast's next major infrastructure upgrade will revamp the Maroochydore Road and Mons Road interchanges to tackle safety and major congestion issues in the area while supporting hundreds of jobs.

The work, to be completed by 2022, means motorists will be able to travel between the Maroochydore Road and Mons Road interchanges at Forest Glen without having to use the Bruce Highway, separating local and regional traffic to improve safety and traffic flow both on the highway and on local roads.

The project is part of the \$12.6 billion, 15-year Bruce Highway Upgrade Program - a pipeline of investment from the Australian and Queensland Governments.

The Australian Government has committed \$241 million to upgrade the Maroochydore Road and Mons Road interchanges.

Coupled with current upgrade works between Caloundra Road and the Sunshine Motorway, the delivery of these vital projects is supporting more than 1,060 jobs.

Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey said securing hundreds more jobs on the Coast was crucial to Queensland's plan for economic recovery, while also meeting the transport needs of the region well into the future.

Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien said the project would come as a relief to frustrated motorists.

"The works will bust congestion at the interchanges and eliminate queuing onto the Bruce Highway," Mr O'Brien said.

"Motorists will also be able to travel between the Maroochydore Road and Mons Road interchanges at Forest Glen without having to use the Bruce Highway, separating local and regional traffic to improve safety and traffic flow both on the highway and on local roads."

The upgrades are expected to open by 2022.



Ted O'Brien, right, joined Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey to turn the sod on the Sunshine Coast's next major infrastructure upgrade at Forest Glen.

## Real Estate sales boom despite COVID

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they have been thinking of for some time." Mapleton agent Roger Loughnan said the hinterland was living up to his long-held belief that the it would eventually be appreciated as a superb place to live and work.

"Now that coronavirus has forced people to review their work/life balance, the hinterland ticks so many boxes regarding temperate climate in summer and winter, rich soils, self sufficient water supplies and gardens and small, friendly communities so lacking in large cities.

"Demand continues to be strong with limited supply. But buyers are still researching values very thoroughly. Demand is especially strong in the \$500k to \$800k bracket."

Mr Loughnan said an attractive lifestyle property on a north facing block of around 8000m2 with a comfortable 4 bedroom and 2 bathroom home was recently listed at \$698,000.

"It attracted more than 30 enquiries and 20 inspections resulting in a contract above the asking price," he said.

Amber Werchon agent Leigh Martinuzzi said the market was the busiest he had seen in the local area

"For example one home we listed on a Saturday afternoon drew 70-plus enquiries by Monday and we ran an open home on Monday evening that attracted 32 buyer groups to it.

"By the end of the week we had over 120 enquiries, 92 buyer inspections and multiple offers received.

"I expect this property will be under contract within the week."

Mr Martinuzzi said people were moving from the bigger cities to Nambour and hinterland looking for a little more space and lifestyle.

"I think with COVID many people and businesses realised that it was easier to work from home. For that reason people can move away from the cities without a regular commute. While the future of the property market is unknown I am confident that with all the development that is happening and that wonderful nature we have here that we will be somewhat immune to any significant downturn in the property market should that occur."

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Compass Founder David Dangerfield & trainee Damien Stevens in the art area at Compass Farm ... a 20 acre property nestled in the hills of Hunchy. The Farm is a place where people with disabilities can learn, gain diverse work experience and enjoy genuine vocational opportunities.

# Mapping a new pathway

#### by Tanya Outridge

COMPASS Institute founder David Dangerfield has dedicated his career to exploring and improving higher education and vocational opportunities for young people. Nowadays, those with a disability are his primary focus.

"I didn't actually start out in this field, but it is funny how your life experiences tend to run full circle," David said. "My first 'career' was as a Surveyor. I did a cadetship and worked for the Irrigation and Water Supply Commission. It was a real 'boys own adventure', out in remote areas, camping and working in the mud and the dirt. But I ultimately wanted to spend my days in something that was more fulfilling.

"So I travelled to New Zealand, where I spent four and a half years studying and then working with people with intellectual and physical disabilities. It was there that I began to see the possibilities for people with a disability, beyond school and traditional support services.

"On my return to Australia, I worked for a brief period for Endeavour Foundation in Toowoomba and then moved to the Sunshine Coast," he said.

In 1991, David set his sights on working with 18-23 year old people who had been long term unemployed. "At the time, I figured the best course of action was to start my own agency," David said. "Our earliest contracts came from Government agencies and the TAFE. Our key focus was to reconnect these young people with their community and employment opportunities via bridging courses and apprenticeships.

"It was extremely rewarding, but I was forever frustrated by what was really an 'ambulance at the bottom of the cliff' approach," he said. "I wanted to intervene before young people became so disconnected."

David went directly to schools to identify

young people who were deemed at risk of dropping out. "It struck me that 8 out of 10 of them were boys," David said.

An avid martial arts practitioner, David based his program on Aikido.

"Âikido is an ancient practice that has its roots in the battlefields of Japan. It has not been converted to a combat sport and while there is danger in the training, there are so many profound life lessons inherent in these old school martial arts," he said.

"Our students learned to be mindful and responsible for their safety and actions, as well as the safety of others.

"In our program, young boys learned about danger and risk, and that with these elements, they need to learn cooperation. It was incredibly gratifying to see our students extend and push themselves to mastery."

David's programs were enormously successful. They ran for 15 years, and re-engaged and trained 7000 young people.

"There was no Government funding for our training program, but again, I figured you can sit back and wait, or just move forward and trust that you are heading in the right direction."

David was eventually approached by Special Schools to see if the program was available for students with disabilities who also demonstrated challenging behaviours.

"That was the point when I realised I had come full circle," David said.

In 2003, David started his own disability service and now works exclusively in this field.

"I saw that beyond secondary school, there were still no further educational opportunities available to young people with a disability and very limited vocational options either," he said. "This position would be intolerable for any other sector of our society and I wanted that to change." "It was time to challenge the long term implicit philosophy that a person with a disability could really only be assisted with welfare."

Today, the Compass Institute has five centres between Caboolture and Gympie. One hundred and sixty young people are involved, 80 staff and around 20 volunteers. The 20 acre property in Palmwoods was purchased in 2010.

It has around 10 working acres, a commercial grade kitchen and other facilities where young people are involved in a range of commercial activities including woodwork, growing fruit and vegetables and keeping chickens, and preparation of jams, pickles, chutneys and honey for sale.

"I think I am proudest of the fact that Compass is a place that has now attracted an incredibly vibrant group of young people who want to work with us," said David.

"By very deliberate design, I have, with our dedicated leadership team, structured Compass with good pay, conditions and career opportunities. Across the board, I want people to value the sector.

"And I want to help young people with disabilities develop to the point where they have a sense of personal value. Everyone here is a meaningful participant in what we are doing."

"The name Compass Institute reflects the nature of the compass as a mapping tool. You can give someone a compass and map to show them the way, and they can also take the compass to create their own way. As it turns out, it is quite a pertinent throwback to my days in surveying."



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## Career was baked-in for restaurateur

A childhood obsession with baking was the beginning of Ashleigh Hoeksema's love affair with food and hospitality.

She has gone on to pursue a career as a chef, restaurateur and now teacher, and has learned and worked alongside world renowned dessert aficionado, Adriano Zumbo.

"I won an 'Apprentice of the Year' competition when I was 20 and working in Coolum, and I moved to Sydney to work with Adriano," Ashleigh said. "He put me in charge of macarons and we would make between 5000 and 6000 every day. It was pretty full on, because they are his signature dessert."

After a year working with Zumbo, Ashleigh was quickly snapped up and offered a position as a sous chef at Sokyo in Sydney, where she created Japanese and French inspired desserts. In 2015, Ashleigh came home to the Sunshine Coast and opened her own restaurant, Nambour Social.

"I chose Nambour to open my own place because it has such a great up and coming vibe," Ashleigh said. "There is so much happening here, particularly food wise."

"It took me a couple of years to fix our building to open and it has been full on ever since. I have never worked in a better town than Nambour. It is insane. People here are amazing and they really want us to do well. The support for what we are doing here is so great," she said.

Best known for mouthwatering breakfasts, and next level pastries, Nambour Social has made the cut on Urban List, while Ashleigh has featured as one of Urban List's Three Young Chefs to Watch here on the Sunshine Coast.

"We have regulars who never miss coming for weekend breakfasts, and it is incredibly busy for us then," Ashleigh said. "We also do lunches, and obviously coffee and baked sweets are extremely popular as well."



Ashleigh Hoeksema chose Nambour because of its up and coming vibe. Nambour Social is at 59 Currie Street. Phone 5479 6308.

# Weary residents to meet officials over rail noise

WOOMBYE residents desperate for a reduction of noise from trains parked at the stabling facility will meet with Queensland Rail's Senior Manager of Corporate and Government Affairs Todd Gogol on Saturday (July 18).

The meeting will be chaired by the Woombye Community and Business Association (WCBA). Transport Minister Mark Bailey MP is not able to attend but member for Nicklin Marty Hunt MP will be there.

Noise became an issue for residents in February when the trains were first stabled at Woombye. It is from air-conditioning units which are left running at loud "in-service" mode to prevent a mould and odour issue in the near-brand new \$4.4 billion fleet which has been plagued by expensive design flaws.

Resident Mike Melzer said the problem peaked last Thursday night when sleep was "all but impossible" for people close to the facility.

"Last night the air conditioner noise was unbelievable," Mr Melzer said in a letter to Mr Gogol. "Earlier in the week we said it was the loudest we had heard. Last night the sound of at least 24 air conditioners running at full power resulted in a full throated roar that would have been easily heard across all of the Woombye community."

Mr Melzer pleaded with the department to put an end to the problem.

"Do not make us endure another night of this contemptuous intrusion. Do not make us endure another day of this constant noise. Clearly this method of attempting to control the mould problem is not working. I know we are meeting in eight days, but words, as we have found in the past five years, are cheap. What we need right now are actions."

Woombye was assured from the start of public consultation in 2015 that noise at the new facility would not be an issue.

Resident James Kasmer has been trying to get answers and organise a meeting with officials for months.

"The trains are returning back to the yard for cleaning et cetera and the air-conditioning units are on full throttle," he said last week. "It sounds like planes on the tarmac right now from where I live, which is nowhere near as close as Mike (Melzer)."

Queensland Rail CEO Nick Easy had assured Mr Melzer and other residents in a letter on June 19 that "Queensland Rail, the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Bombardier were continuing to work together to address concerns about noise".

The NGR project will add 75 six-car trains to the rail network in South East Queensland and increase the network's overall fleet by 30 percent. But the project has been plagued with difficulties including mould and odour issues and a design flaw which meant they were inaccesible by wheelchairs.

Residents affected by noise coming from the facility are urged to contact the WCBA via their website. The WCBA said any concerns raised by local residents would be taken to the meeting. — Cameron Outridge

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28. COQ AU VIN (CHICKEN IN RED WINE) 29. BEEF BURGANDY (BEEF IN RED WINE) 30 CHICKEN IN CREAM SAUCE **31. BEEF TOURTE WITH TOMATO & CREAM** 

32. CONFIT DUCK WITH ORANGE SAUCE 33. FISH ROULADE WITH LEMON RESULING SAUCE AND RICE 34. CREAM OF SWEET POTATO SOUP

48. CORN BEEF, WHITE SAUCE AND VEGETABLES (GF)

51. SWEET AND SOUR VEGETABLES AND RICE (GF, VEG)

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49. THAI VEGETABLE CURRY AND RICE (GF, VEG)

52. MIXED BEAN CURRY AND RICE (GF, VEG)

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59. POTATO BACON AND LEEK

60 CHICKEN AND VEGETABLE

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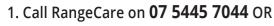
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- 41. ROAST BEEF AND VEGETABLES (GF)
- 42. ROAST CHICKEN AND VEGETABLES (GF)
- 43. PORK POT ROAST WITH APPLE AND VEGETABLES (GF)
- 44. HONEY CHICKEN AND RICE (GF)
- 45. SHEPHERD'S PIE AND VEGETABLES (GF)
- 46. SAUSAGES WITH TOMATO/ONION GRAVY AND VEGETABLES (GF)
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Cherrie Thies, second from left, and staff ... "People come from as far away as Gympie and up on the Range for our burgers".

## Your lunch prep starts as soon as you walk in the door at this hidden gem

IF fresh, tasty and fast is what you are after, Windsor Road Lunchbox is a must visit.

"We have been here for 10 years and we look after loads of trades customers," said co-owner, Cherrie Thies.

"In fact, we know 80-90 percent of our customers by name. We know their regular orders and can pretty much start cooking as soon as we see them walk in the door," Cherrie said.

"For us, it is all about fast service of quality food. Most of our customers are really time limited so we try to get them in and out again as quickly as possible. We also keep our prices very reasonable and our customers often comment about how much food they get for their money," she said. "People come from as far away as Gympie and up on the Range for our burgers. We've been described as a 'hidden gem"".

## Stalwart brewer nervously awaits his ale house opening

NAMBOUR'S Stalwart Alehouse and Brewery opens Saturday (July 18) and even though it's all-but booked solid, owner Adam Tomlinson is nervous.

"The deadline's drawing near and I know we've got a full house Saturday, but I just hope everything goes well," said Adam, pictured. "I don't want to disappoint people. It's one thing to get people here, but you have to keep them coming back.'

It is hoped the venture at 78-84 Currie Street, will breathe new life into Nambour's CBD just as it has revived its 109-year-old heritage listed building. The venue will be the first business to take advantage of Council's new special entertainment precinct designation, intended to attract more hospitality businesses to the area. "It's open Saturday from 10.30am," said Adam. "We have limited tables available Saturday but still available Sunday.

For enquiries head to stalwartbrewing.com.au and look under the Alehouse & Brewery tab.

The staff at the Windsor Road Lunchbox have been there for many years and know their regular customers well. The team also regularly caters for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, local schools and the Post Office.

"Myself and my partner Lyndell are ex Coles and KFC," said Cherrie. "We know the business of service inside out. But while we have come from that very Corporate background, we are all about relationships and community. We even have a 'pay it forward' tin on the front counter and everyone from our team to our customers love to feel they can participate in paying it forward, even if it is in a small way. It's what makes this such a great business to be in."

Windsor Road Lunchbox is at 13 Windsor Road, Burnside.

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## Croissants flown in from Paris? Ooh la la!

OVERSEAS travel is not on the cards any time soon but if a taste of France is what you are after, head to A Fig in the Sun at Burnside.

"Everything on our menu is made by us except for our croissants, which are flown in from Paris," said owner Lisa Wiedrich.

"I buy the pastries raw and frozen, and bake them off fresh every day. They are made with French butter and European flour, which is less processed," she said. "They are buttery, flaky and divine, just as croissants should be!"

A Fig in the Sun (formerly Sweet Corn Cafe), is a 30 year old dream come true for Lisa, who worked as a Chef in Melbourne back in the 90's.

"I have also had a career in Medical Nutrition which furthered my passion for real food, quality produce and home cooking," said Lisa. "I had been eyeing off this shop for about two years, thinking it would be perfect for a home cooked food cafe. It was so exciting when it became available and I have worked hard to put my own stamp on it and make it a relaxing, warm and inviting place to enjoy our food."

The menu at A Fig in the Sun changes daily. The mouthwatering selection of dishes showcases outstanding fresh local produce, all meticulously prepared with passion. The flavours of the world are well represented in savoury dishes as well as off the charts homebaked sweet treats.

"I use either organic or European flour in my baking because they are less processed, and seem to be much better digested by those with gluten or grain intolerances," said Lisa.

"I am a bit of a coffee snob, and I use a carefully selected blend of Kai coffee, which is roasted right here on the Sunny Coast. Not only do they supply incredible coffee, but Kai Coffee also supports children in Uganda and is part of an organisation which serves 10,000 meals to children every month. Being able to support a company like Kai Coffee is really important to me," she said.

Lisa is expanding her range of health teas and other local products, which are available for retail purchase as well.

Check out their Facebook page @figinthesun to see the daily offerings.

A Fig in the Sun is at 59 Perwillowan Road Burnside. Phone 0450 377 735.



Owner Lisa Wiedrich with her French croissants ... "They are buttery, flaky and divine, just as croissants should be!"

# Station a step closer in Maleny

A Queensland Fire and Emergency Services multi-purpose facility in Maleny is a step closer to completion with the design contract awarded to a local business.

Minister for Fire and Emergency Services Craig Crawford recently announced that Brad Read Design had been awarded the design contract for the new \$5 million facility at Dixon Avenue.

The facility would house all three QFES services, including Fire and Rescue Service auxiliary firefighters, and State Emergency Service and Rural Fire Service volunteers.

QFES responds to a wide variety of incidents, from road traffic crashes, structure fires and specialist rescues, to larger-scale emergencies such as bush fires, cyclones and floods.

When it opens in late 2021, the new stateof-the-art facility will ensure QFES has greater ability in its operational response and can continue to the meet the community's needs well into the future.

"The Queensland Government has provided \$2.5 million in funding toward this vital project this financial year, with a further \$2.5 million to be allocated in 2020-2021," Mr Crawford said.

"This multi-agency facility will be a key resource for QFES to bolster services to Maleny and the wider Sunshine Coast hinterland community."

QFES Commissioner Greg Leach said he was pleased to see the new facility committed to the region. "This resource will allow our hardworking and dedicated staff and volunteers to continue their important work in our communities," he said.

Construction is expected to commence late this year.

# **Sponsorship applications** extended until 31 August 2020

If your community group is from the Palmwoods area and would like to apply, please speak to one of our team for more information.

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# Volunteers receive a leg up

VOLUNTEERS at 20 organisations will benefit from support through the Volunteer Grants Program at this challenging time.

The Federal grants will provide, among much more, new uniforms for the 5th Light Horse Regiment Maleny Troop and training in helping the aged for volunteers at Blackall Range Care Group.

Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace announced the \$65,000 in grants yesterday.

Mr Wallace said that volunteers had been critical during these difficult times.

"I'm glad to see that our local organisations will now get some help in continuing to support families, provide employment pathways for young people and strengthen community resilience. Volunteers rarely ask for anything, they just get on with the job.

Twenty grants from \$1000-\$5000 are being provided in Fisher to help community organisations buy equipment, pay fuel costs, or train volunteers.

#### Organisations receiving grants

• Palmwoods Bowls Club who receive \$2000 for computer equipment;

• Palmwoods Girl Guides who receive \$1800 for kitchen equipment and the reimbursement of volunteer fuel costs;

• 5th Light Horse Regiment Maleny Troop who receive \$5000 for new uniforms and horse riding equipment;

• Blackall Range Care Group in Maleny who receive \$4970 for training in helping the aged;

· Maleny Agricultural Show Society who receive \$5000 for upgrading computer equipment, furniture and a PA system;

• Maleny RSL Sub-branch who receive \$1600 for computer equipment;

· Glass House Mountains State School who receive \$2220 for a cash register and safe food storage for the tuck shop.



Burnside Coffee Den owners Minie and Navi Singh ... "If it hadn't been for the support of our wonderful customers, we would have had a much worse time".

## Burnside Coffee Den weathers crisis

AFTER taking over the Burnside Coffee Den in September last year Minie and Navi Singh were just settling in when the COVID restrictions were introduced.

"If it hadn't been for the support of our wonderful customers, we would have had a much worse time," Minie said. "We are so grateful that they continued to come and enjoy our food."

All of the meals on the menu are homemade and Minie and Navi have struck a winning formula with their scones, quiches, lasagne and burgers.

"We have been blown away by the Reviews our customers leave us on Facebook," Minie said. "We had one customer say that ours is the best coffee on the Sunshine Coast!'

Now that the restrictions have lifted, you can once again dine in at Burnside Coffee Den.

"We are carefully observing the social dis-

tancing restrictions, but people really enjoy eating in and taking their time over a coffee and a paper," said Minie.

"We have just introduced big breakfast omelettes and every day we get freshly baked specialty breads in from the German Bakehouse.

"The support we have had from our regular customers has reaffirmed our decision to come into this business. When they couldn't dine in, customers would come and order takeaways and would not accept change when they paid for their food.

'We still have one customer who refuses to let us clip his coffee loyalty card because he wants to support us. Our customers love to come here, and we love to look after them."

Burnside Coffee Den is at shop 4, 87-91 Coes Creek Road, Burnside. Phone: 5441 2951.



## Win a double pass to see Harry Potter's Weasley twins

THE Weasley twins from the Harry Potter movie series are coming to the Coast to headline 'An Evening of Magic & Wizards'.

James and Oliver Phelps the twins who played Fred and George Weasley in the Harry Potter Films will lead a Q&A Session. They will be joined by some of the world's best magicians.

"Participants will be taken into the world of magic and wizards and have the opportunity to hear the boys talk about their time on the films," said Wowza Entertainment Marketing & Promotions Manager Cameron Magusic.

"The three-hour show will be the best fix for all Harry Potter fans ... hours of fun, the best fix for witches, wizards, and muggles alike this October. We have an amazing set and backdrops as well as incredible magic performances and a Q&A session."

It's coming to the Sunshine Coast on Tuesday, 27 October from 6.30pm at Caloundra Indoor Stadium.

One lucky Sunshine Valley Gazette reader can win a double pass to the Show. All you have to do is email cameron@wowzaentertainment. com.au by COB Monday 27 July, with the correct answer to the following question ... "Which wizarding school did the Weasley twins attend?"

One correct entry will be selected at random and the winner will be announced in the Gazette on 29 July. Good luck!



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# This year's Garden Expo cancelled

## But all set for 2021

THE Queensland Garden Expo for 2020, which was to be held September 19, 20 and 21 has been cancelled.

Organisers said that while the entire Garden Expo Team had put in a huge effort over the past 6 weeks to plan a COVID-Safe event there was still no certainty they would get the final go ahead from Health Authorities.

With just over 8 weeks to go before they would have to commence set up for the September event they felt they could not delay making a decision any longer. "It has been of the utmost importance to us that we deliver a safe and quality event and we are mindful of all the preparations that our exhibitors, volunteers and visitors contribute to this. At this stage we don't believe we can deliver the event you have come to expect within the time frame we are now faced with," they said on Facebook.

"This has been a difficult decision but we believe this is the only way forward to ensure the event remains viable for the long term. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support. At this stage we will look to the 2021 event with the dates being 9,10,11 July, 2021."

Tickets for the 2020 event can be held and used for 2021 or refunds are also available. If you would like a refund please request this through Eventbrite or contact us on tickets@ qldgardenexpo.com.au. Exhibitors will also be contacted to discuss their options.

"We would like to thank all of our Expo friends for their continued support and we look forward to 2021 when we can all meet again for three days of gardening greatness."

# This year's Cosy Creek offers hearty home-style eats

AS the name suggests, the Cosy Creek Cafe is the place to go if you are looking for hearty home style food.

"We are probably best known for our burgers," said owner Wendy Burns. "Last year we won the 92.7 Mix FM "Best Burger on the Coast" award.

"I think it's because we make our meat patties and everything from scratch and we are really generous with our portion sizes," she said.

"Our Big Breakfasts and home made scones are also a specialty."

Warming soups and dishes like pasta carbonara are particularly popular throughout the colder months.

"I alternate our signature chicken and veggie soup with a nice creamy pasta carbonara, so people have a bit of variety," said Wendy.

"We also offer a really large range of gluten free options."

The Cosy Creek Cafe features a cheerful, sheltered outdoor eating area where you can enjoy your food, or you can order it to go.

And the one thing you can be sure of is that you will leave with a full stomach.

"I like to fill people up, and no-one ever goes away hungry, that's for sure!" Wendy said.

The Cosy Creek Cafe is at Burnside Shopping Centre in Coes Creek Road.

Phone 5441 3100 or find them on Facebook.



Owner Wendy Burns ... "Last year we won the 92.7 Mix FM 'Best Burger on the Coast' award."

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## Dogs in Business



### The pawfect companion

Our latest Dog in Business is Gus. Gus started out as the chief "Meeter and Greeter" at Post Coffee House in Burnside. But now, he is more chilled and likes to hang out and relax with guests on his favourite chair. In this picture, he is enjoying a smooch with the boss, Kaite Dyce. As you can see, he's a good listener and a pretty chilled little guy!

## JP Service starts in Palmwoods

GEOFF Brown, pictured, will commence a volunteer Justice of the Peace service for the Palmwoods and surrounding community.



It's part of a JPs in the Community Program set up by the Queensland Government. You can find Geoff at the Palmwoods Hall each Tuesday from 1-3pm. He started yesterday. There is a similar service each day of the week at the Nambour Court House and limited days at the Nambour Library.



Andrew POWELL MP Member for Glass House

Glass House Listening Posts

## Monday 20 July

8:00-9:00am Woodford Archer Street between Margaret/ Peterson Road

9:30-10:30am Delaneys Creek Corner of Delaneys Creek School Road and Mount Mee Road

## **Tuesday 21 July**

**7:30-8:30am Wamuran** Wamuran Community Hall on the D'Aguilar Highway

**9:00-10:00am D'Aguilar** Opposite the D'Ag Pub

### Wednesday 22 July

7:30-9:00am Glasshouse Mountains, GHM Visitor Centre

9:30-10:30am Beerwah Corner of Old Gympie Road and

## Thursday 23 July

8:30-9:30am Montville Montville Green

10:00-10:30am Flaxton Corner of Flaxton Drive and Flaxton

11:00am-12:00pm Mount Mee Outside Mt Mee Hall

**1.30-2.30pm Rocksberg Moorina** Corner of Caboolture River Road and F Lindsay Road

**3.00-4.30pm Upper Caboolture** Corner of Caboolture River Road and Thornbill Drive **11:00am-12:00pm Bellthorpe** Front of the Bellthorpe Hall **2.00-3.00pm Conondale** Conondale Swimming Pool

**3.30-4.30pm Witta** Opposite the Witta general store Fig Tree Drive

**11:00am-12:00pm Peachester** Corner of Kilcoy-Beerwah Rd and Baker Finch Ave

**1:30-2:30pm Beerburrum** Parrot Park

**3.00-4.00pm Elimbah** Corner of Beerburrum Road and Smiths Road

#### Mill Road

**11.00-11.30 Mount Mellum** Corner of Upper Mount Mellum Rd and Mount Mellum Rd

12.00-1.00pm Maleny Tesch Park

**2:30-3:30pm Mooloolah Valley** Intersection of King Road and Dotson Drive, next to Mooloolah State School

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The \$43k shelter in Kolora Park.

## Council responds to request for info on \$43k shelter

SUNSHINE Coast Council has responded to a request for a breakdown of the costs associated with a shelter constructed in Kolora Park last year.

But the response provides no breakdown of costs. A spokesperson said Council was committed to delivering value for money to ratepayers. "The \$43,000 shelter renewal for Kolora Park at Palmwoods was facilitated through a competitive procurement process," he said.

"Council holds information forums on how local suppliers can do business with Council. The next supplier briefing will be held on July 30, 2020. For more information or to reserve your place at this event, visit council's website.

"Council engaged an independent contractor to complete the shelter renewal for Kolora Park at Palmwoods in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 and council's procurement policy. Commercial in confidence and probity obligations do not allow council to provide pricing breakdowns."

The issue was raised by a Palmwoods construction manager who said he could have built a similar shelter for about \$10,000. He said the money could have been better spent improving other aspects of the popular park.



Village Pickle owners Brendan Chan and Jaimi Crocker ... "We specialise in fermented foods and every menu item has a fermented ingredient."

## Cafe returns, along with popular reuben

THE Village Pickle in Nambour is back serving their unique specialty foods and coffees. "Being so close to the Hospital, we did close for a brief period of time," said owner, Jaimi Crocker.

"But it allowed us to work on our business so that we were ready to go when things started to open up again."

The brainchild of Jaimi and her partner, Brendan Chan, The Village Pickle is aptly named.

"We specialise in fermented foods and every menu item has a fermented ingredient," Jaimi said.

"We describe ourselves as a cafe bar/ BBQ joint because we also make our own smoked meats and hot sauces.

"Everything is made from premium fresh ingredients, from scratch, in house. We carry local craft beers and locally roasted, organic coffee.

"We have incredible local produce which we showcase in our menu," she said.

"Our signature dish is our take on a New York classic — the Reuben sandwich," Brendan said. "It is made with our house smoked brisket pas-



The "double Reuby Jnr", available by request, features signature pastrami, with a hot sauce drench and crispy fried jalapeños on the side.

trami, house made mustard, Russian dressing and sauerkraut. But we also have tasty options for vegetarians as well."

The Village Pickle 95 Blackall Terrace Nambour. Phone: 5400 1415 or Facebook: the.village. pickle

## Christmas in July Fair for Montville

CHRISTMAS is coming sooner than you think. Sunshine Coasts Arts and Crafts, Montville is hosting a Christmas in July Craft Fair at the Montville Village Hall on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th of July.

The newly renovated hall will once again be the venue for this two-day event which will be open 9am to 4 pm each day.

Members of Sunshine Coast Arts and Crafts along with independent local crafters will fill the hall with 100 percent locally made quality handcrafts.

Beanies and bags, chook tea cosies and kitchen towels, Australian animal soft toys and Barbie clothes, jewellery and woodwork are just some of what will be on offer.

There will also be a tasty array of home baked goodies including fresh baked scones with jam and cream at the inhouse refreshment bar along with tea, coffee and drinks.

If you can't make it to the fair be sure to visit Sunshine Coasts Arts and Crafts shop at 156 Main Street, Montville, open 10am to 4pm daily.

## Local boy, 16, stabbed in Nambour Park

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a 16-year-old boy was stabbed in Nambour last week (July 6).

Preliminary information suggests the local boy was walking through a park on Matthew Street when he became involved in a physical altercation with another male around 6.40pm.

The boy sustained a stab wound to his back during the scuffle and it is believed the male person then fled the scene in a white car.

Police located the injured boy on Howard Street a short time later. He was transported to Nambour Hospital with a non-life-threatening injury.

Police are asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident or been in the vicinity of the park between 6.40 and 7pm to come forward.

If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting.

You can report information about crime anonymously via crimestoppersqld.com.au 24hrs per day.





Kenilworth's Andrew Lindsay fills up his water cube at one of the user-pays community fill station at Zealey Road, Nambour.

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## need for residents

UNITYWATER has installed two community water fill stations for residents to fill their own containers during dry weather.

Kenilworth resident Andrew Lindsay has rainwater tanks at home and said the fill stations were a great service for those who weren't connected to town water.

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"I think they're a great solution for when we have prolonged dry weather and could help tide residents over when waiting for a water delivery," he said.

"We have horses so being able to fill our container and transport it on our property is really helpful."

Water is charged at \$4.35 for 1000 litres. Users will need to bring their own hose and hose connection for water quality and safety purposes. Find out more at www.unitywater.com/ fill-stations



## Delicious experiences to try in the hinterland

FROM farm gates to food tours and freshly caught seafood, the hinterland's food scene is rich in its diversity.

You can meet the makers and hear their stories, pick your own produce, sample award-winning cheese and take cooking classes from the best. Visit Sunshine Coast invites you to explore the Sunshine Coast through food this winter with these delicious dining experiences.

Visit Sunshine Coast recommends checking with each operator in relation to opening times and terms and conditions. It is also advisable to book ahead with attractions/tours and dining venues due to limited capacities and to avoid disappointment. Go to visitsunshinecoast.com.

#### Go Farm to Fork

As you drive up the winding range of the hinterland you'll spot farmgate stalls by the roadside offering everything from pineapples to avocados and fresh honey. But what is the story behind the produce?

In a true paddock to plate experience, Creative Tours and Events will take you behind the scenes to meet the makers and hear their stories on their Farm to Fork Hinterland Tour, followed by a lunch of local produce. Stops include The Falls Farm, Montville Coffee and Brouhaha Brewery.

## Get hands on with local produce at a cooking school

With an abundance of fresh local produce available, it's little wonder the Sunshine Coast is home to a number of leading cooking schools. Set in lush tropical gardens in the hinterland town of Yandina is Spirit House Restaurant and Cooking School, whose focus on Asian cuisine makes them one of Australia's best food experiences. At their cooking school they offer classes such as 'Feast From the East' and 'Quick and Easy Thai – With a Twist' to name a few. Local ingredients such as finger limes feature on the menu.

#### Meet the makers

The team at People, Plates and Places offer a truly unique food experience with their 'plate to paddock' ethos. Held in different locations across the Sunshine Coast, People, Plates and Places hold pop-up events on working farms



Yandina's Spirit House Restaurant and Cooking School focuses on Asian cuisine, making them one of Australia's best food experiences.

and orchards that bring diners to where the food is grown.

Foodies will hear from the producers themselves as they sample everything from grass-fed beef to organic tomatoes at their restaurant without walls. The next event will be held in Montville in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland on 25 July and feature a multi-course menu with paired wines.

## Enjoy canapes with camels on an organic dairy farm

Set against the iconic Glasshouse Mountains on the southern end of the Sunshine Coast

is Australia's premium supplier of certified organic camel milk, QCamel. The family-run dairy invites foodies behind the scenes on their farmgate 'Camel Cuddles' tour that includes sampling camel-milk products.

Together with local producers the QCamel team offer creamy camel milk fetta, camel milk chocolates and smoothies, as well as camel milk itself which has a number of health benefits.

The tour also invites you to meet the camels, who are more than willing to pose for a selfie and lean in for a camel cuddle. Camel tours can be done direct through QCamel or including transfers with Design It Tours.

# Apply now for Grants program

NOT-FOR-PROFIT community groups hoping to inspire others and make a real difference on the Coast can now apply for Council's latest round of its Major Grants program that opened Monday.

Funding of up to \$30,000 is available for one-off projects, events and activities that benefit communities in the region.

In recognition of how difficult fundraising and securing co-funding is in the current pandemic, for this financial year council has temporarily suspended the co-funding requirement in Major Grants for requests of more than \$7500.

Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said projects would need to be "shovel-ready" and could start and finish quickly to help boost the local economy.

"We are going to inject money into community groups to spend quickly and purposefully in our local economy, on projects that will keep our community resilient and vibrant and deliver maximum community benefit," Cr Law said.

"Volunteers at sporting clubs, neighbourhood centres, museums and arts facilities have gone above and beyond to keep communities connected during COVID-19. They are the unsung heroes of our community."

Applications must be submitted in one of seven categories: Community Development; Community Events; Community Facilities; Cultural Development; Cultural Heritage; Economic Development; Sports, Recreation and Healthy Living.

Groups can apply for up to \$15,000 in all categories, and \$15,000-\$30,000 in the Community Facilities category for infrastructure projects only. There are two Major Grants rounds held every year. More than 80 projects received a share of \$515,000 last round, including Nambour Men's Shed to upgrade their facilities and Maleny Commerce who launched a new gift card program.

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# Students inspired to celebrate strengths

FOR decades Nambour State College has been the largest education provider in Nambour and with each year it has gone from strength to strength.

"We work hard to empower our students with choice," said Principal Anthony Green.

"From the moment they step through our gates, as either a toddling preppie, a fresh-faced Grade 7 student or other, our 1400 students have access to subjects, programs and pathways significantly more diverse, supportive and realworld based than many of them realise," he said.

"For decades we have embraced and harnessed the many skills our students arrive at school already equipped with (academic or otherwise), and then we help them to learn new ones," said Mr Green.

"This is achieved through not only the traditional classroom, but also our academic, creative arts and sporting acceleration programs, our lunchtime clubs (including our Kitchen Garden program), our direct-to-industry careers officer and academic coaches, our hands-on working farm and our celebrations of excellence in all its forms."

From Prep through to Grade 12, students are encouraged to develop and celebrate their strengths through the school community celebrations and showcases.

"These include PBL Assemblies with class of the week, Junior Campus and Junior Secondary Celebration Assemblies (which also celebrate outstanding individual improvement), College Awards Evening, Extravadance, Music Nights and many more," Mr Green said.

"Every year we are excited about welcoming new families to our college," he said. "And to those who are already part of our community, we are so proud to have you." Above: Principal Anthony Green with students of Nambour State College ... "We work hard to empower our students with choice."

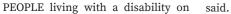


# Enrolments now open for 2021



Andrew Wallace MP and David Dangerfield, back row at right, with staff and trainees at the Compass Institute Caloundra.

Grant to help with skills





Supporting students from Prep to Year 12 to excel in their chosen pathways nurturing independence, compassion, innovation and global citizenship.

the Sunshine Coast have access to new and improved courses in critical life skills like cooking at the Compass Institute, thanks to a grant under the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

The \$16,000 project, one of 19 funded across the Federal electorate of Fisher, has seen the Centre's ageing kitchen undergo a complete renovation, allowing more students to learn how to live independently.

Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace said 19 grants, totalling \$150,000 would help rebuild the local economy after the COVID crisis and supporting community groups and small local construction businesses who are doing it tougher than ever.

"A lot of people on the Sunshine Coast are struggling right now, and our local volunteer groups provide a vital lifeline for many," Mr Wallace The Compass Institute's Caloundra Centre offers training and activities for people living with an intellectual or physical disability. The kitchen, part of the Centre's legacy as a former soccer club, was small and inadequate for the centre's 40 trainees. The Federal Government's match-funded \$8,000 grant has contributed to new roller doors, windows, benchtops and professional appliances, as well as allowing a redesign of the layout that is more safe and hygienic.

#### Other grant recipients include:

• 5th Light Horse Regiment Maleny Troop for Installation of improved security for the Beersheba Living Museum \$2,600

• Montville Village Association for construction of a covered deck & upgrade of disability access at the Montville Village Hall \$13,500. Nambour Academy of Creative Arts (NACA)

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# **A new home for Barung Nursery**

#### From Barung Landcare

KEEN-EYED users of the Precinct walk along the Obi Creek at Maleny will have noticed some earthworks.

It's finally happening - the first long awaited concrete (well, earth moving) step has been taken towards creating a permanent home for the Barung Community Native Plant Nursery at the Precinct, just down the hill from our temporary home on Porter's Lane (where we have been for rather a long time!).

The finished project will include the Barung community nursery, a native garden showcasing our unique and beautiful local plants, an office and an education centre.

The project has been designed by well-known architect, Tim Guymer, using natural materials in a light and airy construction that will be perfectly suited to its location on the Obi Creek.

It has been designed to be completely off-grid, using latest techniques in water recycling, solar power and natural techniques to reduce the nursery's environmental footprint to the greatest extent possible - we want to walk the walk as well as talk the talk!

Moving the nursery to the Precinct is step one in this project, and despite all the work involved, nursery manager Cam Burton will certainly be happy to see all the plants currently at Porters Lane installed in their permanent home.

"It's exciting to think of Barung putting its roots down into the soil in a permanent home and imagining the gardens and landscapes we can create to display the flora of the region," he said.

The site at the Precinct will be accessible from the well-used footpath along the Obi Creek and



the native garden will surely become a favourite spot for local walkers to take a break (and one day, a coffee) on a long morning walk. The project will also include a carpark of course, to allow buyers to load their vehicles with plants.

The project is a vision shared by our 800 active Barung members: to have a comprehensive nursery of plants indigenous to the Sunshine Coast and its hinterland, grown from seed collected by Barung's dedicated conservationists, in a permanent home which will include facilities for workshops and seminars.

Our aims are to help landowners revegetate their land; to advise gardeners how to create wildlife friendly gardens; to provide expert advice on plants and perhaps most importantly, to provide a beautiful Maleny destination where Barung can help to spread knowledge about our biodiverse and fascinating natural environment through seminars, workshops, meetings and events.

Barung Landcare President Ian McMaster, said: "Barung has been committed for over thirty vears to rebuilding sustainable ecosystems in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland by encouraging and supporting landscape restoration and interconnection.

"We believe this work is essential and once this Precinct development is completed, Barung will be even more actively involved in helping our community address issues arising from biodiversity loss and deforestation."

Our grateful thanks go to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and all our generous Barung supporters for the first stage of this development. We have a long way to go before it is finished but starting the project is a tremendous boost for all of us at Barung.

## Clubs and communities receive a boost

GRASSROOTS clubs and communities will receive a much-needed boost thanks to the approval of the council nominated projects under the Works for Queensland funding.

The \$5.35 million COVID-19 Works for Queensland funding will help deliver upgrades, expansions and maintenance projects at sports and recreation facilities across the hinterland.

"Importantly, this funding will enable these projects to be delivered sooner, stimulate our local economy and build a stronger community by creating work across a variety of trades and services, a true reflection of our healthy, smart and creative region," Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said ..

Our council has sought to ensure there would be an equitable spread of shovel-ready projects across the region.

More than \$1 million will be allocated to a major upgrade of the Nambour Aquatic Centre, to deliver a new water-play area and a water slide.

Other projects which will share in this Works for Queensland funding are:

Palmwoods Cricket/AFL change room upgrades - \$500,000.

Yandina Cricket upgrade and addition to clubhouse including female compliant change rooms - \$500,000.

 $\cdot$  Maleny Showgrounds upgrade to roads and paths, installation of solar for main pavilion - \$200,000.

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## **Nambour and Woombye Roads** reach back in time

IT is remarkable to think that not so long ago, these photos were the street views of our busy thoroughfares of today.

Currie Street, Nambour, looking north from the corner of Bury Street, ca 1915. Bury Street intersection in foreground, two-storey E.S. & A. Bank in middle distance (on the eastern side of Currie Street).Two horsemen passing the building which originally housed the Chronicle Office.

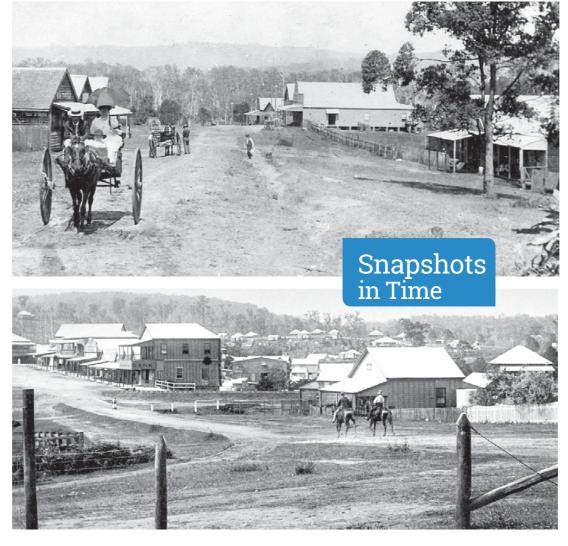
Currie Street, Nambour's main street, was previously known as Gympie Road. It runs from Petrie Creek to Lamington Terrace. The street was officially named in 1896 to honour Daniel Currie, the father of John Currie, who was a member of the Maroochy Divisional Board Committee, chosen to name the streets of Nambour.

Blackall Street, the main street in Woombye, was named by surveyor Abraham H. May after Sir Samuel Blackall, the second Governor of Queensland. The street marks the track along which the early teamsters hauled timber from the scrubs along Paynters Creek and the Rafting Ground at Eudlo Creek.

Thanks to the Heritage Library staff for the words & Picture Sunshine Coast for the images.

Pictured top: Blackall Street, Woombye, looking west to the Range, 1912.

Bottom: Two horsemen pass the building which originally housed the Chronicle Office in Currie Street, Nambour. Looking north from the corner of Bury Street, ca 1915. Bury Street intersection in foreground, two-storey ES&A Bank in middle distance (on the eastern side of Currie Street).



## O'Brien on the road again for Fairfax tour

STEP 3 of Australia's COVID Safe restrictions allows Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien to get back to the road trips he has undertaken every season since being elected.

"I know people will want to talk about the Coronavirus and how they've been affected, the Federal Government's response, border closures and what a COVID safe future will look like," Mr O'Brien said.

"Many businesses are still struggling and there are still people out of work. Others are forging a path forward and doing what they can to embrace the 'new normal'.

"I'm keen to hear people's ideas for future government support and in particular I want to talk with people about ways the Sunshine Coast can best navigate a post-COVID recovery," he said.

Mr O'Brien's mobile office will set up at nine locations throughout the week. He was at Nambour yesterday.

He'll be in Woombye today from 2.30pm at Nambour Connection Road near Big Pineapple.

On Friday 17 July he'll be in Yandina from 7.45am at Cnr Farrell St & Old Gympie Road and at Bli Bli From 2.30pm at David Low Way near IGA Supermarket.

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## Where riding develops abilities

From David Law

Division 10 Councillor

I recently visited Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled at North Arm where Riding Develops Abilities. I was very impressed by their program that provides equine-based therapeutic and recreational riding and driving for all members of the disability community on the Sunshine Coast.

Having worked in the disability sector for more than 20 years, I'm passionate about all-inclusive programs and focusing on the ability in disability.

I'm happy to report SC RDA have their COVID Safe plan approved and are finalising the program for Term 3.

Congratulations to all the dedicated volunteers who make up a large part of this notfor-profit and very important group who are making big strides within the community.

#### Major Grants now open

Council's signature Major Grants round is now open and is offering temporary relief from co-funding requirements. This program is a familiar pillar of grant funding support for Sunshine Coast community groups.

For this financial year, in recognition of the tightening budgets everywhere, and the need to support projects which can start and finish quickly, council is temporarily suspending the co-funding requirements for Major Grants. We are going to inject money into community groups to spend quickly and purposefully in our local economy, on projects which keep our community resilient and vibrant, and deliver maximum community benefit.

Volunteers at sporting clubs, neighbourhood centres, museums and arts facilities have gone above and beyond to keep communities connected through the stress of this year.

Not-for-profit community groups are encouraged to subscribe to council's Grants and Funding eNews to keep up to date with grant opportunities - www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Council grants officers are available to discuss community group's projects and funding needs on 5420 8616, or via grants@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. Applications close 24 August.

### Help finding seasonal workers

**Andrew Wallace** Federal Member for Fisher

The Sunshine Coast Hinterland is full of terrific farmers and growers. I visited Ashbern Farms in Beerwah with the Prime Minister last year and I used to love taking my daughters to Twist Brothers.

However, one thing that growers share is that they find it tough to get the seasonal workers they need. At the same time, all over our community there are people who have lost their livelihoods due to COVID-19, who want to get back to work.

The Morrison Government has acted to help to connect people who want a job with the growers who need seasonal workers on the Sunshine Coast by expanding access to Harvest Trail Services to our community.

Harvest Trail providers take registrations from Australian citizens and permanent residents who are looking for work. Then, when farmers and growers who are looking for harvest workers get in touch, Harvest Trail providers help link them up with the registered workers they need.



Winston Johnston Division 5 Councillo

Since the 2020/21 Sunshine Coast Council budget was handed down on 25 June, I have received confirmation of additional funds to be expended within Division 5.

#### \$1.48 million spent on Hunchy Road

During this financial year there will be approximately \$1.48 million spent on Hunchy Road at Palmwoods, funded by council in partnership with the Australian Government via the Black Spot Road Safety Program.

#### \$500k to Palmwoods AFL/Cricket Club

Additionally, the Queensland Government has confirmed the allocation of further funds under the Works for Queensland program, with \$500,000 to upgrade amenities at the Palmwoods AFL/Cricket Club grounds and \$200,000 to upgrade the roads and a large solar power system at the Maleny Showgrounds.

I would like to extend my congratulations to these two groups on receiving this funding and I look forward to seeing the finished projects.

#### Stay up to date

In an endeavour to keep everyone informed, I am placing on my Facebook page all development applications and decisions made in relation to Division 5.

In addition, there is information on council's Budget, Grants, before and after photos of var-ious works carried out in the division and many other items of interest.

Please go to: @winstonjohnstondivision5scc.

#### Out and about

Now that COVID-19 restrictions are easing slightly, I am at long last able to get out and about more within the division and would welcome the opportunity to attend functions, events and meetings with the various organisations I represent.

If you would like to invite or meet with me, please contact Lesleigh on 5441 8043 and she will book you in. Wishing everyone the best, please keep safe and healthy and look after your family and friends.

## Cracking down on youth crime

From Andrew Powell State Member for Glass House

The LNP team has announced tough and comprehensive new plans to crack down on youth crime across Queensland.

Enough is enough. Businesses shouldn't have to count the cost of theft, families shouldn't have to replace stolen property and police shouldn't be stretched to breaking point.

- An LNP Government will: Implement tougher laws
- Monitor youth offenders on bail 24/7 • Introduce mandatory detention for third convictions
- Establish a Community Payback Farm program
  - Scrap youth bail houses
  - Trial justice reinvestment.

The LNP will give our police the tools, the laws, and the resources they need to do their job and protect the community.

#### Free travel for students and seniors

If elected on October 31, the LNP will introduce free off-peak travel for all seniors

## **Stage 3 restrictions** easing

#### Ted O'Brien Federal Member for Fairfax

For Queensland the easing to Stage 3 restrictions came early. We are now in what is being referred to as the "new normal" and is likely to be around for some time.

#### Stage 3 Restrictions

Stage 3 means we're allowed up to 100 people for private, in-home gatherings. Weddings and funerals can also have up to 100 people in attendance. It also means the resumption of community sport.

At museums, art galleries, libraries and historic sites the maximum number of people will be determined by the one person per 4 square metre rule. The maximum number of customers for a business at any one time is likewise determined by the 4sqm rule.

Significantly though, smaller venues below 200sqm, like the Woombye Bakery & Coffee Shoppe, can now host one person per 2 square metres (up to 50 people).

With a COVID Safe Plan, businesses including non-therapeutic massage, saunas, nightclubs and food courts can also reopen.

And while there are some capacity limitations, sporting events, concerts and theatres are also back on the agenda.

Of course, the Queensland border has now been reopened to States and Territories other than Victoria. For more detail visit www. covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/border-closing

#### **Continuing restrictions**

The Coronavirus is still a threat and some important precautions remain. Social distancing of 1.5 metres wherever possible must be maintained as well as good hand hygiene and sanitisation. Anyone who is sick should stay home, contact their doctor and get tested. And with everyone out and about, if you haven't already, please download and activate the COVIDSafe App.

#### Check your mailbox

Keep an eye out for my annual report summary being delivered to letterboxes across the electorate this week.

## Library AGM coming up

#### Library Corner with Del

AS Anne Herbert once said, "Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." It is has been very hard without the Woombye Community Library but it is now open Monday to Saturday from 9am - 12 noon.

The library will hold its AGM on Tuesday 21st July at 11am in the Lower Hall, Woombye Hall of Arts. Councillor Winston Johnston will officiate.

A light lunch will be served after the AGM and this will be followed by the regular library meeting. Please phone 5442 2250 if you have any queries.

This month, I would like to focus on Nora Roberts who also writes under the pseudonym of J.D. Robb. She is the best-selling author of more than 150 novels and 100 of her novels are New York best-sellers. Her writing style is very diverse. She writes romantic novels, detective mysteries and many of hers novels delve into the intricacies of family relationships as well as the supernatural.

Writing under the name of J.D. Robb, she is the author of the best-selling futuristic suspense series which features Lieutenant Eve Dallas and Roarke.

## Stretched to the limit? How to keep on track

**Business Advice** by Peter Gamgee

Stressed or stretched to the limit is how some business owners have described their emotional state right now. Those who are not yet trading or

have a plethora of rules around what and how they can trade are undergoing huge stress.

This is very understandable and to be expected. Consider our Victorian counterparts who were open only to go in to another shutdown period. This affect ripples across all of Australia.

Many businesses have opened to the public but have to enforce social distancing and hygiene requirements.

But a large percentage of their customers do not respect the same rules which gives rise to business-customer conflicts as well as customer-customer conflicts. So much for the old adage "the customer is always right".

Nor does the stress stop there. With the restrictions many businesses are trading at or below the profit line and to a degree "marking time". Some are still carrying debt with deferred repayments.

#### A cocktail for a complete breakdown!

How do we climb out of this? I will share an analogy from my own background to illustrate how a focus on a longer term outcome, and an acceptance that daily change is "normal" can help business owners.

As a hobby and to help poorly serviced communities I take treks into remote areas in PNG. As you might expect logistics, communications, and services are quite challenging. Yet we always need to get our trekking clients through safely.

Every day I will have a "plan" for the day distance, logistics, food, water stops, injury management, etc. I call that my "Plan A". I know that nothing there is certain and so every day I also have a "Plan B", and as things evolve a "Plan C" and so on.

I don't think I have finished the alphabet of plans in one day yet, but I must have come close a few

Still we achieved the long term outcome - to get clients through safely. It is about keeping on track. How does this relate to business right now? We know that the short term still has a lot of uncertainty. For example imagine if there was an outbreak of the virus in your locality and everything shuts

times!.



down again? Even without that, the return to normal business is still uncertain. The secret is to have a long term plan - out to 2021/2022.

Accept that there will be change and honestly expect change.

Make the small decisions along the way and adjust the business map to the long term goal accordingly.

Be prepared to have to make many decisions, moving from Plan A to B to C etc – but don't lose that long term goal.



23,000 placements were achieved through the help of Harvest Trail last year, so it really works.

If you want to find out more you can search for Harvest Trail on the JobSearch.gov.au website, and if you are a farmer or grower on the Coast looking for workers, call the Harvest Trail Information Service on 1800 062 332 to get started.

#### Ready, Set, Go!

I have just announced the first winner of my Ready, Set, Go! bursary, Tom Loane, aged 16, from Wurtulla, who received \$1,000 from me to buy tools of his chosen trade to help him land an apprenticeship. I would love to see the next winner come from the Hinterland! If you are under 25, and you are finishing education this year and looking to go into an apprenticeship or traineeship, check out www.andrewwallacemp.com.au/readysetgo to see if you could be eligible to receive a bursary of \$1,000 from me when the next round opens on 3 August.

across the Citytrain network, which stretches from Gympie to the Gold Coast and inland to Ipswich.

Students starting full-time university and TAFE courses across Queensland will also be given \$500 vouchers to pay for bus or train fares – or petrol if they live in areas lacking public transport.

Queensland needs big ideas to bust its congestion crisis.

The plan will get more Queenslanders off the roads and create more capacity on peak-hour trains by encouraging travel at less crowded times.

Drivers in South-East Queensland currently spend an average of 67 minutes a day travelling to and from work.

Getting more people off the roads and onto public transport will help ease congestion and get commuters who can't use public transport home guicker. The LNP's plan is a big win for travellers and a big saving for seniors and students.

She also lays claim to the widely popular trilogy The Guardian Trilogy which centres round magicians and goddesses. Still with magic and evil, her trilogy The Cousins O'Dwyer further explores the concept of the supernatural. Iona Sheehan and her cousins, Connor and Branna all have inherited a powerful but dangerous gift from an ancestor known as the Dark Witch.

She is indisputably one of the most celebrated and popular writes in the world. It is no mystery why this is so - she delivers the goods with panache and wit.

She has a warm feel for her characters and an eye for evocative detail.

Whether you like a murder mystery, family novel or something in the supernatural, Nora Roberts covers all bases.

Our library here at Woombye has an extensive collection of all her genres. Come in and check it out.

And finally ... No entertainment is as cheap as reading, nor any pleasure as lasting.

## Take these steps of basic business planning now if you haven't already:

• First establish what your business vision, revenue, profit will be in the year 2021/2022, based on what you need it to be to effect recovery and your business goals.

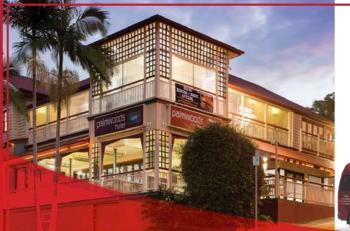
• Second, map out (yes spreadsheet) the cash flow that will support that vision.

• Third, use that plan to help you make the day to day decisions accepting the fact that there will be many "ups" and "downs".

• Fourth - review your plan regularly - say fortnightly. If possible commit to reviewing it with someone who will hold you to account. If you don't likely as not the task will be avoided.

 Five – and the most important – check you own health, mental and physical and pay serious attention to those needs. (Actually this is number one but you may not have read on if I mentioned that first).

Do these things to help keep "on track" to your long term success.



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