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Businesspeople fear for their safety: MP

NAMBOUR businesses, staff and customers fear for their safety because of frequent public drug-taking and violent and anti-social behaviour in the Town Square, according to Shadow Minister for Finance and Better Regulation, Fiona Simpson.

The Maroochydore MP said crime in the Short Street-Lowe Street vicinity was "out of control" and it was time for action. She said Nicklin MP Rob Skelton was missing in action on fixing the issues.

"There has to be an appropriate and timely response to these issues, to deal with these issues, or else it's going to get worse," she said.

"Why is the community giving up ... Police (boots on the ground) numbers are down and the government keeps fudging the numbers to hide the truth," she said.

Ms Simpson said some crime rates in Nambour in the last twelve months had risen:

- Unlawful use of a motor vehicle up 40%
- Unlawful entry up 32%
- Other theft up 43%.

She said assault was reportedly down 13

percent but "this is because the community has given up reporting what is going on in the streets".

"The Full Time Employee (FTE) number (of boots on the ground officers) I know is down," she said. "I've heard from Police Officers that they have only half the number of FTE Police Officers they are meant to have available - I don't blame the Police for the problems, I blame the State Government for lack of resources and weak laws.

"Support needs to be provided for the Police as a matter of urgency as the situation in Nambour is only going to get worse.

"I have spoken to local businesses and they are too afraid to speak up - they are living in fear. Why is Rob Skelton not addressing this? Where is Rob Skelton? His community needs him. I am fielding concerned calls from his community. It's time Rob Skelton stood up, took responsibility and was held to account before the town shuts down.

"I love where we live and will always fight for what is best for the Sunshine Coast community."



RE/MAX Nambour Director Tristan Brown fronts the media in the Town Square on Friday with Maroochydore MP Fiona Simpson.

'Incredible frustration': agent weighs cost of safety concerns on staff, future in town

by **Cameron Outridge**

BUSINESS owners and staff around Nambour's Town Square are expressing their deep frustration over the continued lack of substantial acknowledgement of safety concerns plaguing

the area. Despite ongoing issues related to unruly behaviour, violence, and drug and alcohol-induced incidents, RE/MAX Nambour Principal Tristan Brown said there has been a

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Business Writeup by Janine Hill

A PIZZERIA tucked away in a Nambour side street is fast becoming known for its genuine Italian pizzas.

Maiori Pizzeria in Bury Street is owned by Sarah and Antonia Masella, who are both originally from Sardinia and worked in hospitality there and in Germany before moving to Australia six years ago.

"We came here on holidays and we fell in love with Australia – the lifestyle and the weather. The people are friendly, happy," Sarah said.

They spent eight months in Sydney before moving to the Sunshine Coast and worked at other pizza businesses before they saw an opportunity to open their own in Nambour.

"It was always our dream to open our own pizzeria. My husband wanted to be able to do what he wanted to do his way," Sarah said.

"One day we were driving through Nambour and saw this shop. My husband likes it because the customers can look down and see the pizzas being made," she said.

Maiori Pizzeria pizzas are made the Italian way. Everything is made from scratch and anyone expecting Aussie touches like barbecue sauce or pineapple will be disappointed.

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Maiori Pizzeria in Bury Street is owned by Sarah and Antonia Masella ... "It was always our dream to open our own pizzeria."

of our pizzas in the same oven, are hand-made. We don't buy anything," Sarah said.

"Our prosciutto is 24-month aged. We have really good quality tomatoes. My husband mashes them. It's not cheap paste.

"We have three different types of mozzarella: Fior di latte, buffalo and burrata mozzarella.

"Everything is hand-made, one by one."

Locals have gone mad for the pizzeria's Maiori pizza since a customer posted about one on social media.

The Maiori is made with prosciutto, rocket, fior di latte and burrata mozzarella, parmesan cheese and truffle oil.

Although the Masellas' family has now expanded to two children and a puppy, they manage to open for takeaway and dine-in



"Everything is hand-made, one by one."

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Cr Law outlines response to Town Square concerns

DIVISION 10 Councillor David Law, pictured, said he was well aware of the safety concerns of RE/MAX Nambour director Tristan Brown and some other business owners around the Town Square.



He said leadership was coming from three angles and provided the following outline:

1. Dealing with immediate improvements to that specific area that can help with safety (eg clearing vegetation to ensure good CCTV coverage).

2. Activating foot traffic in the area and in the wider Nambour town centre (eg re-activating the weekly Thursday markets with the Chamber of Commerce, supporting the 'Namba Street Art Walks' on Saturday mornings, hosting the monthly Forecourt Live event.

3. Helping vulnerable people to lead fulfilling, sustainable lives (eg collaborating with not-for-profits to build affordable rental accommodation in the town centre, supporting the new IFYS youth accommodation service launched last week).

Cr Law said there were signs of improvement in the Town Square area around Lowe and Short Streets.

"Some key events have chosen the Town Square as their venue in the last couple of months," he said.

"On Queensland Day ABC Sunshine Coast hosted a live outside broadcast from that exact spot and 'I Am Nambour' launched their promotional video campaign.

"Finally, through my work in council we continue to offer a number of incentives to encourage new traders to the area; a shop front improvement grant – which has generated a lot of interest – and free permits for on-street trading and dining."

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'Sometimes we treat the lack of action like a joke'



Maroochydore MP Fiona Simpson and Tristan Brown in the Town Square area on Friday.

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lack of effective response from authorities.

Mr Brown said, with no signs of improvement or a clear plan of action from the State Government or Council, the relatively small CBD business community was left feeling unheard and concerned for the safety of their staff and customers.

Mr Brown said business owners around the Town Square on the corner of Lowe and Short Streets were "incredibly frustrated" that there was a general lack of substantial acceptance of their continued safety concerns.

"There's this lack of acknowledgement that there is even a genuine problem," he said. "The responses from the relevant people who have a responsibility to the community are responses focused on justification, or on debating that there even is an issue.

"And then they try to hide behind figures that we all know are not representative of what's happening on the ground, in and around the square. From our viewpoint, the safety concerns may not have gotten worse, but it certainly hasn't improved. There's no sign of improvement. And what's frustrating is there's no clear indication that Council or the State Government have any sense of an effective plan of attack. There is a real lack of leadership and guidance when it comes to addressing the issue.

"And this is a problem that we need to get in front of. It's too late to wait for more businesses to close and then address it. It's completely avoidable."

Mr Brown said concerns for his staff and customers were at a level where his office had to consider moving to another town.

"Do I want to move? No, I don't. We like the presence of where we are. We shouldn't have

to move. But there have been conversations in our office, with staff saying: 'Could you imagine how good it would be if this office was in Woombye, Palmwoods or Yandina? Can you imagine just how lovely it would be to walk down the street every day and go to a cafe and not have to deal with any of this sort of unpredictable, unruly and antisocial behaviour?'

"We literally wouldn't know ourselves," he said. "What a lovely feeling it would be to operate in a safe environment. There's 20 people within my doors who earn a living, who then put their money back into Nambour, whether it's local coffee shops or groceries etc.

"We don't want have to be in a position where we have to choose to take such a drastic action. That doesn't help Nambour."

Mr Brown said his office and other businesses in the vicinity are becoming accustomed to the threat of unpredictable drug- and alcohol-induced behaviour, from yelling and arguing to full-on fights, assaults and stabbings. One business owner recently broke up a fight which erupted outside her window where a man was stomping on another man's head.

"Unfortunately there's no point continually getting upset by it, so now we just try to ignore it," said Mr Brown. "But we do sometimes think what a lovely feeling it would be to park your car and walk one block to the office and not have to worry about dodging potentially threatening situations and having to listen to curse words and drunken or drug-induced behaviour."

Mr Brown said he felt for local police. "We acknowledge that the police are doing the best they can. They just don't have the resources available."

Mr Skelton's office was contacted for comment but had not responded by deadline.

Threatened and intimidated: Town Square struggles with ongoing safety concerns

Comment by Cameron Outridge, Editor

ONCE again, it is time to address the safety concerns in the Nambour CBD town square area. The issues plaguing businesses around Lowe and Short Streets have left owners, staff and customers feeling threatened, intimidated, and - worst of all - dismissed, resulting in considerable mental and financial strain. In our interviews with numerous business owners in the town square over 12 months the psychological stress they face is palpable.

Though their numbers may be relatively small, the concerns raised by these businesspeople are genuine, persistent, ongoing, and remain unanswered. This time, Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson, who grew up around Nambour, has brought attention to the matter. She has been joined by Tristan Brown, Director of RE/MAX Nambour, who is speaking up on behalf of other concerned businesspeople, staff, and customers. Mr Brown emphasizes the lack of substantive acknowledgement or effective response from the relevant authorities. Despite their valid safety concerns, his business, staff, and customers are expected to endure without any practical resolution on the horizon.

Many businesses we spoke to are afraid to voice their concerns publicly, fearing accusations of police-bashing, Nambour-bashing, or of targeting vulnerable individuals. However, it is important to recognize that they are the victims in this situation.

The businesses represent the face of our main streets and serve as the backbone of our town. They contribute to the essence of

Nambour, its local economy, and its social fabric. They deserve adequate protection in the area where they earn a living and help shape Nambour's character.

The CBD is designated as a Central "Business District," intended to provide a secure environment for everyday voluntary trade and business transactions. It is not a drug rehabilitation centre, halfway house or a beer garden. While everyone should be welcome in the CBD, not every behaviour is acceptable. Threatening, intimidating, drunken, violent, drug-induced, or unruly behaviour is inappropriate, unlawful, and unwelcome, especially in a public setting where everyone has a right to feel safe.

It is wrong to see businesses consider leaving their premises due to safety and security concerns. But who can blame them? Particularly concerning is the psychological strain experienced by female business owners, staff, and customers.

Local and state authorities must take the concerns of these businesses and community members seriously.

The number of affected businesses should not determine the urgency of the matter. Unacceptable behaviour remains unacceptable, regardless of scale. The morale of these businesses is deteriorating, and immediate action is long overdue.

This is not an attempt to disparage Nambour; it is an acknowledgment that this specific area has a problem that requires attention. Nambour deserves better, and the time has come to advocate for the security and prosperity of the CBD and, in particular, the Town Square.

Good on Mr Brown for leading the way.



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League club unites community in candlelight vigil to remember beloved teammate

by **Cameron Outridge**

ABOUT a thousand people attended a candlelight vigil to pay their respects to young rugby league player Ben Hunter at Nambour Crushers Rugby League grounds on Wednesday evening (June 28).

The Nambour Crushers and Sunshine Coast Falcons U16s player was walking home from the gym when he was hit by a car on Image Flat Road about 11.50pm Sunday evening June 25 and he died on the way to Nambour Hospital.

Ben's dad Chris Hunter told the gathering his family was devastated but thanked everyone for attending, for supporting his family and for remembering Ben. "Ben was a bright, young soul. We are devastated. I'd like to thank the Nambour Crushers and his teammates and his football family ... if I could see my Ben."

Mr Hunter asked everyone to remember his son's achievements and his character. "And I know for a fact that he will have his cheeky grin right now."

'This kid will fill the stadium'

Mr Hunter said the family would be having a private funeral. "But after this we are working with the Sunshine Coast Falcons and Melbourne Storm to put on a celebration of his life at the Sunshine Coast Stadium. I think anyone that will be in that area on that day, they'll think there's a game on, because this kid will fill the stadium."

He said the Melbourne Storm wore black armbands to pay their respects to Ben during Friday night's game against the Panthers.

Ben's mum Natalie Gorzalka said in a Facebook post that she was proud of her son and how he had touched the lives of so many people. "So many of you have reached out telling us

Right: Ben Hunter loved playing for the Crushers.

Far Right: Friends teammates and family members flood to the shrine to place candles.

Below: Ben's parents approach the shrine.



how Ben made your own child feel worthy and welcomed," she said.

"That was Ben to a tee. He didn't care if you were popular, he didn't care if you didn't like football, if you were nice to him then he was your friend. No parent could ask for their child to be more than that."

"Yes he was a great footballer but he was an even better human being."

Crushers' respectful tribute

Nambour Junior Crushers President Leith Hensley acknowledged the support shown by so many people over the past few days.

"It's been really heartening to see messages of condolences and sympathies extended from the community to Ben's family and our club during this very difficult time," he said. "Those that knew Ben are aware that he had a deep passion for rugby league, and it is quite easy to see just one of the reasons why he did: it's the response we've seen from everyone at our club and from across the Sunshine Coast rugby league community in general."

Mr Hensley said Ben's U16 teammates had



been "hit really hard by the loss of their mate".

"But the way you guys have rallied around each other has been very encouraging. We know that you guys loved BJ, and please remember, keep leaning on each other and the club is right alongside you for anything we can help you with."

"We are very thankful to our under 16 coaching staff for getting around these lads, we know how much you guys loved Ben, and this bunch of awesome young men we have. Our thoughts also go out to his (Caloundra High) school mates and Falcon's teammates."

Mr Hensley then addressed Ben's parents. "Chris and Natalie, we are painfully saddened for your loss. Ben is always going to be remembered at this club."

"For his courage, respect and attitude to his club mates and his coaches. Not to mention his outstanding talent and dedication to giving 100 percent every time he'd hit the paddock for training or a game for the Sunshine Coast Falcons, Caloundra High or his beloved Nambour Crushers."

"I know his infectious smile is going to be

sorely missed around the place."

After a minute's silence Ben's under 16 teammates and those gathered placed their candles in front of the shrine which had photos of Ben flanked by his two Crushers number 11 jerseys. Food and drinks were served with all proceeds going to the family.

Junior Crushers teams to 'play for Ben' during home games July 14-15

All Nambour Junior Rugby League teams will be "playing for Ben" during a home-round on 14-15 July.

Nambour Junior Crushers President Leith Hensley said all teams would be playing at Crusher Park from under 6s to under 17s, including the under 13s girls' team.

As a mark of respect teams will "retire" the number 11 jersey which was Ben's playing number at the club. Black armbands will be worn and games preceded by a minute's silence.

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Event manager Marion Beazley in the pavilion at Nambour Showgrounds on Friday... Gardening trends come and go but the Expo is a mainstay. "We are the biggest gardening event in Queensland."

Blooms, scary vegetables and expert advice at Garden Expo

by **Janine Hill**

DYED-IN-THE-COMPOST gardeners are counting down the sleeps until the Queensland Garden Expo.

The three-day gardening extravaganza, the highlight of the green thumb's year, will be held at the Nambour Showgrounds from this Friday, 7 July, until Sunday 9 July.

Event manager Marion Beazley said gardeners who had come to know and love the expo program could expect a return of everything that had made the expo a popular annual event for decades.

"We don't feel like we've got to reinvent the wheel every year for this kind of event," Marion said.

"Having 55 nurseries in one place is enough for a lot of people. It would be difficult to find that many nurseries and that number of plants in any one place at any one time.

"We are the biggest gardening event in Queensland and we're the second biggest of the kind in Australia."

Marion said gardening trends came and went but the expo offered something for all plant lovers, no matter what their taste in plants.

"Originally, people were only interested in planting palms, then everybody wanted 100 percent native gardens, then there were

orchids and bromeliads. At one stage, I think half the stalls were broms," she said.

"You've got the young set now who are very into their indoor plants and succulents, and young families interested in growing their own food and planting habitat gardens and keeping bees, like the stingless bees."

Marion said the speakers program was an integral part of the expo and some people travelled great distances to plant themselves in front of the likes of Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis, Jerry Coleby-Williams and Sophie Thompson.

"It's an opportunity to actually talk to these people. No other gardening event in Australia has a speakers program anything like ours," she said.

Celebrity chef Matt Golinski will be part of the program, demonstrating how to use the "scary" unusual vegetables that people are unsure how to cook.

The national floral art conference and competition will be held within the expo this year.

"People will have the opportunity to see the work of top amateur floral artists and designers," Marion said.

A day pass to the expo will cost \$25 at the gate or can be bought online for \$22.50. A two-day weekend pass is \$40 and a three-day pass is \$60. Admission for children under 15 is free.

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From victim to advocate: Palmwoods mum's mission to help bullied kids

by Janine Hill

KIM Conicella has risen above the brutal effects of being bullied as a child. Now the mum of two, business owner and former teacher is on a mission to help other kids do the same.

Kim, of Palmwoods, is the founder of "The Social Child", a business offering resources and one-on-one help to assist victims of bullying.

Her motivation is to stop other children from going through what she went through.

"I was bullied as a child when I was in primary school. I was bullied by five of my really close friends and this lasted for 12 months," she said. "On top of this, my cousins would call me fat and all the neighbourhood kids in my area were bullying me. There were three different groups.

"It was 12 months of being isolated. No-one at school would come near me because if they did, they'd get picked on. Looking back, I don't know how I survived. I guess I did but there was this whole level of trauma moving forward.

"As a result of all that, I stopped trusting people. Through my school years, I'd make friends but as soon as there was any sign of affection, I'd walk out."

At university, Kim fell into a deep depression which resulted in her seeing a psychologist and working through issues stemming from the bullying she had endured 10 years earlier.

She had studied journalism but instead became a teacher with a view to helping children suffering from bullying.

Kim was already offering anti-bullying tips and advice online before covid but re-evaluated during the pandemic and decided to opt out of teaching to focus on "The Social Child".

She has published two journals - "Bounce Back from Bullying" and "Bounce Back from Cyber Bullying" - to help kids understand bullying and how to develop strengths and strategies to deal with it.



Kim Conicella: "My qualifications come from my experience. I was bullied and I came out the other side."

Kim has also developed conversation cards to encourage discussion about the problem.

"When I had my son, Avery, I went searching for resources because I wanted to build him up in case he ever encountered something like this in the future but there was very little out there," she said.

Kim said the resources drew on psychology techniques she learnt after seeking help and working on herself to overcome the effects of bullying. "Sometimes I get asked about my qualifications. My qualifications come from my experience. I was bullied and I came out the other side."

Between The Social Child, raising Avery, 6, and Lenny, 1, and helping her husband, Paul, run Small Change Espresso at Nambour, Kim has also found time to write a fictional book about bullying for the Bully Zero foundation. The book is expected to be published later this year.

Yandina Fair to make a post-Covid comeback

IT'S back! The Yandina Street Fair will be held this year for the first time since the care-free, pre-pandemic days.

The fair, an annual event for more than 40 years, will make its return on 20 August thanks to an organising committee comprising some enthusiastic fresh faces.

Chairman Greg Corbin, who moved to Yandina with his wife and committee secretary, Terri, two years ago, has been told to expect an attendance of about 5000.

People, food and entertainment will fill Stevens Street from Farrell Street through to the Yandina Hotel and Railway Street to the eastern end of Low Street from the afternoon into the evening.

Scattered along the route will be about 60 food, beverage and art and craft stalls and three entertainment stages.

Children's rides and amusements will be positioned off Railway Street and there will also be a petting zoo, roving puppeteers, stilt artists, acrobatics by AerialCatz, and custom and classic cars to see.

Bush poet Noel Stallard will perform a poem celebrating Yandina and Sunshine Coast Plein Air artists will paint local scenes before the event to display for sale in the Connections Hall on Low Street

Local groups including the RSL, the Men's Shed, the CWA, schools, the rural fire brigade, Yandina Raiders and the Baptist church will be involved in the fair, which will wrap-up with a light and laser show.

Greg said the fair was sponsored by local businesses and the Sunshine Coast Council had carried through a 2020 grant.



People, food and entertainment will fill Yandina streets on August 20.



and districts can be proud to show off and people can feel proud to live here," Greg said.

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Meet the men behind town's *Bad Habit* record store

By Janine Hill

MATES Phil Dalton and Aaron Borg share a bad habit: collecting stuff.

For Phil, that means vintage toys, skateboards and movies while Aaron's stuff is music, namely records.

They share their afflictions with the rest of the community through *Bad Habit* record and collectables store, which recently relocated from Blackall Terrace to the Old Ambulance Station in Howard Street.

At Blackall Terrace, Phil and Aaron organised live music gigs in conjunction with neighbouring café, The Village Pickle. They continue to organise live music at The Old Ambo, a key multi-media venue within the Nambour entertainment precinct.

"There's a certain synergy there," Phil said.

The men do not pitch a particular music style. A punk outfit and gospel singer are booked to play on the same card soon.

Phil said the place was developing as a niche for metal bands who often could not get a go on the coastal strip.

"English band Rat Cage played here and said it was the best show they'd ever done."

"I just think Nambour crowds are pretty enthusiastic. That type of music doesn't really get supported on the coast."

Upcoming shows at the Blackbox Theatre in The Old Ambo include BoomBoom Kid from Argentina with locals Fat Dog and the Tits, Sissy Boy and Aborto de Christo, with Aaron on drums on July 6. On July 8, Kitchens Floor, Guppy and Refedex take the stage in a Basket of Hammers show headlined by Diaspora the Explorer.

From July 16 to August 5, the Ground Zero exhibition at The Old Ambo will showcase a range of artists and aerosol art demonstrations, and there will be hip hop MCs, beat-



Phil Dalton and Aaron Borg at the *Bad Habit* store where music, vintage toys, skateboarding and vinyl records collide.

Left: Some of the figurines available at *Bad Habit*.

his 20s, when Japanese anime toys caught his eye while he was recovering from a skateboarding injury.

"Then I got into the hole about how they are made and sculpting and the techniques used. The good quality toys are sculptures and the artistic work in them is amazing," he said.

His interest has expanded to vintage toys, such as Star Wars collectables, horror toys and horror movies. The movies and skateboarding are to be shared with the public through the store in future.

Chief of records Aaron, who ran a successful record store at Ipswich, has about 5000 vinyls in stock.

The records are put out for sale in the store before being posted for sale online.

"We like to give locals a chance first. It's just about being part of the community," Phil said.

boxers and an album launch.

An OUTBREAK show featuring Depuration, Odius, Death Plague and Sunshine Coast outfit Flesh Torrent is scheduled for the Blackbox on September 9.

Phil and Aaron manage to open *Bad Habit* seven days a week while organising shows.

The mates moved in the same scene and teamed up for a couple of events before going into business together.

Phil has been collecting vintage toys since



Churros on the menu at Burnside Community Twilight Markets

THIS Friday night (July 7) join families and friends at the Burnside Community Twilight Markets.

The good news is there's a new food truck in the mix for the popular event. This time The Churro Shack, pictured.

"What could be better than eating warm churros and listen to some amazing local artists," an organiser said.

The markets are on for three hours at 86 Windsor Road, Burnside.

"Anyone can come bring a picnic rug and enjoy food, music and markets with your community."

Markets include a free jumping castle for kids, live music, more than 30 market stalls and delicious food trucks.

The Hope Community Church introduced the Night Markets on their grounds to help people reconnect and local businesses get back on their feet in the aftermath of Covid. The concept has proved successful with the Markets in December featuring 40 vendors, including

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An \$800 Holden Commodore will be Aaron Hollier, left, and Tony Cumner's chariot in the Spring 2023 Shitbox Rally, a fundraiser for the Cancer Council. The car on the right they bought for \$300 for parts.

Nambour drivers escape work to rally for a cause

by Janine Hill

SOME people get a hobby when they need to detach from work. Tony Cumner got a "shitbox" instead.

The shitbox, an \$800 Holden Commodore, will be Tony and mate Aaron Hollier's chariot in the Spring 2023 Shitbox Rally, a fundraiser for the Cancer Council.

The rallies are held twice a year and are so-named because participants are only allowed to drive vehicles worth \$1500 or less.

Tony, manager at Lindsay Rural, Nambour, has had his eye on the quirky rallies for years but finally decided to enter when he felt the pressures of work weighing too heavily on his shoulders.

"I needed something other than work to focus on. I was buried in work, obsessed with work," he said.

"Aaron, he's my neighbour, he saw it first. I would go home and most of the time, I'd be getting around in my pyjamas.

"I was tired. Obviously, it was getting to me. To admit there's something wrong and to go an ask for help is a big thing for guys in my age group.

"I thought, 'I've got to start doing stuff for me. I'm not going to wait until I'm retired.'

Tony nominated his friend Aaron, who also works at Lindsay's in sales, as co-driver in Team OhShat.

The blokes have been spending a lot of time in Tony's shed getting the VY Commodore ready for its October excursion.

The rally will run from Port Douglas to Adelaide, but the car needs to make it to Port Douglas first and Tony hopes it will fit to drive

home. Participants are split into teams, with teammates challenged to help keep everyone on the road.

The car, which Tony bought sight unseen, had a good motor and gearbox but needed work. Using parts from a \$300 donor car, they have replaced the suspension, a door and broken window, and a seat, and a few other parts while remaining under the shitbox cost threshold.

Participants in the rally must raise \$5000 for the cause but Tony and Aaron have exceeded that with \$11,000 so far thanks to the support of their employer and Lindsay's suppliers, many of which have chipped in with sponsorship.

"We could stop but I want to keep going," Tony said.

► To support Tony and Aaron go to www.spring2023.shitboxrally.com.au/ohshat



The cafe in Queen Street Nambour is for sale for \$75,000. Inset: Owners Lucky and Manpreet Kaur.

Owners place Husk & Honey Cafe up for sale

QUEEN Street's Husk & Honey grain free cafe is for sale, as the current owners will be relocating to Melbourne within the next month.

"We bought the cafe in 2021 and despite the challenges and restrictions of the past few years, we managed to continue to trade," said owner, Manpreet Kaur.

"I think there is such a high demand for quality gluten and grain free food that both locals and visitors continued to seek us out despite difficult trading conditions.

"We had just started to explore authentic Indian cuisine because there is very definitely a high demand in that area," she said. "However, we now need to move our family interstate and so we are looking for someone who can pick up where we leave off. It was established as a family business and can easily be managed by a couple. But there is plenty of room for expansion as well."

Located at the heart of Nambour, Husk & Honey was established 12 years ago and has a dining capacity for 50 people.

"The cafe is in a great location in Queen Street and the rent is extremely reasonable compared to other premises in the area," Manpreet said.

"We have a new POS system and security cameras, and we have also purchased new furniture. It will be a great blank canvas for someone to come in and put their own stamp on. We have good sales and profit.

"We are currently open from Monday to Friday for breakfast and lunch, however, the cafe could be open 7 days a week.

"Our price is \$75,000 ONO. We need to sell ASAP due to the fact that we are moving interstate. But all reasonable offers are welcome and for more info you can email cafe.huskandhoney@gmail.com."

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Mums bring delicious delights, welcome vibes to new café

Business Writeup by Janine Hill

TWO mums with a shared background in hospitality have combined heads, hands and hearts to open a new café in Nambour.

Brooke Humphreys and Tara Sutcliffe opened Muffin Whole opposite Quota Park three months ago with a vision to provide tasty food in a welcoming, relaxed space.

"We both worked in hospitality in our teenage years and wanted to create a really nice atmosphere for everyone, especially mums, to come and get some yummy cakes and feel really comfortable relaxing with the kids," Tara said.

"It's not a gentrified café. If there's a level of pretentiousness in the air, you can't really relax.

Easy going venue next to park

"We're pretty easy-going here and the park is opposite. It's a laidback space and we think people have responded to it really nicely."

Tara, a chef by trade, takes pride in the quality of food on offer.

"We make everything from scratch – the bread, the pickles, the cakes. A friend brings in beautiful home-grown vegies from her garden and we get other produce from the markets," she said.

The two women manage what could be an overwhelming workload by keeping the menu simple, with one or two daily specials, but also switch around the menu to ensure it does not go stale.

Brooke's handmade earrings are also sold through the café and Tara keeps a rack of vintage clothes for sale.

Tara and Brooke's partnership had its beginnings four years ago when Tara's clothing



Brooke Humphreys and Tara Sutcliffe have set up a relaxed haven for Nambour food lovers.

designer sister opened a pop-up shop in Nambour. Tara snared a corner of the store for a creative space.

"Brooke was walking past, looking fabulous as always, and wanted to put some earrings in the shop, Tara said.

The pair struck up a friendship, sharing interests and trading tips and tales about motherhood.

Tara's son, Ocean, is now four and Brooke's daughter, Arnica, is almost eight. Running a small business while juggling small children is not easy but the friends manage.

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YANDINA welcomes guest artists *The Elderly Brothers* to the ACMA concert on Sunday 16th July. You will again enjoy the well-loved harmonies of Don and Phil.

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Jamie Saville, who owns Mort's with his wife, Vanessa, was rightfully proud of earning a medal.

Extra special: tiny brewery's beer wins big recognition

by Janine Hill

A BEER made in a tiny brewery under a pub in Nambour has claimed an award in an international competition.

The *Extra Special Bitter* made by Mort's Brewery received a silver medal at the Melbourne Royal International Beer awards last month.

The only other ESBs to medal at the award were made by long-established Tasmanian company James Boag and a Brazilian brewery. Jamie Saville, who owns Mort's with his wife, Vanessa, was rightfully proud of earning a medal, which recognises a standard rather than a placing.

"There's a lot of breweries on the Sunshine Coast but for us, being so little – we are one of the tiniest breweries in Australia – to get on that podium in an international event is pretty

special," Mr Saville said.

Mort's opened a little more than two years ago and maintains a core range of about three beers although has produced about 130 different beers in its time.

The brew pub is in a small space under the Commercial Hotel where customers can look across the bar and watch Mr Saville brewing, if he has time, and talk beer.

A vehicle spray painter by trade and self-described beer nerd, he brewed in his spare time for 20 years before he and Vanessa decided to open the business.

"I've always been very process-oriented as my trade goes and my brewing was my love of process again," he said.

He and Vanessa have travelled extensively, seeking out the best brews and bars, and will head to the the Great American Beer Festival to expand their knowledge.

Call for a museum to showcase Woombye's historical significance

A MEMBER of the Woombye historical society has floated the idea of a museum for the town.

Leah Trappett said Woombye was one of the most historically significant towns on the Sunshine Coast. It was the half-way point for people travelling between Brisbane and Gympie where a gold rush began in the mid-1860s.

"People would stay overnight and they would change horses," Leah said.

The Cobb and Co. coach company built accommodation for passengers known as Middle Camp Inn but this later became known as Cobb's Camp. A small settlement sprang up at Cobb's Camp but the government felt this was over-used so the town was renamed Woombye, a version of wombai, an indigenous word for the black myrtle tree and an axe handle made from its wood.

Leah's husband, Paul, is a fifth generation Coast resident. His great-grandfather, Duncan Beattie, managed Kenilworth Homestead before it was broken up when Kenilworth was established. Paul also has Garrad blood, a name Woombye locals will recognise from Garrad Rd.

Leah enjoys collecting vintage items and stories about pioneers and local history. She recently discovered that a cinema once operated from the Woombye hall.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could show a movie once a month and sell popcorn and bring the community together?" she said.

Leah said Woombye had retained its character over the years and would be the perfect location for a small museum.

"I think history is just wonderful. With all the new people coming to town, it would be good to get them aware of our past. It's such an amazing town," she said. "This little town has a heartbeat. More so than other towns. It has a history that's so endearing. There are so many wonderful pioneers and residents and we're proud of our history. It's so important."

Leah is not able to take her idea any further as she is occupied caring for Paul, who has cancer, but she hopes other people might see merit in a museum and take it up as a project.

"You never know when you throw a seed out there who might pick it up and plant it," she said.



Bridgette Chilli, Jenny Carruthers and Chris Elliott whose mother, Marie Elliot (nee Ratcliffe), was the youngest of a huge local family of 17 kids. She was awarded an MBE for involvement with the QCWA.



Colin and Lyn Pickering, Ross Smith and Ian Deller. Lyn, Ross, and Ian are descendants of the McClintock family who had the blacksmith shop in town from 1884.



From left, Lynn Mabb, Judy Bandidt OAM, Lyn Walker, Leah Trappett and Margaret Woodrow have been instrumental in working with WCBA Vice President Grant Palethorpe on the Trail.

Bradley & Bray Lawyers appoints first female and youngest director

NAMBOUR firm, Bradley & Bray Lawyers, has announce the promotion of Bridie Edwards to Associate Director – making her the first female and youngest director in the firm's 40-plus years history.

"I am extremely proud of the growth we have experienced in our firm and our amazing team for all of their hard work and efforts," Ms Edwards said.

"I am honoured to be the youngest and first female Director in the firm's 40-year history, but I am even more proud to follow in the footsteps of our retired Director Mark Bray who created and led an incredible firm and workplace over his career. The work he did, alongside our current Director Jacob Corbett, and leadership given to support our team, enabled the top-quality service to our clients we provide today. I am very grateful for Mark, Jacob and our Partner Peter Griffin's support and encouragement over my time with the firm, which has helped me get to where I am today."

Director Jacob Corbett said Ms Edwards had been instrumental in the practice being recognised nationally and internationally in recent years.

"Bridie remains a consistent driving force in all areas of our practice, however particularly in the areas of innovation, diversity and community involvement," he said.

He said Ms Edwards' rise to Associate Directorship marks a new era for the firm.

"The time has come for Bridie to be recognised not just as a young female industry leader, but as an industry leader."

Ms Edwards' contributions to the profession have been widely recognised. She was named in the prestigious Australasian Lawyers Rising Stars award for 2023 and was also named a finalist in the highly competitive 2023 Lawyers Weekly 30 under 30 awards for Commercial Law.

Regionally, she was acknowledged as one of



Bradley & Bray Lawyers has announce the promotion of Bridie Edwards to Associate Director.

the Sunshine Coast Daily's Rising Stars under 30 in 2022 and one of the Top 12 Young Lawyers in the same year.

In 2022, she completed a Masters Degree in Business Law and Transactions, further enriching her legal knowledge and skills.

She became the youngest ever elected member on the Queensland Law Society Council in 2021 and serves on five committees, including CPD, Governance, Professional Conduct, Innovation, and Finance and Risk.

She was appointed as an inaugural member of the Infotrack Legal Tech Advisory Group, as an industry consultant, advocating for the effective adoption of technology to drive innovation in legal practice.

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Prayers answered: Homeless youth to rebuild lives at 'The Old Church'

HOMELESS Sunshine Coast youth will get a roof over their heads and expert support after the formal opening of 'The Old Church' at Nambour.

The Integrated Youth and Family Service (IFYS) refurbished the former meeting-house complex of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in response to inadequate accommodation options across the region for young people trying to transition away from homelessness.

The Old Church includes 21 rooms each with a full bathroom ensuite, split-system air-conditioner, new paint and carpet and a window.

IFYS operates a six-bed crisis facility for young people in need on the Sunshine Coast, and a further five beds in Caboolture, so The Old Church dramatically increases the available support to those in need.

"In bringing back the church, we will offer 21 safe and secure beds to young people aged 16 to 24 across the Sunshine Coast," IFYS Managing Director Tony Pignata said. "We know that if you don't have a safe place to sleep, you can't address education issues, you can't address mental health, you can't address physical health - it's just not possible," he explained.

"The model will be supported 24/7 by staff, and will have a focus on education and employment and social interactions for those young people."

"They may stay for as brief a period as three months or perhaps two years until they can establish themselves in housing and some independent life skills, which to you and I might be incredible, but it'll be things like washing their sheets, washing their clothes, having some idea of nutrition and to be able to



The former church has been re-purposed for accommodation for young people. Below: Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien and IFYS Managing Director Tony Pignata open the facility.



cook for themselves."

The facility was opened on June 29 by Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien MP.

"Many people came to this very facility over the years to offer prayers, and, in the future, young people will come to this same facility to have their prayers answered, and I think that's pretty special," Mr O'Brien said at the opening.

"We know there are many reasons why children and young people experience homelessness – mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence at home, and sometime it's simply a financial matter," said Mr Pignata. "The Old Church today is a living example of what is possible when a community pulls together."

Woombye Streetscape Opening

Preserving heritage, enhancing liveability

THE newly upgraded streetscape of Woombye exudes historic county charm thanks to recent upgrades along Blackall Street.

The project has transformed the community's vision for an attractive and vibrant township whilst honouring the town's golden charm.

The finish line came not a moment too soon for some frustrated Blackall Street traders who coped with traffic and parking issues which disrupted trade for months.

One trader said the new streetscape looked great but included no new parking spots which were vital to local commerce. Another said the project was welcomed but the effect on traders' finances should not be underestimated.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 5 Councillor Winston Johnston thanked the community for its ongoing support and patience during construction.

"The Woombye Heritage Trail is a source of great pride for the local community, and I am excited to see the completed streetscape works honour the town's unique story," Cr Johnston said. "This upgrade includes shady street trees and garden beds planted to cool the footpath, beautify, and extend the green, leafy look and feel, to the west of the town centre."

Outdoor dining encouraged

"Locals and visitors can now enjoy outdoor dining and support businesses along the western end of the street and utilise the new seating areas and streetscape amenities.

"The completed works create a pedestrian-friendly street by improving footpaths and crossings, making it safer to cross the street, slowing traffic and improving access for all abilities."

Cr Johnston said that since November 2020, extensive community engagement had informed the streetscape design and delivered a central space for the community to gather in front of the School of Arts Hall.

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said the State Government was proud to support the

Woombye streetscape with \$500,000 in South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program funding.

"Woombye is a must-travel to destination in our region thanks to its charm and rich history, by investing in the streetscape we're making it even better to live and to visit."

Throughout the streetscaping project Sunshine Coast Council collaborated with the Woombye Community and Business Association and the Woombye Heritage Group to embed the heritage trail into the significant streetscape project.

Heritage trail

Woombye Community and Business Association Vice President Grant Palethorpe said the community was thrilled to see that the completed project honoured the town's history.

"The Woombye community is very proud of its heritage and delighted to share the area's wonderful story with locals and visitors," Mr Palethorpe said.

"It is a true celebration to see the Woombye Heritage Trail come to life through this collaborative streetscape project and we encourage everyone to explore the trail and all that the town has to offer."



The new-look streetscape encourages outdoor dining and improved pedestrian safety.



From left, WCBA Vice President Grant Palethorpe, State Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton, Cr Johnston and Design and Placemaking Manager Ben McGovern officially opened the new \$1.5 million streetscape.



Woombye Community Library volunteers, from left, Sharron Glynn-Armstrong, Chris Milloy, Jenny Power, Kate Furrage and Cathy Cash.



From left, Woombye locals Fred Hatchman and David and Jayne Aird enjoying the new streetscape seating.



Janice and Paul McLaughlin, Lyn Mabb, Dave Milligan (whose mum was renowned local historical figure Joyce Hungerford), Judy Bandidt and Tess Martin of the Benfer family.

In 2018, Woombye celebrated 150 years since the first Cobb & Co coach commenced the Brisbane to Gympie journey.

The Woombye Heritage Trail offers a wealth of historic sites, buildings and art installations dedicated to the history of the town that we hope future generations will enjoy along with the idyllic streetscape.

Collaboration between Council the Woombye School of Arts Hall committee also lead to an upgrade to the front of the lower hall to tie in with the streetscape upgrade.

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The event is being billed as a circus of the senses where everyone is invited to come and immerse themselves in the world-class talent in the Hinterland. Photo: Jody Gilchrist.

New event to showcase best of Maleny in the main street

AUGUST 4 is a date to mark in your calendar, as a special event is set to take over the town of Maleny.

Arts Alive Maleny is a vibrant event hosted in the main street of Maleny that brings the whole town and the talent of the arts community to life all in one evening. It is being billed as a circus of the senses where everyone is invited to come and immerse themselves in the world class talent in the Hinterland.

The event is the brainchild of local artist, performer and community advocate of the arts Steve McLiesh, pictured, and has been in the dreaming for many years.

"Arts Alive is an event like no other and the first of its kind at this scale in Maleny," said Steve. "The vision is to have the artists of Maleny and surrounds showcased and celebrated, and to shine a massive spotlight on the talent we have right here in the hinterland.

"The idea of the event itself is to create



something that feels like it's alive with activity and learning. A place where you don't know what's going to happen next. It's flowing and emotive."

There is no central focus to Arts Alive, rather an atmosphere of many facets, colours and experiences. A place with many art forms represented, all happening at the same time.

"Maleny is an arts village and we punch above our weight when it comes to talented artists. It's incredible how many people have started here in Maleny and have gone on to perform internationally, so having an event like this brings all of this to life and gives the whole Sunshine Coast an opportunity to come and experience this talent in a diverse and immersive way!"

Arts Alive will feature lanterns, light shows, art projections, live music, street performances and art exhibitions. There will be installations, dance, puppetry, theatre, comedy, poetry, and pop up workshops, along with a range of intimate gatherings in local cafes and restaurants, artisan stalls and more.

Remembering the forgotten: Nambour RSL to honour 70th anniversary of Korean War

IN the annals of history some conflicts bear the burden of being lost amidst the shadows of more prominent wars.

One such chapter is the Korean War, sometimes overlooked in the lingering echoes of World War II and the turbulence of the Vietnam War.

In Nambour, however, thanks to Nambour RSL Sub Branch, the Korean War is far from forgotten. On Saturday, July 29, 2023, the Sub Branch will honour the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, breathing life into the memories of bravery and resilience that have endured despite the war's classification as the "Forgotten War."

It will be commemorated on Saturday 29 July from 11am at Quota Memorial Park. The Armistice took place on 27 July 1953, after 339 Australians died and 1216 were wounded in the war. 43 Australian servicemen went "missing in action" presumed dead (RAN 2, Army 23, RAAF 18).

Nambour RSL Sub Branch President Kim Symmons said the war, (1950 to 1953) was somewhat overshadowed by Australians still coming to terms with the tragic losses during WW2. It was treated with indifference by the Australian public as there appeared to be no



Australian troops move through the wreckage of a North Korean town.

direct threat to Australia.

"Though the Korean War and later the Vietnam War were both direct conflicts with communism, the Korean War differed in that it did prevent the communist North Korean threat to defeat South Korea," he said.

"All community members are welcome to attend the service and any Korean War veterans and families can contact myself for further details."

► For information: kim.symmons@nambour.rslqld.net.au.

Budgerigar hopefuls flock to local contest

SUNSHINE Coast Budgerigar Association invites the public to its 2023 Annual Young Bird Show on Sunday July 16 at Nambour State Primary School Hall, on the corner of Coronation Avenue and School Street.

This will be a South Queensland Budgerigar Breeders Association Gold Breeder Award Show (Major Awards for Young Bird, Old Bird, Juvenile & Nestfeather). Judging is to commence at 9am.

Bird-lovers are invited to learn more about the association, as it is always welcoming new members. There is also an opportunity to

sell birds to the public. Morning Tea will be supplied plus tea & coffee supplied all day. Cold drinks will also be available. Bacon and egg rolls will be available till 10am and a sausage sizzle will be available throughout the day at a nominal cost.

► Enter School Street and turn right into school drop off zone. Parking is on road in front of the Hall. Entries should be received by Monday evening 9pm, July 10. For info contact President Neale Love 0421 471 781 or Secretary Keith Fagg 0428 789 654


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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. Please check details with organisers. Contact editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

► To July 11: "Natural Affinity" exhibition at The Old Ambo explores nature and art through drawing, ceramics, photography, printmaking, and painting. Open 10am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday.

► July 7: Burnside Community Twilight Markets this Friday night. Join families and friends at the Burnside Community Twilight Markets at The Hope Community Church grounds 86 Windsor Road, Burnside.

► July 7-9: Queensland Garden Expo, Nambour Showgrounds. Three-day expo featuring Australia's leading gardening gurus in lectures, demonstrations and workshops.

► July 8: Rugby League, SCGRL Round 12 at 4:30pm, Coolool A Grade Men v Nambour A Grade Men at Ronnie Cargill Oval.

► July 8: Australian Football, Hinterland Blues v University of Queensland at 2pm at Palmwoods G Rae Oval, Jubilee Drive Palmwoods.

► July 8: Auction: 128 Perry Road, Image Flat. The property goes to auction on Saturday at 11am on site. Contact Peter Wrigley 0407 37 43 49.

► July 9: The Mapleton Choir presents "A Celebration of Australian Legends" at Kureelpa Hall at 2.30pm. \$20 tickets are available at the door or phone Ailsa on 5478 6079.

► July 14-15: All Nambour Junior Rugby League teams will be "playing for Ben" during a home-round on 14-15 July in memory of Nambour Crushers and Sunshine Coast Falcons U16s player Ben Hunter.

► July 14-22: The Lind Theatre is excited to present an intriguing drama 'The Thrill of Love' by Amanda Whittington. Bookings: lindlane.com.au/whats-on. Phone 1300 732 764.

► July 15: Australian Football, Hinterland Blues v Beenleigh QFA Div 1 Seniors v Hin-



Churros Spanish Donuts is a new food truck in the mix for the Burnside Twilight Markets this Friday (July 7).

terland QFA Div 1 Seniors 2pm at Beenleigh, Guardian Gantry Hire Oval.

► July 15: FQPL3 Football, Nambour-Yandina United v Buderim at 6pm at Yandina.

► July 15: Rugby League, SCGRL Round 13 at 6pm, Nambour A Grade Men v Noosa A Grade Men at Crusher Park.

► July 16 to August 5: Ground Zero exhibition at The Old Ambo.

► July 16: Sunshine Coast Budgerigar Association invites the public to its 2023 Annual Young Bird Show at Nambour State Primary School Hall from 9am. Info President Neale Love 0421 471 781.

► July 16: Public invited to plant the 500 eucalyptus seedlings on 4000sq m off Spring Pastures Drive between 9am and noon. Register via www.eventbrite.com.au search "koala-fodder-plantation-day".

► July 16: Yandina welcomes guest artists The Elderly Brothers to the ACMA concert on Sunday at 24 Steggalls Road, 12 noon start.

► July 18: Woombye Community Library AGM 12noon in the School of Arts Hall. Queries please call the Library on 5442 2250.

► July 20-23: Mary Valley Art Festival at the Imbil Public Hall, Edward Street, Imbil.

► July 22: Rugby League, SCGRL Round 14 at 6pm, Nambour A Grade Men v Maroochydore A Grade Men at Crusher Park.

► July 22 (9am): Nambour Croquet Club invites newcomers to "Come and Try Croquet" at Coronation Drive. Equipment provided. Contact Patrick at 5472 7287 or berpat@bigpond.com.

► July 22: FQPL3 Football, Nambour-Yandina

United v Woombye at Woombye at 6pm.

► July 15-23: 'Amazing Fungi' opens on July 15 from 1pm-3pm, and will run daily from 10am-3pm until the 23rd. The exhibition will be held in the Theatre at Mary Cairncross Reserve. Information www.facebook.com/malenyprintmakers.

► July 23: 18-Piece Big Band Concert by the Scream Jazz Orchestra at Palmwoods Memorial Hall from 2pm. Info: screambigband@gmail.com or 0434 675 529.

► July 26: Outspoken presents Anna Funder in Conversation Maleny Community Centre, 6 for 6.30pm. Tickets \$25 and

\$18 students, www.outspokenmaleny.com

► July 28 to August 6: The Curated Plate features more than 100 events from over 300 local producers and suppliers and unites 52 local businesses and event organisers and be run across 10 delicious days.

► July 29: Nambour RSL Sub Branch will honour the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice from 11am at Quota Memorial Park. All welcome.

► July 29: Australian Football Hinterland Blues QFA Div 1 Seniors v Caloundra QFA Div 1 Seniors 2pm at Palmwoods G Rae Oval, Jubilee Drive, Palmwoods.

► July 29: Football FQPL Woombye Snakes v Gympie United at Gympie, 6pm.

► July 29: The Nambour Swap 6am - 1pm, at Nambour Showgrounds. Entry: \$5 per person, Parking \$5 per vehicle. Cash only on entry. Casual sites available - contact scaccsecretary@gmail.com.

► July 29: Rugby League, SCGRL Round 15 at 6pm, Beerwah A Grade Men v Nambour A Grade Men at Beerwah Sportsground.

► July 29: Live music at Maleny RSL. Kelly Cork, Golden Guitar legend Kevin Bennett and his band The Flood, along with local favourite "Richo" Richardson. Meals and bar from 6pm, entertainment at 7pm. Tickets via Oztix.

► July 30: Wuthering Heights of Mapleton - Red Dress Day, music, dance, and fundraising! Wear your red dress and follow the festivities. Food stalls and refreshments available. Contact wutheringheightsofmapleton@gmail.com for more info.



Work like this print by Karen Shaw will be on display and for sale.

Discover the enchanting world of fungi at 'Amazing Fungi' Exhibition

INDEPENDENT artists from the Maleny Printmakers will be exhibiting unique works of art through Juy themed around the beautiful fungi that feature in Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.

Artists from the Maleny Printmakers have used a diversity of printmaking methods to create works that will be on display and for sale as part of the 'Amazing Fungi' exhibition which will run from July 15 to 23.

"Artists have spent the last few months researching local species of fungi to inspire each piece of work" shares local printmaker Jennifer Eurell who will be amongst the group of exhibiting artists.

"It's a great way for members of the group to challenge themselves in their practice, and showcase their unique printmaking skills and expression of the theme. I have a background in ecology as well as art so exhibiting at Mary Cairncross is perfect for me."

'Amazing Fungi' will officially open on the 15th of July from 1pm - 3pm, and will then run daily from 10am - 3pm until the 23rd of July. The exhibition will be held in the Theatre at the Reserve. For information follow www.facebook.com/malenyprintmakers.

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Yandina service station approved in Court despite wide community opposition

from Yandina and District Community Association

PEARL Investments (Aust) Pty Ltd won its appeal to build a service station on the corner of Farrell and Stevens Street, Yandina on 9 June 2023.

This came after Council staff signed a mediated agreement of approval and the five-day Court hearing before a Judge was cancelled.

The agreement is a compromise that will adversely impact the town and its residents. It raises questions about where the Council feels its duty lies.

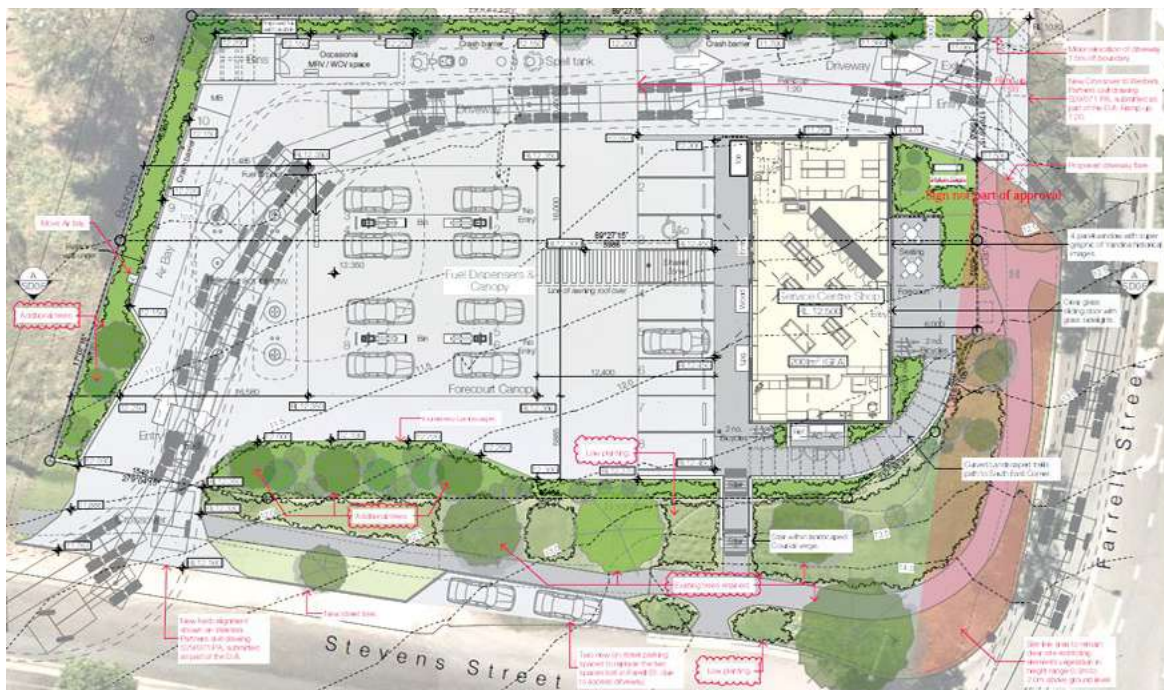
Modifications were made to the design and location of the shop to better suit the character area of the town centre. The landscaped area on the southern boundary was increased. But scenic amenity experts could not agree on the impact of the proposal.

From the beginning it was clear that access to the service station was going to be a problem.

Despite that, Council has waved through an approval that will turn the busy centre of Yandina, the Farrell Street/Stevens Street intersection into a traffic, safety and amenity nightmare.

The Joint Experts Report of Traffic Engineers shows that there were concerns about safety and efficiency issues and that there are reservations about the solutions.

The service station entry on Farrell Street is only 25 metres from the Stevens Street intersection on a downhill bend. The poor line of sight means the Farrell Street frontage must remain clear of sight restricting elements in



Proposed site plan. Eight bowser spaces and 11 car parks will be provided. Vehicle access is proposed via driveway crossovers on the Farrell Street frontage and on the Stevens Street frontage.

the 0.3m to 2m height range.

Traffic engineer Steve Williams believes the actual sight line is across the footpath and he recommended restricting the Farrell Street access to entry only. Instead vehicles will be allowed to turn left in and left out.

Fuel tankers must enter off Farrell Street however they will require the full width of the driveway to turn in. So they will have to wait for exiting vehicles to clear the way before they turn. This may hold up the flow of through traffic. Mr Williams said it was not ideal.

Pedestrians will have 1.5 meters between driveways on Farrell Street instead of the required 3 metres. This is hardly enough room for a parent with a pram or someone on a mobility device.

Fuel tankers and heavy vehicles over 8.8 m

in length must exit the site by turning right into Stevens Street then tight left into Buckle Street and left at Old Gympie Road. Stevens and Buckle Streets are narrow residential streets which can become one lane with cars parked either side. There are unit complexes, a child care centre and sections lack a footpath. There is no evidence that the feasibility of this route has been assessed. Residential amenity and road safety will be adversely impacted by this ill conceived decision.

Council settled for the cheaper, easier option; a compromise at Yandina's expense.

Court documents can be viewed at: <http://apps.courts.qld.gov.au/esearching/FileDetails.aspx?Location=BRISB&Court=DIS-TR&FileNumber=1542/21>



From left, Oriana Packman as Ruth Ellis, Amber Taylor as Vickie and Naomi Clashom as Sylvia. Photo courtesy Creative Persona

Drama recounts story of the last woman to be hanged in Britain

Theatre: The Thrill of Love July 14-22

THE Lind Theatre is excited to present an intriguing drama 'The Thrill of Love' by Amanda Whittington.

It is the true story of Ruth Ellis (Oriana Packman) who shot and killed her lover David Blakely in 1955 and became the last woman to be hanged in Britain.

The play shows us a place where thousands of girls like Ruth dream of escape, of being befriended by Diana Dors, of fast lives and bright lights, and returning in a silver Rolls-Royce. In the Knightsbridge Club Ruth manages the constant flow of alcohol lubricates idle talk of Cliveden and Stephen Ward (of the Profumo affair notoriety). It seems better than working in the factory?

But Ruth ends up in Holloway Prison, not Hollywood. This is a story of obsession: Ruth's obsession with the wastrel playboy Blakely, who scrounged off her for years, and the obsession of Detective Inspector Gale, who knows she did it but wants to understand why. It's also the story of a woman falling head over heels with the myth of great romantic love.

July 14-22 Bookings: lindlane.com.au/whats-on. Phone 1300 732 764.



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My Veggie Patch: Rediscover the joy of growing your own backyard food

Couple launches raised garden bed business

by Richard Bruinsma

A Rosemount couple has launched a business offering upmarket raised garden beds for homeowners.

"My Veggie Patch", established by Riordan and Bethany Butler, saw a need to re-establish the backyard growing of veggies, fruits and herbs. They will launch publicly – including providing expertise in bio-organic soil, water preservation, seasonal and site-specific planting plans, and ongoing support and management – at the Queensland Garden Expo at Nambour (July 7-9).

The raised beds are designed in a kitchen garden style, where the fruit, veggies, herbs and even edible flowers are within easy access to the owner's kitchen. It's a style suitable for even the smallest back yards.

"The humble backyard veggie patch used to be such an important and valuable thing in past decades, and we are learning now just how much we seriously miss the benefits of those gardens," Mr Butler said.

"There are countless fears about these days about the high cost of vegetables, concerns about nutrition and food security, and the problems associated with over-farming, and our organic raised garden beds help to address all those concerns.

"To have a kitchen-garden style garden in your yard provides healthy produce, but also convenience, a significant money saving, and the satisfaction that you're looking after yourself and your family."

My Veggie Patch has designed and constructed the raised garden beds from Australian cypress, which is naturally termite-resistant. Their flagship product includes two powder-coated arched trellises, strong enough to support climbing vines like passionfruit, tomatoes, beans, even pumpkins.

The couple also manages the 'construction' of the beds, including nutrient rich 'live soils' free of chemical fertiliser and pesticides, self-watering bed systems, seasonal, site-specific and sun-related planting scheduling, and ongoing management and advisory support.

"You get this amazingly vibrant food that tastes exceptional and is really good for you, and that's what we want to bring to the world through My Veggie Patch.

"I believe that people will turn back to having control over their own food sources and I think that those that get on the front foot early with that are going to be far better poised for the uncertainty of what the future might hold for us."

► Info: www.myveggiepatch.au.



Riordan and Bethany Butler and kids, above, and, below, their garden beds.



Simon Rinne has established Mindful Men to support men to look after themselves and improve their wellbeing.

Therapist turns personal struggles into mental health life-line

Business Writeup by Janine Hill

SIMON Rinne knows that living with mental illness is not easy. He has done it for 30 years.

Drawing on his own background and tertiary study in social work, Simon of Bli Bli, has made it his mission to help others as a lived experience therapist.

"I didn't want other men to go through 20 years of it like I did before I got help," he said.

Simon began suffering obsessive compulsive disorder at eight and this was compounded by depression and anxiety but did not seek help until he was 28.

"I grew up in the '80s and '90s and noughties, and we didn't talk about mental health," he said.

"We are conditioned to bottle it up and not talk about our feelings and figure it out ourselves but what does that look like exactly? Seven out of nine suicides in this country are men."

Simon's wife was the catalyst towards him seeking help.

"She was saying, 'You're not the person I met,' and finally, I was ready to go and get help. I went and saw my GP and said, 'I think I've got some sort of mental illness,' and that started my journey."

Getting help precipitated a career re-set for Simon, who had a varied career in the public service but decided to study social work.

He has now established Mindful Men to support men to look after themselves and improve their wellbeing.

Instead of working from a clinic, he offers therapy sessions during beach walks, at basketball courts or while out on a drive – wherever men feel comfortable talking.

He works with men from north Brisbane to Gympie, uses telehealth technology to work with men further afield, and also makes podcasts to spread the word about better mental health for men.

"It's a therapy business but it's about building a community of mindful men who can break out of that cycle and start living life and get the help they need to do all of the above," he said.

► Contact Mindful Men at hello@mindful-men.com.au.

Op Shop gives rescue animals second chance on no-kill ranch

by Janine Hill

A FORMER morgue between Nambour and Yandina has been reincarnated as an op shop to benefit rescue animals.

Soquilichi Rescue Ranch opened the op shop at Kulangoor in May to help cover the costs of caring for hundreds of animals each year at the associated ranch at Yandina, formed to save animals from death row.

President Miranda Wells said she was moved to establish the no-kill rescue facility after she discovered that many horses were butchered locally and sent overseas for human consumption.

"I used to buy all of them that I could," she said. "Most of them that I could afford were just skin and bone so they didn't want them. I had to do something. So we set up the Rescue Ranch."

Soquilichi currently has about 300 animals – dogs, cats and horses – in care. Ms Wells said most animals were farmed out to their network of foster homes. Still, the running costs were huge.

"Vet bills are probably our biggest expense, about \$250,000 a year," she said.

Soquilichi, which means "friends of horses" in Native American, has survived through donations, online fundraising games, sausage sizzles, garage sales, and "club" membership of \$1 per person per week. But Ms Wells hopes the op shop will shoulder some of the load.

The op shop building has had an interesting past.

Originally a textile factory, it was used as a morgue by two funeral directors before being converted to a winery and had been the base of a rubbish removal business before Soquilichi got the keys.

Ms Wells said Soquilichi ran an op shop



Soquilichi Rescue Ranch President Miranda Wells with volunteer Maree Buttery. Ms Wells opened the Op Shop at Kulangoor to help cover the costs of caring for hundreds of animals each year.

from another section of the complex years ago but was forced to close it after the store after vandals broke in and trashed it.

A film crew which chases paranormal activity checked out the morgue building when Soquilichi moved in May.

Night Watchers Paranormal Queensland has posted a video on YouTube of a session at the morgue which appears to show electronic equipment detecting entities and emitting garbled speech.

Ms Wells said some volunteers had noticed

a possible presence.

"Some of the girls have felt something. I haven't," Miranda said.

The op shop is open four days a week and is stocked with items donated by the public. Pet items and homewares were the best sellers, Ms Wells said.

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

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Maleny Performing Arts Centre inspires triple talents to shine

Business Writeup by Janine Hill

IN the business of performing, they call them triple threats: those exceptionally talented individuals who can sing, dance and act.

Kirsty and Kester Chalkley prefer to call them triple talents and they like to help produce them.

Since the Chalkeys arrived in Maleny they have given many students the chance to develop their skills and confidence in music, dance and drama.

Mrs Chalkley is the driving force behind the Maleny Performing Arts Centre, which offers about 30 dance classes a week in genres including ballet, hip hop, acrodance, tap and contemporary, as well as lessons in cheerleading and musical theatre.

Mr Chalkley, a primary school teacher, also teaches dance as well as music: piano, guitar, and strings.

Throw his tuition in with the MPAC and that is about 60 lessons a week the Chalkeys are responsible for offering the aspiring performers of Maleny and surrounds.

The couple arrived in Maleny about five years ago after having both worked as dancers

and teachers.

Mr Chalkley, who attended the Australian Ballet School, and Mrs Chalkley a contemporary dancer and cheerleader, formed a duo and travelled widely teaching dance and speech and drama to students at regional and remote schools.

The pair wound up in Maleny after Mr Chalkley studied primary teaching and was placed as a student teacher at The River School. They decided Maleny was the perfect place to settle down and raise a family.

Mrs Chalkley opened Heartspace Performing Arts with 30 dance students but was soon overwhelmed with the response.

"I had a week where you could come and try as many dance classes as you wanted and by the end of the week, there were 100 students," she said.

She changed the name to the Maleny Performing Arts Centre because she felt it should "belong" to the community which had supported it.

"It's really good to be contributing to the community with something I feel very passionate about and sharing my passion with the community I love," she said.



Kirsty and Kester Chalkley with members of the Maleny Performing Arts Centre.

Help needed to plant 500 trees for Mapleton's koala plantation

by Janine Hill

A TREE planting at Mapleton in mid-July will bring to fruition a wildlife carer's dream of a local koala food plantation.

Rachel Aspinall, of Mapleton, began advocating for a koala fodder plantation in the area three years ago after finding it increasingly difficult to source fresh leaf for koalas in her care.

The Sunshine Coast Council, Rotary, Hinterland Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, and various other community organisations have combined to make the plantation a reality.

The council's parks and gardens team has begun preparing the ground for the trees, which local SES and rural fire brigade members will water in.

Members of the public are now invited to plant the 500 eucalyptus seedlings on 4000sq

m off Spring Pastures Drive between 9am and noon on 16 July.

Division 10 councillor David Law said the planting was a family-friendly event and no experience was necessary.

"This event offers an important opportunity for the community to learn about the varieties of eucalyptus trees favoured by koalas and how the plantation plays a key role for local organisations caring for koalas," Mr Law said.

"Education is key if we want to restore and conserve koala habitat. By planting more of the right kind of food trees we can all play a part in ensuring the future of our koalas."

The Rotary Club of Nambour, on behalf of the Nambour 76, Woombye and Maleny Rotary clubs, signed an agreement with the council to enable the plantation to happen.

Nambour Rotary president Steve Morrison said the club had been happy to help.

"I look at what more we can do in our community and for the community and I believe that this is as important to the community as doing a park bench or playgrounds," he said.

Ms Aspinall, who has at times driven up to 40 minutes to collect eucalyptus leaves, said she was grateful for the support for the plantation.

"This really seems to be a community project with so many people coming together to help complete the plantation," she said.

"I'm also really happy that this will be an opportunity to educate people on the local koalas."

► To join the plant register at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/koala-fodder-plantation-day-tickets-652591517797. Wildlife carers wishing to use the plantation should email parksandgardens@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.





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Grants for rural property owners open soon

Rural landowners can apply for financial help to complete on-ground environment projects on their private property, when Council's Landholder Environment Grants open 10 July. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for projects like bush regeneration, reducing sediment loss on farms and controlling environmental weeds. Please read the Grant Guidelines on Council's website and submit your expression of interest before 14 August.

National Tree Day fun for the family

Bring family and friends out to Doonan Creek Environment Reserve, Verrierdale for the Doonan Planting Festival, a National Tree Day event, on 30 July. Enjoy this free event with tree planting, wildlife display, craft activities, stalls, live music, face painting, coffee, sausage sizzle and a free shuttle bus. Book via Council's events website.

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The 2024 Heritage Calendar Competition is on now. This year's theme is *Happy Snaps: Holiday times on the Sunshine Coast*. Send images of your fondest local holidays, camping, chilling at the beach, days out sailing or fishing trips. Visit heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to enter before 14 August.

One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers – 9am 27 July

Have you booked your Horizon Festival experience yet?

The Horizon Festival 2023 program is packed with free and ticketed arts events from the coast to the hinterland from 25 August to 3 September. You'll find amazing shows, music, performances, workshops and more at the Wonderland Spiegeltent festival hub in Cotton Tree. Visit horizonfestival.com.au to book or follow 'horizon art fest' on socials.

Australia's largest wearable art show is back

Giving Met Gala creative vibes, the Australian Wearable Art Festival returns for 2023. Merging art, science, fashion and technology will result in wearable pieces of art and sculptures that inspire, intrigue and motivate on 11 and 12 August at Venue 114. This is Australia's largest wearable art show, with a focus on recyclable garments and sustainability initiatives and featuring more than 40 entries. Tickets from \$60. Book now at venue114.com.au.

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The estate offers a 'Sense of space and a relaxed village life'.

Hillside estate offers huge blocks in Mooloolah Valley

Business Writeup: **Hillside Estate**

RARE home-sites up to 1719m² have been released in a hinterland pocket in Mooloolah Valley, answering the call for an acute shortage of land at attractive prices.

With an average land size of 851m², Hillside – an Urbex community in Mooloolah Valley – has delivered two land releases offering lots from 710m² to 1,719m² at an average price of \$592,000.

Urbex Realty General Manager, Craig Covacich, says interest has been high since the launch last week and two lots have sold.

Mr Covacich says the latest release is a unique offering, given the size of the lots, with median house prices in Mooloolah Valley up by 19.5 per cent in the past 12 months to a median \$965,000.

Mr Covacich, said the latest releases were designed to meet the demand for space sought after in the region and the investment.

"The sense of space and a relaxed village life hits the mark on what is desirable post covid life, and without the price tag," Mr Covacich said.

"Large lots not only enable space, but they also offer the opportunity to build single level dwellings which are far more economical to your hip pocket; add a relaxed village lifestyle

next to all convenience and the value speaks for itself."

Traditionally, the most common land offering in the Sunshine Coast is 350m² – 450m² with a median price of \$400,000, making the latest releases extremely rare.

Nestled within a picturesque landscape, Hillside's newest Treeline Land Release and Ridgeline Premium Land Release offer an opportunity to create a slice of paradise in the Sunshine Coast.

The Treeline Land Release will feature 23 new homesites, ranging from 710m² to 805m² and provides a mix of spacious lots set amidst the natural beauty of the hinterland to allow tranquillity and privacy.

The Ridgeline Premium Land Release will host 13 expansive homesites spanning from 1,000m² to an extraordinary 1,719m² of prime elevated land, offering exclusivity and natural breathtaking vistas.

The homesites start from \$545,000 to \$680,000, with land expected to be titled in November 2023. To assist you in finalising building contracts and finance applications, early site access will also be available to buyers.

► For more information, please visit: www.hillsidemooloolahvalley.com.au



From left, Melvin Jones Fellowship awardee Marcia Jensen, Past District Governor Kaye Smith and Blackall Range Lions Club President Peter Jensen.

Fellowship honours: From supporting her husband to leading Lions with excellence

A WOMAN who became involved with Lions to support her husband has been recognised with one of the organisation's most prestigious awards. Marcia Jensen, secretary of the Blackall Range Lions Club, has been bestowed with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, which is named after the founder of Lions and recognises outstanding contributions to Lionism or the community.

Marcia joined Lions to support her husband Peter when he and others formed a Lions Club Branch to serve the communities of Montville, Flaxton and Mapleton on 12th February 2019.

She has been the founding Charter Secretary, Vice-President, Marketing and Communications Chair, the Range Views newsletter editor and has developed and run morning teas. She ran the Taste of the Hinterland events at the Barn on Flaxton, coordinated club dinners, tirelessly iced Christmas cakes every year, assisted with compiling the annual Blackall Range Calendar and has filled the secretary's position last year and this year.

"In creating a Lions Club Branch, I had to find a president, treasurer and a secretary. I

am sure Marcia had no idea when she joined Lions to help me get a club started, that she would get so involved," said Peter, the club president.

Peter felt she was deserving of an award and sought the Melvin Jones Fellowship for her at the suggestion of other members.

They managed to sneak it past Marcia, who had no idea she was in line for such an honour until the presentation at the June 22 change-over dinner. "I thought the awards were done and then Peter said there was a special award and he began reading out what this person had done," Marcia said.

"I thought, 'This sounds like me,' and when he said it was a Melvin Jones Fellowship, I just about fell off the chair," she said.

She said it was gratifying to invest time in helping the community, even if it meant making sacrifices. "I did have more time to spend in my garden. Now I just grow weeds."

Marcia is the first member of the Blackall Range Lions Club to receive the distinguished honour.

2023-24 BUDGET

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We are committed to shaping a stronger, better and more sustainable region.

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\$366 million to develop a strong community

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\$327 million to maintain and enhance our environment and liveability

Beaches, foreshore, coastal infrastructure and canals; bushland conservation and habitat; recreation parks, trails and facilities; rivers, streams, estuaries and water bodies; stormwater drainage; sustainable growth and network planning; waste and resource management.



\$41 million to build our resilient economy

Economic development; investment attraction; tourism; major event sponsorship and holiday parks.



\$156 million to deliver service excellence

Development services; cemeteries; local amenity and local laws; public health; quarries; customer and community relations; property management and road network management.

Council also receives community assets from developers as well as paying back debt through annual repayments.



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Foreshore and streetscape transformations, traffic-busting road improvements, starting construction of a new regional library, world-class sporting precincts and preserving and celebrating the environment are key inclusions in the 2023-24 budget.

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How do I know if my skin needs vitamin B serum?

Wellness with Linda Goggan, Sacred Body, Montville

VITAMIN B otherwise known as Niacinamide stimulates the synthesis of ceramides in the skin to strengthen the skin's own protective barrier. While panthenol (Vitamin B5) attracts and retains moisture as well as providing protection and enhancing the natural repair process of the skin. You may be asking "Well how do I know if I should be using a vitamin B serum?"

The skin is our protective barrier to the external world and it can often take quite a beating from the elements and certainly from any synthetic chemical laden products that we apply topically. Which means that our body's barrier often has its own barrier disrupted. Some signs of disrupted skin barrier might include acne, dry, scaly and/or flaky skin, infection, inflammation and irritation, itchiness, rough patches, stinging, especially when you apply skin care products, and tenderness or sensitivity.

If you experience one or more of these then it is likely that you will benefit from daily use of a Vitamin B serum. With daily use of Vitamin B serum, you can support your skin to maintain elasticity and hydration and its ability to heal. This then supports the reduction of fine lines and wrinkles as well evening out the skin tone by reducing redness.

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Montville cellist plays at Tchaikovsky International

by Richard Bruinsma

MONTVILLE-BORN cellist Sam Lucas has endured setbacks and political pressure to achieve a life-long goal to perform at the world's most prestigious cello competition – the *Tchaikovsky International Cello Competition* – in Russia.

Lucas, based in Germany, was one of just 25 cellists out of 741 entrants from around the world to qualify.

His entry was somewhat hamstrung from the start – he was unable to bring his beautiful 270-year-old cello, which he has played exclusively for the past two-and-a-half years, forcing him to revert to his backup student's cello just days before competition began.

Lucas also endured pressure and criticism for his decision to compete – even from colleagues – due to Russia's war with Ukraine.

"I've learned to disassociate the competition from what's happening at the moment in the world, whether it's war or politics or sport, anything that's going on," Mr Lucas said.

"It's a competition that has a legacy for many decades now, since the 50s, and hopefully it's going to continue going on for the next 100 years as well, and maybe 200 years more if all goes well.

"In order to help the classical music scene survive in all parts of the world, especially the most prestigious competition ever, it requires participants and support ... I don't want to see this competition die, and I'm not here for political reasons, and I'm not for the war, I'm just able to not associate these things with the competition at all."

Performing at the Tchaikovsky International has been the subject of many years of dinner-time conversations between Sam, his parents Ian and Lee, and twin sister Meg.

"I might have been 15 or something when I



Sam Lucas with his parents Ian and Lee.

started looking into the history of the competition and all the absolute best players in the world, at least in the last few decades, that have all won the competition and continued to do well," Lucas said.

"When I got the email of confirmation that I was allowed to come, yeah, I think I was very nervous but incredibly excited; nervous considering what's happening at the moment but super super honoured at the same time."

Lucas said 'The Tchaikovsky' was among the two music competitions most revered by classical musicians.

"Regarding the audience, they're very warm and kind, but of course they have their preferences and they know exactly what they want... it's very difficult to please a certain audience when you're not from their country, you have to try and do your absolute best and I think I played well and I think they liked me, which was great."

Unfortunately Sam learned on Friday (23 June) that he missed out on progressing to round two.

► Full story online at www.SVGazette.com.au. A video of Sam Lucas' round one performance can be found from timecode 2:18:35 here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fj80aNRhhU

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Managing Director Marvin de Mendonca has set his sights on providing large print signs, banners and promotional materials from an expanded manufacturing facility in Witta.

Expanding Witta business makes strides in safety and printing industries

SINCE 2019 Maleny company Savitrek has gained recognition as a leading manufacturer of safety products for outdoor enthusiasts.

Now, the company is taking a step forward by venturing into the mining, construction, manufacturing and transport industries by offering hi-vis safety products.

Moreover Managing Director Marvin de Mendonca has set his sights on providing large print signs, banners and promotional materials from an expanded manufacturing facility in Witta.

His dedication stems from a passion for creating local job opportunities and giving back to the community. Over the past year and a half, Savitrek has made donations to various charities including Drought Angels, Dolly's Dream, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and 4WD event "A Long Drive for Drought".

"After introducing a multi-purpose blanket

that gained popularity in the camping and outdoor recreation industries, we expanded our offerings to include an array of safety products such as hi-vis bands, wraps, vehicle flags and document holders," said Mr de Mendonca.

"We have now set our sights on the local business sector, diversifying into wide-format printing on numerous surfaces including glass, acrylic, timber, metal, and PVC textiles.

"We can print on a variety of materials, ranging from bottle caps to basketballs, banners to billboards. We provide personalised and customized solutions for signage, banners and promotional material needs.

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'Hard work, bread and dripping'

Sundale's resident centenarians reveal secrets to living beyond 100 years

FOUR Sundale centenarians have gathered to share more than 400 years of combined wisdom at a special morning tea.

Marie Rose Clarke, 104, Peg Morse, 103, Phyllis Butt, 103 and Lois Mayers, 103, are all members of Sundale's exclusive 100 Club and all have different opinions on the secret to living a long and happy life.

• Marie "Rose" Clarke: "Hard work. I started work at the age of 14 scrubbing floors on my hands and knees and doing ironing with a flat iron that was heated on the stove. Eating bread and dripping as a child."

• Peg Morse: "Not sticking your nose into other people's business. I have no right to do so! I don't tell people what to do."

• Phyllis Butt: "Don't have any worries, be happy, take one day at a time."

• Lois Mayers: "Living a clean life and giving credit to the Lord."

Sundale CEO, Helen Sharpley said Sundale's centenarians are loved and respected members of the community.

"It's an honour to care for and be-friend these five amazing women," Ms Sharpley said.

"They have each led amazing, deep and meaningful lives and have left a lasting legacy on their friends and family and the Sundale community."

"Sundale is a richer organisation because of Rose, Peg, Phyllis, and Lois and their warmth and wisdom."

Sundale is a community-based, not for profit organisation that has provided Retirement Communities, Care Centres and In-Home Care support services since 1963.



From left, Peg Morse, Lois Mayers, Marie "Rose" Clarke and Phyllis Butt have a combined 413 years of wisdom.

World-leading Aircraft Project

Burnside students to restore plane and attach an electric prop

THE Burnside State High School aviation program is flying high. The school is becoming known, nationally and internationally, for its innovative aviation program which has grown in leaps and bounds. It currently offers drones and aircraft subjects starting from Year 8 up until Year 12.

"Burnside has recently partnered with the aviation research and development company Clean Altitude to undertake a significant aircraft project, to restore a Cessna 182 and attach an electric propulsion system that is currently attached to a test car," said Technology teacher and former Engineer, Adrian Casten. "On completion the student will see it used for skydiving."

Burnside Year 11 aviation students have the amazing opportunity to work with the Clean Altitude principals to complete this project. Tibor Glesk, the company founder, is a 46 times Australian Skydiving Champion. Twenty four years ago Mr Glesk founded Sunshine Coast Skydivers, and he has flown and operated many different types of aircraft.

The Design Engineer and head of research and development, Richard Glassock, is the pioneer of vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) drones and hybrid electric aircraft propulsion and was a Research Fellow at the University of Nottingham in the UK and then Queensland University of Technology.

Mr Glassock's work has focussed on hybrid electric and distributed propulsion for electric aircraft.

Mark Radford is an aircraft integration specialist and his Caloundra based company, AMS, specialises in aircraft maintenance, repair and operation. "In early 2023 a Cessna 182 aircraft was offered for the project by Mr Bruce Towers," Mr Casten said.

"Bruce is a highly experienced and eminent Australian parachutist and pilot who heard about the project through the skydiving network."

"Bruce's Cessna 182 was an old parachute drop zone aircraft and required a complete overhaul and refurbishing. It had been dismantled and put into storage some years ago with some parts now missing, and others damaged."

"At around the same time, I met with Tibor Glesk," he said.

"The opportunity was clear, to bring Bruce's aircraft to the school to give the students the chance to bring the aircraft back into airworthy condition. We are incredibly fortunate to have several licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers on hand to supervise the program and work has begun to restore the 182 to factory specification," said Mr Casten.

"Clean Altitude will proceed with designing the required modifications to install the electric propulsion system, giving the next generation of aerospace students the opportunity to participate in this world-leading aerospace technology project."

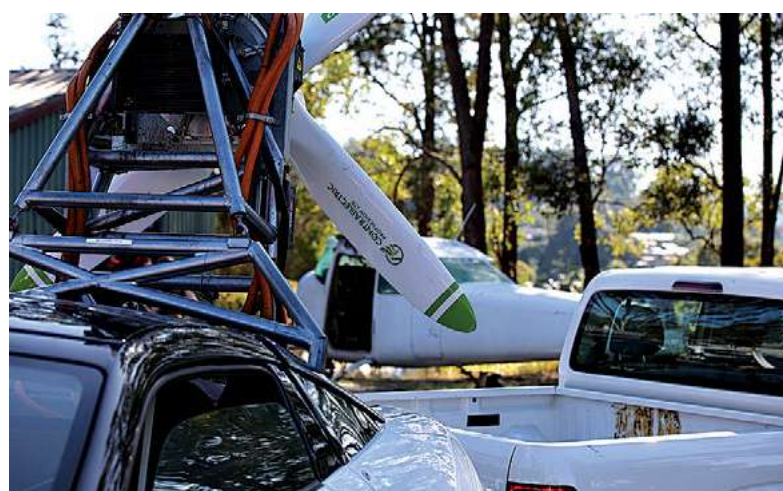


Year 10 students and Richard Glassock with the electric propulsion system at the school's recent Ute Day.



Above: Burnside State High School teacher, Matt Sampson, left, and Clean Altitude's Tibor Glesk in the former sky-jumping plane that is being used in the rebuild.

Right: The electric-powered propeller is currently fixed to a car for testing.



Nambour Coats to hit the runway in fashionable Noosa, daahling!

THE Sunshine Coat Project is taking their Nambour coats to upmarket Noosa for a fashion show in conjunction with the "Floating Land 2023" event.

Transporting the coats from Nambour to the more gentrified locale of Noosa prompted thoughts for creators Shaye Hardisty and Ketakii Jewson-Brown between Nambour and Noosa and this year's theme 'Us and Them'.

Floating Land is described as "Australia's premiere art in the environment event", taking place in sites across Noosa.

The Sunshine Coat Project was originally exhibited at the Old Ambulance Station Gallery in Nambour in April 2023 to much success and community support.

The fashion show offers a visually captivating experience, with models parading the coats down the runway. In Noosa a pair of jetties by the Tewantin Splash Park will serve as the show's runway.

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How to help feed our precious koalas

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I invite the community to lend a helping hand and join a tree planting day that will provide fresh leaves to sick and orphaned koalas. Council, in partnership with Nambour, Woombye and Maleny Rotary clubs and Hinterland Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Inc. will come together at Mapleton to plant 500 food trees for the local koala habitat. This is a family friendly event and no experience is necessary. Our team of staff and volunteers are excited to share their local environment knowledge.

Join the Koala Fodder Plantation Day on Sunday, July 16 from 9am – midday at the Spring Pastures Bushland Reserve, Spring Pastures Drive, Mapleton. Booking are essential via www.eventbrite.com.au/e/koala-fodder-plantation-day-tickets-652591517797. Gloves and equipment for planting will be provided. Participants should wear sturdy, enclosed shoes, long covered clothing, be sun safe and bring a reusable water bottle.

Budget wins for Division 10

Road upgrades, park and footpath improvements and a change room design for the Nambour Yandina United Football Club are among the Sunshine Coast Council 2023-24 Budget highlights for Division 10. We're committed to continuing to support the Nambour economy and are investing \$3 million in Council's Nambour Administration Precinct. Another \$1.68 million will be invested in the Nambour Namba Place revitalisation design, encouraging additional economic and social uplift. The Nambour Showgrounds will be receiving an exciting boost, which includes, entry plaza concept design, Jim Carolan Pavilion and Ray Grace Pavilion upgrades and undertaking the detailed design of an amenity upgrade. Thanks to State and Federal Government funding, upgrades at the Nambour Showgrounds will also include an improved PA system. Cilento Park in Nambour is getting a trail renewal and signage. Park upgrades don't stop there, with construction on the footbridge in Quota Memorial Park helping to improve the connection between the playground equipment and dog park.

Maleny Blackall Range Lions Club

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Last week I attended the highly anticipated Maleny Blackall Range Lions Club Change Over Dinner and I'd like to extend my congratulations to incoming President Rob Hobson.

I would also like to thank outgoing President Helen Johnston for her many years of dedication and service to the Lions and the broader community.

The night also featured a wonderful recognition of some incredible individuals.

This included a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Jean Cunningham, Honorary Life Memberships to Chaffey Backhouse and Clarke Alexander and "50 years of Membership" to Chris Symonds.

Thank you all for your service to our community.

Joyce Newton OAM Memorial Bursary

Each year I run the Joyce Newton OAM Memorial Bursary to support year 12 school leavers and honour the memory of Maleny icon and my good friend, Joyce Newton.

Bursary applicants must send me a list of their achievements at school, name the study they wish to undertake after school and where that study is based.

They should also explain how a bursary will assist them to undertake that study and describe how Joyce contributed to her community.

The winning student receives a \$1000 IT voucher, as well as dinner for the winner and their family and acknowledgement of their achievement in Queensland Parliament.

Last week, together with Joyce's daughter, Jen Tunley, we interviewed five students from right across the electorate.

Thank you to Nikita Emhofer from Beerwah State High School, Charlie Bidgood from Glasshouse Christian College, Nina Taylor from St Columban's College and Kelly Schofield and Nathaniel Audley from Maleny High School for your applications.

They were all wonderful, astute young men and women and Jen and I have found it hard to pick a winner!

Woombye's new look completed, launched

Winston Johnston
Division 5 Councillor
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It was really great to see so many passionate locals, businesses and community groups turn out to celebrate the opening of Woombye's new streetscape last week.

The project has transformed the community's vision for an attractive and vibrant township whilst honouring its golden charm. If you haven't seen the new look, then come on down and enjoy the outdoor dining and new seating near the cafes along Blackall Street, as well as the new inviting grassed area in front of the School of Arts Hall. I would also like to reiterate my thanks to our community and traders for your ongoing support and patience during construction.

Budget 2023/24

This month Council handed down its billion-dollar budget which included a varied and valuable combination of projects to create a stronger, better and more sustainable Sunshine Coast especially within Division 5.

I'm really looking forward to seeing a range of projects break ground this financial year and the diversified projects I think will excite our community as we turn the lens on small hinterland hubs, rural residents and our many community groups.

Fixing landslip-affected roads, beautifying Maleny's main street and enhancing the region's important green assets – Mary Cairncross and the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens – are key priorities in Sunshine Coast Council's 2023-24 Budget.

NAIDOC week

Sunshine Coast residents are invited to celebrate NAIDOC Week July 2-9. The region is set to host a range of events under this year's theme For Our Elders including First Nations exhibitions at Caloundra Regional Gallery and Maroochy Library, as well as weaving, children's storytelling and a bonfire at TribalLink in Mapleton, plus plenty more.

Check out Council's website for more information and to download the NAIDOC Week Regional Guide for all activities and events.

Bruce Highway construction finished

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After three years of construction, the Maroochydore and Mons Roads Interchange upgrade on the Bruce Highway is complete.

I am proud to have secured \$241 million (80% of the total funding) for this integral infrastructure project which allows for the greater flow of traffic, leading to less congestion and getting drivers home sooner and safer.

This project took much advocacy and discussion with the State Government to get it over the line and I am immensely proud to have delivered this essential road infrastructure for the Sunshine Coast.

New Crisis Accommodation

It was a pleasure to open 'The Old Church' youth homeless accommodation in Nambour this week.

Operated by IFYS, I was proud to have secured \$790,834 towards the project in 2022 which provides support to transition young people out of homelessness and strengthen their employment options.

Congratulations to Tony Pignata and the IFYS team.

Support for Mapleton Bowls Club

Congratulations to Mapleton Bowls Club.

This week I announced that the Club will receive \$7,500 toward an upgrade of their bowling greens, including replacing the 40 years-old scoreboards. Landscaping works and replacement of flood damaged fencing will also occur.

My First Speech Competition

Do you have a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who fancies themselves as a budding politician?

The My First Speech competition asks year 10 to 12 students to consider what they would say if they were a newly elected Member of Parliament and record themselves presenting the speech on video.

Applications open 3 July and close 11 August. For more information visit www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech

A step closer to new Nambour Men's Shed

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Thank you to Minister Mark Bailey for making the time to meet the blokes at the Nambour Men's Shed with me last week.

For the past year I've been advocating on behalf of the Men's Shed to find their forever home. With this meeting we may be one step closer to helping them keep their home.

Woombye Streetscape opening

It was an honour last week to join Auntie Bridget Chilli, Councillor Winston Johnston, Woombye WCBA & Friends Vice President Grant, Council Staff and community members to officially open the Woombye streetscape project. The Palaszczuk Government is proud to support this fantastic community project with \$500,000 from the SEQ Community Stimulus Program. I'm thrilled to see the beautifully landscaped pathways, more trees for shade, new infrastructure for accessibility – and of course, new water stations for pets.

Building urgently needed housing

As a renter myself, I know all too well the stress that people are under right now. We need to build more houses, and we need to build them now. That's why it's been extremely disappointing to see the Greens blocking our Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) in the Senate.

Fortunately, the Albanese Government has stepped in to fill the gaps left by the Senate's inaction. Thanks to National Cabinet, we now have another \$2 billion committed to building the housing that the passage of the HAFF would have seen commence.

This is a welcome initiative from the Albanese Government, and in conjunction with the Palaszczuk Government's Housing Investment Fund, we are building more social and affordable housing for Queenslanders.

But we still need to build more

The Housing Australia Future Fund will be voted on again in October in the next Senate sitting week. I sincerely hope that the Greens and opposition will do the moral thing.

Orphaned joey, Kiki, finds hope and healing

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

IT is the time of year I dread. Every year, at this time, our 5441 6200 WILVOS Hotline gets an increase in macropod calls.

The afternoons are still short, and kangaroos and wallabies that are hit by cars are often females with a joey. It is so sad to see the distress of these joeys when suddenly they are orphaned. Native animal survival depends on hiding any distress, but the eyes tell the story. They need to be checked for injury.

This week when a female wallaby had been killed by a car, the lovely people brought the little joey to the Yandina Vet Surgery. Though showing some abrasions, "Kiki" was otherwise unharmed. Being a whiptail wallaby, she is not from the local area, so will soon be taken to a wildlife carer in her home district. It is best to raise macropods with others of their own kind as soon as possible once they are furred and enjoying their grazing and hopping about. Kiki is furred but will need to become familiar with me, and with her new surroundings, before feeling confident enough to venture out of her pouch by herself. Meanwhile we sit out in the yard as she begins to relax under the protection of her new 'mum'. Joeys are usually in care for approximately nine months before being released, with their formed mob, into the wild.

Whiptail wallabies are incredibly beautiful, and it is easy to see why they are often called 'pretty-faced' wallabies. The joeys have soft, light grey fur with distinct white cheek stripes. The markings are similar to our local red-necked wallabies, but the colouring is very different. Also, their tails are very long – hence the name whiptail wallaby. Amazing creatures!

▶ Don't forget to come and visit the WILVOS in the Council's Living Backyard at the Qld Garden Expo, Nambour, this weekend.



Kiki the Whiptail Wallaby

Set in stone: a brief History of Montville

From **Montville Historical Society**

THIS basalt rock, pictured, was unearthed from the Narrows Road during construction of the Baroon Pocket Dam in 1986 and the Razorback Outlook Plaque was unveiled by Senator Lady Bjelke-Petersen on May 3, 1987 to commemorate 100 years of settlement.



It outlines a brief, but fascinating history of Montville, which used to be known as *Razorback*. The plaque at Razorback Lookout, at the top of the escarpment, offers a place to sit for quiet reflection.

It is at the end of the School Road, Montville, which runs next to the school grounds. Settlers arrived to 'Razorback' in 1887, the town was later named 'Montville' by Henry Smith after his childhood memories of Montville in the USA.

- 1837-1840: Andrew Petrie collected timber specimens.
- 1842-1859: The Bunya Proclamation stated that Bunya country was reserved for indigenous Australians so until Queensland became a state and the Proclamation was rescinded this area could not be occupied by non-indigenous Australians.
- 1844: Ludwig Leichhardt explored Baroon Pocket.
- 1872: Cedar cutters Gillies and Mitchell visited the area but moved on due to the lack of grass for bullocks.
- 1881: E J Burnett and G L Bury were the first selectors. Early selections were for timber getting. Major timber being Beech, Bunya, Cedar, Hoop and Boxwood.
- 1884: Surveyor Delisser located the razorback route which passes by this spot (at Razorback Outlook).
- 1881: Joseph Chapman Dixon and his wife Alice selected the first blocks at Flaxton
- 1887: Thorvald Peter Ludwig (TPL) Weitemeyer selected and took up residence with his pregnant wife Jane and three children on Portion 11v in the Parish of Maleny.
- 1888: Harry Weitemeyer was the first white child born in the area
- 1891: Railway from Brisbane reached Palmwoods. Remington's Shute was first used. Logs were brought by bullock wagons to the edge of the Range and pushed over.
- 1896: Razorback Provisional School opened.
- 1897: The first Receiving Office was run from the home of Henry and Jane Smith.
- 1903: Montville School of Arts was built.
- 1905: Alfred Bowser started the pineapple industry and 25 years later planted the first Macadamia trees on his property on Mill Hill Road.
- 1906: The Fred Thompson family extended the first guest house 'Elston' originally established by the Dalton family more than 10 years earlier.
- 1909: Mr Alfred (Fred) Smith purchased a 16hp 2-cylinder International Motor Buggy which was driven solely by his youngest son, Monty.
- 1910: The route of the Razorback Road was changed with a cutting on the side of the spur.
- 1912: The Methodist (now Uniting Church) was built.
- 1914: St Mary's Anglican Church was built.
- 1917: Montville Telephone Exchange opened.
- 1929: The Montville-Palmwoods Main Road was officially opened.
- 1940: Connection to the electricity grid began for Maleny and Montville residents.
- 1945: First commercial avocados were packed in Montville by Mr J Wilson.
- 1960: Power was supplied to the end of Western Road.
- 1966: The Montville Pottery established by Mrs A.E. (Bimmy) Everett, was Montville's first commercial cottage industry.
- 1969: Main Road, Montville was sealed.
- 1975: Montville first became for the quality of its restaurants.
- 1980: The last dairy closed down when Mr and Mrs Vince Sinclair of Western Avenue ceased to send cream to Caboolture Coop Association, Maleny.

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- Extended and renovated to accommodate modern family living
- 2 bedrooms upstairs and a family bathroom with tub
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- Cosy living room with timber burning fireplace
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- Spacious North facing home with stunning recycled bridge timber features
- Intelligently designed and energy efficient
- 2 large living areas with a northern aspect plus ample outdoor entertaining
- High ceilings and light filled throughout
- Double carport and 6m x 6m workshop

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21 Miva Street **MALENY**



Set on a 728m² block in sought after Miva Street and only a few minutes' walk to town, this immaculate recently refurbished brick home is beautifully presented and has plenty to offer.

- Recently refurbished - fresh paint and carpet throughout
- Air conditioning in living area
- Well-appointed kitchen
- Double carport plus covered patio
- Low maintenance yard with some established trees and a lovely outlook

A fantastic opportunity for first home buyers, couples, low maintenance downsizing or investors to take advantage of this perfectly positioned home. What else could you be looking for?

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755 Landsborough Maleny Rd **BALD KNOB**



Recently renovated to the highest quality, this much-loved home offers style, space and incredible views to the Glasshouse Mountains, the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane.

- Stylish lowset home elevated perfectly to capture enviable views
- High spec renovation by highly reputed Maleny builder
- Spa-like en suite and main bathroom
- Open plan living, dining and kitchen with views
- Large 4045m² block with huge potential to create your dream outdoor space

Elevated just perfectly, this home will delight its new owners with space to entertain, room to relax or just revel in everyday life.

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WELCOME TO THE MARKET

9 North Maleny Road **MALENY**



Displaying breathtaking Northern rural views, this property is perfectly positioned in a peaceful area within walking distance to Maleny's vibrant main street.

- Double storey home on an elevated 1121m² block
- Stylish timber kitchen with great connection to the verandah
- Spacious living room integrates with the deck area
- Split system air conditioning and high ceilings throughout
- Covered verandahs front and rear with stunning views

Just a 10-minute stroll or 2-minute drive to the cafes, restaurants and facilities of the Maleny township; a property of this calibre, in this location, will not last long!

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1150 Maleny Stanley River Road **BOOROOBIN**



This fabulous country estate set on 49 acres spoils you for choice, whether you're looking to start a hobby farm with cattle and horses, or to simply enjoy as a private haven.

- Recently refurbished and renovated 1940's farmhouse
- Second dwelling with two large bedrooms
- Glorious views down to the dam and its wildlife
- Established income streams; coffee hut and party hire venue
- Access all over the property, a flowing creek and dam and abundant water supply

Large land parcels of this calibre don't present themselves to the Hinterland market often - it offers a clever blend of lifestyle, income potential and natural beauty around every corner.

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North facing, with 360 degree views, this home was stripped to its bare bones and meticulously renovated to the highest standard with a new roof, windows and doors throughout.

Beautifully renovated home rests on 3 acres in Image Flat

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 128 Perry Road, Image Flat. The property goes to auction on Saturday July 8 at 11am on site.

LUXURY, attention to detail, relaxation, country views, tranquillity and ambience are the first words that come to mind when you visit this property.

Beautifully renovated and surrounded by just over three acres, this home provides a quality of living that is hard to surpass.

North facing, with 360 degree views, the home was stripped to its bare bones and meticulously renovated to the highest standard with a new roof, windows and doors. Of double brick construction, the house has been fully insulated and has ducted air conditioning throughout, which is controlled by an app on your phone.

Built over two levels, this meticulously appointed home consists of three large bedrooms all with large built in cupboards, a study with built in library, or fifth bedroom with built in cupboards, a large main bathroom with separate shower and bath, and a 30m2 master bedroom and sitting area which is complimented by a very large walk in robe and magnificent ensuite with large bath and walk in shower on the first floor. There is a north facing balcony off the main bedroom and study.

At ground level there is a magnificent kitchen with quality SMEG and ASKO appliances overlooking the separate dining and large lounge areas, a large media room and laundry and a powder room.

The house also includes extras like extensive storage throughout, custom made window coverings, a laundry shute, fans in all bedrooms, study, media room and lounge area, Invisigard stainless security doors and town water connected to the main house.

Outside, this property is complimented by an expansive outdoor patio on two sides, with

the main patio facing north. Both patios are serviced by motorised awnings and external blinds to provide shade.

A well positioned fire pit inspires good times on cold nights under the stars and beautiful views during the day.

Bring your big boy toys as the three sheds on the property can hold them all and even provide cover for the all important caravan or RV.

Shed number one is metal in construction and is 56m2. Shed number two is of metal construction, has a shower and toilet and is 143m2. A remote control garage door makes access a breeze.

Shed number three has been fitted out as a work from home office of 20m2 with heaps of internal storage and work space totalling just under 100m2. Great satellite internet capabilities make this an ideal work from home scenario. The double garage door access is also by remote control.

A large carport on the side can house a caravan or RV. Two large water tanks service the property and are located at the rear of this shed.

A 25 m2 greenhouse satisfies the discerning green thumb. A single carport also services this area. A double carport off the main house and a tasteful parking area for at least 4 cars is also very handy.

The property sits on just over 3 fully fenced acres of landscaped gardens. It is serviced by two access points; one an easement at the eastern side to the property and one at the southern end of the property. The property is zoned rural.

► **For an inspection of this magnificent property please call Peter Wrigley of Carolans First National Real Estate on 0407 37 43 49.**



From the main living space and generous kitchen, the rear of the property opens up to a patio perfect for entertaining or relaxing after a long week.

Modern family home in creekside estate

AGENT'S CHOICE: 6 Willowood Crescent, Nambour.

TUCKED away in the Creekside Estate on the cusp of Image Flat, this immaculate family home will impress all who see it.

If you're looking for a large four bedroom modern home with multiple living areas and the opportunity for a 5th bedroom, don't let this chance slip by.

Beyond the grand entrance and oversized front door, this fully tiled home opens up immediately to the centrally located rumpus / media room, as well as both lounge rooms.

From the main living space and generous kitchen, the rear of the property opens up to a

patio which is perfect for entertaining.

Off the second living area you'll find the main bathroom and toilet and two of the secondary bedrooms, all with built-ins and fans, while the other end of the home has a third bedroom and the large master suit complete with full length walk-in robe, well-appointed ensuite, and direct access to the fully fenced backyard.

With more buyers entering the market and open home numbers increasing, premium property like this will not last long as the market heats up leading into Spring.

► **For more information call Remax Nambour selling agents Scott Walters on 0447 474 982 or Steven Clay on 0438 510 583.**



This architecturally designed home presents a rare opportunity to embrace a lifestyle where nature and living seamlessly intertwine.

Architectural design on serene bush block

AGENT'S CHOICE: 252 Peachester Road, Beerwah. Expressions of interest.

NESTLED within a lush tropical bush setting, this stunning 2-acre property offers a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. With its abundant variety of fruit trees it represents a blend of natural beauty and architectural elegance.

At the heart of this remarkable property stands a thoughtfully designed, steel framed, architect designed, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home that seamlessly integrates with its surroundings.

The inviting interior is adorned with Oregon timber, raked ceilings and large windows that frame the surrounding beauty. The floor plan seamlessly connects the living, dining, and kitchen areas, fostering a sense of togetherness and facilitating effortless entertaining.

The bedrooms offer a tranquil retreat, each

providing ample space but remain very much connected to the heart of the home. The main bedroom features front and back verandas and off the living area is a fantastic timber deck, providing a retreat surrounded by nature.

The property has rainforest-like gardens and a variety of fruit trees, including grapefruit, passionfruit, African cherry, macadamia and a good variety of forest berries. The expansive two-acre plot also has a watering hole and provides ample space for outdoor activities.

In addition to its natural beauty, this property is conveniently located close to schools, shops and public transport, ensuring easy access to education, amenities and the extended Sunshine Coast region. The combination of a private, tranquil setting and proximity to essential amenities makes this property a truly unique find.

► **To arrange your inspection contact Century 21 Living Local selling agent, David Gaskin, on 0405 258 765.**





On the lower level you'll find two more spacious bedrooms, main bathroom and a second living area opening to another large verandah with glorious views.

Glorious views, north Maleny

AGENT'S CHOICE: 9 North Maleny Rd, Maleny. Price by negotiation.

SITUATED on an elevated 1121m2 block, this double storey gem makes an unforgettable first impression. Displaying Northern rural views, it's perfectly positioned in a peaceful area within walking distance to Maleny's vibrant main street. A timeless palette of neutral tones, exquisite timber flooring and quality finishes combine with light-filled interiors across this residence.

Occupying the upper floor is the open plan living and timber kitchen with European appliances where you can be part of all the action on the nearby deck that captures stunning views of the neighbouring farmland. Also located on this level is the luxurious main

bedroom featuring large French Doors which capture the breezes and breathtaking views of the pristine countryside. Servicing this room is the en suite with bath and walk-in robe. The second bedroom and a home office complete this level.

On the lower level you'll find two more spacious bedrooms, main bathroom and a second living area opening to another large verandah with glorious views.

Outside features include; under house storage, a double carport, 6m x 9m workshop and a low maintenance, fully fenced landscaped yard with room for a caravan.

► **To inspect this beautiful home, contact Maleny and Hinterland Real Estate's Jess Luthje on 0438 616 064.**



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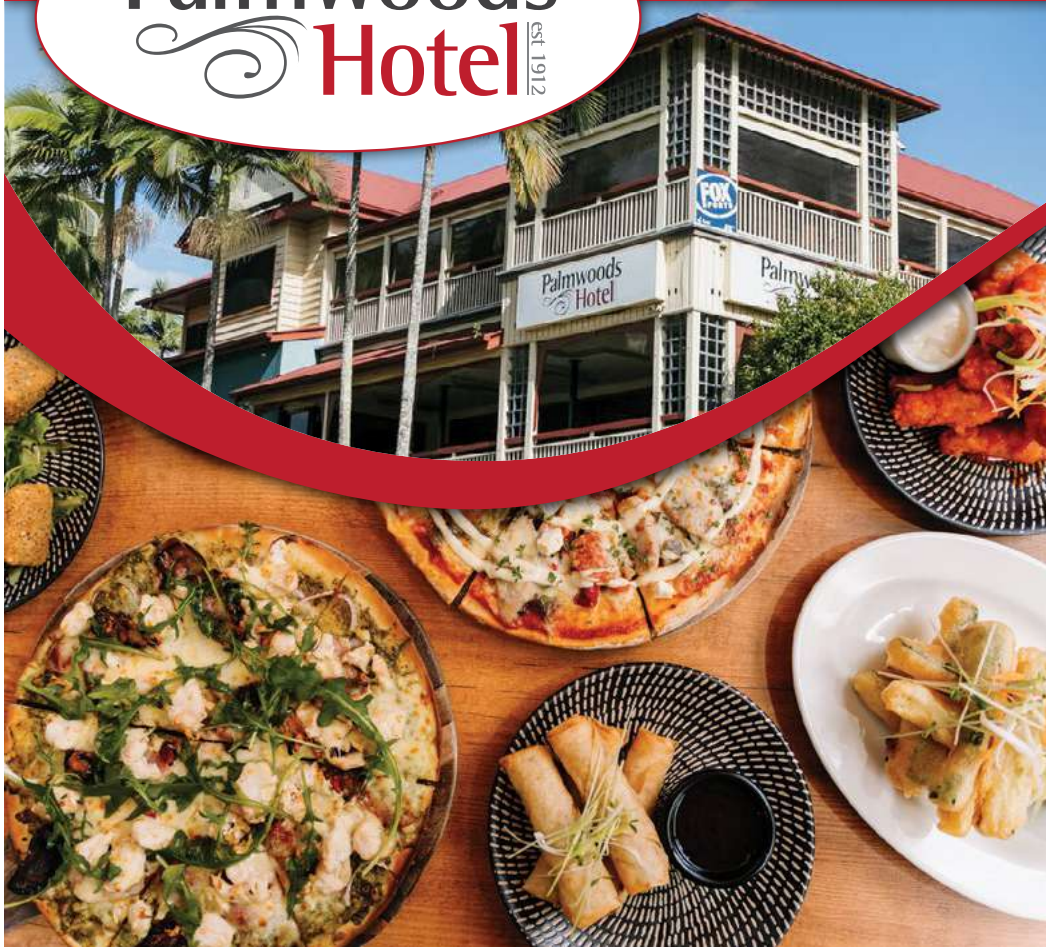
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