

'People's Pastor' awarded OAM



Pastor Dale Dowler and his wife Donna with their trusty kelpie Mocha ... "After 19 years, we're stronger and more passionate

PASTOR Dale Dowler is a well known face around the Nambour community.

If he's not listening to someone who needs a friendly ear or talking to someone who needs some good advice, the Co-Founder and Manager of The Shack will be organising assistance to service the needs and concerns of his diverse community.

Pastor Dale and his wife Donna head up The Shack which, since 2002, has established itself as a vital thread in the fabric of Nambour and the surrounding district. He leads the organisation with a committed group of volunteers, the community of churches and many families who have given their time and resources to support over 10,000 people.

It's only fitting that Pastor Dale was recognised in The Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List, with a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community.

The Shack team has assisted in excess of 1000 drug-dependant individuals into detox, rehab and one-on-one counselling. It runs addiction programs, youth and children's programs and provides clothes, meals, showers and community to many in need.

"We have referred numerous people to accommodation and have established an addiction program (run once a month) that has graduated over 450 individuals,'

The Shack offers a range of small group programs for men and women ranging from Drug and Alcohol groups to Domestic Violence support groups.

Everything is achieved without government funding. "The Nambour community and surrounding partners have been generous beyond human thinking," Dale said. "After 19 years, we are stronger and more passionate than ever.

"I like to say we do life with

people. It may be fleeting. But it may be lasting. It's a privilege to be involved with people at critical moments in their lives, be it hatch, match or despatch, as they say. It's a privilege being able to help and send people on their way as well as welcome them in. And it's all possible because of connections through community."

Despite the unpredictable nature of his work, Pastor Dale displays an air of calm. "That's our faith element shining through I guess," he said. "It's a bit of a duck syndrome as well. There's a fair bit going on under the surface.

'We're in a lot of situations where, if you appear over excited or over-hyper, if things need to be de-escalated you need a bit of a demeanour that says you know what you're doing. Being a conversationalist and being able to connect with people helps too.

"We often connect with people who are seen to be unlovable and then we may mix with politicians and businesspeople as well. But underneath it all people are all pretty much the same and the conversations are the same.

"God's business is about people and the reality for us is that we have to have money to function. But the most important conversations we have are about people."

The former Canterbury-Bankstown rugby league player said he was honoured to receive the award. "To be honest I got quite emotional. To get something that is so reflective and recognising of being an Aussie was overwhelming.

"And although it's wonderful, it's not important, if you know what I mean. It's the lives that we connect with every day that are important. I can put this medal back in the draw at the end of the day. The lives we connect with can't be put in a draw. They need to be brought to a place of recognition every day."



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Strong response to town's new brand initiative

NAMBOUR'S new identity has been welcomed with open arms according to local businesswoman Rhonda Billett.

Rhonda is one of three ambassadors for the "I am Nambour" themed branding unveiled by Reimagine Nambour at a function on June 8. The new look embodies the diversity, resilience and pride representative of the town's business community.

"We have had such an overwhelming response to the campaign and we have only just begun," said Rhonda. "Reimagine Nambour really have delivered on this project. The #iamnambour and #iamlocal are being used by many organisations and businesses in the local catchment area and its fabulous that it is bringing everyone

"I have been handing out 'I am Local' stickers so businesses can proudly market their Nambour business as part of the new brand identity launch either by putting the sign on their shopfront windows, or they can download the logo for their social media and their websites.'

"Again the response has been very positive and we are just waiting on more stickers and promotional items to arrive as the community just want

Rhonda is joined by musician Andrea Kirwin and Farrows Customs Motorcycle Mechanics owner Bryan Farrow as official ambassadors driving the campaign.

Developed as part of the Nambour Economic Transition Strategy (NETS) and overseen by Reimagine Nambour "I am Nambour" invites businesses to collectively market under a consistent look and feel to encourage investment and pride in the town.

"Over the coming weeks we will have our business stories being showcased," said Rhonda. "However there are many, many successful business owners in Nambour and that is what we are trying to get out there, come to Nambour, invest and open up a business. Nambour is a very attractive area to open a successful business, there has never been a better time than now and the community want to see more new businesses open as the leafy region grows.

"I urge locals to get involved also. When you are out and about in Nambour, please use the #iamnambour and #iamlocal hashtags showing that you are united in supporting the rejuvenation of Nambour and having a load of



Rhonda Billett ... "we have more coming with #IAMLOCAL #IAMNAMBOUR over the coming weeks, it's going to be fabulous".

fun along the way.

"Nambour has so very much on offer to investors too and now is the time for investors to come forward and invest. especially in retail and residential development in the Nambour CBD."

Rhonda said people could register their interest and keep up to date at www.iamnambour.com.au. Brand ambassador Rhonda Billet said Reimagine Nambour was looking to have a catalogue of products available in the next few weeks to enable businesses to purchase coffee cups, enviro reusable bags, posters, t-shirts and more, to enhance the #iamlocal

#iamnambour brand in their business. These will be available on the www. iamnambour.com.au website. Logos and other things also will be made available in the next week or so and again can be found at www.iamnambour.com.au.

"The site is changing daily with loads of digital assets and videos available for sharing as we revitalise Nambour, I urge people to register their interest, stay up to date and visit the site regularly for latest developments and updates."

PAGE 12: Infill laws encourage **Shoptop living in Nambour CBD**

Events fuel hunger for new beginnings

FOUR events on the weekend have helped ignite Reimagine Nambour's drive to transform the local economy and capitalise on the town's unique cultural identity.

An "exhausted but exhilarated" Reimagine Nambour Facilitator Kerry Brown spent a busy weekend organising and helping run four events -Sconetime on Friday morning, a Friday night Soiree, a Gala Dinner on Saturday night and a relaxing music event on Sunday celebrating the town's new "I am Nambour" brand identity.

"We've had so much positive vibe," said Ms Brown. "You can buy PR and marketing but you can't buy the community feeling and the buzz that has been generated over the weekend.

"It's been quite overwhelming in a way. People are realising they have to be united and that Nambour is coming back to life.

"The numbers could have been better but it's the first time we've staged these events so they will only improve as word spreads."

Reimagine Nambour Inc. is a community association initiated by Fairax MP Ted O'Brien to bring to life the Nambour Economic Transition Strategy (NETS).

Mr O'Brien said the Economic Tran-

sition Strategy was a roadmap for Nambour to transform its economy while maintaining its distinct identity.

"There is so much pride in Nambour, and it's there for all to see," Mr O'Brien said. "What inspired me to help establish Reimagine Nambour was just seeing the untapped potential of the town. You can see it in the eyes of the people from Nambour."

Reimagine Nambour works closely with Council and community organisations to forge a thriving regional town.

"The Nambour Economic Transition Strategy was a fantastic initiative and set up a great plan and now the community have taken the ball and run with it," said Ms Brown.

She said the events were timed to celebrate and springboard off Nambour's new brand identity unveiled June 8. The 'I am Nambour' campaign invites businesses to market under one consistent look and feel to retain local business, encourage investment and strengthen pride of the town.

Three videos embodying the diversity, resilience and pride of the town's business community have been produced by Nambour Video Production company Red Boss, two of which were unveiled at Friday's Soiree.

"There's an opportunity for every-





body to use the I am brand," said Kerry. "People will be able to choose from stickers, coffee mugs, t-shirts and tote bags and you can personalise them to

Ms Brown said Nambour's future looked bright with the Special Enter-

your business?

Above: Martin Duncan's Sconetime event attracted more than 100 people, while the Soiree Friday evening unveiled two new 'I am Nambour' videos.

tainment Precinct, Tram Terminus and Tram, I am Nambour branding, and Streetscaping and Lighting Improvements all happening at once.

"There are lots of little things coming to fruition and all the little things bring positive attention. And people get to see Nambour for what it really is rather than the false stigma. People want to stay in their home town and do things and if we enable that people will get

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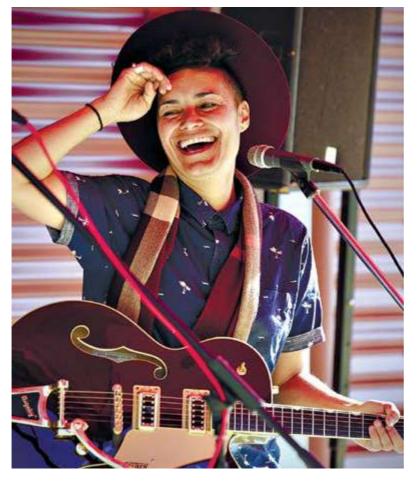






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Andrea Kirwin at the Tram **Terminus on** Sunday: "There are hurdles but we'll get there. Events celebrating local music and culture are just what the town needs and it's great to be a part

Musically-inclined Nambour strives to become destination

FRESH from her performance at Sunday's Music on Mill Street event, renowned musician Andrea Kirwin was looking to the future of a vibrant Nambour music scene.

Key to the town fulfilling its potential as a music destination is taking advantage of the Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) zoning which has been enacted to help facilitate a local music-based entertainment industry. SEP zoning provides venues greater certainty about where they can operate and the relevant noise levels. It also protects residential development from unreasonable levels of amplified music noise.

Andrea said the aim now was to work with investors to bring live music venues to life. But some hurdles remain. "It's a challenge for several reasons including the current state of available buildings, which need a lot of work," she said.

"There is good will from council, but some economic seed funding support for

events and more support for the initial venues looking to open would definitely help the SEP get off the ground.

"Nambour Chamber of Commerce hosted a six-hour stakeholders meeting in early May but it failed to address key elements such as noise restriction levels. In the meantime our passionate collective of musicians and event organisers will keep working towards a vibrant entertainment precinct and live music venues.

Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct is only the second precinct of its kind in Queensland. Council endorsed the SEP for inclusion in the Planning Scheme in early 2020 and Andrea has been working with other musicians, stakeholders, venues and council to steer the proposal to fruition.

"Everyone wants this to go ahead," said Andrea. "There's interest from investors, which is exciting. But without incentives such as lowering council fees and help to update some of the older buildings investors seem reluctant to take these risks.'

Andrea has just been made Brand Ambassador for Reimagine Nambour's "I am Nambour" town pride initiative. She said Nambour had the potential, with its small town character and grunge factor vibe, to be a trendy music destination.

"The economic flow-on effect from shows and potential festivals would bring a lot of young people to town create music industry jobs, which would be fantastic in helping us recover from the impacts of COVID on our industry.'

"I love being part of this community where people look out for each other. We need to have events that make Nambour a true music destination. And people will travel here. There are hurdles but we'll get there. Events celebrating local music and culture are just what the town needs and it's great to be a part of that."

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From small town bakery to donut destination | Rental crisis to

FROM four donuts a day to 5000 on a Saturday morning, Jenna Sanders has transformed a small country bakery into a weekend destination for visitors from far and wide.

Her recipe for success is simple: hard work, social media and great customer service.

Jenna said her vision when she bought the bakery in Kenilworth four years ago, was to create a place for families to visit on the weekend.

"My family has been in the bakery business for three generations. I was looking to relocate to the Sunshine Coast, and we'd come across the 97-year-old Kenilworth Country Bakery," Jenna said.

"I drove out to have a look and I could see right away that Kenilworth was a destination, and the bakery had so much character and even more potential.

"Kenilworth is a scenic 45-minute drive from anywhere on the Sunshine Coast. There are beautiful playgrounds, the Cheese Factory, amazing water holes and hiking trails but there was a lack of good quality wholesome food on offer. It was a great opportunity and I knew if I could just get it out into the world people would want to come and visit."

"When we started, we were making just a few donuts a day and it's not actually my forte. My family are pie makers and that has been my background for the past 15 years, so we've had to learn how to make donuts really quickly," Jenna said.

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Jenna Sanders ... "We've had to learn how to make donuts really quickly".

The road to success for the Kenilworth Country Bakery hasn't been smooth but Jenna's resilience and quickthinking during the COVID-19 pandemic is the reason why Jenna has been named a Sunshine Coast Council Local Business Champion.

"During COVID-19 we were forced to think on our feet and change our business model fast to offer home deliveries," Jenna said.

"Kenilworth is just over 50km from most places so during the lockdown, no one could drive out here. It absolutely ruined the town and ruined the bakery. We were getting 10 customers each day as opposed to 300.

"We delivered from Kenilworth to the south side of Brisbane. It was really tiring, and money was tight. We had to work hard to keep our staff, including two Nepalese bakers who we sponsor.

"It was a very big panic to keep things going and a lot of 18-hour days making orders then delivering them into the night. Surviving that, not knowing how long it was going to last, was really challenging."

A few months later, Queensland's lockdown was lifted, and the small-town bakery got flooded with day-trippers from across south-east Queensland and beyond.

Jenna soon doubled her staff and leased the shop next door to keep up with the demand for her food. She borrowed a stop-go sign from the local SES and hired someone to manage the lines of people that ran from her bakery to the end of the main street in Kenilworth.

reach tipping point this winter

southerners seeking a sea change have sent house prices rocketing and rental vacancies plummeting in the hinterland.

With the Sunshine Coast rental vacancy rate at 0.6 percent more families are struggling to put a roof over their heads this winter.

Adding to the problem was a growing demand for financial support services following the expiry of JobKeeper and cuts to JobSeeker in March.

St Vincent de Paul Society CEO Kevin Mercer said a whole-of-community was paramount to helping support the number of people experiencing or at severe risk of homelessness.

"With a staggering 84 per cent increase in requests for government housing support in Queensland from May to July 2020 - and housing stress set to increase by 11.4 per cent by June 2021 across the state due in no small part to unprecedented interstate migration - Queensland is home to one of the largest social housing crises in the country and the highest rate of rental stress."

"It's a stressful situation for tenants at the moment," said Jody Chatillon Property Manager at RE/MAX Rentals, Nambour. "The number of people, families, who are living in cars or tents, because they haven't been able to secure a new rental home is distressing. They are people who have jobs and have great rental history, but the sheer volume of people looking for properties to rent outweighs the number available."

She said the low vacancy rate was largely due to the migration of people from capital cities seeking to escape to regional areas, with the Sunshine Coast being one of the most sought after. We are also seeing that high prices are enticing investors to sell their rental homes. And there are more leaving the market than coming in."

"It's a devastating situation for some people who have to move and as Property Manager, we see people sometimes at their most vulnerable" she said. "I see on social media people branding landlords and agents as being greedy, but from what I see most landlords and agents are doing what they can to get and keep roofs over people's heads. With rental prices continuing to rise, the most popular price range is between \$350 and \$500 per week, and properties available in that range are limited."

But she said there was hope on the horizon with new developments coming up in the next 12 months. "So people have to be prepared to jump if they can. The market will balance out but when is anyone's guess. Unfortunately we can't change the market. All we can do is change the way we work in it. We're all trying to help."

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Demystifying the art of jewellery-making

IN 2008, Jewellery Collective Founder Kimberley Mather was based in London working as a photojournalist and enjoying a nomadic lifestyle.

But she felt there was something 'missing'. So when she received a call from a friend in Brisbane offering her a full time PR job, she jumped at the chance to return home and put down some roots again.

While working on a particularly stressful project Kimberley decided to explore silversmithing and enrolled in an Introduction to Jewellery Making workshop where her enduring love affair with metal and gemstones was born.

Fast forward to 2013 and Kimberley was one of many staff who lost their position with the State Government.

"Fortunately, I had a studio set up in my garage where I started making jewellery," she said. "I took my pieces to the West End markets and they sold out, every time. That was when I started to think that it might be a good career change for me."

Five years ago, Kimberley moved back home to the Sunshine Coast with her late husband, who was in remission from leukaemia at the time.

"My partner's illness certainly changed things and as anyone who has been through that experience will know, it causes you to re-evaluate your life at a very deep level."

With work prospects on the Coast limited, Kimberley once again started selling her hand-crafted silver and gemstone jewellery, this time at the Original Eumundi Markets.

It was after a particularly



Kimberley Mather and her chihuahua Taco ... "I am finding that people are really wanting to get back to basics and learn tangible skills so they can craft things of beauty with their own two hands".

exhausting 40-degree market day that Kimberley decided that it was time to change direction and started looking for a studio space.

She approached the Arts team at Sunshine Coast Council, who suggested a maker space at the Old Ambulance Station in Nambour and in 2017, Jewellery Collective was born.

Kimberley said, "When I first dreamed up Jewellery Collective, my goal was to have my very own studio and gallery space, but it then evolved

into a school, as I was getting so many requests for private workshops."

"My goal is to demystify the art of jewellery making, to open it up to a wider audience rather than it just be the exclusive domain of jewellers," Kimberley said of the hugely popular workshops.

"We live in such a fast-paced world and I am finding that people are really wanting to get back to basics and learn tangible skills so they can craft things of beauty with their own two hands," Kimberley said.

Jewellery Collective has evolved over the past 3 years and has gone from teaching mostly beginners to now focusing on intermediate and skill-based workshops taught by visiting teachers.

One of Kimberley's most popular courses is the 'Forged in Love' Wedding Ring workshop. "What better way to ensure your wedding or commitment rings hold special meaning than to hand craft them yourselves," she said.

"I am so grateful that I found my calling and have had

the opportunity to make my dreams a reality, from making and selling jewellery at the markets, to launching my own jewellery school," Kimberley said.

"This such a jew to me to be

"It is such a joy to me to be able to teach people how to make beautiful things. The past twelve months have certainly caused many people to reflect on their lives and how they want to spend their time."

 You can find out more about upcoming jewellery workshops at www.jewellerycollective. com.au

Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2021 finalists announced



FLAXTON'S Miles Allen, pictured, and Maleny's Peter Hudson are among the finalists of this year's Sunshine Coast Art Prize.

Hundreds of entries poured in from every state across Australia for the prestigious awards.

Forty finalists were selected from 425 submissions across a range of genres including painting, drawing, photography, printing, textiles and assemblage.

All 40 finalists' work will be on display at the Caloundra Regional Gallery from 27 August to 10 October, 2021.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning artists on 23 September, 2021.

Gallery Director Jo Duke said the judged category winners would be selected by Renai Grace, Director/CEO of the Museum of Brisbane, who has more than 25 years' experience in the arts and cultural sector.

• Art Prize 2021 local finalists: Miles Allen, Flaxton; David Green, Buderim; Jennifer Herd, Eumundi; Peter Hudson, Maleny; Trevor Purvis, Cooroy; Amanda Shadforth, Alexandra Headland.

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Martyn has always delved into his soul and explored his

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- June 26: Rugby League: Nambour v Caboolture at Crusher Park 5.30pm.
- July 1: Nambour Chamber End of Financial Year Party at The Beach House Nambour on Thursday at 5.30pm.
- July 2: Rugby Union: Nambour v Maroochydore at Maroochydore, 1.45pm.
- July 3 & 4: KnitFest Yarn & Fibre Festival Maple Street, Maleny.
- July 9-11: Queensland Garden Expo, Nambour Showgrounds.
- July 10: Rugby League: Nambour v Stanley River 5.30pm at Woodford.
- July 10: Soup n Soul Exhibition & Art Market, Sunshine Coast Art Group Club Rooms 1 William Parker Place, Buderim.
- July 10: Rugby Union: Nambour v Gympie at Gympie.
- July 16: Rugby Union: Nambour v Caloundra at Nambour, 7.30pm.
- July 17: TRAINfest Nambour Museum 18 Mitchell Street. 9am-3pm.
- July 17: Rugby League: Nambour v Maroochydore at Crusher Park, 5.30pm.
- July 17: Montville Christmas in July with markets, street entertainment and food stalls followed by a long table Christmas Dinner and Ball from 3.30pm.
- July 17: TRAINfest climb aboard Nambour's historical trains. 9am to 3pm.

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Divisional Councillor David Law at the 1.7 hectare parkland which will adjoin the existing Quota

New park increases green space in heart of Nambour

A new \$650,000 park in Howard Street, Nambour will provide a 1.7 hectare green boost for the hinterland town.

The parkland will adjoin the existing Quota Memorial Park and add to a network running through the heart of Nambour.

Stage one works will be ready by September, weather and conditions permitting.

The new parkland area will extend Quota Park and enhance the overall Petrie Creek open space corridor from Arundell Avenue roundabout, also known as 'Three Ways', to Crusher Park just beyond the Nambour Show-

Divisional Councillor David

Law said it would be the next exciting project to be delivered from the Petrie Creek Parklands Open Space Master Plan which was endorsed by council in late 2017.

"This extension of welcoming outdoor creekside recreation space will build on Nambour's family-friendly areas and will be a great addition for existing residents, visitors and new people set to call Nambour home," Cr Law said.

"Footpaths will connect to Quota Memorial Park and the project will include lush landscaping, more seating and shaded picnic areas for the community to relax in and socialise, encouraging a

healthy, smart and creative

Sunshine Coast Council consulted with the Petrie Creek Catchment Group to incorporate their feedback for increased vegetation.

Park Fast Facts:

STAGE 1 of the park development is focused on building the park foundations including:

- 600 metres of new pathways
- 4700 m2 area for dogs to exercise off-leash with agility equipment
- 92 native shade trees
- 4429 native shrubs
- two large turfed areas providing open spaces.



Council says 'no' to servo in Yandina. Town applauds

SUNSHINE Coast Council has rejected an application to build a service station in the heart of Yandina.

Council planners the development was not in keeping with, or respectful to, the streetscape character and heritage values of the Yandina Character Area; and it would also create traffic problems and pedestrian hazards.

Council found the development contravened several codes within the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme and "...fails to maintain the cultural, economic, physical and social wellbeing of people and communities.'

The Yandina and District Association Community (YADCA) which coordinated the Stop the Servo campaign, congratulated the Council on its June 10 decision.

"The community welcomes the Council's decision which is very encouraging," said YADCA President Nigel Anns.

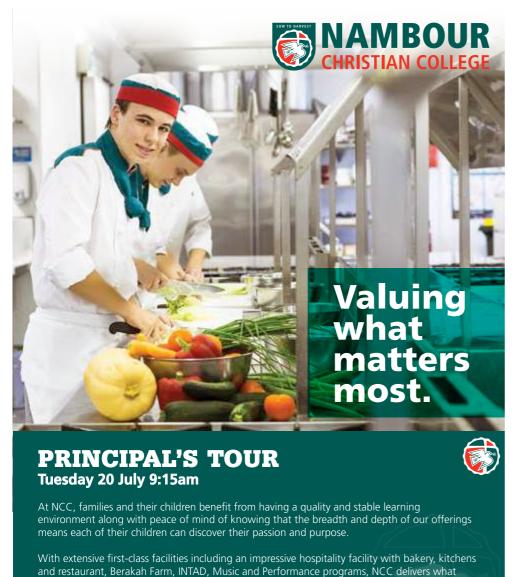
"The whole community was opposed to the plan and the STOP THE SERVO campaign saw YADCA, Business Yandina (formerly the Yandina Chamber of Commerce) and the Yandina School of Arts join forces to fight it.

"We have been heartened by the involvement of the whole town - businesses and individuals -- who gave their support and we thank them. More than 200 people sent written submissions to Council, opposing the development.

"I want to make it clear that people did not necessarily object to another service station - they objected to a service station in that location," Nigel said.

"We all hope this decision marks a turning point in which inappropriate development and over development is no longer allowed to spoil our region.

The applicant had 20 business days to appeal.



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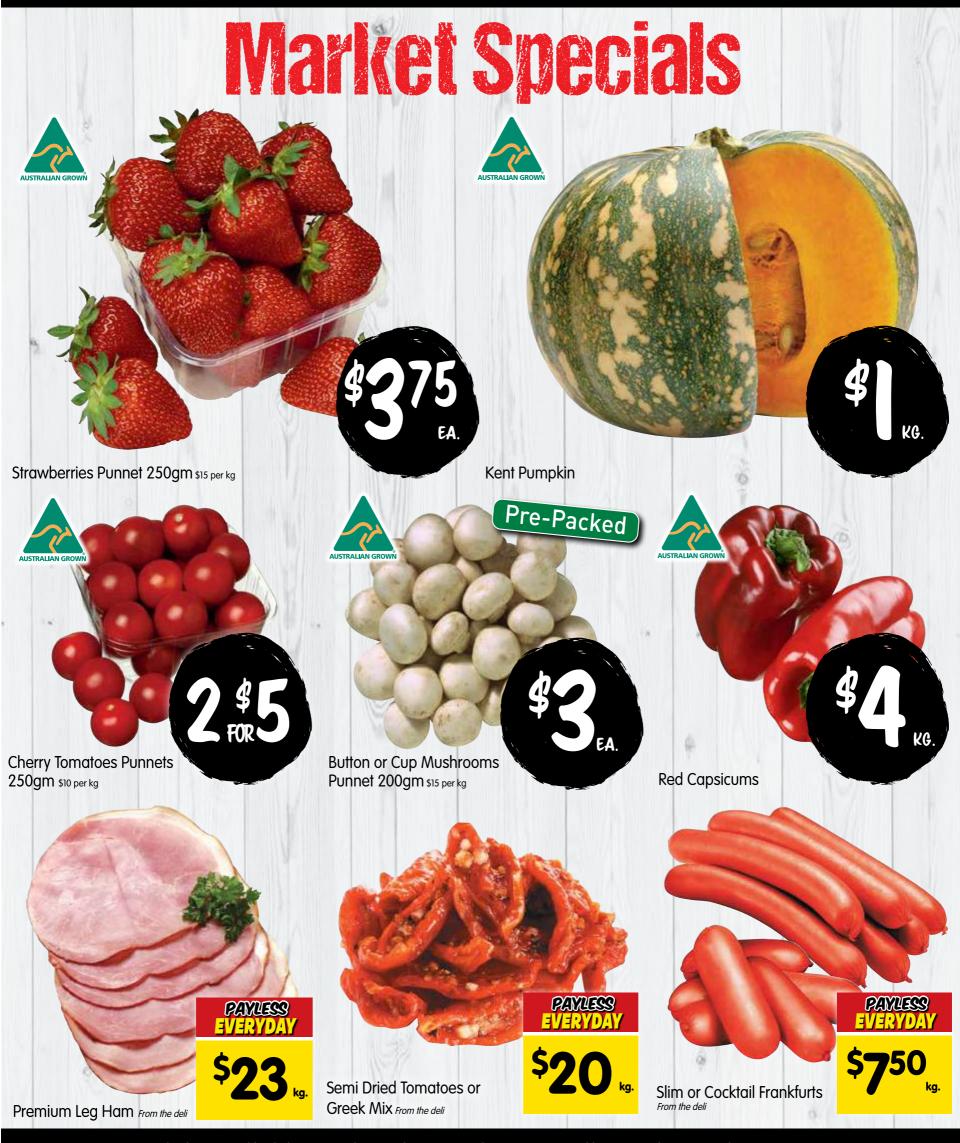
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Designer crafts business from pleasure

A passion for designing and creating bespoke timber furniture has become a business for UK born Nambour resident, Dan Murphy. His new shop front in C-Square Nambour was officially launched on Monday, June 21.

"It has been a real journey, in every sense of the word," said Dan.

"It all started when the selftaught craftsman founded a company in the UK which made interior furniture using sustainable

"We started out making dining tables, but this quickly expanded to include other furniture," Dan said.

"My partner and I decided we wanted to see a bit of the world, so we fitted out a camper van and travelled around Europe with our dog. I funded the trip by making timber pieces from timber that I found along the way, and selling them. It was an amazing experience.

"We moved to Australia 6 months ago to be closer to my partner's family, as our first child was due. We absolutely loved Nambour and it seemed to be the perfect place to establish our family and start another business.

"Our business is called Knot Normal Interiors," Dan said. "I think it sums up what I do and how I do it, really well.

"Every piece I make is completely unique and I am looking forward to collaborating with customers to create beautiful, timeless pieces for their homes, in a sustainable way."

• The C-Square showroom will be open by appointment and you can learn more about Knot Normal Interiors on Instagram @knotnormalinteriors or Facebook @knotnormalinteriors



Nambour's Dan Murphy has opened his Knot Normal shop in C-Square, Nambour,

Students pitch in to help paint tribute to Maureen

STREET Art Nambour's latest mural was clearly a labour of love for artist Sarah Sculley.

Sarah completed the mural dedicated to renowned volunteer Maureen Hungerford who worked tirelessly for the school community.

Maureen worked in the canteen at Nambour State College for over two decades. She also volunteered her time to raise funds for the school hall — now named 'Hungerford Hall'.

"She was a wonderful woman who worked hard as a wedding dress seamstress, first female Director of the local childcare centre and a caterer, among other things,' said Sarah.

"She also helped raise funds to build the Nambour PCYC and the squash courts. She did it because she loved the kids and the community. I also hear her chocolate slice was

A huge thank you to her daughters, Helen in particular, for taking the time to tell me about her mum.'

They say many hands make light work and while Sarah worked on the top half of the mural she recruited art students complete the lower sec-

It's part of Street Art Nambour's 2021 Heritage Trail theme to recognise pioneering locals who have left a lasting legacy on the town. Sarah will be completing another mural at Nambour RSL soon.

Another three murals are planned by street Art Nam-



Sarah worked on the top half of the mural and recruited art students complete the lower section.

bour. And they have a major fundraiser coming up in Fuse Fest. Presales of tickets start in a month.

Money raised will be used to fund the murals and pay the artists to continue their work.

"Our theme this year to honour past citizens is a step to move forward," said Street Art Nambour Board Chairperson Lorraine Taylor. "They are the

people who need recognition as the foundation of all that have followed, and continue to make our town the amazing place it is. By featuring them we respect their efforts.

• To join or sponsor or for details about the Fuse Fest major fundraiser for Street Art Nambour email streetartnambour@gmail.com or www. streetartnambour.org.



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Sonia Goodwin and Dr Nova Evans ... bringing frontline health services to the back streets.

Taking healthcare to the homeless

SUNNY Street is an organisation that bridges the gap between homeless and vulnerable people and the healthcare system.

Founded by Dr Nova Evans and Nursing Director Sonia Goodwin the Sunshine Coast service provides primary healthcare for homeless and vulnerable people and helps them navigate health services

"Both Dr Evans and myself had been working in the public health system and it struck us that many people coming through the ER struggled to obtain the care they desperately needed due to complex social and mental health issues," Sonia explained. "We wanted to create an environment where the barriers to access were removed for those who are most vulnerable."

In 2018, Dr Evans and Sonia

founded Sunny Street and their initial consultations happened out of the boot of a car.

"It has been an incredibly eye opening experience," Sonia said. "There is so much stereotyping and stigma attached to homelessness. You cannot judge another person unless you have walked in their shoes. Everyone has a profound story to tell and this experience has demonstrated the importance of taking care of each other.

"When people are in physical or emotional pain they have more difficulty accessing the appropriate health care services. There are barriers such as cost, transport, health literacy and anxiety, that most of us don't give a second thought to. Around 90 percent of the people we see have no next of kin, which is incredibly sad and

gives some insight into their isolation."

Sunny Street provides frontline services such as general health assessments and risk management, chronic disease management and support, wound care, STD infection treatment, immunisations, cervical screening, health education and promotion and social prescriptions.

"We consult with people in community centres, and public spaces that are accessible and don't evoke some of the anxiety that clinical settings can," said Sonia

Every Wednesday between 4.30 and 8.30pm they offer a nation-wide telehealth service.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, to donate items or fundraise, go to their website info@sunnystreet.org

Nerve-racking start to Nambour Show:

'We were overjoyed when we saw all the people'

ORGANISERS of the Sunshine Coast Show were biting their fingernails right up to the last minute fearing this year's event may not go ahead because of the recent COVID scare in Caloundra.

Thankfully they got the green light. And were rewarded with record crowd of close to 30,000 people flooding through the gates for the three-day spectacle at Nambour Showgrounds.

Volunteer and Former Show Society President Jenny Mackay said, record or not, the smiles on people's faces was a fitting reward for organisers.

"I believe that the happiness barometer would have been bursting through — well, bursting through whatever a happiness barometer bursts through — over the three days," she laughed.

"Everyone, young and old, was pleased to be out and about again. In fact Sunday was the strongest Sunday we've had, in numbers, since we went to a Sunday show. The exhibits and floriculture sections were up this year and so were many other sections, especially the apiculture section. So it seems the bees have certainly been busy during COVID.

"The weather was great and I think people were just glad to be out and getting back to normal and I think they felt re-assured because they knew we were putting a lot of effort into making the event as COVID-compliant as we could."

Show Manager Penny Walsh said organisers only received final approval on the Thursday night before Friday's opening.

"We weren't sure, especially with the COVID scare in Caloundra, whether we were going to get the go-ahead from the Government at all. So Thursday night we were all standing there thinking 'oh no'. But the final approval came through late Thursday and we all kind of stood there staring at the computer screen thinking 'yay we got our Health Plan'. That was a huge relief after six months of so much hard work.

"We are so grateful the crowds came back to support us. We were expecting things might nose dive after the COVID scare but we were overjoyed when we saw all the people.

"If you look at the evening show, the grandstand was packed and the hill was packed, everyone loved the new layout. The biggest complaint was about

parking but we had the council depot available and we tried to accommodate as best we could."

Penny said a rush of activity Sunday afternoon helped boost numbers.

"Something happened on Sunday ... as I received 56 phone calls within a two hour period in the afternoon. By the end of the day I had no voice at all.

"The photography section this year really out-did themeslves. the quality was exceptional. The steward was very impressed with the standard. Handcrafts were also exceptional as were many other sections."

Penny said the crowd enjoyed record entries in the horse events despite some Victorian riders having to pull the pin because of COVID lockdowns. "Still some of the best riders in Australia were on our grounds on the weekend and all-in-all it was a wonderful show and we really need to thank the community for coming to support us.

"We had a new ticketing system and a new layout. It was fresh and different but the community embraced it and that's what we're really appreciative of."

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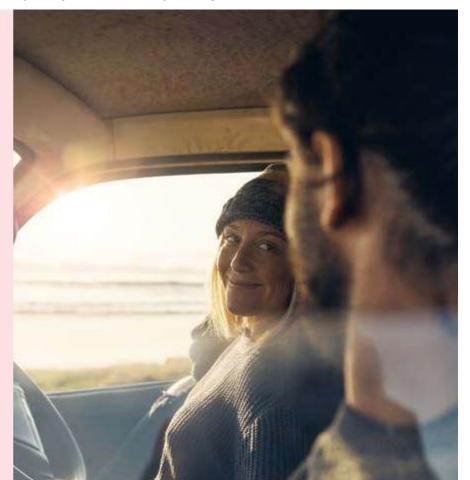
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Lynda Tomkins runs Crochet Australia from Yandina ... "People are appreciating the art of making beautiful things and crochet is such an accessible skill."

Crochet is chic again! Craft renaissance an antidote to our fast-paced world

CRAFTS such as sewing, knitting and crocheting have enjoyed a real resurgence in the past 12 months and this came as no surprise to Crochet Australia's Lynda Tomkins.

"People are appreciating the art of making beautiful things and crochet is such an accessible skill," she explained. "You don't need loads of expensive equipment and it is portable and relaxing."

Lynda bought Crochet Australia, six years ago. Having decided to move from Sydney with her son, Lynda chose Yandina to settle down.

"My mum taught me to crochet when I was six and it was something I have always enjoyed. When my son was born 25 years ago, I took it up again," said Lynda.

"I had spent much of my life travelling the world in a corporate environment and I had decided that I wanted to start a business in the crochet industry when I received a newsletter from Crochet Australia saying that the business was for sale. I think it was meant to be!"

Ninety percent of the business is online, with avid customers all around the world.

"Over the past four and a half years I have started hosting workshops, lessons and weekend retreats, and these have been extremely popular. Part of the appeal to the younger market is that there are some very beautiful, and modern patterns available. Wearing crochet is chic again! Clothing items and accessories such as tops, skirts, dresses, bags and hats are incredibly popular with our younger customers."

Lynda has teamed up with crochet designer, Emily Penn of The Loopy Stitch to introduce a range of crochet patterns for her next weekend retreat which will be held in August. "This year we are bringing the seaside into the design with a gorgeous basket and cushions," she said. "Last year 40 people attended and it was great fun."

Lynda has also introduced a 'crochet tournament', where participants are given a pattern, and have three weeks to complete the project and upload a photo of their work. All of the patterns are done by Australian designers. "People have also taken to our crochet tournament, with over 360 people participating this year from all around Australia and internationally as well," said

You can find out more about Crochet Australia's classes, workshops and events at www. crochetaustralia.com.au

Great train robbery

A man accused of derailing the Big Pineapple train and crashing it into a fence appeared in court last Tuesday. He was charged with driving without a licence, unlawful use of a motor vehicle/aircraft/ vessel and entering premises and committing an indictable

The Sunshine Coast Daily reported that Coolum man Tyler Patrick Byrne, 22, allegedly took the famous train

for a joy ride before crashing it and derailing four of its carriages on May 15.

Nambour police officer-incharge Gary Brayley said in May the man had been at the Big Pineapple with others in the main pavilion when he allegedly started the train and drove it along the track.

"Approximately 200-300m (down the line) the train derailed and collided with a fence," he said.

What's up with Currie St? Why the empty shops?

Currie Street, Nambour's Main Street, which should be the jewel in the crown of an otherwise bustling CBD, seems to struggle to fill empty shops and attract customers. Last week the Gazette posed questions to readers ... What's up with Currie Street? Why the empty shops? How do we fix it? We received many replies which we'll cover in coming weeks. But we especially appreciated a reply from proud Nambour resident and business owner for over 25 years, Ian Black, who captured the history of the issue and some possible solutions ...

OTHING is wrong with Currie Street. That is if you accept its function of today is solely to connect the north side of Nambour and the south side and guide traffic to the Bruce Highway. And nothing is wrong with Currie Street if you think it's purpose is to give the false impression that Nambour is dying, by those who quickly glance at the 'For Lease' signs and drive on through town.

Time has not treated Currie Street all that well. In the 1970s and early 80s Currie Street was a shopping strip. Woolworths burning down in the early 80s was the catalyst for change. By the 1980s shopping malls were at the forefront of retail shopping and strip shopping took a back seat. The establishment of Nambour Plaza and Nambour Central Mall redirected retail shopping from Currie Street to Lowe and Ann Streets. Then Currie Street's mainstay, Coles supermarket, relocated to Mill Lane.

To fix the problem Currie Street should be made less convenient for motorists to use it as a highway. Reduce it to one lane each way to create intentional congestion and drivers will re-educate them-

selves to a more time saving route. Replace the second lane with parking to service destination style retail like Jaycar and Autobarn. For those in the know, Currie Street, up until 1989, was the Bruce Highway and no attention has been paid to changing it as a major thoroughfare since the Bruce was diverted around Nambour in 1989. A lack of attention by planners - local and state, concentrating only on coastal growth, while paying little attention to existing infrastructure - is to blame.

Traffic calming needed

Until traffic calming happens in Currie Street, Nambour will not overcome "the what has happened to Nambour" syndrome. Currie Street is still just a highway, a commuter route, little more.

What happened to the proposals of more than a decade ago from a think tank study, commissioned by Council with community involvement, aimed at reviewing the role and make-up of Nambour CBD? One of the outcomes from the study put forward the re-routing of traffic from Currie Street?

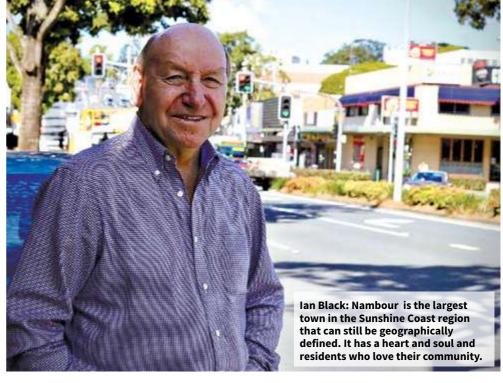
Why the abandonment of diverting hinterland traffic down Windsor Road to connect through western Burnside, then connect with McKenzie Road and then to Nambour Connection Road. The opportunity is now lost with the land passed on to Nambour Christian College, as erstwhile an institution as it is.

Nambour has it all

Putting Currie Street to one side for a moment, Nambour has it all. The town has the best range of Educational opportunities. We have Nambour station delivering heavy rail north and south with a renewed focus on fast rail to Brisbane; a major hospital and medical facilities; and all manner of services and shopping a community needs on a daily basis. All of this so easily accessible. Park once under Nambour Plaza and get your weekly shopping done. Go to all the banks, all the majors as well as Heritage and Bendigo. Access two of Nambour's largest medical practices; 3 dental clinics; a choice of 3 pharmacies; a major radiology centre; two pathology clinics; 4 optometrists; 2 hearing clinics; insurance and finance brokers; solicitors - all this and you only have to park once.

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Those who only use Currie Street as a means to get to another destination have no idea what Nambour truly is about and what the town delivers for residents the Hinterland Region.

Yes, Nambour does it differently but does it well! It is the largest town in the Sunshine Coast region that can still be geographically defined. It has a heart and soul and residents who love their community. Nambour offers residents of the region so much by way of infrastructure and services developed over a century or more all of which remain so relevant today. Nambour was the hub that gave the region it's beginning, it's residents still taking great pride in

seeing what the early years gave birth to, Maroochydore and Mooloolaba. Both now linked to Caloundra and Noosa creating one of Australia's most recognised regions and sought after places to live and visit.

Nambour and Surrounds and Coastal suburbia are recognised in quite different ways today. The old towns and villages of the Coast offer exceptional diversity to our lovely beaches to provide an outstanding uniqueness for a Geographic Region so small in such a big country.

Projects are underway to add to the liveability of our town, Reimagine Nambour just one that is well progressed and most recently ushered in its 'I am Nambour' branding campaign. The recently opened Tram Depot has already provided a focal point for community. Enquiries to book the venue for weddings have already come in.

Nambour is truly "The Hub of the Hinterland". Where would we be without all it does for its community and Hinterland surrounds? How congested would our Coastal Centres be if not for Nambour. Nambour has to be regarded as an important partner for Maroochydore Central and attention and funds allocated accordingly.

Nambour, change for the future has begun and will gather pace. We must be noticed. As Nambourians all, our voice needs to get louder.

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Drive to encourage 'Shoptop' living in Nambour CBD

Private Investment crucial to reimagined Nambour

"SHOP-TOP" living and medium-rise residential accommodation could feature among the heritage streetscapes of Nambour as action begins to enhance and transform the town throughout the

Reimagine Nambour is looking for serious property investors as the body works to build on momentum triggered at this month's "I am Nambour branding campaign launch.

As part of her role Reimagine Nambour Ambassador Rhonda Billett said she was looking for serious property investors to get involved with the town's new direction. "The community wants their town thriving," she said. "They are shopping local as much as possible, but they want more. The desire among many local people is that they want to shop, work, live and play in the Nambour CBD. And Nambour is ready for them.

"It is no secret that Nambour needs private investment dollars to rejuvenate the town. This is about us attracting future business owners and investment to Nambour.

'We have so many options available for Developers now. With various incentives on offer from Sunshine Coast Council. The right investor could redevelop various sites, delivering a combined retail/residential precinct experience, right in the CBD area of Nambour.

'The ground floor would be retail with residential dwellings above, potentially up to four-stories high and all in the centre of Nambour Town. But to have these types of things, among other building renovations in the CBD, we need to invite in private investors, with development experience. We need them in Nambour to kick these projects off for a growing community.

Council's Infill Incentives Development Policy is in place until 30 June

Its purpose is to attract development investment designated areas of Nambour CBD.

The policy provides a 50 perreduction in infrastructure charges for qualifying projects.

To qualify for a reduction in

infrastructure charges, a development must satisfy all of the following cri-

1. It is located within the designated areas identified on the Infill Incentives

2. It involves new building construction that will at least double the gross floor area (GFA) of the premises (Development that consists mostly of re-purposing an existing building will not be

Map shows, in blue, area's of Nambaour's CBD that come under the Council policy aimed at attracting a retail/ residential precinct experience.

entitled to an incentive)

3. Construction for new building work is "substantially commenced" by 30 December 2022. ("Substantially commenced" means foundations are well advanced and over 50% complete)

4. The application for the incentive is made in writing or by email and received by Council between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2022.

Workshop event to uplift & inspire

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Then Diane, a Personal Stylist, will offer valuable styling tips, including how to dress your shape now, to feel confident and fabulous each and every day.

Together, with a delicious morning tea and a supportive and friendly environment, these two workshops will take place on Saturday 24th July, 9.30am-12.45pm at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre. Cost of \$45 is all inclusive.

For bookings and furphone information ther 0436104237. Email: blossomasyou@gmail.com

Buzz of Environment Festival continues with more events

ALL the excitement of the Sunny Coast World Environment Festival is just about over, but there are more opportunities to join in the BushCare events held along Petrie Creek.

Volunteers will be controlling weeds and establishing local native plants creating habitat for the native animals.

The first July event is on Saturday 03 July starting at 8am at Florabunda Pocket in Woombye.

Access to site is to go down Laidlaw Rd Woombye and turn right through the big wire mesh gate just above the Gymnastic Hall if it is open, and you'll see us assembling along that road.

If that gate is closed, continue down Laidlaw Rd to the Rugby Club.

You'll see us assembling in the car-

Next is at Namba Creek at the Model Railway Park off Florence St in Nambour. That will be on Saturday 17 July starting at 8 am.

Access is through the main gate and we'll assemble in the shade shelter

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boot/shoes and a hat.

All tools required will be provided and we'll finish with a cuppa after a couple of hours of exercise in the out-

For more information see the PCCCG Facebook Page https://www.facebook. com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCare-GroupInc/ or contact Norm Morwood

Bikers revel in vintage action

NOT even Covid could curb the enthusiasm of over 1500 people who attended the vintage motorcycle event, the TeamMoto Classic Weekend.

Terrific weather, a great turn out, amazing bikes, skilled riders, positive vibes and tons of punters loved the vintage action at Green Park, Conondale over the weekend.

The event hosted 400 riders, over 1000 spectators with the help of over 150 volunteers, sponsors and staff.

Saturday was a huge day of activity with riding kicking off at 9am, riders in all pre-1995 dirt bikes hit over 5 tracks non-stop, the energy was pulsating through the valley with colours bright and smiles abundant!

The Show and Shine during the lunch break saw over 70 fully restored dirt bikes on display in the Village, it was shoulder to shoulder as spectators and bike fanatics got up close and personal with the bikes and their creators. Judges Stephen Gall, Lex Taylor and Geoff Ballard had a tough job to decide the winner which was an immaculately restored Honda CR250 1989 model.

As it's the biggest fundraising event for the upkeep and operation of the community run Sunshine Coast Motor Cycle Club - SCMCC, we would love to thank everyone of you for the support and involvement in the 2021 TeamMoto Motorcycles Classic Weekend presented by Motul.

Please like and follow the club's FB page to keep up to date www.facebook. com/SunshineCoastMCC

Organisers can't wait to do it all again



The event hosted 400 riders and over 1000 spectators with the help of 150 volunteers, sponsors and staff. Photo: Robbie Warden.

Black Spot funding for Blackall Range Road

SUNSHINE Coast residents have received a major road safety boost with the Federal Government's investment of \$300,000 toward 2 projects under the 2021-22 Black Spot Program.

Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace said that the community's feedback was critical to identifying which black spots in the electorate would receive funding.

"Road crashes place major emotional and economic strains on all affected communities but the toll on the mental and physical health of the families and friends of victims is immeasurable," Mr Wallace said.

"I am pleased to see that the Government continues to listen to our community, and is investing in improving the safety of local accident black spots like Blackall Range Road near West Woombye," he said.

The Morrison Government will invest \$157,000 in vehicle activated and static alignment warning signs, chevron alignment markers, edge guideposts and raised reflective pavement markers at Blackall Range Road, west of Parsons Knob Road at West

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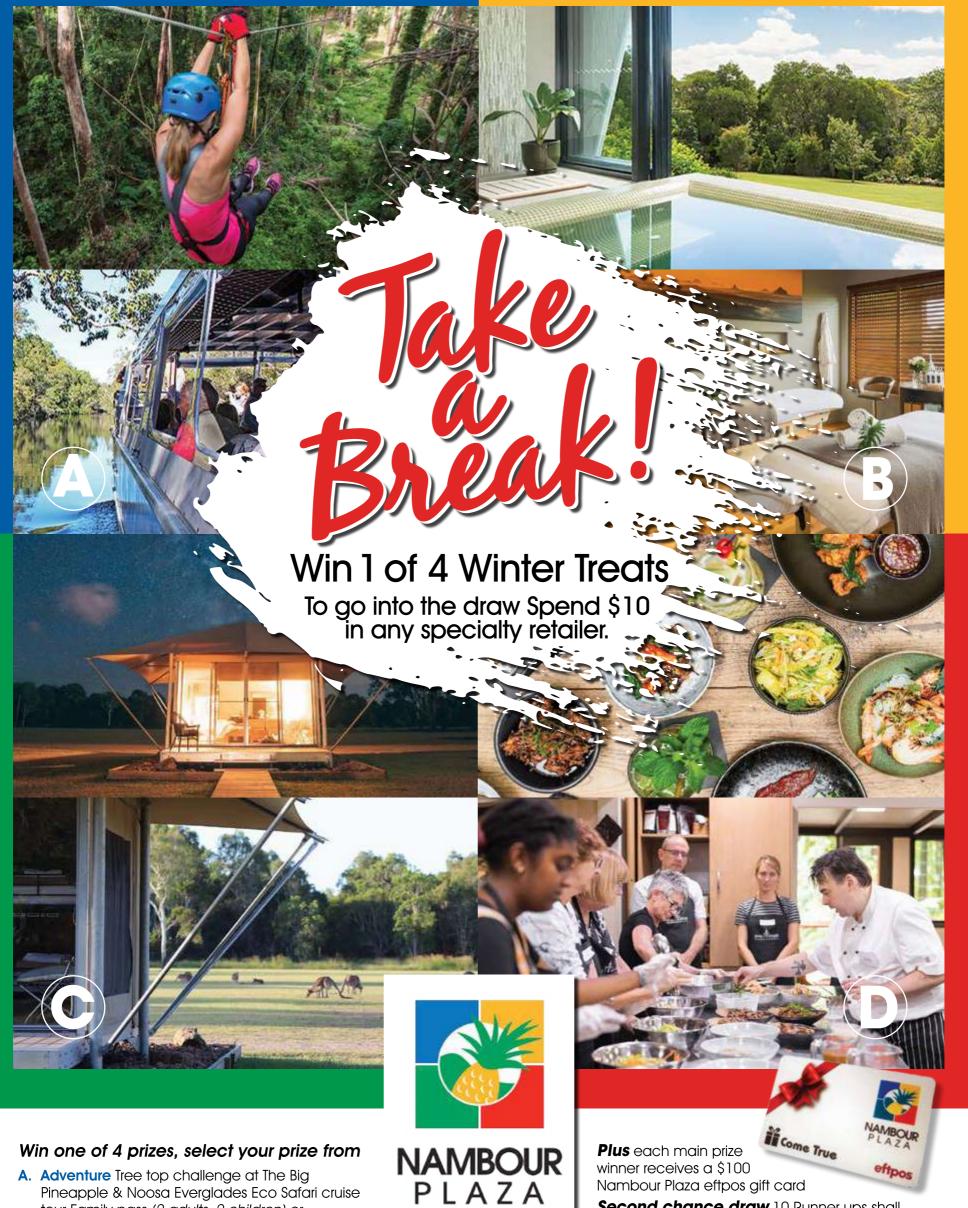
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Yandina Masons raffle to feed school's demand for literacy

OVER the past number of years the Yandina Masonic Centre has made substantial donations to the district (under the radar).

This has included 102 swags for the homeless in Nambour, donations to Bloomhill Cancer Centre and Hear & Say in Nambour to name a few.

'We have been asked what we do specifically for the Yandina area and as a result decided to find sources in most need in Yandina," said Lodge Maroochy Acting Secretary John Nichols.

As a result members of Lodge Maroochy and Lodge Rosslyn met with the principal of the Yandina State School to see how they could assist in making a monetary donation to the school.

"The school provides lunch packs each day to up to 80 children," said

"As well they provide daily showers and clean uniforms to a number of children. The uniforms and children's own clothes are laundered each day by the school."

"School reader packs for literacy are in short supply due to lack of funds. The State Government expects the schools to pay for these books out of their budget.'

With this in mind, Yandina Masons are running a raffle in conjunction with local businesses who have donated the prizes, to raise funds to help remedy this situation.

The book packs range from \$1500 to \$4000 per pack and to date the Masons have already purchased \$4000 worth.

• The raffle will be drawn by Nicklin MP Robert Skelton at the Yandina Masonic Centre corner of North and Farrell St Yandina at 11am on July 1.



Isaac Walker-Rosewarne charges ahead as Nambour Division 2 beat Gympie 64-28 at Crusher Park on Saturday.

Crushers win keeps finals hopes alive The Kellys Earthworks Division 2

IN probably their most complete performance of the year, the Maudsley Excavation Division 1 Nambour Crushers beat the Gympie Devils 44-12 on Saturday night.

The win means the Division 1 hopes of a finals berth remain alive heading into the final five rounds of

Nambour's defence set the tone early as they dominated field position and were able to mount continual raids on the Devil's line.

Marty Cordwell was influential in his return and helped build a platform from which both edges could attack. Some good early ball from both halves allowed the outside backs to find the try line nine times. On the eve of his 100th Division 1 game for Crushers Paul McKewin scored 5

Crushers defeated the Devils 64-28 with Max Hartzenberg scoring four tries and Ben Scott successfully slotting 8 conversions on the back of a solid team effort.

· Home games are on again this Saturday at Crusher Park starting at 11.30am with the Division 1 kicking off at 5.30pm.



Albert Nicholson likes to take his Holly the Holstein book everywhere with him on the farm

'Holly the Holstein' picture book helps dairy farmers

SUNSHINE Coast resident Russell Smith has just released children's picture book 'Holly the Holstein' to raise much-needed funds to help struggling dairy farmers.

Profit from the sale of the book is being donated to the Mid-Coast Dairy Advancement Group, a farmer-led association delivering practical support to the flood-affected farmers on the NSW Central Coast.

"The book started out as a tribute to the dairy industry and my good friend, Colin Daley (Farmer Col) in Far North Queensland," Mr Smith said. "But as events unfolded, it morphed into an educational book to showcase the importance of the dairy sector with a goal of helping those dairy farmers devastated by this year's flood."

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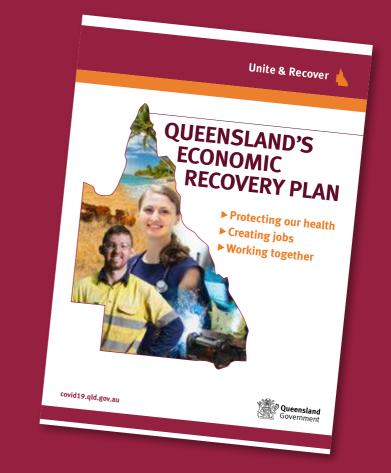
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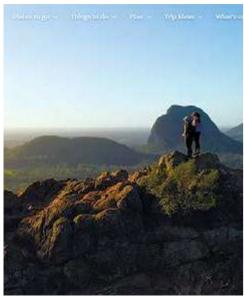


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The website launch coincides with a mega marketing blitz for the region being rolled out by VSC across Australia and New Zealand, and immerse themselves on the Sunshine Coast this winter.

VSC CEO Matt Stoeckel said the new website follows in the footsteps of the successful launch of the region's new brand 'For real'.

"We are incredibly proud to officially launch the new website, which is designed to reflect how consumers think, putting content around things to do, places to visit, trip ideas, events and latest deals at the forefront.

"The new visitsunshinecoast.com also seamlessly connects visitors with our local operators, giving options to click through and book local tours, attractions and accommoda-

On average visitsunshinecoast.com attracts 350,000 page views a month and 65,000 monthly active users, making it one of VSC's most important digital assets.

Excitingly, the technology used to build the

new website is easily adaptable so it can evolve alongside any tech advancements.

Moving forward all VSC brand campaigns will direct visitors to the new site, including the newly launched 'Immerse Yourself. For real' winter initiative.

"Our Immerse Yourself campaign will be rolled out across our key interstate and New Zealand markets showcasing a myriad of 'pinch yourself' moments you can experience this winter on the Sunshine Coast," Mr Stoeckel said.

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· To experience the site for yourself go to www.visitsunshinecoast.com.



A close-up of the boardwalk.

The Palmwoods **Pavement Project**

PROJECT 2000, an initiative of the Palmwoods Progress Association and originally the vision of the late Roger Brooke and his wife Val, was a commemorative pavement planned for Main Street, Palmwoods. It was made up of approximately 300 individually engraved terracotta tiles representing families, businesses and community organisations and commemorated the current community's contribution to the 20th century. Situated beside the Nicklin Memorial Clock, the finished Pavement was officially opened on Sunday, 18 November 2001 by Mayor Alison Grosse.

The original Nicklin Memorial Clock dedicated to Palmwoods' own citizen pineapple farmer and Queensland State Premier, Sir Frank Nicklin, was erected in 1979, a year after Sir Frank died. The clock ran on electricity, but faltered during blackouts and fell into disrepair when it was vandalised in the late 1990s. The old clock was replaced by the current clock in time for the 2001 opening of the Memorial Pavement.

Over the years, the tiles, once thought to be durable, had faded and names could barely be made out. With an upgrade to Main Street, the original tiled pavement opposite Page's building has been removed. The road and parking area in front of the Memorial Hall has been converted to a village green and the names from the tiles transferred to a boardwalk leading to the green. The Nicklin Memorial clock has been removed from its position of prominence and now stands on the lower level on a walkway to the railway station.

The new Piccabeen Green is wheelchair accessible and its gardens and street plantings have added to the appeal of the Main Street precinct, making it a pleasant place to enjoy coffee or a meal at the adjacent shops.

Because information disappears with time, the original Palmwoods Pavement with names and some histories is now being recorded in book form by Genealogy Sunshine Coast and will be available for sale from January 2022.

· If your family name has been included on the original tiles and you can add any information as to who, when and why the family moved to Palmwoods and their contribution to the community, please contact us at genealogysc@ gmail.com.



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Crossword

- ACROSS Relating to the wolf
- 8 Full 10 And not
- 11 Made suitable 14 Affirms with confidence
- 17 Entertain 18 Sea-robber
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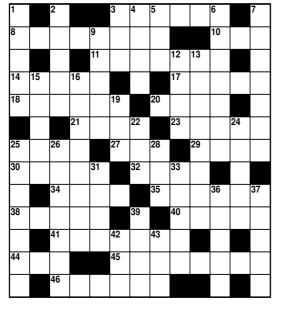
- 44 Vast age 45 Made known 46 Ancient Jewish ascetic

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- 16 Disconcerting
- 19 Corn spike 22 Strange
- 24 Jewish surplice 25 Shared
- 26 Fine woven fabric 28 Fish trap
- 31 Observed 33 Efface
- 36 Factories 37 Prepared
- 39 Bird 42 Metal-bearing rock
- 43 First woman





Trainfest returns to Nambour Museum'

IF you've ever longed to toot a train whistle here's your chance.

The second ever TRAINfest event returns to Nambour Museum on Saturday July 17 offering a glimpse into the region's proud sugar cane train days.

This is your chance to climb aboard Nambour's historical trains including Eudlo, Shay, Sandy, Bli Bli and Valdora from 9am to 3pm at the Museum in 18 Mitchell Street.

"It's an opportunity to come and get up close and personal with the historic Nambour Museum trains," said Museum president

"It's our second ever TRAINfest event and features the return of the interactive train whistle.

"Everyone is welcome to join us as we bring our trains out front and center for visitors to climb aboard, take photos and even toot the

• Entry is Adult \$5 Children \$1. Nambour Museum is at 18 Mitchell Street.

Sculpture on the Edge Awards invite submissions

Arts Connect Inc is inviting submissions from Artists for Entry in the 11th Sculpture on the Edge Awards.

Sculpture on the Edge is a contemporary site specific outdoor sculpture prize held annually on the escarpment of the stunning Sunshine Coast hinterland town of Maleny at Spicers Tamarind Retreat. It attracts renowned artists from all over the region and is open to the public over 17 days from 22nd October – 7th November.

Sculpture on the Edge is one of QLD's largest outdoor sculpture exhibitions with up to 40 sculptures by local and interstate artists. The Award seeks to celebrate and showcase site specific sculptural art and is judged by a panel of esteemed arts practitioners. If you are an artist seeking to exhibit your work within a curatorial context, Sculpture on the Edge provides an opportunity to build your career and profile with a first prize of \$10,000.

· For more information and entry details for artists visit the website: https://www.sculptureontheedge.com.au/information-for-artists/



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MP declares opposition to light rail

LIGHT rail would have disastrous consequences for the lifestyle in our region's famous coastal strip according to Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace as he last week declared his opposition to any Commonwealth funding for the project. Mr Wallace urged Sunshine Coast residents to get involved and have their say on the local Council's Mass Transit Consultation before the deadline of 22 June 2021.

Mr Wallace said no one could deny that public transport on the Sunshine Coast is in a parlous state. "Thanks to decades of neglect from successive Queensland Labor state governments our bus service is woefully inadequate, while our century old single-track rail line does not come within 20km of the Coast's major population centres. The extra 180,000 people which this State Labor Government want to bring to our community in the coming years will only make this problem worse, and I applaud Sunshine Coast Council for stepping up and trying to plan ahead for this nightmare scenario." Mr Wallace said.

"However, in my view light rail could not be more inappropriate for our community. It would remove a lane each way for cars on the already congested Nicklin Way, Brisbane Rd and Alexandra Parade and worsen traffic along the Coast. It would provide little benefit for the majority of our community not living on the Coastal strip, and would open the door to significantly higher density apartment blocks along the Coast, bringing up to five times the existing number of residents, and just as many new cars, to the area around Caloundra, Wurtulla, Warana, Kawana, Mooloolaba and Alexandra Headlands." he said.

Though five options are being considered under Sunshine Coast Council's Mass Transit Options Analysis, the Council's previously disclosed preferred mass transit solution is a \$1.5 billion proposal for light rail. The Council's light rail would eventually run from Caloundra along Nicklin Way through Kawana and then along Alexandra Parade, finishing after 22 kilometres in the new Maroochydore City Centre. The proposed first stage would cover the segment of this corridor from Maroochydore to Birtinya.

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From left, Naomi Clasohm, Mathew Taverner and Angela Braby

Lind Lane comedy explores a love triangle with a difference

Sylvia by AR Gurney

IF you like dogs, you'll love Nambour Lind Lane Theatre's next play, Sylvia, the often-produced comedy about a man with a midlife crisis who brings home Sylvia, a boisterous but lovable pooch. His wife is not so sure that Sylvia (who is played by a human) is such a great idea and wants her gone.

Will Sylvia wreck their marriage, or can they find a solution? Find out in the funny and touching play.

Author AR Gurney noted that the play has a "timely message of the need to connect in an increasingly alien and impersonal world...There is a need to connect, not only to a dog, but to other people through the dog."

Sylvia is directed by Judith Boyd (Calendar Girls, Wife After Death) and stars Lind favourites and new faces.

Regulars know that the Lind provides a good social occasion for all, with the bar open before the show and at interval offering a great choice of cold and hot beverage options.

Sylvia runs from July 2 to 10. For more information and bookings, check www.lindlane.com.au or phone 1300 732



From left Georgiana Truman, Riette de Jager, and Taylor Rost are the Bennet sisters in 3bCreative's latest play.

Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley

CHRISTMAS is coming to upstairs and downstairs of the Buderim in July, with Miss grand Pemberley estate. Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley. This stage play written in 2016 by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon explores what might have happened after Pride and Prejudice. It centres on Mary Bennet, the bookish middle sister in Jane Austen's blockbuster, while revisiting many other favourite characters. The play is in period style but with modern wit. An unexpected guest at the family's Christmas gathering at Pemberley sparks Mary's hopes for independence, an intellectual match, and dare we say - love.

It was one of the most produced plays in the United States in 2018. 3bCreative's Buderim production will be only the second time the play has been staged in Queensland, showing the

"The show is a ly-friendly piece with lavish costumes and a feel-good vibe", says 3bCreative's Anne Grant. "As an extra treat we have the Regency dance specialists, Kaleidoscope Dancers from Brisbane involved for a Special Matinee Gala performance on July 25th. We are encouraging audiences to dress in the style of the period at the gala".

Bookings are open and filling fast, so why not get a group together?

 More information: Buderim War Memorial Hall, July 16 to July 25, eight shows including four matinees. Bookings are essential: http://3bcre-

ative.live/ or call 0400 570 880 and leave a message.



Marcello Massi from NBN Co, with Barry Smith from Maleny Forums and Federal Member Andrew

No clear fix as forum confronts Maleny's internet issues

From Jane Sherwin on behalf of Maleny Forums Coordinating

MALENY Forums hosted an information forum of over 80 residents, on 7 June in the Maleny Community Centre, in response to concerns about the future of access to the

"Many, many in Maleny and surrounds have trouble with their internet," said resident Richard Proudfoot outlining the local context.

"There are many who cannot get one of the only three technical solutions on offer, namely: Fibre-to-the-Node, Fixed Wireless or Satellite. It seems that the only recourse for such people is to rely on their old ADSL technology which uses the copper wires of existing phone lines. However, those people live with the risk that a business decision by the Government, NBN or Telstra will cut them off in the not too distant future.

"This doesn't overcome the reality that in the future, ADSL technology will not be adequate to meet the demands of modern internet-based computing applications.

"The recommended solutions, wireless that relies on 'line of sight' to towers or an NBN satellite, are not suitable for Maleny's hilly terrain and wet weather."

Telstra agreed, in writing, with Richard's assessment.

Guest speakers, Andrew

Wallace Member for Fisher, and Marcelo Massi, from NBN Co said NBN Co was an internet wholesaler owned by the government. Decisions about the technology are made in a commercial context. The commitment by the Australian Government to the Australian people requires NBN Co to provide a system capable of an upload speed of 25mbs and a download speed of 5mbs. Mr Wallace and Mr Massi indicated that if residents do not reliably receive that level of access, then the fault lies with retailers such as Telstra and Optus not with NBN Co.

Mr Massi said NBN Co added a second satellite to address earlier issues with satellite-based access. There appeared to be no plan by NBN to solve problems with connectivity delays for those using satellite.

Lack of Towers

The lack of additional wireless towers in the Maleny area was, in the main, due to residents' objections to tower locations thus preventing their installation.

It was also stated that any non-standard solutions to overcome connectivity and speed problems would require residents to make a significant contribution to the cost of solutions.

Question time reinforced consistent issues in the Maleny area: poor and unreliable internet with both satellite and fixed wireless connections, sub-standard landline connections and poor mobile phone reception.

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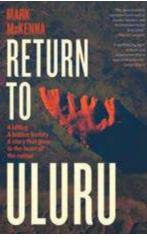
The audience expressed shock to hear that as a 'whole-saler', neither NBN Co nor the Federal Government have responsibility for ensuring that the huge number of retailers deliver on the government's commitment to high quality internet access and speeds to all Australians.

It would appear the responsibility rests with residents. The meeting was told that residents need to ensure they are signing up with reputable retailers and pay sufficient fees to internet providers to buy quality services - 'you get what you pay for'.

Attendees also expressed dismay that they were expected to pay for extra technology to make their internet work even though the Federal Government says it is committed to reliable access to the internet for all Australians.

At the close of the forum Mr Wallace and Mr Massi indicated that they were willing to hear from Maleny residents regarding their internet problems and would work with them to find solutions.

Many people said they were unhappy with many of the responses provided during the forum. In light of this, a working party of local residents has been formed to progress these issues.



Outspoken presentsMark McKenna in conversation

IN October 1934 Bill McKinnon, the sole policeman in the southern Northern Territory, tracked an Aboriginal man called Yokununna towards Uluru over a period of five days, across very rough country.

There had been no rain for some time and water was extremely scarce. When, eventually, he found the man he was hidden in a cave under the eaves of the rock.

Armed with a pistol McKinnon crawled in after him. Within moments Yokununna was fatally injured.

Unusually, given the attitudes of the day, serious questions were asked about what happened that morning, resulting in a Commonwealth investigation.

Mark McKenna, renowned historian, went to the centre of the continent to continue his exploration of early contact between the indigenous peoples and the white settlers.

Almost by accident he stumbled upon this tale and the more he researched it the more he came to see it as emblematic of our shared his-

The book he wrote about it, Return to Uluru is a fascinating study, part detective novel, part history, a cold case brought to life. At the centre of the story is Uluru, the Rock, the place where these mens' paths fatefully converged.

Mark McKenna is the author of several books, including a biography of Manning Clark which won just about every award a biography can in Aus-

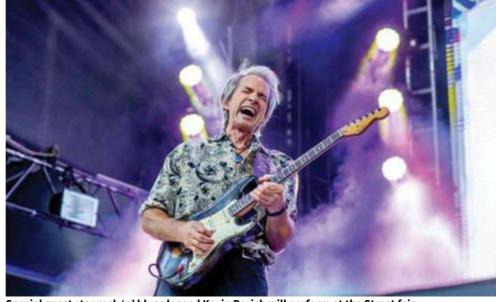
He's coming to Maleny to speak to Steven Lang for Outspoken about Return to Uluru.

The introducing author, Luke Stegemann, is no less interesting.

His new book, Amnesia Road, is an extraordinary evocation of early settlement of south western Queensland discussed alongside the troubles in Andalusia in southern Spain during the civil war.

It is a curious combination that makes for remarkable reading. On weekends Luke travels extensively around Queensland in his role as a referee on the state amateur boxing circuit.

 Outspoken presents Mark McKenna in conversation, Maleny Community Centre, Thursday July 8th 6 for 6.30pm. Tickets \$22, \$15 for students, from www.outspokenmaleny. com. For more information please contact Steven Lang, steven@outspokenmaleny. com. Phone 5429 6569.



Special guest star rock 'n' blues legend Kevin Borich will perform at the Street fair.

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IN 2019 The Farm Gym at Nambour proudly launched 'Run in Her Shoes', a charity event raising money for Lily

Lily House provides support, life-skills training and a safe living environment for women in crisis.

The idea of the event was that four incredible women from The Farm Gym completed laps of the Obstacle 'The Grindstone' Course. through 14 hours of the night.

"Together, we raised \$6000 for Lily House," said The Farm Gym Director Acacia Har-

"With so much interest in the event in 2019, we are now offering people the chance to be involved with us.

"On Saturday 24th July, we will open up the 'Run in Her Shoes' Charity Event to the public combined with our very first 'The Grindstone' race!"

About 'Run in Her Shoes'

- A 9km Obstacle Course at The Farm Gym
- \$30 entry fee for 16 years +

Moment in Time



The Nambour Bowls Club celebrated its 99th year on the 5th June. This photo taken in 1934 shows the small clubhouse and the open spaces between the green and the Nambour Showgrounds. The Bowling Club's first officers were President: J. T. Lowe; Patron: W. McD Whalley; Vice President: S. J. Hobson; Secretary N. C. Owens and Treasurer V. Charker. 'Bob' Dixon was the greenkeeper until 1958. (photo: Nambour Museum)



Easton Lawyers Principal Tove Easton, left, has nominated her Practice Manager Sharon Schofield, second from left, for a Pride of Workmanship award. They are pictured with Paulette Steel and Greg Williams from Maleny Rotary.

Maleny Rotary calls for Pride of Workmanship nominations

HOW do you show appreciation to an employee who exceeds your expectations in their job? What if it's someone who served or did some work for you, and you can't stop talking about what great service they provided?

Rotary Maleny is holding the Pride of Workmanship Awards again this year after the appreciation of those nominated last year.

'The delight on the faces of the nominees at the presen-

tation dinner was amazing," said organiser Paulette Steele. "It goes to show that although people do their jobs not expecting accolades for the pride they take in their work; it's certainly greatly appreciated when they are acknowledged for their efforts.

"The award doesn't necessarily have to go to a paid employee either. The person can be a sole trader or a vol-

Paulette encouraged readers

to think of someone to nominate for this year's awards. "It's important to note that this isn't a competition, as everyone nominated receives a plaque to keep," she said. The presentation dinner will be held on Saturday night 21st August at Tranquil Park.

Go to our website www. malenyrotary.org and download a nomination form, fill it out and email to us. Nominations close Saturday 31 July.

Museum presents historic phone



Clive Plater, Nambour Museum President, right, with Warren Finch, Norfolk Island RSL Club President at the handover.

NAMBOUR Museum President Clive Plater recently returned from a visit to Norfolk Island where he presented a telephone from HMAS Tobruk to the Norfolk Island RSL Museum on behalf of the Nambour Museum.

Clive had intended to present the Telephone last August at the opening of the

RSL Club's new museum. HMAS Tobruk paid many visits to Norfolk Island during its service life with perhaps the most notable being in May 1987 when Tobruk embarked 120 troops that had been flown to Norfolk Island and preceded to Fiji in response to the military coup there.

Mooloolah Pony Club Turns 50!

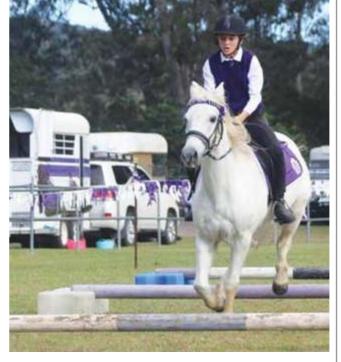
MOOLOOLAH Pony Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary Gymkhana and Muster at the club grounds in Way Street Mooloolah from June 6.

Held over two days, past and present members enjoyed a variety of horse events and reminiscing over the past 50

Club members performed a wonderful March Past display for the spectators. Past and current Presidents shared stories and knowledge and finished the day with the cutting of a Mooloolah Pony club themed cake.

"The Club has gone from strength to strength over the last few years and is now the largest club in the Zone. We are extremely proud of our club and everything we have achieved. We would like to say a big thank you to all our Sponsors and volunteers. It is only with their assistance we are able to pull off such successful events," said Michelle Herron.

The club caters for all ages and abilities. The youngest



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club contact mooloolah@ponyclubqld.com.au or see Face-For information about the

Maleny Golf Club Appoints new Golf Pro

WE are pleased to announce that Rob McConnell will be re- joining Maleny Golf Club as Interim Golf Professional and Shop Manager as of Saturday 26th June 2021.

Rob is an established and highly regarded PGA Professional with a wealth of Golf Club and Shop experience.

We look forward to welcoming Rob back, and are also negotiating with other "talent" to join Maleny's Golf Shop team, so stay tuned for further announcements!

Results

Tuesday 15th June, 2021: The Maleny Golf Club held a Mixed Stableford 18 hole Competition with first place going to Dennis Brown with 40 points, runner-up went to Annie Quarmby with 39 points on a count-back from Larry Fraley also with 39 points. Nearest to the Pin went to Jon Fairman on the 12th hole and Paul Viertel on the fifth hole.

Wednesday 16th June, 2021: The Ladies' Monthly Medal Nett competition was held with first place going to Toni Bishop with 68 nett on a countback from Narelle Thamm, also with 68 nett, runner-up went to Susanne Hardy with 69 nett and third place going to Maxine Gilbert with 70 nett on a count-back from Beth Glover, also with 70 nett. Nearest to the Pin went to Janice Emmett on the fifth hole and the player with the least putts went to Toni Bishop

Saturday, 19th June, 2021: Men's A, B, and C Grade Monthly Medal results 8 hole Nett competition. A Grade - first place went to A.J. Johnston with 67 nett, runner-up went to Dylan Street with 68 nett and third place went to Jack Day with 70 nett.

B Grade – first place went to Cliff Haynes with 66 nett, runner-up went to Rupert Hohls with 74 nett on a count-back from Steve Roberts, also with 74 nett and third place went to Mark Elston with 75 nett on countbacks from Eric Hecht and Grant Flynn both with 75 nett.

C Grade - first place went to Neil Donovan with 66 nett, runner-up went to Norman Cooper with 69 nett and third place went to Ian Lee with 72 nett. Nearest to the Pin went to Chris Zilverschoon on the twelfth hole.

We are hoping that this lovely weather holds for a few holes of golf. If you wish to play, please contact our clubhouse on 5499 9960 or go to our website on www.malenvgolfclub.com and book yourself in to enjoy our great golf course.



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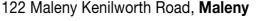


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AGENT'S CHOICE: 3 Palmforest Close, Woombye

TUCKED away in a dress circle cul-de-sac directly opposite lush rainforest reserve, is this custom-designed family home offering versatile options.

The home is across two levels and ideal for

dual living or work-from-home. The fully-landscaped 742m2 block has leafy, established and fenced gardens.

FOR SALE

Team Richard Krausz sold 10 properties in 8 weeks.



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Total Offers

Total Sold Above Asking Price

At about 300 square metres the house has four/five bedrooms, three bathrooms, separate living areas, modern kitchen, balcony plus rear deck, multipurpose/fifth bedroom/office with own entry, and oversized double lock up garage with workshop and storage space.

"This is a substantial sized family home in every sense," said Agent Tristan Brown.

Other features include high ceilings, a New Guinea Rosewood timber staircase, new floating timber floors in media and dining, three split system air-conditioners, ceiling fans throughout, quality insulation, sparkling saltwater inground pool, speaker connections in family room, dual vanities in ensuite, deck access from master, gas and solar hot water, 5.5kW solar power, and 5000 litre rainwater

"All these features of note enhance value, comfort, and appeal, in addition to eco-friendly living," said Tristan.

"With a prized north-east aspect, the buyer will love spending time outdoors - keeping cool in the pool.

"Or enjoying a BBQ on the deck, or sitting out on the front balcony indulging in a drink of choice at wine o'clock quietly observing the plethora of bird life that frequent the rainforest reserve. It's calming and delightful.'

The property is located in a coveted residential pocket on the northern side of Woombye with quick, easy access to Connection Road.

It is walking distance to Nambour Christian College and a six-minute drive to Woombye State School and Sunshine Coast Christian College and just 20 minutes to Maroochydore.

"The location is as family-friendly as the home itself," said Tristan.

"This is an exceptional home that will truly appeal to many for a variety of reasons.

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Smaller hinterland homes luring buyers

THERE has never been a better time to sell if you own a three bedroom home in Nambour and surrounds, according to RE/MAX Nambour Director Tristan Brown.

"Over the past few weeks, we have noticed homes featuring

3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and 1 car space have become considerably more popular among buyers with four different properties selling between \$550,000 and \$578,000," Mr Brown said.

"Those figures are up by

20 percent compared to similar transactions made just 18 months ago.

"If your home fits this bill, this is a clear indicator that now is the time to sell if you have been thinking about making a move."

RE/MAX Nambour makes Top 10 in Australia

RE/MAX Nambour last month ranked No.9 among Australia's top performing RE/MAX offices.

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Don McCulloch, centre, with Kristen Budd and Dr Tony Tampiyappa. Don was diagnosed in 2019, a

Movement disorder clinic offers hope for Parkinsons patients

THE Maleny Movement Disorder Clinic at Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital is working hard to restore hope and quality of life for Parkinson's Disease patients.

Disease patients.
The clinic is run by Dr Tony
Tampiyappa, the Clinical
Director of Stroke, Neurology,
Geriatric and Rehabilitation
services at Sunshine Coast
Hospital and Health Service.

Dr Tampiyappa says the unique specialist lead multi-disciplinary team provides a one-stop service for the assessment and treatment of Parkinson's disease, as well as access to available community services.

"Patients see the specialist as well as the full allied health team including, nurses, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, speech pathologist, dietician and social worker depending on their need. When a patient leaves the clinic, they have a complete care plan, including education and follow-up, packaged for them," Dr Tampiyappa said.

Don's story

Mooloolaba resident Don McCulloch is among Coast community members affected by Parkinson's Disease. He and fiancée Kristen Budd say early detection is key to living a great life despite a diagnosis.

A painter by trade, 62-year-old Don McCulloch first noticed something was not right with his arm two years ago. He says most of his mates' health was "breaking down", and at first Don thought the lack of movement in his arm was just a symptom of "getting old", or repetitive strain injury (RSI).

"I went to my local GP, and he did tests and couldn't work out what was wrong with my arm, so he sent me to the Parkinson's clinic," Don said.

Don said he appreciated the swift investigations of his GP and an early diagnosis by the interdisciplinary team of specialists at Maleny Movement Disorder Clinic, located at Maleny Hospital.

"The treatment's been second to none and the flexibility of telehealth service allows us to keep traveling and living our life and not being restricted to staying put in one town," Kristen said.

"We can enjoy the tele-service anywhere we've got mobile phone signal, so we can just travel and it doesn't have a huge impact on our lives, being diagnosed."

Don had worked for nine years to build a yacht he now lives on, with a goal to sail around Australia. He was diagnosed in 2019, a few months before he was due to sail.

He now takes medication and has regular check-ups via telehealth. He hasn't given up his love of sailing, and the couple continue to travel around Australia.

The couple are planning their wedding this year and have changed their lifestyle so Don can have more flexible work arrangements. He no longer paints with a crew of tradesmen, instead the couple paint for friends and family, traveling to "wherever we're needed, doing some work, seeing friends and having fun".

The Movement Disorder Clinic and nurse navigators who helped Don made him feel like he had a highly skilled team behind him, he said.

"I was expecting to see perhaps one doctor, but there were three or four specialists and people to talk to me which was scary to start with, but it turned out really well. They keep an eye on me and get in contact."

Kristen said she wanted to urge people to not put off seeing their GP if they have undiagnosed health problems.

"Don't bury your head in the sand, go to your GP and the specialist are there to help you on your journey," Kristen said. "Early detection can make a big difference."

More than 18,500 Queenslanders and 80,000 Australians are currently living with Parkinson's.

Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the central nervous system which results in the loss of coordinated function of the body's muscles and movement.

Bruce Morcombe pushes to keep child-killers and multi-murderers behind bars

DANIEL Morcombe's father Bruce Morcombe has applauded proposed laws aimed at keeping child killers and people who commit multiple murders behind bars.

The Palmwoods father said the new laws would give the Parole Board Queensland the power to make a declaration against the "worst of the worst" murderers, stopping them applying for parole for up to 10 years after their eligibility date.

"Today is a day I won't forget," Mr Morcombe said. "For the child killers and also the multi-murderers – stuff them – that's what I say. You have made a lot of people's lives misery and you need to think about your actions for a lot longer and you are going to stay in jail for a lot longer."

Changes would mean the president of the Parole Board could make a declaration without a murderer applying for parole and could also make additional declarations at later dates.

The new laws would apply to Daniel Morcombe's killer Brett Peter Cowan as well as a raft of Queensland's most notorious murderers.

"For our son's benefit, for our benefit, for Daniel's school friends' benefit and everyone that loved him and knew him, this is a substantial increase in the possible jail time of Cowan," Mr Morcombe said.

Daniel Morcombe's killer Brett Peter Cowan was given a non-parole term of 20 years.

The new laws would apply to Sian Kingi's killer Barrie Watts if his current application is refused.

An outcry was sparked when Watts recently applied for parole, prompting a petition which attracted 72,000 signatures.

Country markets desperately seeking local stallholders

THE Mapleton Country Markets are inviting new stall holders to join them as they transition to become part of the Hinterland Market Trail.

We are an indoor and outdoor market with free easy onsite parking on the 3 acre sportsground behind the hall. Fresh waffles, gluten free & regular are available and new to the hall bacon & egg burgers and sausage sizzle. The Hall and Sportsground are significant for their historical association with the development of local social, cultural and recreational facilities and for their social value to the local community as a longstanding meeting and recreation place.

The Memorial Trees planted onsite are listed with Council as a Historic Place as well as the Historic Hall built in 1916. View the Historic photos which frame the walls inside the Hall. Visitors can then check out our beautiful Lilyponds with playground and shelters in town or go for a walk in our National Park which is part of the Hinterland Great Walks or take in the Manleton Fells.

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Andrea chosen for Global Music Match

NAMBOUR musician Andrea Kirwin, pictured, has been selected to be a part of the world's largest online musical collaboration.

Global Music Match 2021 brings together artists from 17 countries to collaborate over the coming three months. The worldwide matchmaking program returned from June 7 and features 78 artists, including 13 from Australia.

The event's purpose is to continue developing profiles of folk-based artists in international music markets considering the challenging and



unprecedented parameters of COVID-19.

Artists from around the world have been grouped into international teams of six, from different countries, and over the coming 12 weeks will collaborate with each other across social media.

Each act has an assigned two-week Featured Artist period, during which time

their five teammates will introduce them to five new audiences around the globe rotated amongst all artists, up to the end of August.

Global Music Match gives artists access to the international market for independent singer songwriters through people, friendships, connection, creation and collaboration

New park for Nambour

David Law

Division 10 Councillor david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au



In a fantastic new addition for our green space in Division 10, a new \$650,000 park in Howard Street, Nambour, will provide a 1.7 hectare green space for our area.

The parkland will adjoin the existing Quota Memorial Park and add to a network of park-

lands running through the heart of Nambour. Stage one works are now underway and will be ready for our community to enjoy by the start of September, weather and site conditions permitting.

This extension of welcoming outdoor creekside recreation space will build on Nambour's family friendly areas and will be a great addition for existing residents, visitors and new people set to call Nambour home.

Footpaths will connect to Quota Memorial Park and the project will include lush landscaping, more seating and shaded picnic areas for the community to relax in.

Council consulted with the community in 2018 on what they would like to see in the new park and one of the main requests was a dog off-leash area which will be a feature of the new parkland. Keep an eye on the progress, it's terrific to see revitalised spaces continue to be transformed in Nambour.

I am Nambour

Have you noticed the new local digital campaign I am Nambour doing the rounds around town? The branding has been developed with the Reimagine Nambour committee as part of the Nambour Economic Transition Strategy to encourage businesses to market under the same look and feel, while taking pride and encouraging business investment in our great town. To see the brand and download the logo for your business to use, visit www.iamnambour.com.au

School holiday ideas

Agricultural Show

a great success

Federal Member for Fairfax

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Ted O'Brien

Don't forget to register to secure a "Family Holiday Activity Pack" that includes cool resources such as books, car games, board games, chalk and much more. To book your activity pack visit the Library website: library.sunshinecoast.qld. gov.au - bookings will be taken from 4.30pm Friday 25 June. The packs will be available for collection from Saturday 26 June.

It was a triumphant return for organisers as

thousands flocked to the Showgrounds in Nam-

bour over the three days. It was a pleasure to

meet so many constituents who stopped at my

stand to say 'hello', and we handed out over 1,200

Ted O'Brien showbags and more than 750 water

bottles. Congratulations to the Show Society and

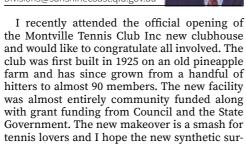
all the volunteers and exhibitors for making the

2021 Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show a great

success. I was honoured to open the event!

Making a racquet in Montville

Winston Johnston Division 5 Councillor Division5@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au



Skate park opened for tricks

faces serve up aces!

I'm pleased to say the skate park at Mooloolah Recreation reserve has re-opened for skaters, bikers, and scooter riders to enjoy once again. You might have noticed it was closed for a week while we undertook refurbishment works. The skate park received a pressure wash which removed the graffiti and the concrete sections were repainted and sealed. I hope the revamp is welcomed by the skating community and they're back practicing their kickflips and airs.

Winter school holiday activities

Join in the school holiday workshop Kids' ClimART lead by artist Yanni van Zijl from 28 June to 1 July at Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha or Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, Bli Bli.

Yanni will explore climate change impacts and actions of hope for the future, as she guides children and caregivers to create several large and colourful group artworks made with paint, ink and charcoal.

Yanni will then develop these group artworks into an installation to be exhibited at the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden during Horizon Festival 2021. Book via, events. sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Glenview Road construction underway

If you're driving through Glenview, remember road works are still underway for Glenview Road. Stage 4 works between Tolson Road and Evans Road are almost finished & works have started east from Evans Grove Road for 400metres. Work should wrap up in August depending on weather. Your patience is much appreciated.

State Budget a win for jobs

Rob Skelton

State Member for Nicklin nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au



The challenges that we currently face is correctly the focus of this budget: infrastructure, public health, education and social housing. Underpinning this investment in the future, we are creating jobs, jobs and-wait for it-more

It is a Labor budget with Labor values backing Queensland workers and their families.

The Sunshine Coast will receive \$730 Million for productivity enhancing infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support around 2,300 jobs in our region.

Sunshine Coast Health and Hospital

Sunshine Coast Health and Hospital Service will receive \$1.4 Billion from our record Health Budget to support service delivery, on top of the \$1.9 Billion for construction projects to expand services and capacity right across the Coast.

\$140.5 Million has been allocated to Education in our region to maintain, improve and upgrade schools throughout the Sunshine Coast to better support educational outcomes.

Social Housing

Social housing has been given a boost of over \$38 Million to expand and improve availability for our region.

Over 337,00 jobs have been created since the Palaszczuk Labor government came to power in 2015, and our unemployment rate of 5.4% is lower than pre-pandemic levels, having not been this low since April 2012.

Frontline services

We have restored frontline services on the Sunshine Coast to the tune of 415 extra teachers, 310 extra doctors, 979 extra nurses and 72 extra paramedics since the Palaszczuk government was elected, and these figures will continue to grow as they are needed.

We are a government committed to listening to the people and getting things done.

To read more about the budget and what's in it for the Sunshine Coast go to www.budget.qld.

at Crystal Waters

State Member for Glass House glass.house@parliament.qld.gov.au

program and lunch at Crystal Waters Eco Village for National Reconciliation Week.

It was particularly enlightening to hear from Jinibara Elder BJ Murphy, who has so many lived experiences to share, and Maleny local Adrian Anderson who has worked for many years with the Indigenous community of Cherbourg.

Youth MP by

day, Maleny local Keogh Connor is the YMCA Queensland Parlia-Member ment for Glass House and Year 10 student at Flinders Anglican College. By night, he's a "Yeoman of the Guard" in the



Andrew Powell with

always features local talent. Not to be missed!

Awards at www.andrewpowell.com.au closes on Tuesday 6th July, which means there's less than two weeks left to register your votes for your favourite small businesses and employees in the electorate. The full list of nominees is available on my website, and you can vote for one business and one employee per region. There are four regions (Montville, Maleny, Glasshouse and Moreton Bay) in total.

Nest Box Program helps possums and gliders

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

WILVOS have just completed their Nest Box Project for the year. The end of the financial year is a good time to evaluate the past year's progress in the wildlife practice of rescue, rear and release. Our thanks to MP Ted O'Brien, Federal

Member for Fairfax Qld, for inviting WILVOS to apply for a grant for our Nest Box Program for possums and gliders. This was funded from the Australian Government's Communities Environment Program. WILVOS allocate a nest box for animals at an appropriate size and these boxes then go through the rehabilitation process with this animal and it is released in this box. Their security blanket!

Bob Whiting went above and beyond with organizing the project. He was the one doing all the work behind the scenes - buying equipment needed, carrying it around the countryside and constructing the boxes. Bob also instructed a group of Rover Scouts in assembling boxes. Educating our youth in any aspect of wildlife and the environment is so important. The Australian Government's Communities Environment Program helped achieve all this.

WILVOS like to be in the forefront with research and 'on the ground' wildlife work. On the practical side, WILVOS continued to be available 24/7 for all wildlife incidents during the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Fortunately the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital also remained open 24 hours to take any injured wildlife. Once assessed and treated WILVO carers would then rehabilitate the animals. All recommended health protocols were followed.

Wildlife housing is as necessary as their food supply. Big developers are always in the firing line but small developers and landowners should also be held responsible for the environmental damage they do. It is so distressing to see people buy a property, and then thoughtlessly remove trees.

Everyone should observe the creatures inhabiting grasses, watercourses, shrubs and trees in their back yard. After dark is party time for many nocturnal species and they are always missed! Every tree provides for numerous animals.

What they budget is NOT what they spend

Jeffrey Addison

Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



Queensland Budget or Funding Fudge-it

Tuesday 15 June saw the introduction of the Queensland budget.

There was 'Hansard-ic' fanfare with a verbose emphasis on record — everything is a record these days it seems. 'Record' in the context of 'best ever' was mentioned around 30 times in Hansard on Budget day (not including the Hansard Document Title and other innocuous references).

It was mentioned around 60 times on 16 June, peaking at around 160 mentions on 17 June and falling back to just 9 by lunchtime Friday.

Queensland Treasurer Cameron Dick crowed that the forward estimates budget for infrastructure was \$52.2 billion over the next four

The Opposition's Jarrod Bleijie, Shadow Minister for Finance, pointed out that the forward estimates budget last year for infrastructure was \$56.03 billion - showing it'd been cut by \$3.8 billion. Perhaps that was another record - a net reduction in infrastructure spending of 6.8%.

State debt currently stands at \$96 billion.

This will increase each year with Treasury forward estimates forecasting debt to climax at \$127 billion by 2024/25 before returning to a \$153 million surplus - well that's the plan

My specialty subject is public transport infrastructure and my pet project is the North Coast Line rail duplication - known deceptively as the Beerburrum to Nambour rail project or B2N.

If you read the plethora of reports over the past two decades, it was required to be 39km of rail duplication to Nambour.

Today it comprises not quite 14km of rail from Beerburrum to around 1.5km north of

I studied the budget papers over the past 3 years since \$160.8 million in funding for the project was announced by Deputy Premier Jackie Trad and Transport Minister Mark Bailey at Nambour station one Saturday morning in June 2018.

The lion's share of funding the \$780 million project comes from the Federal government with a \$390 million contribution.

With 3 years passed since the announcement, I'm looking around wondering where the

When will the real work start?

The rail-line itself, not all the roadwork add-ons included in its budget.

However, even the roadworks haven't started construction. Speed for our critical infrastructure is at a

record snail's pace. Now to the crux and facts of the matter where

the only record that counts is the truth. This is what the budget papers tell us about our 'critical' Sunshine Coast rail project.

The 2018-19 financial year (FY) saw \$14.407 million budgeted. Spend was \$3.5m

- (\$10.907m less). The 2019-20 FY saw \$49.971 million budg-
- eted. Spend was \$11.866m (\$38.105m less).
- The 2020-21 FY saw \$38.884 million budg-
- eted. Spend was \$28.330m (\$10.554m less). The coming 2021-22 FY sees \$29.409 million

budgeted. We'll find out next year how little is spent. What they're budgeting is NOT what they're spending – year upon year upon year.

The 2019-20 Capital Statement reads; "The Queensland Government is providing \$160.8 million over four years towards the Beerburrum to Nambour rail duplication..."

In three years they've spent \$43.696m and derspent by \$59.566m. Just for the record, that's not even close.

Letter to the **Editor**

It's great to see Ted O'Brien, in the media, pushing for the duplication of our railway line. It is hard to believe that we still have such an archaic system operating here with little being done to improve the system. This matter should have highest priority to help reduce the amount of traffic on the Bruce Highway. What hope have we got in encouraging people to the Sunshine Coast when it can take 3 hours in traffic to get here. If the State Government believes we should have the Olympic Games in Brisbane, the upgrading of this line to fast rail should be a top priority. Let Federal, State and Local Government as well as businesses and community organisations get together and fight for this cause with lots of publicity. It can be done if we push hard enough for it.

- Jan England, Palmwoods

Do you, or someone you know, have a great business idea but you're not sure how to make it a reality? Generation Innovation's GI Challenge is open to any would-be Sunshine Coast entrepreneur, aged 15 to 25 years. This peer-

Big ambitions

based program offers a \$10,000 prize package - \$5,000 cash and \$5,000 in-kind support. Participants learn how to get a business started, while receiving invaluable mentoring from leading Sunshine Coast professionals. Applications for the 2021 GI Challenge close at the end of this month; for more information or to register go

Safer Communities

to generationinnovation.com.au.

Community organisations are invited to apply for grants under the Federal Government's Safer Communities Fund. There are two types of grants. Firstly, grants are available for organisations that engage in early intervention activities with high-risk youth. Secondly, there are security infrastructure grants to help community organisations implement and boost crime prevention and security initiatives, such as installing CCTV cameras, fencing and alarm systems. Contact my office for more details.

Pension Information

Seniors in the Nambour area can now receive the Government's 2021 Age Pension Guide which provides information on subjects such as who is eligible for a pension, how to apply for a pension and all other essential information.

Reconciliation Week

Andrew Powell

Earlier in the month I attended a beautiful

day, actor by night

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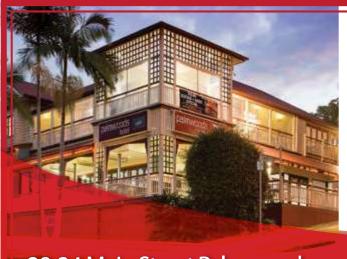


Connor Keogh Yeoman of the Guard Maleny Singers

Maleny Singers performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan classic. Talk about multi-talented! The play has finished showing now, but their next production is sure to be just as entertaining and

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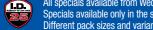
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