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CROWDS FLOCK BACK TO MALENY SHOW ...



Maleny Show spirit ... Junior Stewards who worked tirelessly over the two days in the Unofficial Jumping Ring are, from left, Brooke Wild, Liam Wild, Ebony Corkin, Ruby Wild and Rylee Wild.

THIS year's Maleny Show marked the 100th anniversary of the first Show which was held in June 1923, and it was a record breaking event that entertained in excess of 10,000 people over the two days.

"Tickets sold extremely well beforehand, and in particular, were purchased by families for the Bluey and Bingo performance on Saturday," said Show President, Winston Johnston.

Thanks to the huge line up of first-class exhibits, entertainment and glorious weather, feedback from participants and attendees alike, was overwhelmingly positive.

"It really was a fantastic event for families and as well as locals and visitors from the coast, we had a large attendance of families of life members," Mr Johnston said.

"Our VIPs, life members and special guests enjoyed a historic video about the Show and its beginnings.

"We had the largest number of beef and dairy cattle in many years and a very large representation of Show jumpers. The judges were astounded by the poultry exhibits and the extremely high standard of exhibits across the board. The fresh flowers and floral arrangements in particular, were incredible this year. The gate and bar figures were the highest in memory."

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Now it's Nambour's turn

THE highly anticipated Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show at Nambour Showgrounds is just around the corner and this year's event is set to be a spectacular showcase of talent, excitement and entertainment.

Show Society President Rowan O'Hara said

international horse whisperer Guy McLean would be a highlight of the Show.

"We're excited to bring Guy to this year's show ring," he said. "People will be able to watch his highly-trained horses move with precision and grace in the evening show ring

entertainment. We'll have the Light Horse tent pegging competition then Aussie FMX will be taking to the heights as they free-fly through the air on their motorbikes to jump across the showgrounds with precision."

On Saturday and Sunday evenings, the air

will be filled with high-octane noise as the V8 Supercars race around the track.

And it wouldn't be the same without the big spectacular fireworks in the evening.

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'This is exactly what we envisaged for this event'

Ray White Rodeo raises \$97,773 for community groups

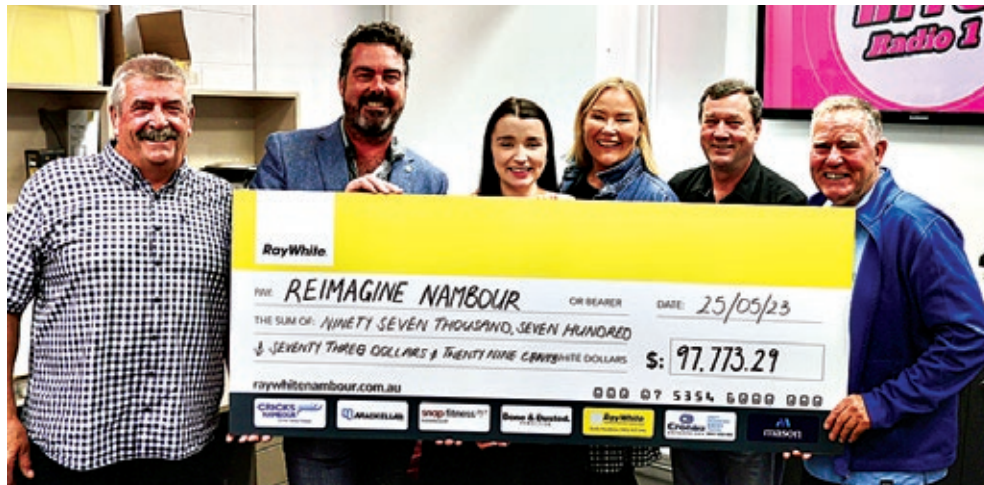
THE Ray White Nambour Rodeo, in just its third year, has achieved remarkable success by raising \$97,773 for Nambour community groups.

Money will be shared between Reimagine Nambour, Nambour Tramway Company and Sundale Community Foundation. Additionally, \$10,000 has been pledged to the Nambour Men's Shed, for when they find a much-needed new home.

Ray White Principal Matt O'Grady said he was proud to support Nambour's development through the generous funding.

"We look forward to getting those funds out to the groups that need it to actually help make Nambour the place it should be," he said. "This is exactly what we envisaged for this rodeo. This money is for people that are on the streets doing the work and the funds go to the people that need it. That's what we want."

This year, the rodeo faced no significant obstacles, unlike the inaugural event in 2021,



From left, Men's Shed's Bob Ward, Ray White Principal Matt O'Grady, event organiser Abbey Foster from Ray White, Sundale Community Foundation's Caroline Hutchinson and Wayne Greenham and Greg Rogerson from TramCo.

which was impacted by COVID restrictions, and the rain-affected event in 2022. The numbers reflect the rodeo's growing popularity, with ticket sales reaching 3,983 and 4,800 drinks sold, resulting in the impressive total.

Notably, this year's rodeo featured a full points rodeo, including all events. The day saw a diverse range of attendees, particularly families with young children, who enjoyed the various activities. The event experienced a surge in attendance as the day progressed, with the bar bustling and sales of rum and beer skyrocketing.

An analysis of ticket sales data revealed that 84 percent of attendees were from outside Nambour, highlighting the event's ability to draw people to town.

Sundale Community Foundation Chair Caroline Hutchinson thanked Mr O'Grady for the

\$10,000 donation which would be distributed to support projects run by local community groups.

The Nambour Men's Shed, faced with the task of finding a new home by September, received recognition for its essential work in supporting local men's mental health. Mr O'Grady pledged a \$10,000 donation to the club upon securing a new location.

Mr O'Grady thanked sponsors, including Cricks, Mackellar, Snap Fitness, Done & Dusted, Ray White Commercial, Cronau Enterprises, and Mason Finance Group, as well as the dedicated volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.

► For more information on the Sundale Community Foundation's grants round and how to get involved, visit their website at www.sundalecommunityfoundation.org.au.



Student ideas that could change our lives

FROM fish tanks to fake vapes, the hinterland's brightest young entrepreneurs and innovators are rising to the challenge in this year's Mayor's Telstra Innovation Awards.

Teams from Burnside State High School and Suncoast Christian College are finalists in a record field from Years 9 to 12 across Sunshine Coast schools. The awards program presents a rare opportunity for student teams to bring their creative ideas or business solution to life. Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark

Jamieson said the awards supported the development of ideas that used creativity, innovation or technology to solve a community, environmental or business challenge.

"The calibre of applications has been fantastic and it's great to see the program is building with double the entries from last year," Mayor Jamieson said.

All finalists will be invited to an Awards Ceremony on July 20 for their chance to win more than \$10,000 in shared prizes.

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Sergeant Mick Hughes, in police uniform, and his group visit Ken Mills Toyota in Nambour. "Often-times these young men lack positive adult male role models in their lives."

Deep Blue Line program plots path to life lessons

DEEP Blue Line is a police officer led mentoring program that aims to enhance young people's positive sense of self, boost self-esteem, provide a variety of positive life experiences, encourage goal setting behaviours and expose participants to healthy role models.

Weekly sessions deliver life-skills sessions and interactions with mentors based around the key learning areas of communication, well-being and positive futures. The program provides a mix of club-based sessions, activities, experiences and excursions, and culminates in a three-day adventure based camp.

Thanks to sponsorship from the Community Bank Woombye & Districts, an 8-week Deep Blue Line program has just been completed with seven teenage boys from Nambour.

"The young men who participate in these programs have generally come onto the radar because of anti social behaviour or they have been expelled, or are at risk of being expelled, or have already entered the juvenile justice system," said Police Sergeant, Mick Hughes.

"Often-times these young men lack positive adult male role models in their lives and through these interventions we hope to not only teach them important life skills, but to give them positive experiences and ongoing relationships with the police."

The most recent program was facilitated by Sergeant Hughes and Senior Constable Marty Hunt who is based at Nambour State College.

"A big aspect of what we do is to teach boys about taking healthy risks, discouraging anti-social behaviour and moving away from conflict and negative influences," he said.

"And much of what we do is simple stuff that most people take for granted. This can be anything from learning to make eye contact with people and shake hands, to simple nutrition

and meal preparation, and conflict and risk management.

From cooking and eating together to racing at the Big Kart Track

"We use a variety of engaging and fun ways to do this from cooking and eating meals together, driving at the Big Kart Track, going to NRL games and diving with the seals at Underwater World," Sergeant Hughes said.

"At the end of each camp we get the kids to write a letter to themselves and we mail it to them 6 months later. Our goal is to keep the connection going beyond the camp and we have young men now who are looking forward to future camps and leadership camps."

Sergeant Hughes said he has been blown away by the generosity of the local businesses who have thrown their support behind the Deep Blue Line.

"Community Bank Woombye & Districts have been particularly generous, and The Big Kart Track, Ken Mills Toyota, Sealife Aquarium and Fruity Life have all been incredible," he said.

"As a Community bank who looks to improve as many areas of our local community as possible, we felt that the Deep Blue Line program offers some invaluable life lessons to a younger generation, through positive everyday activities and events - sneaking the learning into the fun," said Bank Manager, Hayley Saunders.

"The program is very well structured and the benefits are apparent."

"Sergeant Mick has an obvious passion and commitment to the program and is a strong advocate for the local youth," added Bank Director, Stephen Marshall.

"We felt that this sponsorship was a great fit for our community giving program."



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Nambour event to unveil lighting, art installations

NAMBOUR is preparing to shine brightly with the official launch of several recently-installed lighting and public art installations.

The Nambour Lights Up Project Launch will be held at Tram Co at 28 Mill Street.

Reimagine Nambour, in collaboration with placemaking firm POMO, worked on the project which was made possible with a \$500,000 grant from the Australian Government.

The vision was to kick-start the urban renewal of the CBD by introducing captivating street art and lighting installations.

The project encompasses five lighting installations and three public art pieces, placed in iconic areas of the town.

The additions were curated by local artists to breathe new life into Nambour.

Design Director at POMO and Project Manager Stephen Burton expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative.

"Creative places make real contributions to local economies, and Nambour's unique character provided a canvas for us to showcase its point of difference.

"I enjoy driving through town at night and witnessing how the lighting showcases Nam-

bour's remarkable features.

"It draws attention to the town's hidden gems and highlights what is truly great about Nambour."

The invitation-only event will be held on June 8 at Tram Co, 28 Mill Street.

Lighting Installations:

- Mural Lighting at Clarks Centre Howard Street
- Mural Lighting at C Square wall in Civic Way
- Lighting installation at the Old Ambo Centre facade on Howard Street
- Tree Lighting at Lions Park Lamington Terrace
- Lighting Installation on Petrie Creek Bridge Currie Street.

Public Art Installations:

- Bunya Nut by Finn Cossar and Miles Allen on Queen Street
- Field of Vision by Petalia Humphreys, Currie Street
- Fire in the Heart by Simone Eisler, Currie Street



RangeCare's 'Biggest Morning Tea' event spreads joy, raises funds for cancer research

RANGECARE clients, staff and volunteers raised much-needed funds for cancer research at a Biggest Morning Tea event at the Nambour Day Centre in Doolan Street recently (May 25).

Clients and staff from RangeCare's facilities in Flaxton, Nambour and Gympie enjoyed raffles, quizzes and, of course, a delicious morning tea prepared on site.

Heartwarming conversations filled the air, forging new connections and strengthening existing bonds. The beautifully arranged tables, were adorned with flowers and contagious smiles.

RangeCare's Toni Hilton said the event was a testament to the organisation's commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and connec-

tion. "Very few aged care providers would have services where people can come out of their homes and get together in a social environment like this," she said.

Beyond their day-to-day responsibilities, RangeCare understands the importance of giving back to the wider community. Through events like the "Biggest Morning Tea," they exemplify their unwavering commitment to making a difference.

RangeCare has been a local community care provider since 1986

They offer a full range of in-home, social and respite support services to encourage people to live independently for as long as possible.

Bus route now goes to Ginger Factory

SUNSHINE Coast residents and visitors have long been waiting for an extension of the Translink bus route 631 (Noosa to Nambour via Cooroy and Eumundi) that would take them to The Ginger Factory, Yandina.

And now their patience has been rewarded.

Sunshine Coast Council Transport Portfolio Councillor Rick Baberowski said the State Government had announced significant improvements to nine of their bus services on the Sunshine Coast, including the extension to The Ginger Factory.

"Overall, each of these service improvements, which add, extend, and increase the frequency of the bus services helps tip the

balance for more users to consider using public transport rather than their car."

Division 10 Councillor David Law said Council had worked tirelessly with Translink to make this happen, and the hard work had paid off.

"I'm especially pleased with the bus service extension to The Ginger Factory," Cr Law said.

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From left, RangeCare Chief Operating Officer Gary Holland, Gillie Warren, former Nicklin MP Peter Wellington and Chairperson Lenore Simpson at the unearthing.

HONOURING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE:

Unearthed time capsule reveals RangeCare's history

THE RangeCare community came together last week to commemorate the legacy of the Blackall Range Care Group as they revealed a time capsule buried in 2008.

The capsule contained relevant documents, memorabilia and images from earlier years. The occasion presented an opportunity to reunite with the people who have played pivotal roles in shaping RangeCare into the organization it is today.

"Today, we gather to unearth the time capsule, revisiting our past, reflecting on our growth as individuals and as a community," said Chief Operating Officer Gary Holland. "It is a chance to reconnect with our roots, reminisce about cherished memories, and celebrate the milestones we have achieved."

Mr Holland noted the significant changes that have occurred since the capsule was first buried in 1999. The world was still navigating the infancy of the internet, and social media had yet to establish its pervasive presence.

"Over the years since the capsule was reburied for a second time (in 2008), we have witnessed further transformative changes—both positive and challenging," he said.

"We have witnessed devastation caused by natural disasters, the impact of a global pandemic and the ongoing struggles for equality and justice.

"But through this time, we have remained resilient and we have continued to grow and service our community as it continues to grow.

"The time capsule symbolizes the organization's resilience, spirit, growth, and hope for the future—an embodiment of the people who created it and the world they once lived in."

Gillie Warren, a Life Member with a long-standing connection to RangeCare, expressed her appreciation for the organization's growth without losing touch with its clients. She highlighted the significant progress made in the past decade to meet the increasing demand for services.

Mrs Warren also expressed her delight at witnessing a renewed focus on community involvement. "I'm really pleased to see that there seems to be a big move afoot to get back all the community involvement again, because it's been so important to the care group and it's always been such a very, very special place."

The time capsule is to be re-buried in September with new items added.



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Burnside ban helps inspire State moves for digital detox

SINCE its pioneering decision to ban phones on campus in 2008, Burnside State High School has become a shining example of the transformative impact the policy can have on student engagement and culture.

Now, the Head's Up Alliance is campaigning for a smart-phone ban across all Queensland state high schools.

Having led the way on this issue for over a decade, the school community at Burnside experiences the daily benefits.

Principal Kerri Dunn had just arrived at the school and was shocked that students were even using their phones during Parade.

"There were students taking phone calls while I was addressing them," Ms Dunn said. "At the time I thought 'I am not going to be able to deal with this!'"

In practice, the ban proved to be quite simple.

"It was a very easy recipe," said Ms Dunn. "Good relationships and consultation with our parents and school community was the key. Support for the idea from parents and teachers was unanimous and I found that everyone got on board very quickly."

At Burnside phones are out of sight during school time and have to be kept in pockets or bags.

"If they are seen they are confiscated and students have to hand them in at the admin office or hand them over," Ms Dunn explained. "On the third strike, parents have to collect. In some cases parents even say 'oh they can go without them for the weekend!'"

"If a student has their phone out I do not even have to say anything. They just know they



ABOVE: "Our students are engaged with each other" ... Principal Kerri Dunn implemented a simple yet effective policy that has yielded benefits such as kids rushing to play table tennis at lunchtime.

LEFT: Students also flock to the library to read or play board and card games.

have to take it to admin and hand it in," she said.

"In 2008 there were only 380 students, and from that point on we made it abundantly clear on enrolment that this was a key rule at our school. Now the groundwork has been laid and with 900 students it is not an issue."

The knock-on effect throughout the school is evident.

"Many visitors and relief teachers comment

that our students are engaged with each other, talking at lunch, playing games in the library, playing sports at lunch time and they are definitely not in the classrooms glued to their phones.

"It has been fundamental to the lovely culture of our school and I welcome anyone to visit Burnside to see this in action."



Under arrest: Senior Constables Peter Walsh and Marty Hunt put some boys in mock custody.

Career options covered at 'Ute Day'

BURNSIDE State High School's annual "Ute Day" was held on June 2 with 12 Nambour businesses supporting the event.

"The aim of the day is to provide Burnside SHS's Year 10 cohort an insight into a multitude of "hands-on" type jobs and careers available to them once they finish their school journey," said Year 10 Head of Year and organiser Kris Curd.

The event featured businesses from construction, automotive, surf lifesaving, electrical, transportation, aeronautical, arborists, water solutions, overseas camp leaders and the Queensland Police Service.

Students received a brief presentation from each business before asking questions of their own.

All businesses provided great feedback regarding engagement from the students and were impressed with their attentiveness throughout the day.

"Burnside SHS has provided this job expo day to their students for over a decade and we have been lucky to retain many local businesses who consistently come back to support the school and their students," said Mr Curd.

"The connection between the school and the surrounding businesses assists in fostering a collaborative community culture and is something the school prides itself on. Burnside SHS would like to give a large thank-you to all business who have supported the school and look forward to hosting the annual 'Ute Day' in the years to come."

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Elizabeth Buckley receives her Australian Lions Foundation Community Service Award from Lions Club of Blackall Range Inc President, Peter Jensen. Pic by Eric Anderson.

Lions Club recognises Mapleton Post Office licensee with Community Service Award

REPRESENTATIVES of Mapleton community groups gathered outside the post office recently (May 23) when Post Office Licensee, Elizabeth Buckley, was awarded an Australian Lions Foundation Community Service Award.

"Elizabeth and other members of her family can be relied upon to assist whenever Lions have cakes, calendars, or tickets to events on sale to the public," Blackall Range Lions President Peter Jensen said.

"And it is not just our club she helps. She is equally generous to all groups in the Mapleton community," he said.

"Whoever wants to sell tickets, put up a sign, sell books they've written or cards they've made, it's no wonder the Post Office is regarded as being at the hub of the community."

The Buckley family have run the Mapleton Post Office since March 2008. Three generations of the family are involved: Elizabeth, her son David and daughter Yvonne, and granddaughters Anika and Xanthea.

As well as providing an excellent postal and banking service, all family members get involved in running a Christmas colouring competition for local and visiting children, selling raffle tickets for fundraising Parkinson's Disease teddy bears, and making room to stock fund raising honey and jams produced by the Parkinson's Support Group.

Whether they need a Lions Christmas Cake or Calendar, a raffle ticket, or a self-published book by a local author, Mapleton residents know that the post office is the place to go.

"Elizabeth Buckley is certainly a worthy recipient of this Lions Award for Service to the community," Mr Jensen said.

Elizabeth kept her sense of humour despite it being an emotional presentation.

"When I commented that I didn't know why she has been so involved with the Lions events because I am not that great a sales person, Elizabeth responded with a beaming smile, 'it's your good looks!'"



Pedaling with Purpose: From left, Dean Morrison, David Donaldson and Matt Seaman ... "We are seeing more and more people requiring help".

Salvos gear up for 165km ride in aid of Red Shield Appeal

NAMBOUR'S Matt Seaman, David Donaldson and Dean Morrison are riding 165km around the Sunshine Coast to raise money for Nambour Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal.

"We will be aiming to ride between as many Salvation Army centres on the Sunshine Coast as possible on June 11," said Dean. "Between the three of us, there have been newborn babies, sickness and hospital visits, new work schedules and other complications that have challenged our preparation. But we are determined to crack on, because what we are aiming to accomplish is more important than sore legs."

For more than 140 years, The Salvation Army has provided care and assistance to Australians in need through a network of community programs and support services. These services cannot run without the kindness and generosity of the Australian public.

Matt Seaman, bandmaster at Nambour, agreed. "We see it first hand, we witness the

hardship within our community, and this is a way for us to raise awareness and needed funds to help serve those who need it most."

Since the beginning of 2023 Nambour Salvation Army has witnessed an increase in the number of people from the community requiring help.

"Homelessness, basic food needs, domestic violence (both male & female), family breakdown and child welfare are some of the situations to which we serve," said Mr Donaldson, who is the Captain at Nambour.

"Without our volunteers, employees and the financial help of the Australian public, we would not have the same impact, we are very grateful. Sadly, we are seeing more and more people requiring help and oftentimes, that help is simply to be listened to. So we ask people to please sponsor our June 11 ride."

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Nambour Markets come back to town

THE Thursday Town Market is back on in Nambour CBD. The boutique-style market offers shoppers a range of produce, eats, drinks and gifts. It runs from 8am – 2pm in Town Square, corner of Lowe and Short Street and part of the aim is to energise and revitalise the CBD area.

Nambour Chamber of Commerce was behind the push to revive the markets at the request of CBD business owners.

“For the Town Square precinct to be activated we need the residents of Nambour and surrounds to get down to the markets on a Thursday morning and support the stall holders,” said Chamber President Mark Bray said.

The markets will be held weekly and if you're interested in having your own stall, contact Wayne on 0409 115 283.



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Justyne Ensbej pampers furry friends with her single ingredient doggie treats made from 100 percent Australian animal protein.



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John Rigney from Country Leather brings the rugged charm with his leather goods, including belts, wallets, and bags



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Annette Terrill's stall, Anette's Insenze, is a sensory delight with a variety of candles, incense, melts, and aromatic oils.

The Board of Directors & Members of the Palmwoods Community Branch Congratulates the members of the Mooloolah Men's Shed on the Grand Opening of their new Men's Shed on 12th April 2023.

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Crafting comfort & joy: Sunshine Linus weaves warmth & kindness for people in need

IN June 2010, twenty crafters gathered in Forest Glen to launch a not-for-profit organisation called Sunshine Linus Inc.

Their mission was to provide, without charge, quilts and other comforts to people in need on the Sunshine Coast.

They were mostly mature, retired women who wished to support the welfare of needy people in the community by employing the many and varied hand-crafting skills they had developed over their lifetimes.

Now based in Nambour, Sunshine Linus receives donations of craft resources from the community from which they create items which are desired and requested and donate the completed items entirely free to organisations who will benefit.

"We had the skills, and we had the time, and we knew the community had the resources such as fabrics and yarns to donate and help us put to good use," said founding member Judie Bellingham.

"We started by making quilts of all sizes for patients in nursing homes, children in hospitals, and palliative care patients. Word soon spread around the health care community and before long we were receiving requests for lots of different items from nursing homes, hospitals, special needs schools, women's retreats and disability services to name a few."

Some of the items they provide to hospitals include breast pillows, drainage bags and catheter covers, scrub caps, operating gowns for children, quilts, towelling heat pack covers and treatment bags to hold medicines and x-rays on discharge.



Preparing for the Sunshine Linus Quilt Show & Open Day on August 5 are Secretary Glorianne Porter, vice president Barbara Moore and organisation founder Judie Bellingham.

Nursing homes receive wheely-walker bags, clothing protectors and bibs, crochet lap rugs and shawls, touchy feely sensory items for dementia patients and so much more.

Neonatal Units receive premature bonnets and peanut pillows, Baby Angel Pods, Bereavement packs and other comforts.

Women's Retreats, community service organisations such as St Vincent's, the Mens Shed and the Salvation Army benefit from a huge array of items including quilts and bedding, handmade clothing for adults and children, toiletry items in toiletry bags, sleepwear, jumpers, beanies and socks, overnight bags and more.

Special schoolteachers are given touchy feely sensory items for their students to use in a teaching setting including sensory mats, aprons, wall hangings, fabric games and weighted toys.

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bags for children who are temporarily held in custody situations at police stations.

"The bags are made with happy bright fabrics and contain a load of goodies to occupy and distract the children including pencils, paper, little games, pj's, toiletries etc," said Judie.

Sunshine Linus Quilt Show & Open Day 2023

Sunshine Linus is holding a Quilt Show & Open Day on Saturday August 5 at Uniting Church Hall, Coronation St, Nambour from 9am to 3pm. They will have gift stalls with quilts and craft items for sale, displays of the items we make, craft traders and raffles. Admission is \$10 which includes a yummy home made morning tea. Enquiries: sunshine-linus@gmail.com.

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'Woombye will be back to normal soon but we need your support,' says business owner

WOOMBYE'S new-look Blackall Street will be open for business by June 28. And it can't come too soon for the Blackall Street businesses struggling with reduced trade over the past seven months due to parking, traffic, and visitor disruptions.

Council's Blackall Street Streetscape Project has stifled patronage of the bustling town, according to one business owner.

She said the roadworks, which began October last year, had been "extremely detrimental" to her and other businesses.

"The number of customers has severely dropped and so our takings have dropped," she said. "It's been an extremely stressful time, coupled with inflation rising and our mortgages rising. We only hope that our customers will return once this is all over."

"I've had my business in Woombye for over 11 years and this is the hardest and most stressful it's ever been and we need people

to come back to town. All the businesses are feeling the effects."

The opening of a Heritage Trail, associated with the Streetscape Project, will take place on June 28 with construction work due to be completed before that date.

"My suggestion is that on the completion of the streetscape, once all the roadworks etc are gone, maybe the Woombye Business and Community Association could do a big push and spread the word that 'Woombye is open for business again and businesses need your support,'" said the businessperson.

Council's Placemaking Team consulted with the Woombye community, starting in November 2020, regarding the makeover.

Shady street trees and garden beds have been planted to cool the footpath, beautify and extend the green, leafy look and feel, to the west of the town centre.

Infrastructure summit points to opportunities for Nambour

PROMISING opportunities for Nambour, in its role as a hinterland gateway, were highlighted at the inaugural Sunshine Coast Infrastructure Summit, held on Friday (June 2).

Government representatives, community leaders and business owners were challenged at the summit to inform a prioritised infrastructure plan through to 2050.

Local businesswoman and chair of the Nambour Groups organisation Rhonda Billett said the meeting identified challenges and opportunities for Nambour and surrounds.

"The hinterland areas have become increasingly popular as places to live and visit during Covid and now post Covid," she said.

"We have a lush green landscape here in the hinterland gateway, with natural waterways and abundant wildlife that is proving to be one of this region's biggest drawcards and an asset to nurture into the future."

Opportunities also existed with Nambour chosen to host a 2032 Olympic event at the Parklands Mountain Biking facility. "Our international visitors will require accommodation and transportation in the Nambour and surrounding areas and we will be looking for private investment and government investment to assist regarding this future forecast."

"We can't afford to miss any opportunities that will enhance our local towns, improve our transport systems and grow local employment opportunities while maintaining a great lifestyle that we all love whether you are a long time local or a visitor to the area."

"We will also have large projections of people wanting to move to this area over the next 25 years, so brainstorming concepts on how we deal with this, as well as identifying how to pay for much-needed infrastructure is imperative."

"Personally, I think we have to get the balance right between infrastructure implementation whilst preserving our environment that we are famous for in this Gateway Hinterland



Fairfax MP Ted O'Brien, Rhonda Billett and Cr David Law attended the summit.

region."

• Regularly updated investor pathway links are available on the "I Am Nambour" web site (www.IAmNambour.com.au) to encourage potential investors in the "Hinterland Gateway" region.

Breakfast Meeting to promote Nambour's role as Hinterland Gateway

Nambour Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Sunshine Coast Council, will be hosting a meeting in the Nambour CBD-Lowe St Town Square from 8am-10.30am June 21.

The comprehensive coffee catch up aims to connect people, but to also discuss the future of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Gateway region.

If you own a local business, are a property owner or you run a local club from the Visit Sunshine Coast Sub-Region (Eudlo, Palmwoods, Woombye, Diddillibah, Nambour or Bli Bli) are invited to come along, have a coffee and catch up. RSVP is preferred for catering purposes phone Maree on 0408 549 571.



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The work was completed by Graeme Brown and Brett Warren of SignTown in Nambour at the former Jacksons Cafe.

Shopfront wraps brighten CBD square

AN empty tenancy in the Nambour CBD has been brightened with shop front window wraps showcasing parking solutions in town and the Nambour Vintage Op Shop Map.

Nambour Chamber of Commerce, Nambour Tram Co, Nambour Retailers Group and Reimagine Nambour collaborated on the project with Sunshine Coast Council. The work was completed by Graeme Brown and Brett Warren of SignTown in Nambour at the former Jacksons Cafe which has remained empty for some years and fronts the town square on the corner of Lowe and Short Streets.

"We wanted to add some colour and vibrancy until the space becomes tenanted," said Nambour Groups organiser and local business-woman Rhonda Billett.

Ms Billett said the most popular pages on the www.IAmNambour.com.au web site include the Vintage Shopping Map followed closely by the Nambour Parking Map.

"These window wraps are delivering on sharing the popular I Am Nambour web site pages featuring the maps created last year even further.

"After a successful launch of the I am Nambour Brand and #ExploreNambour concepts at the start of this year, we are really seeing some positive results.

"At this early stage things are looking very encouraging from an economic improvement perspective for Nambour. This is something that our Nambour Groups can be very proud of achieving together."

Council's quarry lease plan raises trucking safety concerns

A growing number of locals are concerned about a possible increase in heavy truck usage due to Sunshine Coast Council's intentions regarding the Dulong and Image Flat Quarries, according to a resident.

Council is seeking Expressions of Interest to lease the quarry sites to a suitably qualified commercial operator.

"At the end of the EOI process, Council has the option to either continue to operate the Image Flat and Dulong quarry sites or to lease the quarries to a commercial operator," a Council spokesperson said.

However a statement from David Prior of Image Flat Road, on behalf of other concerned residents, raises safety concerns.

"Sadly, Council has shown little concern for the public or the obvious safety issues over the years in this matter," he said.

"There is no denying (this) will greatly increase the heavy truck usage on the main 'residential' roads between the two quarries. This requires navigating the serious S bends down the range, passing small medical centres, a local shopping centre, a newly established child daycare centre, a disability rehabilitation centre, a roundabout with a public bus stop, and numerous school bus services.

"Should Council proceed with this course of action, they are taking a very big safety gamble at the public's expense."

Mr Prior said the effective usefulness of the quarries had all but passed. This was evidenced by Council's own assessment that they are no longer viable to operate.

"However, Council has now embarked on a last-ditch attempt to gouge some final revenue from what has been a worthy enterprise and good servant to the community in the past, but now becomes a very real safety risk to the community it once served. Now is the time for Council to act creatively and find a way to close these tired old sites requiring them to take on responsibility and the challenges ahead in relation to the foregoing safety issues."

Council's Group Executive of Built Infrastructure Scott Taylor said he understood there was community apprehension regarding future quarrying activities in Dulong and Image Flat.

"Since January, Council has been listening to the concerns raised by the community and has facilitated the formation of a Quarry Stakeholder Liaison Group (SLG). The SLG aims to connect community representatives and stakeholders to inform interested parties of the EOI process and any changes to quarry operations that may result from an EOI, if successful," Mr Taylor said.

"Until current arrangements change, Sunshine Coast Council will continue quarrying at Image Flat Quarry and Dulong Quarry in order to provide access to high-grade materials that enable Council to deliver infrastructure to the region in a cost-effective manner."

A council spokesperson said heavy vehicles did not require permission to access the local road network when complying with the general access vehicle conditions set by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator or existing regulatory signage.

"This system ensures over-size or over-mass vehicles are not granted access to unsuitable routes where they may pose a risk to public safety or damage road infrastructure. Council is committed to road safety and advises that the Quarry team conduct safety discussions and inductions for all drivers to the quarry."

The spokesperson said traffic investigations were underway on Sherwell and Image Flat Roads to gain greater insight into current vehicle volumes and speeds. The quarries have been operational for about 50 years. Council uses rock products for 2597km of sealed roads and 474km of unsealed roads.

Div 10 Cr David Law said his position had been clear from the outset.

"When this was considered by Council at the December 2022 Ordinary Meeting I voted against the decision to make an expression of interest to the private sector for the operations of the quarries.

"I have attended the public meetings with the local community to provide information and hear the concerns first-hand from them. I will continue to provide my full support to the community to ensure the best outcome and to support this. I chair the stakeholder liaison group for the local residents of the quarries to engage with the council executives leading the expression of interest process."

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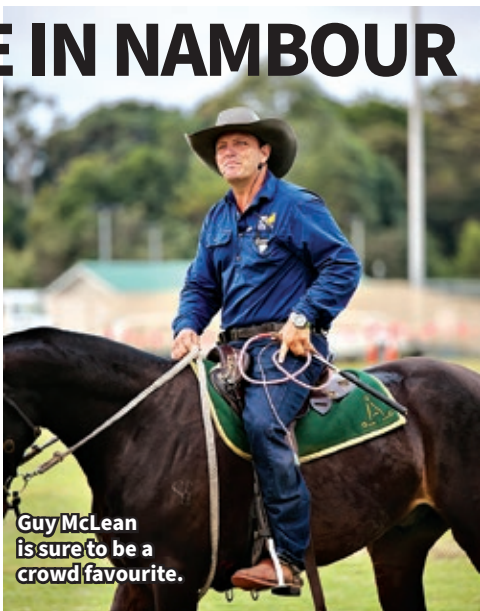
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Mr O'Hara urged people to get their entries in for competitions. "Some sections close early so people should make sure to get their entries in as soon as they can," he said. "If you need help with how to enter, contact the Show Office."

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Guy McLean is sure to be a crowd favourite.

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For frequently asked questions, see the website, and follow the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show on socials.

"We can't wait and we just hope to see everyone at the Show for a spectacular time!" said Mr O'Hara.

► The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show is on June 16, 17 & 18. For information phone 5441 2766 or email manager@sunshinecoastshow.com.au.

Champion precision driver returns to ring

DON'T miss the electrifying return of Gary Baxter, pictured, the extraordinary champion racing driver with a career spanning multiple disciplines, at the upcoming Sunshine Coast Show in Nambour.

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President of Craft Creations Nambour Inc, Colleen Marshall, left, with Heather Sutton and members.

Ladies get crafty in time for Nambour Show

FOR the past 20 years, a group of 25 craft loving local women have met in Nambour on a weekly basis to socialise and enjoy craft.

"We have been so fortunate to have been given a dedicated space to use, at a minimal fee at the Nambour Showgrounds for the past 15 years," said Heather Sutton, of The Girl's Paper Cave and Feather's Nest Creations in Yandina.

Craft Creations Nambour Inc gets together for friendship, fun and all things craft related. "At the beginning of each year we put together a program of what we would like to do each month and then we work through it," Heather explained.

"We explore everything from crochet to beading and card making to sewing. We have a morning tea roster and it is a very rewarding and fun way to spend the morning."

As in previous years, the group will be manning a stall at the Sunshine Coast Show adjacent to the huge number of craft entries at

this year's Show.

"Visitors can chat with us about craft in general and our group in particular," said Heather.

"If there is a spare cabinet for us to use, we will be displaying a selection of our work as well. There will be demonstrations from our members in using alcohol ink to make cards, sewing a bag, crochet, embroidery and wire wrapping a pendant. These have been really popular in the past."

Members of Craft Creations Nambour Inc will be at Sunshine Coast Show for the full three days and will be able to provide information to those who are interested in joining.

"Our Tuesday mornings are a real highlight of the week and we would love to welcome new members," Heather said.

"The Sunshine Coast Show is always such a great opportunity to showcase what we do and we love to think that we can help others get hooked on craft!"

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Unlocking Neuroplasticity: How the Feldenkrais Method can transform lives

BUSINESS WRITEUP:
Sunshine Coast Feldenkrais

PHIL Smith and Liz Page, founders of Sunshine Coast Feldenkrais, are making a difference in people's lives through their unique approach to bodywork.

With their home studio based in Woombye, they offer programs and personalized sessions centered around the Feldenkrais method. Their clients seek to improve their quality of life, alleviate pain, enhance movement, and recover from traumatic experiences.

According to Phil, who brings decades of experience as a builder, carpenter, and Aikido practitioner, the Feldenkrais method has been instrumental in maintaining his structural integrity and ease of movement even at the age of 67. After undergoing prostate surgery, Phil credits the practice for his swift recovery: "I recovered from prostate surgery with no sign of incontinence, and I've helped countless others do the same."

Liz, on the other hand, draws on her background in Emotional Literacy to work predominantly with women, focusing on pelvic health and trauma recovery. By combining the Feldenkrais method with her Embodiment Coaching approach, Liz has helped numerous women develop a deeper connection with their bodies and find inner peace. "Embodied Awareness has been the missing link in many of my clients' recovery from trauma," she said.

The Feldenkrais method is known for



Phil Smith and Liz Page, founders of Sunshine Coast Feldenkrais. The method is known for its ability to stimulate the nervous system.

its ability to engage both mind and body, increasing awareness of the body's holding patterns and stimulating the nervous system. Through this collaborative process, new connections are explored within the neural networks, enabling transformative movement experiences.

► To learn more about the Feldenkrais method or get in touch with Phil and Liz, visit the Sunshine Coast Feldenkrais Facebook page or Liz Page's Embodied Awareness website at www.lizpage.com.au. Experience the power of neuroplasticity and unlock your potential for a more vibrant life.

Rotary Clubs secure land for koala fodder plantation

THE Rotary Club of Woombye-Palmwoods, in collaboration with the Rotary Clubs of Nambour and Maleny, has successfully convinced the Sunshine Coast Council to allocate land for a local fodder plantation. The focus of this initiative is to plant 500 eucalyptus trees, of the varieties favoured by koalas.

Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed, ensuring that a parcel of land near Mapleton will be prepared for the plantation. Trained carers will harvest the branches from these trees to feed orphaned koalas. "Their mothers have died because of car strikes, dog attack or infections such as chlamydia, which requires specialist treatments," said Woombye-Palmwoods Rotary Club President Jan Lawton.

"When they recover, the animals are



Woombye-Palmwoods Rotary Club President Jan Lawton.

returned to the wild where they were found." To support the endeavor, Jan invites volunteers to participate in the planting and ongoing maintenance efforts.

► If you'd like to help please contact Jan at 0439 669 541. Rotary meets at Grounded Coffee Woombye on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6.45am to finish at 7.45am.

Breaking the silence around death and grief

WHY is it that death tends to be such a difficult subject to talk about in our society? And why is it then, that so many people are lost for words when they need to address someone who is grieving the loss of someone close?

Members of the *Tying Up Loose Ends* group include people who have completed end of life support training, an end of life celebrant and a hypnotherapist specialising in trauma resolution, grief and end of life support.

Projects over the last two years have included the development of a website www.tyinguplooseends.com.au and the development of the *Journey of Life Grief Garden*, which was officially opened in April this year and which is adjacent to the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre.

• Upcoming events are a public information



From left, Leigh Phelan, Jodie Brown, Christine Elcoate, Cristina Way, Fleur Adamson, Deb Lovegrove & Jancine Hurst.

session giving at the Maleny Library on 12 June between 2-4pm, and a presentation at Oneness Maleny (behind the Barung Landcare office in Coral Street) on Sunday June 18. For further details, please call Fleur Adamson 0409 470 822.

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People still love a great country Show. Here's proof:

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A large number of trade displays and food vendors did very well at this year's Show and the only hiccup was that the internet was patchy and let various people down during the weekend," said Mr Johnston.

"We have spoken with Telstra about the issue and they have advised that next year they will bring a trailer with a booster network to the site, so we shouldn't have that problem again."

Internationally renowned horseman, Guy McLean, thrilled audiences with his show and the crowd enjoyed the spectacular fireworks display by KC Fireworks, which has become a much loved favourite event each year.

"Across the State, the Maleny Show is considered a premier agricultural Show and it would not be possible if not for the tireless efforts of our Show Society and volunteers," Mr Johnston said.

"It takes six to seven days to set the grounds up and despite the rain, 70 volunteers turned up on Sunday and pulled it all back down again in less than a day.

"This year certainly proved that people still enjoy agricultural Shows and that they continue to play an important role in our community."

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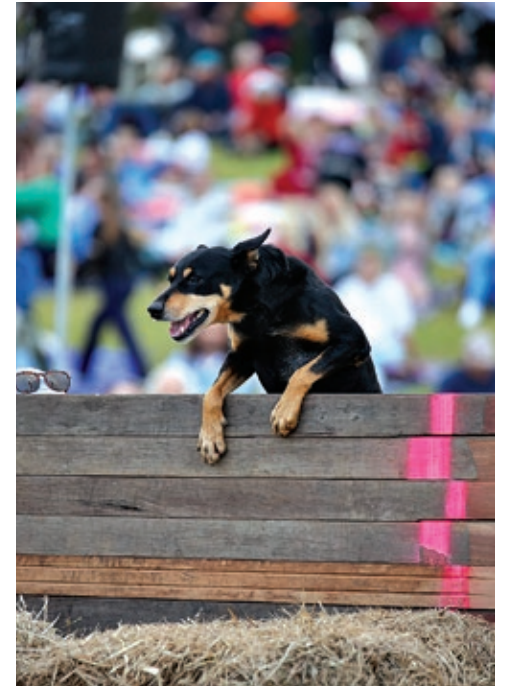


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Montville book honours the sacrifices of local WW1 soldiers

FOR more than 100 years the Montville district has acknowledged that the continued peace we enjoy in Australia began with the sacrifice made by those who served in the First World War.

But the community never really knew very much about those men who went to war from their district. Until now. The latest book in the "Montville Stories Series" puts together the stories of the 53 young men from the Montville district who enlisted in World War One

and explains how their community supported and honoured them.

Montville Remembers: World War One 1914 - 1919, written by Gordon Plowman and Cate Patterson provides a brief historical context and then presents via a roll call the service of each soldier and his life before and after the war.

"The book also recounts the support the community gave them while they were serving, how it was one of only a few communities at that time to honour them with its own medal and a unique memorial, and how it celebrated their return and helped them recover their health and sense of place in the community," said Cate.

"Most were able to lead full and productive lives on their return, a testament to their character and to the community support they received before, during and after the war."



Alf Smith, 1916 ... the much-loved Montville shop keeper lived in the three-storeyed 'Wedding Cake Shop and home' in Main Street for almost 50 years.

LEFT: Montville Remembers: World War One 1914 - 1919 is a tribute to the soldiers, their families and the community that supported them.

During the war years a Montville Patriotic Committee was formed. It worked with the Red Cross to provide send-offs and care parcels for soldiers and to provide for struggling families and repatriated wounded. It conducted peace marches and welcomed home the soldiers who returned. The work of the Patriotic Committee is detailed in the book.

The book also gives the history of the Montville Memorial Gate and Pillars that record the names of those who enlisted, those who were rejected and those who died in active service, and details the memorial trees planted by the school children for the fallen soldiers.

The book is a tribute to the soldiers, their families and the community that supported them.

► It is available from the Montville Post Office and from the Montville Monthly Market at the MVA stall at a cost of \$25.



Urgent notice: Council's pump out service is ending. Time running out for owners

THE Mapleton and District Community Association (MADCA) has issued an urgent reminder to all properties utilising the Pump Out Service organised by the Sunshine Coast Council.

MADCA Pump Out Subcommittee Chair, Tony Brett, advises the service is set to end on July 9 this year and property owners are advised to make alternative arrangements before the deadline.

"After July 9, there will be no further collections unless alternative arrangements have been made," he said.

Mr Brett emphasised the need for property owners or their representatives to act promptly to secure independent alternatives.

To assist in spreading this information, MADCA has provided full details and provider information on their website: www.madca.com.au/documents/project_docs/madca_pump_out_letter_02-2023.pdf

Mr Brett said many property owners may not be aware of the impending change.

"I am aware information and news relating to this change has not reached some remote owners of rental properties, property managers and body corporates.

"To assist, people should contact the owners of your residence or properties under your management that might be impacted, to ensure they have alternative arrangements in place before July 9, 2023."

He said some properties may be suitable for on-site liquid waste processing.

"To assist, Cr David Law has generously offered to act as a conduit for preliminary assessments for property owners.

Information regarding this offer is available at: www.madca.com.au/documents/project_docs/madca_pump_out_letter_05-2023.pdf

MADCA suggests bringing this article to the attention of your property manager/owner and body corporates, through the usual media channels e.g. email, noticeboards, and letterboxes.

Holding tanks offer no treatment and have no outlet. They store raw wastewater until a pumper removes it. This is compared to septic tanks which provide primary treatment by allowing wastewater to separate into three layers.

► In the event of further questions, please contact enquiries@madca.com.au and they will be happy to assist.

Council extends fee relief for temporary housing

SUNSHINE Coast Council will continue to waive permit fees for those having to temporarily live in a tent, car, caravan or mobile home who, due to extenuating circumstances, find it difficult to pay.

This comes as Council recognises the impact of the housing crisis and increasing cost of living pressures.

Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said it was important to provide reassurance to vulnerable people who were living in some form of temporary accommodation.

"Earlier this year we could only reduce the fees associated with temporary dwellings for the current budget cycle, but I want to highlight that those reduced fees will continue into

the new financial year," Cr Law said.

The reduced fee of \$0 came into effect from February 24, 2023, and information on Council's website can assist applicants in understanding and navigating the approval process.

Approval is for a limited duration, depending on the type of temporary home:

- less than three months for a tent
- six months for a car
- 18 months for a bus, caravan, or mobile home.

Where more time is required, the fee to reapply for a temporary home approval is \$392.

However, where Council has previously waived the fee, Council will again take into account any extenuating circumstances.

More than pampering: How regular facials can help to protect and enhance your skin

Wellbeing with Linda Goggan, Sacred Body

DO professional facials offer more than just pampering?

When many of us think facials, we think luxury day spas for the occasional day of self-indulgent pampering. Which on so many levels is true - and why not? There's nothing wrong with the occasional pamper day.

Then, of course, there is the other end of the spectrum when we think problematic skin needs constant professional attention to address acne, rosacea and other chronic issues.

But what if getting regular facials were used not only as a pampering self-care event or to tame non-compliant skin but rather a way to prevent skin damage and then build and maintain healthy glowing skin?

Some may say 'I do my own skin care regime every evening at home, why would I go to a salon when I can just do it at home?'

I would say that having your own skin care rituals in place at home is fantastic and highly encouraged by any skin therapist. But there may be some things that you are missing out on by not having a regular monthly facial with a qualified beauty therapist.

It's a little bit like taking your car for a service. You put fuel in your car and air in your tyres, but you make sure you take it to a professional for a once-over regularly to make sure it's running well and to address any problems before they arise.

Having a facial with a professional is the same thing. Benefits of seeing a professional beauty therapist on a regular basis might include the prevention of potential issues, thoroughly cleansing the pores, fighting the ageing



process, providing renewal and rejuvenation, and you will receive professional advice.

Also, you will find that most salons will have a professional-only range of skincare products that have a multitude of active ingredients.

These will provide high performance for the skin. Along with that, they often use ultrasonic cleansing devices for a deeper cleanse and LED therapy to address ageing and acne prone skin.

► For more information about how regular facials can support you to restore and rejuvenate your way to healthy glowing skin contact Sacred Body on www.sacredbody.com.au.

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HATHA YOGA/PILATES RELAXATION

Hatha Yoga Pilates is held at the Woombye Hall: Sat 9am & Wed 9.30am. Beginners & Seniors welcome. Cost \$10. Call Christine: 5441 6285 (Cert. in Pilates matwork; Dip. IYTA: Yoga Instructor; USC Sport & Exercise minor: Ex. Prescrip. for Health & Rehab.)

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How nice would it be to retire in a beautiful tropical paradise?

For sale, a new home with a legal structural warranty. Good sized living/ dining/ kitchen air conditioned area. Fans in bedrooms with moderate sized balcony front and rear. Larger garden shed, 2 car accommodation and a very large and beautiful garden. The home is situated in the Palmwoods Over 50's Residential Tropical Village. Offers over \$390,000. To enquire, please call 0421 005 121.

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Celebrate and recognise the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth

Everyone is invited to come, celebrate and support NAIDOC Week on the Sunshine Coast from 2-9 July. This year's theme is For Our Elders. Across every generation, First Nations Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. Check out Council's website for event details and more information.

Saddle up for Coastal Country Music Fest

Chase away the winter weather blues with a warm dose of country vibes at Coastal Country Music Fest. Catch five incredible Australian singer-songwriters delivering a sunset session on 22 July at Venue 114. Coastal Country Music Fest will feature some of the industry's freshest home-grown artists including Melanie Dyer, Andrew Swift, Caitlyn Shadbolt, Pete Cullen and Liam Brew. Tickets on sale now via venue114.com.au.

Does your child like to draw?

Enter their native plants and animal art for a chance to win a share of \$3000 in the Wild HeART Student Art prize. Entries close 16 July. Head to Council's website for details.

CUSTOMER CONTACT

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All aboard. Get excited for 10 days of fun for everyone!

Horizon Festival is back from 25 August to 3 September. From the coast to the hinterland, enjoy 10 days of free and ticketed art events, live music, theatre and circus, comedy, family events and so much more. Visit horizonfestival.com.au to book from 15 June.

One for the calendar

Watch Council's 2023-24 annual budget being delivered online or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers - 22 June at 9am. It will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting at 11am.

What was pioneering life really like?

Find out on one of two Lantern Tours of Bankfoot House in Glass House Mountains on 30 June and 7 July. As the sun sets, you'll carry your own lantern and experience an authentic evening tour of this pioneer home without electricity. Tours are free. Bookings essential. To book, visit heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Don't miss the latest gallery exhibitions

Visit Caloundra Regional Gallery to experience the latest exhibitions. 'This is incomplete without you' by Ruby Donohoe and 'A Wearable Canvas' on display until 25 June. Enjoy Ruby's thought-provoking journey alongside a rare chance to see wearable art, usually only presented on a catwalk. Visit gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for details.

Learn more about dog safety this July

Dog Safety Week, 3-7 July, is the perfect time to talk to children about how to be safe around dogs and maybe learn a thing or two yourself about responsible pet ownership. See Council's website for details.

Wonderful way to get healthy in 2023

Have you registered for Council's low-cost Healthy Sunshine Coast program? The 2023 program has kicked off and includes meditation, family yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi and so much more. For information and to register, visit Council's website.

Planned burn season has begun

Keep up-to-date with Council's annual burn schedule on our website and Facebook page. Seven sites across the region will be treated as long as the weather remains dry and conditions are suitable. Planned burns help plant species that rely on fire to regenerate and also reduce fuel on the ground before bushfire season.

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June 2023 events

- Until June 18: **Mater Prize Home open** for viewing at 343 Western Avenue from 9am to 5pm daily until Sunday, June 18.
- June 7-18: **Makers Perspective II** - Bushland Impressions exhibition at Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens, Tanawah. Open daily 10-3pm. Facebook/Instagram: @MakersPerspective.
- June 8-13: Graduates of Diploma of **Photography Exhibition** at The Old Ambulance Station Gallery in Nambour. Opening event June 9 from 6-8pm. Free entry.
- June 9: **Summer Candlelight Concert** featuring Vivaldi's Four Seasons at Flaxton Gardens. Tickets available at www.feverup.com.
- June 9-11: **Conondale Classic Weekend** event, Conondale. www.scmcc.info/classic-weekend
- June 10: **Hinterland Blues QFA** Div 1 Seniors Round 11 v Moreton Bay QFA Div 1 Seniors 2pm, at Jubilee Drive, G Rae Oval.
- June 10: Acclaimed singer-songwriter **Neil Murray performs** at Diddillibah Hall to celebrate his latest album, "The Telling." From 6pm. Tickets www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1022462.
- June 10: Worldwide **Knit and Crochet in Public Day** event hosted by Crochet Australia and QCWA Yandina Branch. 10am-2pm. Contact Lynda at 54728586 or info@crochetaustralia.com.au.
- June 9, 15, 16 and 17: **Estampa world folk jazz band** performs at Eudlo Hall, Maleny Community Centre, The Majestic Theatre in Pomona and Coolum Civic Centre respectively. Visit redchair.com.au and search "estampa".
- June 10, 11, 17, & 18: Experience **Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana"** at Maleny Community Centre. Powerful opera performed by Maleny Singers, accompanied by a 25-piece orchestra. Tickets at trybooking.com or Maleny Information Centre. Matinee performances at 3pm.
- June 11: SCGRL local **Rugby League Round 9**, 3pm Nambour Crushers A Grade Men v Caloundra Sharks at Caloundra
- June 11: **Maroochy River Country Music Club** June Concert featuring twenty singers performing Country to Pop. Doors open at noon. Venue: A.C.M.A. Country Hall of Fame, Steggalls Road, Yandina. Call Darryl at 0458 671 568.
- June 15: **Sunshine Coast Reconciliation**

What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. Please check details with organisers. Contact editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

Group public talk on the Voice to Parliament referendum proposal. June 15, 9.30-11.30am. Tickets www.scrgi.org.au/events/

• June 16, 17 & 18: **Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show**. Phone 5441 2766 or email manager@sunshinecoastshow.com.au.

• June 17: SCGRL Rugby League Round 10, 6pm **Nambour Crushers v Caboolture** at Caboolture.

• June 21, 22: **Piers Lane solo recitals** featuring works by Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Liszt, and Rachmaninov at Lucas Parklands, Montville. Contact 0409 623 228 or 07 5478 5667 for tickets.

• June 23-25: **Graceville Art Festival at St Luke's Lutheran Church, Nambour**. Explore diverse artworks, including the captivating mandalas of featured artist Billie Baxter. For more info and workshop bookings, visit www.gracevilleartfestival.org.au.

• June 24, July 22 (9am): **Nambour Croquet Club "Come and Try Croquet"** at Coronation Drive. Equipment provided. Contact Patrick at 5472 7287 or berpat@bigpond.com.

June 24: **"In Process - Form and Function"** live art, music and dance event from 6pm at Maleny Equestrian Arena. Tickets via davidbongiornoart.com/performance.

• June 24 and 25: **Camellia House Open Days** at 116 Woombye-Palmwoods Road, Palmwoods, from 9am to 4pm. Entry is \$5, with all proceeds supporting the Autism in Children organization. Children free.

• June 28: **Introductory Tai Chi** courses by Taoist Tai Chi Society at Nambour Uniting Church Hall. Obligation-free first session at 9am. Contact Taoist Tai Chi Society for details.

Get your green thumbs ready for Queensland Garden Expo

PREPARATIONS are underway for Queensland's premier gardening event and the largest annual event on the Sunshine Coast - the 2023 Queensland Garden Expo.

One of Australia's most-loved gardening events, the Expo attracts close to 40,000 visitors each year and injects over \$10 million into the Sunshine Coast economy.

With over 360 exhibitors offering an extensive range of gardening-related knowledge, products and plants, this year's award-winning, three-day event will once again have something for every gardener, no matter how experienced they are at nurturing a garden.

Event Chairman, Simon Smith said the team was looking forward to seeing Nambour Showgrounds once again transform into a flourishing seven hectares of gardening inspiration, knowledge sharing and community on July 7.

"The Expo is not just a marketplace with more than 50,000 plants on sale each day, but also a chance to chat with growers and access the best gardening minds in the country," said Mr Smith.

"We have Australia's largest gardening speaker program with more than 100 free lectures and demonstrations across eight live speaker stages featuring Gardening Australia's Sophie Thomson and Jerry Coleby-Williams as well as crowd favourites Phil Dudman, Claire Bickle, Kate Wall, and many more."

Event manager Marion Beazley said this year's event will offer something for everyone. "The Expo covers all corners of the backyard from a feature on keeping domestic chickens to organic veggie growing in the Giant Kitchen Garden," Ms Beazley said.

The Giant Kitchen Garden is a collaboration of many gardening and permaculture groups



The 2023 Queensland Garden Expo will be held from 7-9 July at the Nambour Showgrounds.

from across the Sunshine Coast region, coming together to help create a piece of gardening paradise.

"But it's not just about the great outdoors - indoor plants and floral arranging is more popular than ever and we've got extensive information, products and displays."

The Queensland Garden Expo first opened its gates in 1985 and has become a much-loved Sunshine Coast tradition for the most experienced green thumbs and absolute gardening beginners alike.

"This event also has a massive impact on the local economy, with around 65 per cent of visitors travelling from outside the region," Ms Beazley said.

"While we are a not-for-profit event, we inject more than \$10 million into the local economy; through accommodation, hospitality, flights, retail and a range of community organisations."

► The 2023 Queensland Garden Expo will be held from 7-9 July at the Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Avenue, Nambour. Visit www.qldgardenexpo.com.au.



The event features a range of tracks for riding all day Saturday and Sunday

Watch vintage dirt bike action at the Conondale Classic

ENJOY the nostalgia, thrills and style of vintage dirt biking across multiple tracks including motocross, enduro, grasstrack and trials at this year's Conondale Classic Weekend on June 9-11 2023.

Green Park Conondale offers stunning scenery, delicious food, drinks, stalls, swap meets, camping and entertainment.

But the main draw card for riders around Australia is the challenging tracks specifically designed and maintained for vintage motocross riding, providing a unique and authentic experience for riders and spectators.

The Classic Weekend event attracts over 500 vintage dirt bike riders, 1000 motorbikes on display and 1500 spectators each year, creating a vibrant community of riders and fans.

The event features a range of non-competitive tracks for riding all day Saturday and Sunday, including the natural terrain MX track, Pre-1995 MX, multiple vinduro loops through the hills, technical trials sections and the infamous grass track, all with ample shaded areas for spectators to enjoy.

The Conondale Classic Weekend is known for its festive atmosphere, with live music, food and beverage vendors, and other attractions that make it a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

The event is organized by a dedicated team of volunteers who are passionate about vintage dirt bikes and committed to providing a high-quality and safe riding environment.

Traditional owners acknowledged at Chenrezig Institute smoking ceremony

MOOLOOLAH Kabi Kabi/ Gubbi Gubbi Auntie Bridgette Chilli Davis performed a special Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country at Chenrezig Institute on May 16 to acknowledge the site's traditional owners.

A crowd of 80 people attended including Federal Fisher MP Andrew Wallace, Mayor Mark Jamieson and Councillor Maria Suarez.

A painting by Auntie Bridgette was unveiled. It represented the traditional owners' spiritual connections to the culturally sacred site.

Established in 1974 Chenrezig Institute for Wisdom Culture is the first ever Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Centre in Australia and one of the first in the Western world.

The Institute sits on 160 acres of once unused, sparsely forested land above Eudlo and Mooloolah. The area is now a lush regenerated subtropical rainforest complete with native wildlife which serves as a retreat for Buddhist study and meditation.

Chenrezig Institute conducts courses to the general public in Buddhist philosophy and psychology, sacred art painting and crafts, yoga, creative writing and the 'Dharma Kids' children's workshop.

It offers accommodation facilities, a vegetarian Big Love Cafe, an art studio, a wellbeing centre for venue hire, and the Garden of Enlightenment, where people house the ashes of their loved ones in a beautiful setting.

Over nearly 50 years many Tibetan Lamas



have been resident teachers at the Chenrezig Institute, each contributing to the range and depth of Buddhist teachings offered. In 2011, Chenrezig Institute hosted a visit by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, which was attended by over 4000 people.

"Chenrezig Institute's long history in serving and supporting our community in providing teaching in Buddhism, Meditation, Well-being, Arts and Yoga has contributed to the social fabric of our region," said Mayor Mark Jamieson.

"The unique 160 acres of sub-tropical parkland and facility has attracted tens of thousands of visitors each year, including His Holiness the Dalai Lama, which helps to boost the tourism and economy of our beautiful Sunshine Coast."

Yandina Country Music

BRING your dancing shoes for the chance of a dance as Yandina welcomes guest artists Wotuget to the ACMA concert on Sunday June 18.

The crowd will enjoy popular country music and other upbeat, crowd-pleasing favourites from local artists backed by a great house band.

Guaranteed entertainment! See you at the Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road, 12 noon start. Raffle and door prizes, byo lunch, free tea and coffee. Entry \$8. Enquiries 0437 191 004.

Concert Reschedule

THE Mapleton Choir has had to cancel the June performances of "A Celebration of Australian Legends" due to illness both in the choir and in the community. We apologise for any inconvenience but community safety is a priority.

We have been able to reschedule for one concert on Sunday 9 July at 2.30 pm at Kureelpa hall. \$20 tickets are available at the door or phone Ailsa on 5478 6079.



Figurative artist David Bongiorno works with dancer and choreographer Fiona Jopp at last year's event. Image: Ketakii Jewson-Brown

Experience live dance, art and music in Maleny

"IN Process - Form and Function" is an immersive live performance challenging the boundaries between product and process, studio, stage and gallery.

The event is a collaboration between figurative artist David Bongiorno, dancer and choreographer Fiona Jopp and singer and composer Tobias Merz. Described as something you would see in New York or Edinburgh festival, last year's performance, In Process 2022, was described by David as "deconstructing the human form and the self".

This year the performance introduces original music, live singing, a larger venue, newly developed approaches and a new improvised dance score all of which have developed as a response to the premiere.

As well as driving the pursuit of creative excellence, 'In Process' as a concept, gives the Sunshine Coast access to exceptional local artists who have spent a lifetime honing their skills and presenting their work internationally to critical acclaim.

Performances of this calibre are rarely seen outside cities and festivals. It is even rarer to see creatives who have made their home in a regional area performing locally.

In Process - Form and Function: June 24 from 6pm at Maleny Equestrian Arena. Tickets davidbongiornoart.com/performance.

Join BushCare events and create habitat for animals

BushCare News with Norm Morwood

IF you'd like to join Petrie Creek Catchment Care at future BushCare events, creating habitat for our native animals, the next opportunities to join are as follows.

- Namba Creek on Saturday 17 June 2023 starting at 8am (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour).

- Gulung Gung on Wednesday 28 June 2023 starting at 8am (parking is available in the NE part of Aldi Carpark in Howard St Nambour and then walk down to the creek by following the rough track that skirts the north of the carpark. Alternatively walk across the new park from Quota Park off Matthew St).

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then at around 10am we'll finish with a well deserved cuppa.

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

Promote your business via multiple channels, locally

DO you run a great business but wish more local people knew exactly what you could do for them? If so, the brand new Nambour & Hinterland Business Directory is for you.

Because people love reading stories:

Our editorial-based publication will include compelling stories and pictures showcasing local businesses, and creating a vibrant and informative guide for customers. We'll print 15,000 copies of the glossy A4 magazine, featuring categories such as Professional Services, Trades, Automotive, Health & Beauty, Medical, Food & Drink, Retail, Education and more. The magazine will help you promote your business to a local audience through multiple channels over 12 months. Go to www.SVGazette.com.au/nambour-business-directory or email tanya@SVGazette.com.au.

Sat 10 June 3.00 pm
Sun 11 June 3.00 pm
Sat 17 June 3.00 pm
Sun 18 June 3.00 pm

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Head down to the Show June 16-18

David Law
Division 10 Councillor
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Be sure to head down to the Nambour Showgrounds for the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show on June 16, 17 & 18.

There will be horse competitions, games, rides, cookery, art, poultry, cattle, fireworks and so much more! Visit www.sunshinecoast-show.com.au for the full program and to buy your tickets.

Retaining wall works complete

I am happy to advise that the Bade Street retaining wall project has been completed, replacing a 70m section of failing grouted rock retaining wall with a new concrete sleeper retaining wall.

The project also included an upgrade to an existing Unity Water crossing, new kerbing, line marking, fencing and landscaping.

New bus route

Sunshine Coast residents and visitors have long been waiting for an extension of the Translink bus route 631 (Noosa to Nambour via Cooroy and Eumundi) that would take them to The Ginger Factory, Yandina.

Council has worked tirelessly with Translink to make this happen, and the hard work had paid off.

I'm extremely pleased with the bus service extension to The Ginger Factory.

The Ginger Factory has always been a favourite destination for families.

With its fun rides, fascinating tours, and café surrounded by beautiful sub-tropical gardens, it is now easily accessible by public transport.

Visit Translink website for more information about these bus service improvements.

Kulangoor Cemetery Children's Burial Beam Installation

I would like to advise the community that Council has completed construction on the Children's Burial Beam located at Kulangoor Cemetery. The new beam is 20m long, incorporating 25 graves with turf laid around the beam.

New Maleny Skate Park half pike

Winston Johnston
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A brand new eight-metre-wide half pike will be constructed in Maleny, just in time for the summer school holidays.

The popular existing metal half pike, adjacent to the main concrete skate park within the Maleny Showgrounds, will be demolished this month. The new eight-metre-wide half pike will feature four-to-five-foot transitions and a high performance Skatelite wear surface. Tenders have now closed, and work is expected to commence in the coming months.

We have worked closely with the Maleny community on this project, and heard loud and clear that these free recreational facilities for youth, families and the young-at-heart are so important to support physical and mental health. The main concrete skate park within the showgrounds remains open for action. Otherwise, head out and explore one of the other 26 skate parks across our region.

Lemon Park sewer connection

I am happy to advise that the works to upgrade the Public Amenities at Lemon Park in Palmwoods will commence in early-June. The works are expected to be completed in 1-2 weeks and involve the decommissioning of the existing holding tank and redirecting the sanitary drain to the main sewer line.

Grants for rural property owners - open now!

Rural landowners within Division 5 can apply for financial help to complete on-ground environment projects on their private property, with Sunshine Coast Council's Landholder Environment Grants now open. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for projects like bush regeneration; reducing sediment loss on farms; control of environmental weeds; modifying non-boundary fencing to make it wildlife friendly; revegetation of degraded areas; and to establish vegetation corridors and buffer zones.

Please read the Landholder Environment Grant Guidelines at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/grants to submit your expression of interest before 14 August 2023.

New College in Palmview

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



We know that the education of our next generation is the most important investment we can make.

That's why it was a delight to join Education Minister Grace Grace MP to open Palmview State Secondary College.

The new \$109 Million campus is one of the 4 new schools being opened this year thanks to the Palaszczuk Government's \$3 Billion Building Future Schools Program.

The new campus includes modern university-like facilities including a dedicated science centre, brand-new administration centre, a junior learning centre, multi-purpose sports hall, and a hospitality and food services centre.

Funding Approved for 91 Sports Clubs

I'm committed to supporting sports and recreation in our community, which is why we are backing 91 clubs for new infrastructure projects.

Congratulations to the Nambour Yandina United Soccer Club on receiving \$195,218 to build new changerooms, the Cooroy-Eumundi Cricket Club on receiving \$134,547 to upgrade their training nets, and the Palmwoods Tennis Club for receiving \$81,814 to resurface their courts.

These are just three of the 91 Queensland sports clubs that are sharing in \$16.35 million for new or upgraded field lighting, ramps and pathways, cycle trails, skate parks, outdoor exercise equipment, new playing spaces, court upgrades, female-friendly change rooms and amenities.

NSW Feeling the Origin Blues

As a final highlight to a busy week, I performed my civic duty as a Queenslander, cheering on the Maroons as they took home the first Origin game of the year.

It was close at the start, but in the end, Queenslanders did what we do best - leaving NSW in second place!

I look forward to seeing Queensland take home the Origin trophy later this year.

WCBA already planning for next Happy Days event

WITH the first of what is hoped to be many *Woombye Happy Days* events under their belts, members of the Woombye Community Business Association (WCBA) are already planning ahead for next year.

The first Happy Days event was a fun and colourful family friendly event held on May the 7th, and it attracted a great response from both the local community and Rock 'n' Roll enthusiasts.

"We were very happy to see so many people get involved and it seemed like a good idea to start putting our heads together for next year so that we can grow this celebration, year on year," said WCBA President, Nathan Major.

Halls booked for May 5, 2024

"Availability for the Woombye Hall is always tricky to secure because it is such a well loved and utilised community space. Accordingly, we are really excited to have confirmed both halls for Sunday May 5 next year because that happens to be the Labour Day long weekend, and the following Monday is a Public Holiday," he said.

"We feel that will make it more attractive for people to come out on a Sunday afternoon, when they don't have to think about school or work the following day."

There are many and varied ways businesses, organisations and members of the community can pitch in to make next year's Happy Days celebration a success.

"It can be anything from volunteering ideas, time, money, goods or even decorating your business with a Happy Days theme," Mr Major said.

"We have plenty of time to get our thinking caps on and we would love to hear from any interested parties about how we can refine, expand and improve for next year," he said.

To get in touch with the WCBA, you can write to woombyecommunity@gmail.com

"We would love as many people as possible to join us and get into the spirit of things."

Thanks to our first responders

Ted O'Brien
Federal Member for Fairfax
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Wednesday 7 June is Thank a First Responder Day, when Australians come together and show appreciation for our police, ambulance and emergency service workers. I visited the Maroochydore Fire Station recently to present them with a new flag and thank them for the great work they do for our community.

Supporting Volunteers

Sociologists like Hugh Mackay point to the Sunshine Coast as a region that has the highest levels of 'social capital', evidenced, in part, by the number of residents who volunteer their time to help others.

We should be justifiably proud of this commitment to our local community and that's why I was delighted to secure funding of \$66,000 to support local volunteers under the latest round of Volunteer Grants.

Congratulations to the 34 community groups in Fairfax who will share in this funding, including:

- \$3745 to Nambour Meals on Wheels;
- \$3000 to Yandina School of Arts;
- \$2400 to Mapleton Men's Shed;
- \$1560 to Woombye Snakes Football Club;
- \$1500 to the Lions Club of Blackall Range; and
- \$2000 to the Nambour Community Pre-school and Kindergarten.

Nambour Show

The 2023 Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show is fast approaching (16-18 June) and Team Ted will again be there every day. Please come down and say hi and collect a show bag while you are there.

Use live traps to avoid secondary risks

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

THE cold weather arrives and all those pesky little animals want to move inside! As soon as this happens, many people reach for some cruel options to deal with the problem.

Rat baits are often chosen. The anticoagulant poisons cause internal bleeding that results in a painful death, taking up to ten days for the poor animal to die.

These also cause so much loss of life to our native animals if they eat the bait. It is the secondary poisoning that also makes the death count add up. The dead mouse dies out in the middle of the yard and along comes a bird thinking it has found an easy meal. Many of these products are said to be safe for native animals. Our WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline says otherwise. We have picked up too many animals in the latter stages of dying.

Some baits, such as Racumin, are said to minimize the risk of this secondary poisoning. Personally, I'd rather use live traps. Then the animal/s can be checked to see if a feral or a native species.

To make baits more inaccessible to animals such as possums, the bait can be secured inside a small pipe, or other inaccessible place. I'd prefer to eliminate these toxic elements from our environment. It is distressing to pick up a sick possum, that is later found to have ingested bait.

Usually they are very emaciated and often bleeding from body cavities. One I collected from North Arm some months ago was at death's door but was still trying to drink from the swimming pool.

Don't get me started on glue traps! Fortunately, there is more awareness of the suffering caused by these solutions. It always seems rather weird that some people don't realize that animals feel pain too.

Forgive our scepticism on the latest vision for rail

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



Tuesday 23 May saw a very important planning document slip quietly into the public domain.

There was no fanfare, nor official government notice, just an announcement on social media platform LinkedIn.

The document was the "Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy (SSCPTS)" dated March 2023, produced by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

I downloaded a copy and saved it for when it will later likely disappear amongst the other unfulfilled strategies, plans and studies that governments do not want found - or worse still, don't want referenced in someone's column.

Documents similar to this for the SEQ region - for example "Connecting SEQ 2031" (produced in 2011) - have vague motherhood statements on transport and detailed glossaries on infrastructure, with grand intentions that sound good. But they actually mean nothing without equivalent budget expenditure.

At least Connecting SEQ 2031 (produced in 2011) had this caveat: "Connecting SEQ 2031 is not intended to be backed by full government funding".

I'll refer to it as "Con SEQ 2031" from here on - as that shortened name seems more appropriate.

Con SEQ 2031 is an ideas document (they call it vision), where the visions get pushed back by another decade with every version published.

And, just like a vision, they vaporise only to reappear in the following renamed visionary, strategic, glossy brochure.

Here's an excerpt to prove my point from Con SEQ 2031.

The rail network will be expanded with new rail lines, including Cross River Rail and extensions to north-west Brisbane, Kippa-Ring, Maroochydore, Redbank Plains, Ripley, Flagstone and Gold Coast Airport.

Of those proposed eight rail line extensions, only Cross River Rail and Kippa-Ring have come to fruition.

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Con SEQ 2031, p5, shows the Indicative 2031 passenger rail network concept.

It drew a heavy rail line into Maroochydore. Now to the latest SSCPTS scheme which contains some alarming new visions, of the short-sighted variety.

Bear in mind rail to Maroochydore was promised by the Beattie government in 2007. It was to come to Caloundra by 2015 and Maroochydore by 2020.

There's the \$6 million investment planning study in progress, due for completion by 2024.

The Palaszczuk government has made no financial commitment towards its construction and with the Queensland budget due to be handed down on Tuesday 13 June; time's running out.

It's one sentence, repeated twice in SSCPTS, on pp4 and 11, that raises questions about the process of the investment planning study underway, and reveals a possible cut back of the 37km railway, at Birtinya.

Why does the high-frequency connection only run Maroochydore to Birtinya, and not onto Caloundra?

"The strategy will be used to inform more detailed planning and business case assessments..."

So SSCPTS likely over-rides current and future studies.

"The strategy will provide strategic network context for the detailed business case for a rail line extension into the southern Sunshine Coast and a high-frequency public transport connection between Maroochydore and Birtinya ..."

This is where it gets murky.

Why does the high-frequency connection only run Maroochydore to Birtinya, and not onto Caloundra?

Will heavy rail only run Beerwah to Birtinya?

Finally, this strategy states these 'elements' are required by 2041, thus kicking it all yet another decade into the future.

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187-191 Western Avenue **MONTVILLE**

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Perfectly nestled between the idyllic villages of Maleny and Montville is this 17-acre property with views to the coast, established gardens, rich soil, a main house and a cottage.

- North facing
- Main house and a cottage
- 32,500L rainwater tanks and two dams
- Rich, red soil and abundant plantings
- Perfect future house site to capture views to the coast

The potential here is limitless; await future development opportunities, tourist accommodation, dual living or choose an enviable homesite to build your dream home. This might just be the rural lifestyle you have been seeking!

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41 Obi Vale **NORTH MALENY**

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Tucked away down a treelined driveway, on 5638m² in prestigious North Maleny, this cleverly designed home has so much to offer.

- Contemporary, original design
- Central Northern deck overlooking the dam
- Luxury bathroom plus separate powder room
- Bespoke, matching 8m x 9m shed space
- Impressive, low maintenance gardens and landscaping

With superior privacy, the ability to lock it up and leave and only 3 minutes' drive from Maleny township, this property will certainly fulfill many requirements on your wish list.

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72 Watson Lane **REESVILLE**

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You will immediately feel a sense of peace and tranquility when you escape to this enviable private retreat only 10 minutes' drive from popular Maleny town.

- 31 acres of lush surrounds
- Open-plan living areas with high ceilings
- Oversized main; en suite opening to outdoor heated bath
- Over 50,000 litres of water storage and 2.3kw solar back to grid
- Acres of pristine native forest registered as Land for Wildlife

This unique and spacious residence can be your very own oasis, offering privacy, practicality, and aspect.

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1150 Maleny Stanley River Road **BOOROOBIN**

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

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

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

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The outdoor area is perfect for those who love to entertain, with a large covered alfresco area and a beautiful landscaped garden.

Burnside abode boasts elevated views

AGENT'S CHOICE: 60 Altitude Drive, Burnside.
Auction on site Thursday, 15 June at 4pm.

THIS beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom property is sure to impress. Situated on a generous 630 sqm land area and featuring a spacious double garage with ample storage space, this immaculate home is located in the sought-after suburb of Burnside, and is close to all amenities including schools, shops, and public transport.

As you step inside, you will be greeted by a light-filled and open-plan living area that is perfect for entertaining guests or relaxing with family. The kitchen is modern and well-equipped with stainless steel appliances and plenty of bench space.

The bedrooms are all generously sized and offer plenty of natural light and storage space. The master bedroom features a hidden walk-in wardrobe and a luxurious ensuite.

The outdoor area is perfect for those who love to entertain, with a large covered alfresco area and a beautiful landscaped garden.

Plenty of room for a pool or shed.
This property is perfect for families or those who love to entertain.

► This is a fantastic opportunity to secure your dream home. The Auction will be held on site on Thursday, June 15. Contact the selling agent, Dani Parés of Ray White Nambour on 0468 918 856 to arrange an inspection.



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How nice would it be to retire in a beautiful tropical paradise?

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A new home with a legal structural warranty. Good sized living / dining / kitchen air conditioned area. Fans in bedrooms with moderate sized balcony front and rear. Larger garden shed, 2 car accommodation and a very large and beautiful garden. The home is situated in the Palmwoods Over 50's Residential Tropical Village.

To enquire, please call 0421 005 121

Entry level Flaxton delight



21 Ensby Road, Flaxton. Offers over \$699,000.
THIS spacious 4-bedroom brick home (3 bedrooms with converted garage) on an 840m² block is priced to sell.

Walk in past the large, covered carport and the front door immediately opens up to a stone-tiled open-plan living space. The lounge room has been updated with a gorgeous floating floor, while the extensive kitchen features an open-wall design that looks out onto the dining room and lounge.

The large fully fenced backyard has wonderful potential, and sports a small garden shed with established gardens and plenty of room to grow herbs and vegetables. For more information call Remax Nambour's listing agent Scott Walters on 0447 474 982.



At the end of a winding driveway, the home is built in a perfect, open sunny position, taking advantage of the picturesque northerly views across the valley and ridge lines beyond.

Peaceful retreat at Reesville

PROPERTY of the WEEK: 72 Watson Lane, Reesville. Price by negotiation.

ESCAPE to this enviable private retreat only 10 minutes' drive from Maleny.

In an ever-busy world, property of this calibre is becoming more and more sought-after.

The 31 acres of lush surrounds has open grass areas, forest walking tracks, revegetation areas, a spring-fed creek and abundant wildlife, with koalas, wallabies, echidnas and many bird species frequently seen.

Acres of pristine native forest are registered as Land for Wildlife.

At the end of a winding driveway, the home is built in a perfect, open sunny position, taking advantage of the picturesque northerly views across the valley and ridge lines beyond.

This unique and spacious residence can be your very own oasis, offering privacy, practicality, and aspect.

The well-presented, single level home has four bedrooms, a study and two bathrooms

with open-plan living areas featuring high ceilings and north facing windows.

Large, covered verandahs offer views over the native shrubs and lawn, to the forest.

The well-appointed kitchen has warm timber cabinetry and benchtops and in the living area there is a wood fire, perfect for cosy winter nights.

A large home office boasts built-in cabinetry and lovely views.

The oversized main bedroom has an en suite opening to an outdoor heated bath.

The property has an inground swimming pool, large carport plus rambling sheds, and a grow tunnel.

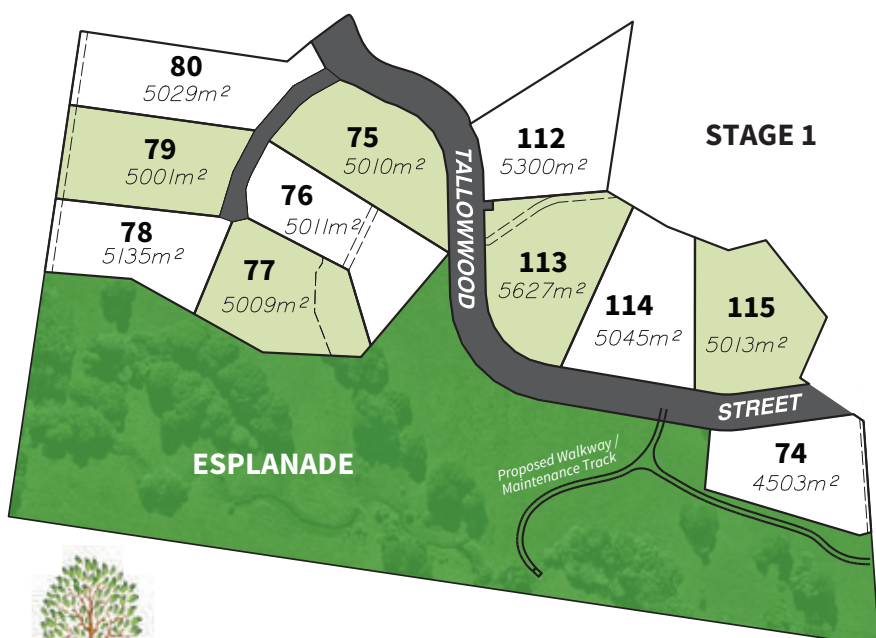
There is over 50,000 litres of tank water storage and a 2.3kw solar system back to grid.

► An inspection is essential to appreciate all this unique property has to offer. Contact selling agent, **Jess Luthje of Maleny & Hinterland Realty** today on 0438 616 064 to arrange a viewing.



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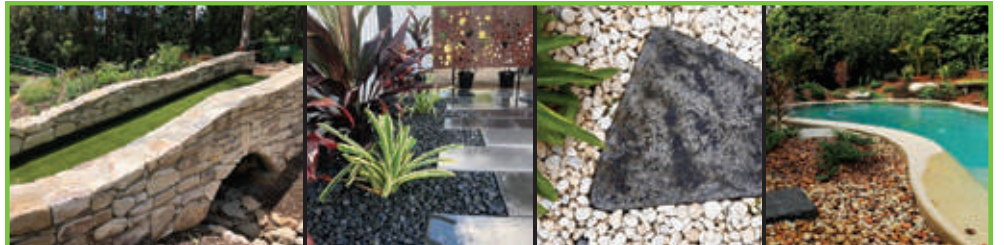
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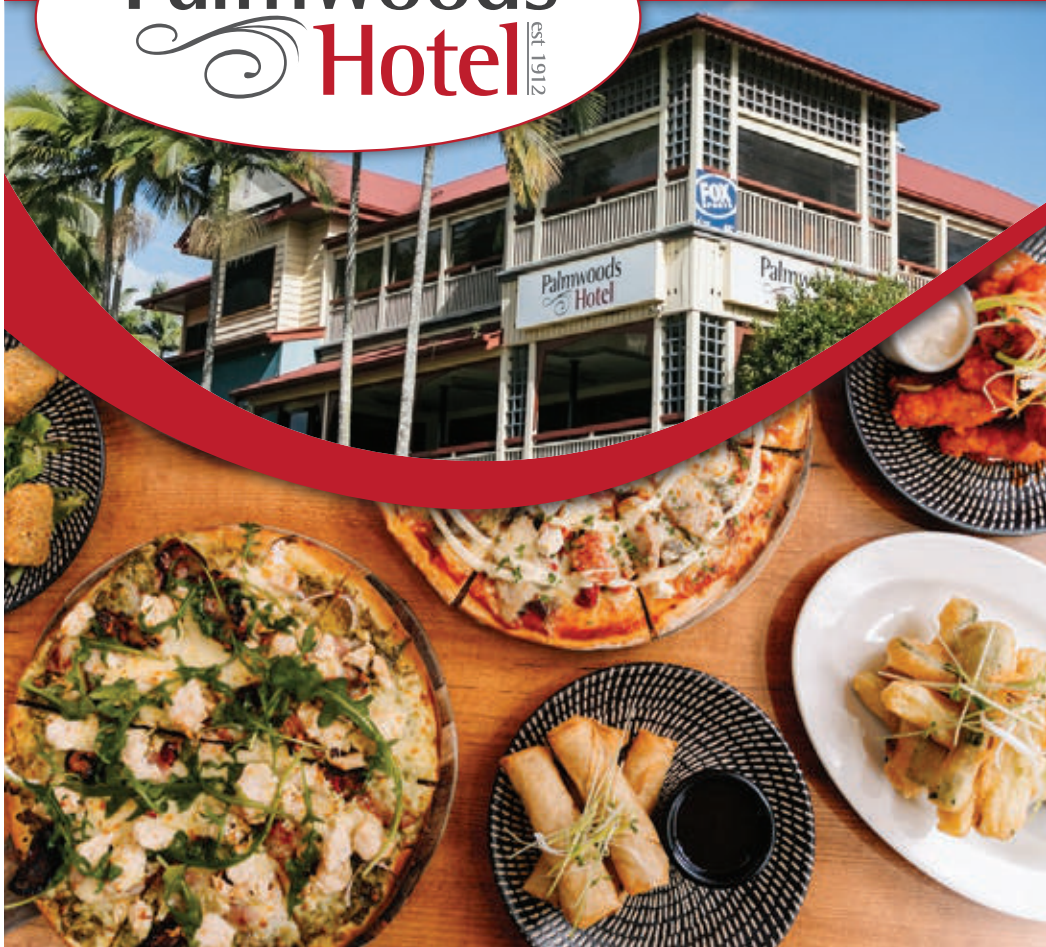
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