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'I am Nambour' ... local businesswoman Rhonda Billett is one of the brand ambassadors for the town's unifying new look unveiled at a Reimagine Nambour launch yesterday.

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Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show returns to Nambour June 11-13

WITH online tickets, car park shuttle buses and all your favourite show staples, enjoying a day out at the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show will be an absolute breeze.

Back this year at Nambour Showgrounds from 11-13 June, Show Manager Penny Walsh said show organisers had worked closely with Queensland Health over the past 12 months in light of COVID-19.

"We have done everything possible to make sure we get it right and ensure that Sunshine Coast families and visitors will have a safe and fun experience at the show," Ms Walsh said. "We have rearranged the layout of the showgrounds to allow for social distancing.

"All the unique Sunshine Coast Show traditions our community knows and loves, such as our much-loved competitions, animals, food, sideshow alley, showbags and entertainment will be back. We are so excited to bring back the V8 Super utes, Rolly Polly Cars, Monster Trucks and wood chopping events as well as the fireworks and laser light show which will light up the sky over three nights.

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Ingenious wearable art on display at Show

THE work of award winning Nambour photographer and wearable art designer Larissa Salton will be showcased at the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show.

"My hope is that my work will touch people and make them think," Larissa said. "I think that people appreciate and enjoy the texture and colour of my art, and the fact that it is not fake or mass produced out of a factory."

Larissa had always been a creative person but her venture into wearable art began in 2018 when she created a wearable art piece for a photographic shoot.

"It was a Charles Dickens inspired dress, made out of paper," Larissa said. "I entered it in the Nambour Show and it won. After the exhibition, I was actually going to burn the dress for a photography project, but Jenny McKay (who was a Sunshine Coast Councillor at the time), would not hear of it and the dress basically spent the following year going 'on tour' from the Nambour Council chambers, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra Photography Club to the Brisbane Botanical gardens.

"I was soon contacted by



The amazing wearable art of Larissa Salton, pictured with model, above, will be showcased at the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show at Nambour Showgrounds.

Wendy Roe founder of Australian Wearable Art Festival asking if it could be used as a display in the Berkelouw Book store window at Eumundi for advertising the festival here on the Sunshine Coast."

At this year's Nambour Show Larissa will be dressing six mannequins, based on the events of the past two years "The Elements" of air, earth, spirit, water and fire.

"Each piece has a placard



which explains what it represents," Larissa said. "I have used a very broad array of materials including polystyrene, papier mâché, curtain material, damask, cotton, chicken feathers, paper, books, maple tree leaf and

seeds and natural dyes. Every gown also has a stunning headpiece."

Larissa re-purposes and up-cycles materials from Op Shops, Recycling Centres or donations from friends and family to create her pieces.

"I love the idea of re-thinking, recycling, reusing and repurposing materials to create art. Over the past year people have become more interested in arts and crafts and generally getting back to basics. It is one of the positive things to have come out of what has been a very difficult time for so many."

Last year, Larissa started holding photography workshops to shoot her wearable art pieces. "I have been thrilled with the enthusiasm from local photographers for this concept and completely blown away by the talent we have here on the Sunshine Coast."

In response to the popularity of her wearable art pieces, Larissa has also started wearable art workshops. "It is immensely gratifying that people are tapping into what I am doing and exploring their own creativity while at the same time, recycling and repurposing materials from all sorts of places. It is an exciting time for people to express themselves in this way."

You can see more of Larissa's stunning art and learn more about her workshops by visiting www.larissasalton.com.au

After 24 years, Desrae has almost all the answers

WHEN it comes to questions about Montville, Desrae Woolley has heard them all.

Where's the best view? Is there a less windy road down the range? And most importantly, what should I do while I'm visiting?

"Nothing surprises me anymore," she laughed.

Desrae has been a volunteer at the Montville Visitor Information Centre (VIC) for the past 24 years, having started the position when the first VIC opened up in town in September 1997.

Today Desrae works in the VIC operated by Visit Sunshine Coast in its current home on Main Street, and this year was 'honoured' to be nominated in the Sunshine Coast Volunteer of the Year Awards.

"I'm really pleased, I never expected it," she said.

Desrae first got involved in visitor servicing after seeing an ad in the paper. When she first started out she had never worked in tourism, and made it her mission to learn everything there was to know about Montville, including places to stay, where to eat, lookouts and



Visit Sunshine Coast Visitor Servicing Coordinator Beth Mahoney and Montville Visitor Information Centre Volunteer Desrae Woolley.

walks to explore.

As you can imagine a lot has changed in 24 years, and part of the role Desrae has enjoyed is watching the evolution of Montville's tourism offerings, especially accommodation.

"The first accommodation I ever went to was Country Cabins and that was great, it had a swinging bed and you

put two dollars in the machine and it rained on the roof," she said.

But she said the best part of being involved in the VIC over the years has been the friendships made along the way.

Visit Sunshine Coast Visitor Servicing Coordinator Beth Mahoney said Desrae was a "much loved part of the Mont-

ville team".

"Desrae attends all our famils and events, and takes the time prior to every shift to pop into local businesses, confirm their opening hours and say hello on behalf of Team Sunshine Coast," she said.

"The dedication she has for volunteering is truly inspiring."

Got a yearning for yarn? You're invited to Yandina's 'Knit in Public' Day

THE Yandina Branch of the Country Women's Association (QCWA) is hosting a World-wide Knit (and Crochet) in Public Day celebration on Saturday 12 June from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

This event is open to the public (whether you are a knitting and/or crochet novice or an expert) and will be held at the QCWA Division Hall at 11 Stevens Street Yandina.

The theme for the event will be flowers.

Yarn, knitting needles and patterns will be available or you can bring along your own project to work on and share ideas.

Morning tea will be available by donation and there will be a raffle with the prize donated by Crochet Australia.

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Who's a good boy? ... Suncoast Christian College VETiS Coordinator Leanne Abrahams with Jasper the therapy dog who will support the health and wellbeing of students.

'Just seeing his smiling face gives a boost to your day'

Suncoast Christian College introduces therapy dog

SUNCOAST Christian College is delighted to introduce therapy dog Jasper, a gentle one-year-old brown and white Border Collie.

Jasper started work at the College last week after many months of training and preparation. The Therapy Dog Program supports the health and well-being of students in the Suncoast community. Similar programs are in place in many schools.

Suncoast Christian College VETiS Coordinator Leanne Abrahams completed specialised training with Jasper so that together they have become a certified human-canine therapy team.

Mrs Abrahams said Jasper would support student engagement, assist with social skill development, and aid with self-regulation and calming through individual interven-

tions, small group and class interventions, and visits at various College events.

All students and staff can choose to interact with Jasper if they feel comfortable. He will be closely monitored and managed using verbal commands, leads, and a collar to control his behaviour.

Research shows the positive impact animals have on our health and well-being. Through the development of the human-animal bond (HAB), we can experience reductions in blood pressure, increased oxytocin levels (associated with love and bonding), a decrease in cortisol levels (stress hormone), among many other beneficial physiological and emotional responses. Since animals are non-judgmental and provide unconditional love, they can assist in increasing the

engagement between teacher and student and help as an intrinsic motivator to support participation.

In preparation for this placement, Mrs Abrahams and Jasper have completed an intensive course through Therapy Dogs Australia. Throughout his training, Jasper has demonstrated a high level of obedience and good behaviour, making him suitable to work with children within a school environment.

"We are really excited to have Jasper on the team," said Principal Greg Mattiske.

"This is a wonderful initiative that will bring many benefits to our students in terms of their general well-being over time. Just seeing his smiling puppy face gives a boost to your day. I am not sure who is more excited, the staff or the students!"



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Winter is here: are you fire safety ready?

WINTER is the peak season for house fires, with firefighters responding to an average of 40 incidents per week around the state.

With winter now upon us, Queensland Fire & Emergency Services Acting Area Commander Ashley Dickson urges everyone to think about home fire safety.

Speaking at Nambour Fire Station in Bli Bli Road the Acting Area Commander reinforced the importance of smoke alarms, a fire escape plan and key safety messages to ensure safety this winter.

"Last winter in North Coast Region alone firefighters

responded to 65 structure fires," Mr Dickson said.

"House fires can move fast and can happen to anyone in any type of home. Having working smoke alarms and a well practised fire escape plan will save lives.

"Don't be complacent and think it won't happen to you. The reality is most fires are caused by every day items such as cooking equipment, faulty or poorly maintained appliances, and flammable materials placed too close to heat sources."

Mr Dickson said it was important for household to have working interconnected

photo electric smoke alarms.

He also urged families to create and practice a fire escape plan. "More than a third of young families don't know what they do in the event of a house fire," he said.

"A fire escape plan takes less than five minutes and is a simple way to ensure your family knows how to make their way out of a burning house. Young people and the elderly are most at risk so it's especially important to consider how they will escape safely."

• For more information and to make your fire escape plan visit qfes.qld.gov.au/fireescape



QFES Nambour crew members, from left, Adam Bowern, Acting Area Commander Ashley Dickson, Steve Evans, Harley Cross and Jacksyn Pike urge everyone to take simple precautions to prevent fires in the home.

Bikers assemble for Classic Weekend: 'free reign over natural terrain'

THE TeamMoto Classic Weekend, now in its second year at Green Park in Conondale, will host hundreds of riders across five tracks this weekend June 11-13.

The vintage event is a non-competition, recreational ride. So riders can complete as many laps or as few as they like across the five tracks.

Shannon's will be hosting the Pre-78 MX track, with a second "open" MX track for all pre-95 bikes, plus a vinduro loop, trials area and popular grass track for riding Saturday and Sunday.

A range of motorbikes, parts

and accessories will be available all weekend.

Trade stalls will be operating Saturday and Sunday. Hosts, the Sunshine Coast Historical Bike Society, will have a display. Among the riders will be Jeff Leisk, who in 1988 won all three classes (125cc, 250cc and 500cc) at the Australian MX Championships.

"I can't wait to ride Green Park again and catch up with everyone," said Jeff. "I've joined forces with the TeamMoto group and am looking forward to helping get more riders on the two-wheels in the future."

"It's a weekend of vintage dirt bikes along with dirt bike riding, a show and shine, trade, food and bar stalls, live music, 5 riding tracks, huge raffle including a motorbike up for grabs and more at Conondale's Green Park over three days," a spokesperson said.

"Not many events offer free reign over arguably the best natural terrain moto park in Australia, especially for pre-1995 riding enthusiasts."

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Roadworks brings business to a halt

'It's hard enough trying to stay open without this,' says owner

AN auto-electrician struggling to keep his doors open because of disruptive roadworks is calling on people to support his and other businesses in the street.

"I knew the roadworks were coming but I just didn't realise it would have such a massive effect on my business," said Jeremy Tomholt, owner of Dirty Trix Garage.

Jeremy's business has been brought to a standstill because of roadworks around Nambour's Arundell Avenue and Mill Lane intersection.

"I'm not having a whinge or having a sook," said Jeremy. "The workers have been good. We did know this was going to happen and it will be nice when it's finished. But no-one could have known how much it would affect us. The roadworks have been going a month now. And it's just killing my business," Jeremy said. "I just have nothing at the moment. The entrance to my business looks terrible and no-one can gain access."

Jeremy said it looked like there was going to be at least another three months of no walk-in or drive-in traffic to his yard.

"And I rely on that traffic. And it's not just me, it's the guys next door and out the back."

The father of five whose wife also has a business in Nambour said if things didn't pick up he may have to look at closing shop.

"It's hard enough to make

ends meet when you've got work coming in, let alone when there's hardly any at all," he said. "It was a struggle to get the business set up. And finally, this year, we made money — and now this has come about."

Jeremy wanted to get the word out that the businesses were still there and they needed work, now, more than ever.

He said a letter from Council says work would continue until mid-August, weather permitting. "Which means if it rains it will take longer," he said.

Support local business

• Dirty Trix Garage specialises in fitting all kinds of 12-volt accessory items from a basic head unit or UHF install to a custom system, spotlights to full underglow on your car or 4WD or bike. Jeremy is an audio and custom lighting specialist. Dirty Trix is at 3 Mill Lane, Nambour. 0403 679 847. admin@dirtytrixgarage.com.au, facebook.com/dirtytrixgarage.

Background

• The Arundell Avenue and Mill Lane intersection is an important link between the schools and industrial areas to the west, Nambour Mill precinct, the Nambour Township, and residential areas. The intersection upgrade will reduce traffic delays currently experienced and reduce congestion during peak hours at the intersection in the future.



Dirty Trix Garage owner Jeremy Tomholt: "It will look incredible ... but just trying to survive while the work is being done is the hard part". Below: the businesses are surrounded by roadworks.



Belli brings back old time dancing

TIME to kick up your heels. The Belli Community Hall will be holding its Winter old time dance on Saturday June 19.

The Stump Jump Bush Band will be bringing fun and frivolity to the stage and audience participation is encouraged.

All beginners will have a chance to learn a few dances at the start of the night.

From what promises to be a wonderful night of music and dance.

The Belli Hall, which is owned by the community, is very proudly supported by the Sunshine Coast Council.

"To make this venue fully accessible by all, we are looking to build a new toilet block and extend our outdoor area," a spokesperson said. "We are also happy to welcome volunteers who want to join the Belli Park Community."

• As Winter sets in a happy hour will start at 5.30pm. Dancing starting at 6.30pm. Entry is \$20, seniors \$15. Please see the Facebook page which will have the dance program soon: Facebook.com/Belli-Community-Hall.

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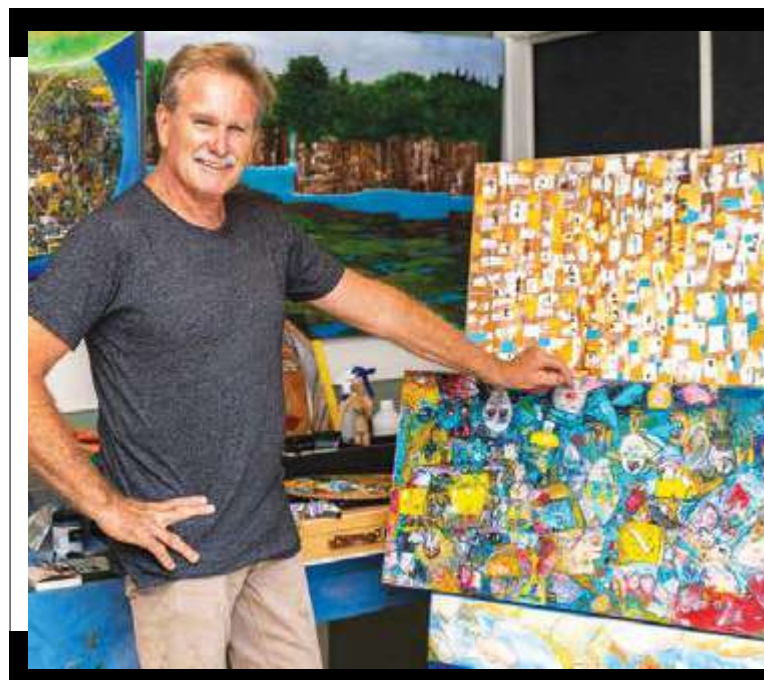
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Martyn has always delved into his soul and explored his

complex and creative brain to produce artwork that has been admired by all who have had the opportunity to witness or have received his many works as gifts and commissions. After much encouragement and with the gift of 'time' he has now chosen to pursue his talent and his mind to create on a professional level without compromising his unique style.

"Dream State" is an exhibition not to miss, and we welcome all our loyal clients to view his work.



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Q&A

Community Profile: with Shiralee Cooper

THIS week's Community Profile person is Shiralee Cooper, the tireless president of Montville Chamber of Commerce. She's also arguably Montville's biggest fan as well as being a strident supporter of arts on the Sunshine Coast.

Birth date and/or star sign: Libra

Dream Car: I've always had a soft spot for the Minis but they weren't practical. The latest 5 door hatch has room and oomph so now have finally bought one. A Cooper S of course! If I were to choose a sporty car, I'd go for an Aston Martin.

The last television show or movie you loved? It's been a while. Probably Paddington 2. I often enjoy children's movies!

One thing on your bucket list? With my travel wings clipped, I will nominate learning Latin.

Best advice you have ever received? It is what it is. Simple acceptance can take a load off the shoulders. A Sydney gallery owner.

What has been your most memorable moment? Climbing to the summit of Mt Sinai to see the sun rise with groups of different faiths from all over the world.

What's one thing you love about your job? I am da boss and can work to my own schedule.

What would your friends/family say is your most annoying habit? I can be a tad pedantic, and stubborn!

What is something people don't know about you? I enjoy writing, especially poetry.

What one thing would you like to see happen in the local area? I'd love to see a Regional Art Gallery in Montville or nearby. Russell Family Park would be perfect.



Shiralee Cooper would love to see a Regional Art Gallery in Montville or nearby. Russell Family Park would be perfect.

Best local activity & why? Our monthly breakfast and Networking meetings showcase local venues and local identities.

Best thing about your town (apart from the people)? We have a delicious selection of places to dine and picnic.

Is there a local business, community group, club or person you'd like to give a shout-out to? Pat Habner who has been the Chair of Range Care until recently.

Who is your best friend? My pooch Sachi.

What's On

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PREFERENCE given to local events of wide-spread interest.

- June 11: Rugby Union: Nambour v University at Nambour 7.30pm.
- June 11-13: Sunshine Coast Show, Nambour Showgrounds.
- June 11-13: TeamMoto Classic Weekend vintage dirt bike event at Green Park in Conondale.
- June 12: Rugby League: Nambour v Noosa at Tewantin Sports Complex 5.30pm.
- June 12: Yandina Branch QCWA hosting Worldwide Knit in Public Day.
- June 12-13: Gardening on the Edge, Maleny Garden Club, Maleny Show Grounds.
- June 12 & 13: Maleny Singers Yeoman of the Guard, Maleny Community Centre.
- June 18: Reimagine Nambour event, "Scone-time" in the Garden at the Nambour Tram Terminus from 10am-12noon.
- June 18: Reimagine Nambour event, "A Soiree" in the Garden at the Nambour Tram Terminus from 5pm-7pm.
- June 18: Rugby Union: Nambour v Noosa at Noosa 7.30pm.
- June 19: Reimagine Nambour's "A Gala Event" in the Garden at the Nambour Tram Terminus from 6pm till late.
- June 19: Rugby League: Nambour Crushers v Gympie 5.30pm at Crusher Park.
- June 19 & 20: Maleny Singers Yeoman of the Guard Maleny Community Centre.
- June 19: Namba Creek BushCare Group at 8am on Saturday. Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour.
- June 23: Gulung Gung Bushcare Group Meets 9am in the carpark behind Repco in Howard St Nambour.
- June 19: Belli Hall Old Time dance. Details Facebook.com/Belli-Community-Hall.
- June 19: "Kim Kirkman In Concert" at St George's Anglican Church, 2 Walkers Drive Maleny at 3pm.
- June 20: Reimagine Nambour's "Music in the Park" in the Garden at the Tram Terminus from 10am.
- June 20: Yandina Country Music concert, 24 Stegalls Road from 10.30am for noon start.
- June 20: Small Talk at The Jazz Sessions from 6pm at the Glass House Brewery, Forest Glen.



Kenilworth Show & Rodeo is back and so is All-Day Side Show Pass

THE annual Kenilworth Show & Rodeo is coming up on September 18. And the best news is the committee has decided to repeat a successful initiative from the last event of an "All Day Side Show Pass" for just \$15 per child.

Lenore Meldrum, speaking for the Kenilworth Show and Rodeo committee, said the All Day Side Show Pass proved very popular with families.

"After the success of the 2019 All day Amusement Rides Armband the committee will once again have the armbands available for purchase in 2021," Lenore said.

"This is a great saving for families and makes show day more enjoyable when the young ones can have unlimited rides for the one price."

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SCOTT Whitaker and Allyson Reynolds manage more than 150 beehives at fixed-location apiaries spread along the Blackall Range.

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Their business, Hinterland Bees, also provides a swarm and live bee removal service, sells beehives and does one-on-one training of local backyard beekeepers.

• **What is your offering, and how is it different**

Our bees forage the biodiverse rainforests, sclerophyll forests, orchards, and home gardens of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Due to the strategic locations of our apiary sites, our bees can visit almost every garden between Maleny and Mapleton.

Because we do not use migratory beekeeping methods (migratory bee keeping is the constant movement of hives either for pollination or seeking different nectar flows), our honey is of mixed floral origin depending upon seasonal and local conditions; it expresses the Terroir, or poetry of



Scott Whitaker of Hinterland Bees with his nephews, Taiyo, left, and Amon and a bottle of Maleny Honey.

landscape. This bio-regional fingerprint — which is often evident in wine, olive oil and cheese — embodies the essence of the surrounding environment and is borne out in the unique flavours of our honey and honeycomb.

• **What does it mean to you to be a local farmer/maker?**

Beekeeping has allowed us to develop a passion for these remarkable creatures into a sustainable business while communing with the beautiful natural surroundings of the Sunshine Coast.

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• **Where can we buy it?**

Maleny IGA, Maleny Dairies and Sweets on Maple stock our honey and honeycomb. It is also available online from Falls Farm and, you will find us at the Montville Markets once a month. As our beehive numbers grow, we are looking to expand our outlets, so we are keen to talk to local stockists.

• **Best thing about what you do?**

Hinterland Bees' swarm and bee removal service have us travelling all over the Sunshine Coast, rescuing bees, normally honey bees often from inside the walls and ceilings of houses. We relocate

these colonies to our quarantine apiary at North Maleny, nurturing them into managed honey-production colonies. At Hinterland Bees, we are about more than just selling honey and removing bee hives from unwanted places; we are about saving bees and doing it as sustainably and ethically as possible. Part of our ethos is to educate our customers and clients to appreciate the importance of bees and their role in pollinating the food we eat and the plants in our natural environment.

• We post a lot of videos of our bee rescues to our social media pages, especially www.instagram.com/hinterland-bees/

Well done Lorraine! But the real winner is Nambour

SHE doesn't do it for the accolades but it is nice to be recognised. Street Art Nambour Chairperson Lorraine Taylor was recently named Business Volunteer of the Year at the Volunteering Sunshine Coast Awards.

Lorraine was recognised for her contribution to the development of Business in Nambour having organised the creation of 35 murals in town which have become attractions for tourists and locals.

"We engage professional street artists to create our murals and some emerging artists who get the opportunity to create a mural to add to their CV," said Lorraine. "Importantly, we insist they all get paid."

Street Art Nambour has a number of new murals planned for the second half of the year under a Heritage Trail theme which honours people who have put Nambour's name on the map.

Lorraine said she and her committee were fully invested in their cause. "We work for our community purely from dedication and the thrill of the feedback and reactions we get from everybody. We get paid nothing to do this. Street Art Nambour is powered by a love of our town, to make Nambour the best place we can."

"We have five murals so far this year to complete and then our Festival, Fuse Fest, to



Lorraine Taylor in front of the Black Knight mural on the side of the Sunshine Coast Pinball building in Currie Street.

organise. So we can get funds to pay our artists the fees they deserve. This is our goal, they work hard to add to our town and deserve to be paid accordingly."

Several people from Nambour were nominated at the Awards including Urban Angels who cook 2500 meals a week for various groups. "Nambour was the winner on the night," Lorraine said with other nominees including Norm Morwood, Tony Millroy, Taryn Powell and Kathy Himstedt.

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Nambour's new town branding unveiled

Businesses invited to unite & market under one banner

NAMBOUR'S new brand identity was unveiled yesterday embodying the diversity, resilience and pride representative of the town's business community.

The 'I am Nambour' brand has been developed as part of the Nambour Economic Transition Strategy (NETS) and invites business to collectively market under one consistent look and feel to encourage business investment and pride in the town.

The new look intends to provide a consistent marketing thread for the key business drivers in Nambour - health, education, agriculture, IT, arts and culture and will ultimately help to attract investment opportunities.

Reimagine Nambour facilitator Kerry Brown said the committee have been excited to be a part of the engagement process and are now thrilled to be able to show the community the result.

"What is great about the - I am Nambour - brand identity is that it embraces Nambour's name and can be connected with the aspirations of all industries within the town," Ms Brown said.

"Nambour is proud of its heritage, its uniqueness and its inclusive community and this new brand will connect all of that together.

"It will be able to help businesses to really show the rest of the Sunshine Coast and Australia that Nambour is a supportive community which encourages growth and diver-

sity in business and works collaboratively to achieve great outcomes.

"As part of this new brand, we have also established brand ambassadors to deliver the varied and unique stories of Nambour which will be marketed on social media and our new website."

One of the brand ambassadors and Chair of the Nambour Retailers, Rhonda Billet said the specific 'I am Local' campaign will kick off the launch of brand and she is encouraging businesses to jump on board and be a part of this collaborative approach.

"Over the next week I will be handing out 'I am Local' stickers so businesses can proudly market their Nambour business as part of the new brand identity launch - either by putting the sign on their shopfront windows, or they can download the logo for their social media and their websites. This is our opportunity to tell the world that Nambour has so much to offer," Ms Billet said.

"We are incredibly lucky in Nambour to not only have a proactive community but we're also seeing all levels of government coming together for this plan.

"Sunshine Coast Council is invested, as well as state government representatives, and our federal government representatives and I think that in moving forward, we're going to create a stronger, more vibrant Nambour."

Federal Member for Fairfax

Ted O'Brien said Reimagine Nambour was established to help create a structure around the town's future and create a roadmap for Nambour to transform its local economy.

"Ultimately this identity is owned by the local community, where they themselves are taking control of their own destiny. There so much such pride in the town and we now have a clear vision with which everybody can align," Mr O'Brien said.

"What inspired me to help establish Reimagine Nambour was just seeing the unlocked potential of the town and you can see it in the eyes of the people from Nambour.

"You can see it in the entrepreneurship of the individuals, where they want to set up a not-for-profit or a business; or you can see it in the senior citizens who talk about not just the past, but where the town can go in the future; you see it in the young families and the kids around town.

"They're the ones who are going to be leading in the future. We have found a way to unlock that and to come together and unite.

"We are going to see big projects and investment happening in Nambour. These big projects will inspire other people to invest their own private capital into the town - this is truly an exciting time for Nambour."

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Ted O'Brien, left, with Reimagine Nambour Facilitator Kerry Brown and Chairman Peter Boyce at yesterday's launch ... "We now have a clear vision with which everybody can align."

AT A GLANCE

- Reimagine Nambour has developed a roadmap - the Nambour Economic Transition Strategy (NETS) - that encourages business within the region and focusses on attracting investment from outside the town.
- The brand identity is one of the first steps of the NETS to be delivered and provides

Nambour businesses with the tools to proudly market themselves and opportunities to grow business in Nambour under a collective banner.

- To see the brand and download the logo for your business to use, visit www.iamnambour.com.au or read about the NETS at www.reimagineambour.com.au



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

"There is so much pride in Nambour, and it's there for all to see," Mr O'Brien said.

"I see it on the faces of the people in the street; I see it in the eyes of the small business people who keep the local

economy ticking; see it in the generosity of the community leaders; the commitment to service on the part of local not-for-profits; I see it in the enduring pioneering spirit of senior citizens; and, the love for life of young families and the positive ambition of the younger generation.

"I love Nambour, I believe

in its people and I am excited about its future."

The NETS sets out a strategic 11-step action plan which includes four overarching themes of transforming Nambour to a place for community, supporting local businesses, developing strategic export sectors to generate new wealth and embracing change.

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Heated market leaves some sellers homeless

THE Property market may be hot but you don't want to be left out in the cold.

According to local real estate agents the past twelve months have seen incredible interest and activity in the hinterland property market with sellers achieving outstanding results and selling quickly.

"This seems like an ideal situation but in reality, after the contract has been signed many sellers suddenly find themselves with nowhere to go," said Mike Burns, Principle of Burns Property in Palmwoods.

"We have had vendors who are hoping to downsize, clear their debt and put some money away or move to a more affordable area, and in the current market this is proving to be very difficult.

"We encourage our sellers to secure their next move or at the very least get some options in place otherwise they will find themselves homeless," he said.

"If you are buying in the same market, that is great. But properties are moving so quickly, it is a bit of a gamble. Rental pricing has gone ballistic and it is cheaper to buy than rent (even if you are fortunate enough to find an appropriate rental property).

"We have just found a place for a vendor who can now move forward to sell their home with peace of mind and this is such a rewarding feeling.

"I strongly encourage people not to be swayed by the lure of a great sale price and to be sure their agent can help them into the next stage following a sale. Ultimately it is about the big picture."



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Action needed to stem 'tide of abuse and family violence driven by pornography'

CHAIR of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs Andrew Wallace has welcomed the Government's response to the Committee's Inquiry into age verification for online pornography and waging but called for urgent action on the Committee's recommendations to end the harms caused by childhood exposure to porn.

"Getting this done now is important, not just because we care about our boys, but because we care about the women they will one day meet." Mr Wallace said.

"Our Committee found that children as young as eight are inadvertently exposed to hard-core, violent pornography whilst surfing the internet. According to parents, teachers and the young people themselves, this has led to significant emotional, psychological, and later on in life, sexual health repercussions. Young women are being subjected to sexual abuse by those who are trying to emulate what is being portrayed by the porn industry as normal. This needs to end yesterday."

The Government's response to the Protecting the Age of Innocence report, tabled in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, accepted the Committee's recommendation to direct the eSafety Commissioner to expeditiously develop a roadmap for the implementation of mandatory age verification for online pornography. In total the Government accepted in whole or in principle five of the six recommendations.

"I welcome the Government's response to the Protecting the Age of Innocence report, but we need urgent action on implementation right away. The hard work needs to begin right now," he said.

Mr Wallace drew the increasingly understood link between the issues of childhood exposure to pornography and rising domestic and family violence.

"Having chaired inquiries into both of these issues, what's painfully clear to me now is that the prevalence of family, domestic and sexual



Fisher MP Andrew Wallace emphasised the links between childhood exposure to pornography and the rise of domestic and family violence.

violence is being exacerbated by the explosion of hard-core violent porn, particularly as it is being accessed by young people."

"Some of these young men who are experimenting and exploring their own sexuality will live out those experiences viewed online, to the extreme detriment of their partner. Is it any wonder that we are seeing such concerning levels of violence in our homes across Australia? If we genuinely care about women being exposed to violence, then we have to start caring about our young people being exposed to pornography," he said.

The Protecting the Age of Innocence report can be found by going to www.aph.gov.au. and searching for "Protecting the age of innocence".



Kim's performances are always compelling mix of virtuosity, humour and warmth.

St George's In The Hills Concert Series

THE St George's In The Hills is pleased to welcome Kim Kirkman for an enchanting afternoon of voice, violin and harp.

Parish priest Deborah Bird says the concert will be an opportunity to enjoy one of our region's most engaging talents.

"Kim's performances are always compelling mix of virtuosity, humour and warmth. We're very much looking forward to Kim weaving his magic in the peaceful setting of St George's."

As performer, teacher and choral conductor, Kim maintains a busy performance schedule. His work has taken him from operatic companies in Queensland and Victoria to vocal and orchestral collaborations all over the world, including 6 years as musical director of the Ten Tenors and current work in harp therapy. He is in high demand as an adjudicator and is heavily invested in our communities, conducting the Inspiration Choir, Tapestry (a capella chamber choir), the Caloundra Chorale and Hot Ginger Chorus.

The event is the second of this year's St George's In The Hills series following the enigmatic performance of jazz pianist Michael Farager in April.

"Kim Kirkman In Concert" will be held at St George's Anglican Church, 2 Walkers Drive Maleny, on Saturday June 19 at 3pm. Tickets \$20 are on sale www.trybooking.com/BQSFL or phone Susan on ph 5494 3062 / 0407 953 225.



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"The funny thing was that in my youth, I was fit and active and never ever had to worry about my weight or health. But when I went from a very physically active career into a sales career, the weight crept on bit by bit. I tried every single diet in the book. I would be all enthusiastic and get fired up, always promising myself that this time it would be different.

I would lose 5kgs and very quickly lose motivation and gain 10kgs. It was soul destroying. I felt like a complete failure. At the time, I didn't realise that I was setting myself up to fall.

"This pattern of yo-yo dieting and weight loss and gain continued for over 30 years until I reached a whopping 123kgs. I had no energy, was diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, Rheumatoid Arthritis, blurred vision, and my blood pressure was through the roof.

"It affected every aspect of my life, from my relationship and finances, to my mental state. I had low self-esteem and no confidence. I actively avoided socialising and kidded myself that I wasn't that bad. That wasn't so hard to do; I just bought bigger clothes. At every single setback or emotionally challenging situation, the fridge called me. I ate compulsively and it only made me feel sicker.

The diabetes diagnosis was a real turning point. It frightened me when I realised how quickly I was heading for an early grave.

"Fate intervened when my cousin Mark (who is a health and nutritional coach), contacted me to offer his support. Mark distributes natural nutritional supplements that help with weight loss and well-being. Mark assured me they would help me, and frankly at the time, I was at such a low point I would have tried anything.

"I got started straight away and was surprised to find it fun, simple and easy to follow. What really helped is that Mark followed up with coaching ideas, support and encouragement.

You are the only person who can change your life, but it helps to have the support of someone who has walked the road before you.

I noticed an energy shift within a short period and I lost 4kgs within the first month. I knew it was different this time (I really couldn't afford for it not to be), and believed I could finally get back to who I wanted to be.

"I continued to lose weight and was feeling great until 'life got in the way' and my wife left me. I was heartbroken, and felt worthless. The old habits kicked in and the fridge beckoned me at every turn. I just wanted to eat and drink my way out of it.

"I fell back to my old bad habits for a short while, but there had been enough of a shift in my sense of self worth and thankfully, the newer, healthier habits were stronger. I also had a supportive community of people around me to help me hold myself accountable. I recommitted to a better version of myself and since October 2020 I have lost 34kgs.

***In total, I have lost 45kgs and it has genuinely been a life changing experience. It is actually difficult to look back on the photos of myself from before. I can't believe I got to that state.**

"The additional and surprising benefits are that my health issues have vastly improved. I have found my self-confidence, and for the first time in a very long time I feel proud of myself and what I have achieved. I have unbelievable energy, the quality of my sleep is better, and I have learned some very valuable life lessons.

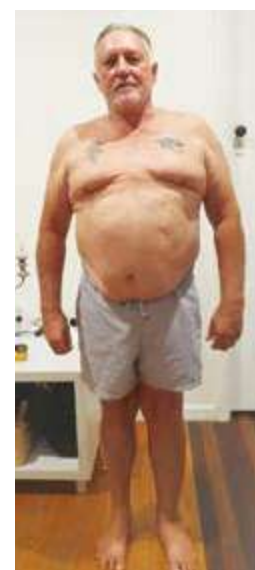
"I want to make the point that while this journey is simple, it is not easy. And it starts with setting your mind up for success. In my experience, that is the first and most important step. You need to make the decision and be one hundred percent honest with yourself.

You must clean up your mind, and then clean up your fridge. I tell the people that I work with that if you are an emotional eater, your mind must be stronger than your feelings because there are going to be days that are rough.

"I have noticed that over the past 12 months, people are more conscious than ever of self care, and the importance of nurturing habits that support them to live the lives they want to live. I am committed to coaching others who are ready to change their life and there is nothing more rewarding than to see people, who were just like me, transforming and feeling a sense of pride.



Peter at 123kgs



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Peter with 45kgs of butter; the same amount of weight he has lost.

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New president takes the helm at Maleny Chamber

RECENTLY elected president of the Maleny Chamber of Commerce Kay Ridge has big plans to foster an environment that supports businesspeople in the beautiful hinterland town.

The founder of Dash Social, a social media and marketing company, spoke to the Gazette about her background and ideas for the Maleny business community.

Why did you decide to run for Maleny Chamber of Commerce president? This role is important for the business community of Maleny and I felt that I had something to offer the business community.

What do you bring to the role? I have more than 25 years of small business experience as well as experience in corporate and government. With this in mind, I have the experience that I would like to share with our business community.

What are your plans/hopes for Maleny COC?

Maleny Means Business is our new business strategy and with that, we are focused on creating a business community that supports each other. We are the ear to government organisations and by becoming a member you have us to represent your concerns to government bodies.

What's your background?

I have more than 25 years of knowledge-building. I have been involved in small business, sales & marketing, logistics, the corporate sphere, government and insurance.

I have qualifications in social media and marketing, travel and real estate and I bring a unique sense of marketing, backed by business acumen.

What the best thing about Maleny businesses community?

We are passionate about other businesses in Maleny and assisting each other so the town continues to prosper.

Would you like to give a shout out to anyone in Maleny who has or will help boost Maleny COC?

Maleny IGA and Queensland Country Bank are two big businesses that are generously sponsoring the Chamber.

What's the next major event the COC has planned?

• Thursday 29th July 2021 at 5.30pm Tranquil Park — Keynote Speaker Eric Bailey. This will be a fabulous night to enjoy the company of other Maleny businesses and get ready and motivated for the new financial year. Tickets are \$45 Members and \$65 non-members. Book through our website: www.malenycommerce.org.au



Kay Ridge brings experience in small business, logistics, corporate, government and insurance to her presidency.



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Crushers back to form with win against Caloundra

NAMBOUR Crushers bounced back into the winners circle with a strong performance against Caloundra at Shark Park on Sunday afternoon.

The Maudsley Excavation Division 1 side lead from start to finish scoring five tries to the Shark's three with David Oakes successfully kicking four conversions from five.

It took a combined club effort to put an injury depleted team on the paddock with Kevin Campbell and Luke Whipaine backing up from reserve grade and under 18s players Ryan Hargreaves and Kye Sherry putting in a solid effort.

Falcons players Kyle Shelford and Nathan Saumalu once again made really strong on-field contributions and helped set the tone of the game in attack and defence.

Try scorers for Nambour were Paul McKewin, Brenton Stonier (2) and Wil Warren with Dylan McGrath scoring the final try to seal the game. McGrath didn't miss a beat in his come back from injury playing the full 80 minutes.

Stalwarts Brenton Stonier and Paul McKewin helped steer a committed team around the paddock to produce a convincing win for the side. Final score was Nambour Crushers 28 to Caloundra Sharks 14.

Nambour travel to Noosa on Saturday 12th June to take on the Noosa Pirates. Next home games at Crusher Park will be Saturday 19th June against Gympie Devils.



Bowls Club raises funds for school chaplains

A fun afternoon was held on Sunday at Woombye Bowls Club with Barefoot Bowls, a Sausage Sizzle and Raffles, fundraising for the local Chaplains of Nambour and Burnside State Schools.

School Chaplains provide an invaluable service in Queensland Primary, High and Special State Schools by offering support for students from an independent and non-authority adult when they are facing difficult challenges in their lives.

The Chaplaincy Program is non-denominational and is only partly funded by the State

Government. And this service to State School students is becoming increasingly more in demand with the changes in our society and since the pandemic. Thanks to Jan and Mal McKenzie for their tremendous efforts in organising this vital fundraiser, which provided some much-needed funds for the local program.

Thanks also to the four Woombye bowlers for their guidance with the fun Barefoot Bowls. Anyone interested in a Barefoot Bowls afternoon can contact Woombye Bowls Club on 5294 5245.

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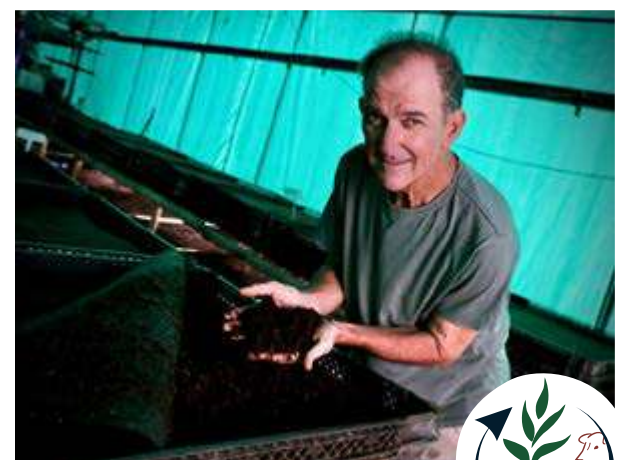
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News campaign paves way for speed reduction in Palmwoods

by Sunshine Coast Daily journalist **Natalie Wynn**

PALMWOODS will have its speed limit reduced as of next week after a community campaign led by the Sunshine Coast Daily.

The Pave the way for Palmwoods campaign has had a win with the State Government agreeing to reduce the speed limit through the town centre.

The existing 50km/h speed limit along Margaret Street, from east of the Chevallum Road intersection to west of the Post Office, will be lowered to 40km/h from next week.

The speed limit reduction on the 500m stretch comes in response to widespread community concerns.

Calls for the upgrade of the Chevallum Road, Jubilee Drive, Margaret Street and Woombye Palmwoods Road intersection have been growing for the past few months.

With the Sunshine Coast Daily launching the Pave the way for Palmwoods campaign to give the people of Palmwoods a voice.

Residents, businesses and workers from the area were given the opportunity to have their say as part of the campaign, highlighting issues with the speed limit as well as the intersections throughout the increasingly busy town.

As well as former council and state government representatives and a road safety expert in a bid to understand the complex safety issues and find a workable solution.

In late-April, the State Government said it had started to investigate short-term solutions to the longstanding issues plaguing the growing area.

However, a funding war erupted between the State and Federal members over funding which would see the rail bridge overpass upgraded.

Nicklin MP Robert Skelton told the Daily at the time, the intersection at Chevallum Road and Woombye Palmwoods Road was somewhat of a "sticky wicket" with any safety upgrades reliant on the North Coast rail duplication.

"It would be nice if we could get an agreement from the Federal Government with the rail duplication because they could work concurrently," he said.

While Fisher MP Andrew Wallace squarely



labelled the issue as the state government's alone.

During the course of the campaign, the Daily also observed traffic in the area as part of its investigations.

More than 60 motorists failed to stop at two notorious Palmwoods intersections in the space of just three hours and countless others did not give way during the survey.

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said he was pleased with the decision to lower the speed limit.

"We've listened to the community and the Speed Management Committee has done its review," Mr Skelton said.

"Hopefully, this change will slow drivers down through town and help put the focus on improving safety on the roads through Palmwoods.

"If all motorists observe the new speed limit and drive to conditions, then we're already on the way to seeing some positive changes in driver behaviour on our local roads."



Michelle Bishop, left, with fellow graduate Alison Megson at work at SCUH. Image courtesy SCHHS.

Self-confessed study nerd lands dream job following career shift

A Palmwoods midwife who recently graduated from USC with near-perfect grades is helping bring new lives into the world at Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

Former health administration officer Michelle Bishop, 42, works in the SCUH operating theatres during Caesarean sections.

Michelle received a University Medal for Academic Excellence when she graduated from USC last month, and was over the moon to gain a graduate position at the hospital.

Michelle whose Bachelor of Midwifery GPA was 6.9 out of 7, previously worked as an administration officer with Queensland Health for almost 10 years.

"This degree has been an exciting career change for me," she said. "I love to provide woman-centred care, listening to women's stories, supporting them in decision-making and facilitating their health care journey through the maternity system."

"I love welcoming new life, seeing a family unit come together with their new little member, and helping women to experience the best maternity care available."

She said the application process for the role was competitive and intense over several days.

"But I remained focused on my goal, and I now have a rewarding career ahead of me in a vital industry. The graduate year involves working in the antenatal clinic and education, birth suite, postnatal ward, breast feeding support and home visiting service, plus neonatal unit."

The Nambour State High School graduate was delighted that her two children, aged 11 and 7, and her husband Chris, a clinical nurse consultant at SCUH, were able to watch her cross the stage.

"I was hesitant to have a career change as a mature age student but I'm enjoying it, and so pleased I took that step to study. I bring maturity and life experience to the midwifery role."

She said the study experience at USC Sunshine Coast was satisfying. "I'm a total study and research nerd, so I attended every class in the front row, immersing myself in assignments and engaging in conferences, workshops and online learning."

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Ken Mills Toyota chips in to help car rally fundraiser

DESPERATE to do what they can to assist families in India, Nepal and Uganda in the midst of the COVID crisis, Sunshine Coast locals have banded together to dream up a family-friendly social car rally adventure with proceeds donated to charity Forget Me Not Australia.

"We reckon there are plenty of generous folk who will want to help and a lot who will want to dress up and have

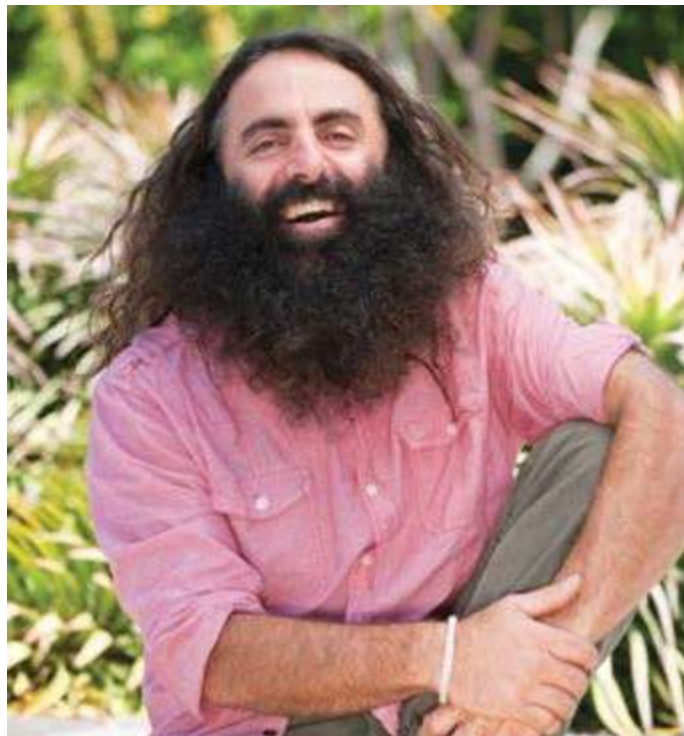
a bit of fun while they're doing it," said Forget Me Not Australia Charity Director Greg Biggs.

Rally for a Reason is on Sunday 20 June and proudly supported by Ken Mills Toyota. "We're keen to help locals with huge hearts helping make the world a better place for children and their families here on the Sunshine Coast and however far our arms can reach," Dealer

Principal Brett Mills said.

Tickets are available now with all proceeds to Forget Me Not Australia to help provide medical care, oxygen, food and water. Ticket price includes welcome pack and lunch at a mystery location with live music, raffle prizes and a live auction.

• Get your tickets or make a tax-deductible donation at www.fmn.org.au



ABC Gardening Australia presenter Costa Georgiadis.

Garden Expo announces exciting speaker line-up

GUESTS will be spoilt for choice at the 2021 Queensland Garden Expo with today's launch of the full speaker program including two exciting new speakers who will join the line-up of over 40 of the country's most impressive gardening gurus at this year's event from 9-11 July.

Thrifty Gardener and ABC Gardening Australia presenter Millie Ross and plant medicinal expert Associate Professor Rohan Davis have both joined the program, which is the largest gardening speaker program in Australia.

Queensland Garden Expo Event Manager Marion Beazley said hundreds of Australia's leading gardening experts had shared their wealth of knowledge at the event over its 36-year history and the breadth of the information available at the event has been a big part of attracting new visitors and inspiring the crowds.


"We are excited to welcome back Costa Georgiadis, Sophie Thomson, and Jerry Coleby-Williams, ABC's Gardening Australia gurus, as well as Expo favourites Claire Bickle, Dr Kevin Redd and Phil Dudman - just to name a few," Ms Beazley said.



ABC Gardening Australia presenter Millie Ross.

"We are also welcoming back Adam Woodhams who recently won the 2021 Horticultural Media Association of Australia Joy Harland Photography Award - so our visitors will have the opportunity to learn a trick or two about using phones to photograph plants from one of the best in the business.

"These are incredible speakers with a diverse range of expertise on all things gardening. Our outstanding fan favourites have paved the way for an impressive line-up and we can't wait to welcome our new speakers to the Queensland Garden Expo family.



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Oh what a feeling ... Mapleton joins Nambour Netball comp

MAPLETON Netball Club are the newest members from the hinterland to join Nambour & Districts Netball Association. The club formed in 2020 and now has two teams and is growing in numbers. Training is held at Mapleton Primary School each week with games played Saturday afternoons at NDNA during netball season. Recently the players had the

opportunity to mix with some of their idols from Sunshine Coast Lightning at the courts. Steph Wood, Laura Scherian, Karla Pretorius, Maddy McAuliffe and Cara Koenen were present for photos, signing and a little one on one netball courtesy of Ken Mills Toyota. Pictured are the Mapleton Magpies doing the Toyota jump "Oh what a feeling..."



Chevallum reunion to mark 100 years

CHEVALLUM State School is calling all students, families and staff past and present to mark the date for its centenary celebrations.

The school will celebrate 100 years of education from October 23 to 21, 2021.

The events will provide opportunities to catch up with old friends and relive memories as visitors tour the school – both old and new locations.

There will be history displays and plenty of chances to find yourself in old photos and wonder where the time went.

From humble beginnings in 1921, starting with only 12 students, Chevallum has grown to be a successful, vibrant and nurturing community of nearly 500 learners attracting students and their families from all across the Sunshine Coast.

The school looks forward to sharing the special occasion with the Chevallum learning community which stretches across decades.

More details will be given closer to the time.

The school is asking for any past students with memories or photos to email the school at chevallum100@chevallumss.eq.edu.au.



Plans to repurpose 200 year old tree's timber for Woombye

WOOMBYE Community and Business Association have started plans for the trunk of a 200 year old historical tree in Woombye to be consigned for posterity.

After a concerned local learnt that the tree located within the final stage of Horizons North on Taintons Road was set to be removed she made contact with the developer. Greg Downes of Aspect Northview said he was happy to see timber put to good use and saw no problem with donating the trunk for re-use. Seeking the assistance of the WCBA, contact has now been made to Cr Johnston and Council's Place team to investigate using the timber for street furniture and art installations in the upcoming Blackall Street streetscape project. A town entry statement, timber bench at the Pioneer Woman statue on Pine Grove Road are other potential projects. Another suggestion was for a timber carving to adorn the new City Hall at Maroochydore, a fitting location considering Woombye's role in the early pioneering days.

Working with Council, in conjunction with the Woombye Placemaking team, it is envisaged that permanent fixtures be installed in town so generations of residents can enjoy the benefit from this tree.

An experienced botanist estimated the tree was at least 200 years old. There is still quite a lot to work through, with felling the tree, cartage, milling etc, the WCBA would be keen to hear from anyone with experience that would be to be involved. They can email the WCBA at woombyecommunity@gmail.com with ideas how they would like to be involved.

'Our legacy to James' Parents push for improved helmet safety

NAMBOUR couple Bob and Lorraine Roberts lost their son, James, due to a severe head injury when he fell from his bicycle and hit his head on the road in 2019.

As a legacy to James, Lorraine and Bob are on a campaign to have cyclists' helmets made as safe as those of motor cyclists'.

And they are making traction.

"The New South Wales Coroner has invited us to attend the Inquest early next year," said Bob. "This is a positive move."

To assist their campaign, Lorraine and Bob would like anyone who has experienced head injuries, or who have had family or friends die as a result of not being protected by their helmet to please forward details to them at robertsbob@optusnet.com.

"Your stories will strengthen the case to protect others," said Lorraine.

"James was an experienced cyclist and always wore his helmet."

"Accidental deaths and head injuries involving cyclists, skateboarders and climbers are appearing far too regularly, especially now, as cycling to school and elsewhere is being encouraged," said Bob.

"Our question to parents is 'are your children's, so-called safety helmets really safe if they fall off their bikes and hit their head on the road?'"

Last year the Gazette published a story about how Lorraine and Bob found a way to stay positive amidst such trauma and grief, together with the many daily stresses we all suffer. Their technique "Balance With Colour" helps people avoid sliding into depression. You can find out more at www.balancewithcolour.com. Email Bob and Lorraine at robertsbob@optusnet.com.



Dr Bob and Lorraine Roberts with a picture of James, foreground: "Are your children's safety helmets really safe?"



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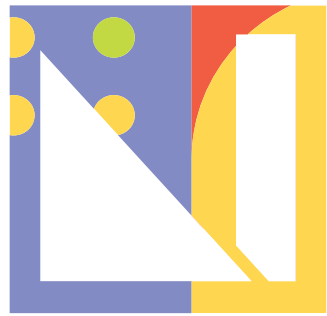
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Catch up with old friends, meet new ones and together we will celebrate and learn all about Nambour's new brand and the collaborative projects improving our town.

Enjoy local canapes, craft beers and spirits under a beautiful candle lit marquee in the garden. Why not make a night of it and head to the amazing eateries along Currie St.



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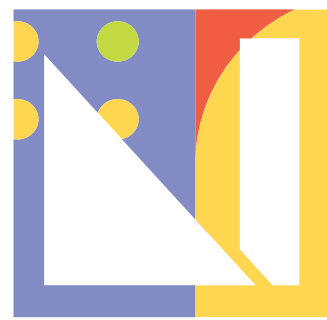
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Community Stage Program entertainment

Friday

- 10am Trena's Dance Studio
- 10.45am Chancellor Dance Academy
- 11.30am Chancellor Dance Academy
- 12.15pm Country Gear Judging
- 1pm Studio 2 Dance
- 1.45pm Nambour State College Secondary Concert Band
- 2.30pm Showgirls Q&A
- 3.15pm PTDS Dogs

Saturday

- 10am Dance 3D
- 10.45am Trena's Dance Studio
- 11.30am Dance Fusion Studios
- 12.15pm L'amour Dance Academy
- 1pm Sunshine Coast Council Mascots
- 1.30pm Grand Parade
- 2.30pm The House of Sole Dance Studio
- 3.15pm Studio 2 Dance
- 4pm The House of Sole Dance Studio

Sunday

- 9.30am Infinity Martial Arts
- 10am Malia Stirling
- 10.45am Anna and Jordan
- 11.30am Karen Law
- 12.15pm Ashy
- 1pm The Outsiders
- 1.45pm Chinese Dance Group
- 2.30pm Van Larkin
- 3.15pm Burnside Dance Troupe
- 4pm Jason Daniels

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- Beef
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- Woodchop

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Step right up this weekend!

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"We are so excited to bring back the V8 Super utes, Rolly Polly Cars, Monster Trucks and wood chopping events as well as the fireworks and laser light show which will light up the sky over three nights.

"And to everyone's great delight, we're expecting the best riders in Australia to participate in the Show Jumping competition. Our competition is the lead-up in to the Show Jumping World Title Event."

Online ticket discounts

COVID-Safety also includes online ticket sales. While tickets at the gate will cost \$12 for students and \$18 for adults, those who purchase their tickets online will receive a 20 per cent discount and will also be able to access the fast-track lane at the gates for streamlined entry to the show. Children under five years are free.

Huge Lego display

Immediate past President and honorary life

member Jenny McKay said some of her highlights this year included a huge display of Lego in the upstairs pavilion. The new competition section this year is made up hundreds of thousands of Lego pieces.

"Also this year we'll be featuring for the first time workshops by renowned computer artist Travis Morrison," Jenny said. "And of course, the Community Stage rocks for three days of entertainment with everything from martial arts and dance studios, to concert bands and international Chinese dance performers."

Parking not a problem

Accessible parking is available, however other onsite parking will be limited, so visitors are encouraged to make use of the public car parking at MacKellar Mining, 4 National Park Road, Nambour, opposite the Nambour Showgrounds.

A free shuttle bus service, running from 8.45am until late, will do a loop of Nambour, picking up from Sunshine Coast Council's Nambour administration office car park at the Bury

Street entrance and the Nambour train station, and dropping show-goers right at the showground's front gates.

Better access to pavilion

Sunshine Coast Council Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said he was pleased to see adjustments made for the health and safety of show-goers, and he was especially proud that access improvements had been made to the Nambour Showground's Main Pavilion.

"Thanks to the installation of a new passenger lift in the Main Pavilion, the Schools on Show, Art and Photography exhibitions are now accessible for people who have mobility issues and for families with prams," Cr Law said.

"This improvement is one of many new exciting features people will enjoy at the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show this year."

• For more information, details on how to help and to purchase tickets, please visit www.sunshinecoastshow.com.au.



Modern 'Novelty' showbags could claim 'most popular' title from longtime classics

LICENSED kids' showbags are expected to fly off the stands at this year's Nambour Show, outdoing old favourites jam-packed with sweets, chocolate, toys and novelties.

Bluey, Harry Potter Charms, Pokémon Jnr and Slime Super bags are all hot items. Given the ratings' smash that the ABC's animated Bluey has been in the past year - with up to 600,000 viewers at its peak - it's set to be a winner with kids this year.

Growing up surrounded by show bags, Samantha Atkinson has seen the showbag industry transform.

The granddaughter of the founder of Australian show bag company Showbags.com, formerly known as Bensons Trading, has been involved in the company for the past 15 years as a product manager. She says the new themed bags would tempt showgoers after a two-year wait.

"We're so thrilled that the Nambour show is back on this

year - we know the themed bags will be great for the kids and are always really popular," said Samantha.

Showbags.com.au has been in business for more than 70 years as a family-owned company. They also supply showbags to other state shows and regional shows, fundraising at schools, sporting clubs and fetes as well.

"Although the Shows stopped in 2020, our development certainly didn't," said Samantha. "We are coming back bigger and better than ever with a whole new range of Showbags plus the all-time favourites. I certainly know a lot of eyes will light up with the launch of our new brands such as Game of Thrones, The Office, Love Diana, Blues Clues and Beyblades to name a few."

These showbags are just some of dozens of showbags produced by showbags.com.au that will feature at this year's show on from June 11 - June 13 at the Nambour Showgrounds.

General Manager at Showbags.com.au Samantha Atkinson says showbags are back bigger and better than ever.

Show grows from humble beginnings, says Nicklin MP

THE best of the Sunshine Coast's world-class agricultural produce will be front and centre at the 2021 Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show.

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said the show was #GoodtoGo with help from more than \$38,000 in funding from the Queensland Government's 2020-21 Show Societies Grants Program.

"Sunshine Coast farmers are right up there with the world's best and the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show is a great showcase for what the local industry is capable of," Mr Skelton said.

The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show has been a mainstay of the Sunshine Coast community since the event was first held in Woomby over 120 years ago.

"While that first show only had a few exhibits and about 1550 attendees, the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show has grown to include over 120 stalls and expects to attract over 25,000 over 3 days," he said.

Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show received \$38,254 in funding through the 2020-21 Show Societies Grants Program that provides financial support for operating costs associated with annual agricultural shows, and costs towards new infrastructure, upgrades, and maintenance to showground facilities essential to its operation.

"It's important to continue to hold events like these, as the economy continues to recover from the pandemic," Mr Skelton said.

O'Brien congratulates volunteers for keeping Sunshine Coast show alive

Sponsored Message from **Ted O'Brien**
MP Federal Member for Fairfax

FEDERAL Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien MP has welcomed the return of the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show from June 11-13, after last year's event was cancelled.

"The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show is back, and that's great news for everyone from Nambour throughout the hinterland, to Maroochydore, Coolum and beyond," said Mr O'Brien.

"This weekend up to 25,000 thousand people will pour through the Showground gates in Nambour to get their overdue fix of the Show."

Like so many shows across the country, COVID-19 closed down the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show in 2020.

If the Federal Government had not stepped-in with a helping hand, this Australian institution could have become another COVID-19 victim

"You only truly appreciate the real importance of local shows if you're from regional or rural Australia," Mr O'Brien said in a speech to the Australian Parliament last week.

"For many communities the Show is the biggest event of the year.

"Local farmers vie for bragging-rights, others unlock secret family recipes to win baking prizes.

"And what Australian child will ever forget their first show? Those head-spinning rides; side-show alley; the sights, sounds and smells; then, heading home clutching a fist full of showbags."



Mr O'Brien explained that's why the Government acted quickly to help protect show societies.

With Mr O'Brien's assistance the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society received \$70,000 of Federal funding.

"I urge all residents of the Sunshine Coast to head to the Showgrounds in Nambour this weekend, and show their support for the show," Mr O'Brien said.

"Sometimes it takes the threat of losing something to realise how much it means to you.

"So, let's show our appreciation for all the hard-working members of the

Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society, their staff and volunteers, for sticking in there and keeping the show alive.

The Federal Government also contributed \$100,000 to help install a new passenger lift in the Showground's Main Pavilion, improving access to people with mobility issues.

When you come to the Show this weekend, make sure you stop by Ted's stand and pick up your free showbag, which is packed full of goodies and useful information for all the family.

Ted O'Brien will officially open the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show this Friday at 5pm.



Ted O'Brien meets some junior showgoers from 2019.



Ted O'Brien, right, with 2019 local state MPs from left Dan Purdie, Brent Mickelberg and Marty Hunt.



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| 40. BEEF LASAGNE – WITH LEAN BEEF BOLOGNESE LAYERED WITH BECHAMEL & PASTA BAKED WITH CHEESE
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 | 51. CREAMY COCONUT INDIAN VEGETABLE & CHICKPEA CURRY (GF / DF / VEG)
– SERVED WITH RICE
A. SINGLE SERVE \$9.90 B. PORTION FOR 2 PPL \$18.00 |
| 41. OVEN BAKED BEEF RISSOLES & GRAVY
– SERVED WITH BUTTERED POTATOES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES
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Record attendance as crowds delight in Maleny Show return

A RECORD attendance has been set for the Maleny Show upon its return Friday and Saturday May 28 & 29.

"It was excellent. It was a record Show in so many different ways," said Show Society President and Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston labelling the two-day event a massive success.

"We had about 18,000 people through the gates over the two days which is a substantial increase on any previous record."

New additions to the program, along with heightened anticipation following last year's cancellation, likely contributed to the large crowds across the weekend.

"We also had excellent quality of horses and ring events. We had fantastic entertainment. We introduced some new jumping programs for the horses and the competitors loved it and the crowd was fascinated."



The traditional Saturday night Rodeo was replaced.

"On Saturday night we had a huge laser show in conjunction with fireworks. Many people said they were the best fireworks they had ever seen. Friday and Saturday night entertainment programs were amazing and really well supported. You couldn't find a vacant spot on the hill and the families that were there had a great time."

Cr Johnston said it was heartening to see younger people flocking to the Show and volunteering behind the scenes.

"It's the young people who are the

future of the Show and its the young volunteers who will keep it running," he said.

The high jump contest for dogs was as popular as ever. "This event really draws the people in and is wonderful for crowd participation."

Cr Johnston said the Show Society went to a lot of effort and expense to comply with COVID requirements.

"And I think we're a better show for it," he said. "We had to be more organised this year and we had to have a proper gauge on how many people attended."

Cr Johnston said the Show represented a valuable aspect of Coast life. "It's a different form of education for young people," he said. "Something they don't normally get to see ... horses, cows, chooks, beef and dairy cattle and dogs."

Long may it prosper.

Photos courtesy Marsha Fotografie



It's the volunteers who really make it happen

WHILE the hard-working Maleny Show committee does a lot of the organising, it's the volunteers who really make it happen.

Show Society President Winston Johnston said the Maleny Show relied on an impressive lineup of more than 200 volunteers.

"The thing that always really impresses me is how the community comes together and gives their time," Cr Johnston said. "These individuals work up to 24 hours over the two days the Show is on. But it's not just that. You also have all the people who come in and help us set up days and weeks before the Show. And then you have to include the people who help us pack everything away. It's quite an extraordinary commu-

nity event."

Cr Johnston said every dollar raised at the Show went back into developing facilities at the Showgrounds. "There are 17 user groups that take advantage of our wonderful facilities and we keep the fees very, very cheap at less than \$1000 per annum," he said.

"And that's a great thing and that's only achievable because we have a successful Show.

"We recently handed over \$1.4 million in improvements to the Showgrounds — a united effort between Federal and State governments, Council and the Show Society.

"We also receive very strong support from the local business community which enables quality

entertainment and high value prizes for our competitors."

Show secretary Lois White agreed saying it was pleasing that all went well and everyone enjoyed the Show. "Our Covid plan worked well and everyone was patient and compliant," she said.

"We are so pleased with the way our committee worked together over the last three months since we got the approval to hold the event. Normally it takes 10 months to plan but with only three months we think we did our best and the crowd numbers were huge. All our vendors and community groups who had stalls sold out of two days worth of food on the first day and had to restock. Thank goodness for Maleny IGA!"



Workshops presented to build anticipation of Wearable Arts Festival

MILLINERY workshops and forums with leading fashion designers are some of the activities the Australian Wearable Art Festival is delivering in the build-up to its event next year.

The idea is to support artists and to raise awareness and funds for the Sunshine Coast-based competition in May next year.

After a COVID-19 enforced hiatus last year the Festival is focussed on providing a platform for people to explore their creativity and be inspired by wearable art.

"There has been a lot of conversation in the last year on how the arts positively impact not only our mental health but our economy," said curator Wendy Roe.

"The Australian Wearable Art Festival is a spectacular event that really inspires audiences. It's unexpected, authentic and a unique showcase of the best wearable art from across Australia.

"We are committed to delivering events that create a fusion of fashion and art, reigniting people's love affair with wearable art and giving our artists a platform to showcase their

work."

Workshops this year will be held in weaving, papermaking, sculpting and floristry techniques so participants can create wearable art pieces such as a fascinator or jewellery.

Workshops are already underway with local artists such as Nambour's Melanie Jeffers who is excited to be sharing her skills.

"As a milliner I see women experimenting with wearable art every time they put their race wear outfit together — the boundaries of art and fashion are often beautifully blurred," said Melanie.

"I have been making hats and fascinators for over 11 years and I love pushing those boundaries. I also really enjoy helping people realise their creative vision and see them explore new skills and materials.

"There is something magical about giving people the freedom to be creative and seeing their excitement when they finish a piece."

• Workshop tickets start from \$60. To find out more about the workshops or how to donate to this project visit www.australianwearableart.com.au



Helen Perry, left, models a piece by Nambour Milliner Melanie Jeffers: "There is something magical about giving people the freedom to be creative and seeing their excitement when they finish a piece."



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Popular bike track keeps school fun thanks to Sundale Foundation

NAMBOUR Special School has used a \$10,000 grant from the Sundale Community Foundation to improve outdoor activities for students.

"We are absolutely thrilled and enormously grateful to the Sundale Community Foundation for this money, as it will allow us to buy play equipment for our bike track," said Nambour Special School P&C President Rochelle Moore.

"The bike track is a vital and well used part of our school campus and it provides such enrichment for our students," she said. "The kids will be so excited to use the fresh new equipment."

Wayne Greenham, Director of the Sundale Community Foundation Board, said that every year the Board is presented with the difficult task of assessing every application for grants.

"We generally receive around 40 applications, this equated to close to \$300,000 in grant requests," Mr Greenham explained.

"The 2020 grants round totalled \$57,836, so as you can imagine, it is always a tough decision because every application is worthy.

"There are some strict criteria to meet and we are also able to help with part funding for some projects, so hopefully, we can help as many community groups and organisations as possible. It is always very rewarding to visit the grant recipients and see how they have put the funds to work."

In 2020 SCF again partnered with Sundale Limited \$15,000,



Danielle Mackenzie, Wayne Greenham and Rochelle Moore inspect the track with the help of students.

and Ken Mills Toyota \$5000, this additional \$20,000 makes an additional support to the community.

Sundale CEO, Danielle Mackenzie says, "At Sundale we strive to make a difference in people's lives every day. These grants allow us to extend our support beyond the aged care sector."

"Sundale is honoured to donate \$10,000 to Nambour Special School so they can upgrade their bike track and playground and \$5,000 also

went to St Vincent de Paul, which will go towards provision of school uniforms and children's shoes."

"We hope the grants make a difference to local families and allow Nambour Special School and St Vincent de Paul to continue their meaningful and valuable work throughout the Sunshine Coast community."

The 2021 SCF grants round opens 16 July. Learn more at: www.sundalecommunity-foundation.org.au

Famous pianist Piers Lane praises Montville venue's 'intimate' setting

Story and picture by **Richard Bruinsma**

AUSTRALIAN concert pianist Piers Lane has thrilled classical music lovers with two sold out recitals at the prestigious Lucas Parklands auditorium at Montville.

The venue is fast becoming a magnet for world class classical musicians with local residents relishing the chance to experience the world's best in intimate and private surroundings.

"It is extraordinary that you have this place in the middle of the rainforest, and it's so beautiful acoustically, with a lovely Steinway (piano), and the audience able to sit around and in really intimate contact with the pianist," Maestro Lane said after his concerts.

"We were playing slightly 'in the round' this time and it was a lovely feeling to have that contact with people and close communication."

Maestro Lane is regarded as one of the world's great Chopin interpreters of today. "So much of this music was written for this sort of occasion: Chopin mainly played in salons... he hated playing in big halls, and he had a very intimate sound, so it was appreciated in these smaller circumstances, so I feel it's the right place to play nocturnes and waltzes," Mr Lane said.

"And Beethoven as well. They didn't have these massive concert halls in those days so the music was written for people to get in on it, really



Meg Lucas, Piers Lane and Lee Lucas following the performance.

close up, and that's what you get here at Lucas Parklands; it's really something very special."

The Lucas Parklands auditorium has been a lifelong dream of Ian and Lee Lucas, who are creating a prestigious concert venue with a growing reputation for attracting world class artists and programs. The 150-seat hall features soft lighting and large windows that provide a natural backdrop to an intimate and acous-

tically brilliant space.

"It was gorgeous to be here. I visited about 10 years ago and thought what a magnificent space it was," Mr Lane said. "I'm sure lots of big artists would be very happy to come here. The Lucas's are fantastic people, so welcoming and so down to earth, easy to be with, and of course the surroundings are exceptional, so I think the sky's the limit for who you could get here."

Yandina Country Music concert

BRING your dance shoes for a chance of a dance as Yandina welcomes five-piece band Watyaget as guest artists at the country music concert on Sunday June 20.

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Local and walk-up artists will also entertain you with many crowd-pleasing favour-

ites. The Australasian Country Music Association, Yandina Branch, Hall of Fame is at 24 Steggalls Road. Concert starts at 12 noon. Doors open 10.30am. Raffle and door prizes, byo lunch, free tea and coffee. Entry \$8.

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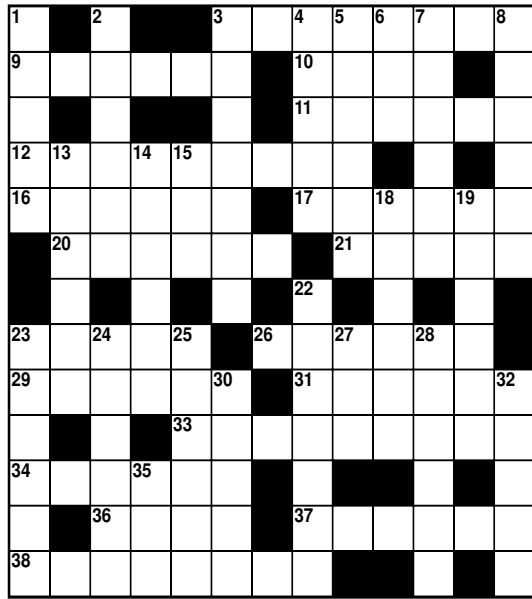


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Keen photographer Andrea Weber took this photo last month at Maleny Botanic Gardens. The red-bellied black snake must have been getting the remainder of the sunshine before winter.



This character is no doubt instantly recognisable to Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group BushCare working bee members as one of the water dragons down by Petrie Creek. It was snapped recently taking a dip after rains.





AGED 50 AND OVER?

COVID-19 vaccines continue to roll out to those most at risk.

People aged 50 and over can receive their COVID-19 vaccine at one of the selected vaccination clinics or at participating general practices.

It's voluntary, free and the best way to protect you and your community.

Our Therapeutic Goods Administration continues to closely monitor the safety of all vaccines in Australia.

To find out where you can get vaccinated visit australia.gov.au or call 1800 020 080



KEEPING AUSTRALIA COVIDSAFE





Joan Clark, Fiona Woodley, Marj Ward and Susan Balasapas.

Palmwoods Bowls news

PALMWOODS Bowls club has had a busy few week with the conclusion of the Clyde Family social triple event and the Club championship pairs.

The Ladies and Mens club pairs brought out some very exciting results. The Ladies title was taken out by Joan Clark & Marj Ward when they defeated Fiona Woodley & Susan Balasapas 27-17. It was a great game with most of the bowlers contesting their first club final. Congratulations ladies.

The Mens quarter & semi finals were all very close affairs. In the most hard fought semi, Mark Laing & Terry Teagle won in "Golden Point" against Col McKinlay & Johnny Moore 27-26. Dom Sheridan & Dan Reithmuller set up a final showdown by defeating James Tustin & Kev Morrissey in the other semi. As expected, the final came down to the last bowl with Dom & Dan prevailing 22-20 in a great final. Congratulations to all the bowlers for a great competition.

Clyde Family Social Triples Shield

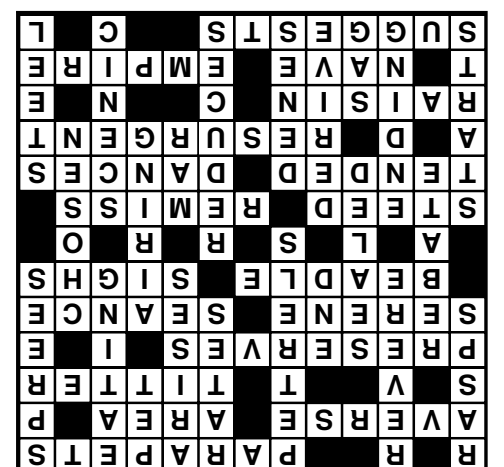
The conclusion of the Clyde Family Social Triples shield happened recently. 16 teams battled it out over 7 weeks and there was a lot of fun and laughter in this event, which gives the opportunity for barefoot bowlers to experience the game of bowls. "12th Men", made up of Col McKinlay, Bryan Yorke & Davey Farmer took out the title over Kev Morrisseys team which include Michael & Sue.

To the memory of Lorna Hardingham

Palmwoods Bowls club members send our many condolences to the family of Lorna Hardingham. Lorna, unquestionably was the club's greatest bowler who had attained titles as long as your arm.

The list includes 4 state titles, Australian rep 3 times, 6 times champion of champions, 30 district titles and over 60 club titles. These are only a few of her achievements from a true champion and a wonderful ambassador for the sport of bowls.

Crossword Solution





Piper sets scene at Celtic Magic concerts

Piper Gordon Ferguson played a medley of Celtic tunes while images of highland scenery were projected on to a screen on the back wall of Kureelpa hall to open the Celtic Magic concerts presented by the Mapleton Choir. The choir sang to three full houses over the weekend of 21-23 May and received accolades and praise from the audience.

Heritage Bank backs Palmwoods, calls for Community Sponsorships

THE Palmwoods Community Branch Board of Directors of the Heritage Community Branch are delighted to announce that the 2021 Community Sponsorships opened on June 1 and will close on August 31.

Palmwoods Community Branch Ltd (PCB) is a joint-venture between Heritage Bank Palmwoods, and the local Palmwoods community. It was established after 99 local investors raised \$200,000 in capital to help set up the branch in 2006.

"Under the Heritage Bank community branch model, the PCB's share of the profits goes back to the community via sponsorships and community projects that will benefit the Palmwoods community," said PCB Ltd Director Audrey Little.

"What sets Palmwoods apart is the people

and our passion for this area, in fact, that's how Palmwoods Community Branch came about.

"The PCB Ltd Directors are so proud to see this passion continue through the support we receive from people choosing to do their banking directly with Heritage Bank Palmwoods by coming into the branch.

"It means Heritage and PCB can support local community organisations with much-needed funding.

"We will continue to support our community as much as we can, and be there for Palmwoods through both the good times and the challenging ones."

If your Community organization, sporting club or school has a project that needs funding, please visit the Branch at Palmwoods Plaza to collect an application form.

Relaxed fashions come to Mapleton as boutique opens

B Jewel Boutique has just opened in beautiful Mapleton bringing relaxed fashions to the friendly township.

"Our labels are unique and offered at a friendly price point," said owner Belinda Wright. "Everything is designed in Australia and we change the stock constantly. Along with our unique yet practical range of fashions we also showcase Snap Button Jewellery which is a jewellery range that you can customise yourself.

"It's an affordable way of having jewellery to match your every outfit and your style and personality.

"As our way of caring and contributing to our environment, we offer 10 percent discount when you bring in a garment that can be recycled that you trade in against your new purchase. These in turn are then donated to local organisations so we can also contribute to the community."

The Boutique also has locally made handcrafted



Christine Tarlinton and Belinda Wright of B Jewel Boutique.

homewares and giftwares for adults and kids the majority of which are upcycled or sourced from local suppliers.

"When we enjoy warm nights again we will be offering private ladies nights that will include Champagne, nibble platters and generous bonuses for the hostess that books a private shopping experience with her friends."

Belinda is joined in the shop by Christine Tarlinton who makes unique up-cycled resin pieces. She can customise pieces for individual orders.

The shop is located right next to the Bakery in Mapleton, opposite the Tavern. Contact Belinda Wright on 0477 027 238 or visit the website www.snap-buttonjewellery.com.au



Yandina Historic House Artist of the Month Sharon McCarthy with art curator Col Nation.

Sharon's art exhibition brings coast to life

"LIFE on the Sunshine Coast" is the title of Sharon McCarthy's exhibition as Artist of the Month at the Yandina Historic House. Art curator Col Nation said each of Sharon's paintings told a story of someone having fun and enjoying the great outdoors.

"Sharon moved from South Australia to the Sunshine Coast a few years back and has revelled in the coastal lifestyle," he said. "Sharon brings the coast to life in this colourful array of paintings."

The exhibition runs until the end of June at Yandina Historic House at 3 Pioneer Road Yandina, next to the Ginger Factory. You can enjoy a Devonshire Tea with locally made scones that are the talk of the town. Enjoy Sharon's wonderful interpretation of the Coast along with the other artworks and historical displays from Monday to Saturday 9.30 am to 2.30pm.



Small Talk featuring Peter Walters and guest singer Kristina Kelman.

Small Talk playing Jazz at the Glass House Brewery

SMALL Talk, led by long time doyen of the double bass, Peter Walters, is an extraordinary collection of talent and creativity in improvisation and new music. But don't be swayed by the term "new" as his new group is rooted in the traditions of jazz, blues, and latin and all things groovy. Pete has been at the forefront of jazz performance in Brisbane for over 2 decades.

Bringing their show to the Sunshine Coast, Small Talk will be performing at The Jazz Sessions on Sunday 20th June at 6pm. Held at the Glass House Brewery, Forest Glen, a \$54 ticket entitles you to a two-course dinner along with the show. Augmented by the gorgeous singing style of Kristina Kelman, this evening will prove an exciting journey into jazz and creativity, soulful expression, charm and wit and eclecticism. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stickytickets.com.au/TheJazzSessions

Moment in Time



Plenty of parking at Nambour Showgrounds in the 1960s

It was a sea of cars at the annual Nambour Show in the 1960s. People from all over the district arrived early to gain the best parking spots overlooking the ring events. Families dressed in their best outfits. Farmers gathered at the sugar-cane and fruit exhibits. People packed the hall to check out the displays while children freely roamed the fairground and waited for the evening fireworks. (photo Nambour Museum)

Exhibition presents food for the soul!

THERE'S no doubt that the ongoing, negative social and emotional impacts of the coronavirus are taking their toll on a weary community. With that in mind the Sunshine Coast Art Group have been working to put together a fabulous exhibition and art market for all of the community to enjoy.

On Saturday July 10 SCAG are opening their doors and inviting the people of the Sunshine Coast to come and see the results of our artisans' creative endeavours.

The event is called Soup n Soul and the art group members are passionate people who put heart and soul into what they do. A number of them will be doing demonstrations and others will be on hand to talk about how the art group works and give out some information about upcoming classes and workshops. The artworks and handmade craftwork on sale covers everything from paintings and pottery to aprons and everything in between. You will be sure to bag a bargain.

With the theme of 'Soup n Soul' at the event's core, we'll be offering 'Soup n Bowl' as our 'something extra-special' as



SCAG members will be opening their studio rooms to the public on July 10 for Soup n Soul.

an added enticement to come along on the day! The potters have been hard at it making the ceramic bowls and our painters have been decorating bowls from which a delicious array of scrumptious soups will be served. When you buy a bowl of soup... you get to keep the bowl when you've finished enjoying it - and all for just \$15. And for those with a sweet tooth...there will be a selection of yummy treats to go with a cuppa too.

Getting together, enjoying

the fun of an art market with live music, food and fun is the 'feel good fix' everyone can benefit from during these challenging times of the pandemic.

Entry is free, EFTPOS is available and everyone is welcome.

• Soup n Soul Exhibition & Art Market is at Sunshine Coast Art Group Club Rooms 1 William Parker Place, Buderim. For more information: Call Debra 5456 2743.

Raffle raises funds for wildlife service

A raffle organised and run for the duration of the 'Did U Know Wildlife Exhibition' at the Cooroy Butter Factory Arts Centre has raised \$1976.

There were seven prizes which were made up of contributions from the exhibiting artists and all proceeds were donated to Wildlife SEQ.

This wildlife rescue group based on the Sunshine Coast provides care, rehabilitation and release services of local native species.

Organiser of the wildlife exhibition Fiona Groom was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for everyone involved in the raffle and exhibition from Wildlife SEQ President Melanie Penman.



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"We would like to thank everyone who supported the raffle and the artists who were so generous with their dona-

tions," said Fiona.

• Wildlife SEQ Inc: www.wildlifeseq.com.au E: info@wildlifeseq.com.au

The nearest thing to climbing Mt Everest, without leaving town

THE Virtual Everest Trek 2021 can be performed anywhere in Australia, from Roxby Downs to The Snowys, Mt Buller or the Gold Coast.

On the Sunshine Coast it will be at Mt Coolum where a team of high climbing fundraisers will complete 42 laps over 5 days, accumulating 8848 metres — the height of Mt Everest.

It's all about raising money for Shake It Up Australia and Parkinson's Disease research.

"You can do it locally by trekking your favourite hill, or stairs, its up to you, form a team and share the load," said organiser Gary McKitterick



Gillett.

"Now is the time to get your teams together and register. We have begun training each Wednesday at Mt Gnun Gnun and Fridays at Mt Coolum from 4.45pm. All are welcome to join us.

"You can climb the 8848 metres over five days, or five weeks! It's up to you, the views may not be the same, but the feeling of accomplishment

will still be there and you will have raised awareness for Parkinson's Disease by supporting Shake It Up Australia."

To register go to www.our-fundraisers.raisely.com and search for Everest. The team from Shake It Up Australia will then be in touch to arrange your teams shirts. Or contact Gary McKitterick Gillett on 0409 573 951.

Entertaining opera outlasts shutdown to support our firefighters' 2020 heroism

LAST year, the Maleny singers were in the early stages of rehearsal for Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera "Yeomen of the Guard". The team had decided to make their major performance for the year a charity event, in honour of the work Firefighters did in the disastrous summer of 2020.

But only a month into rehearsals COVID 19 arrived to shut down any thoughts of performing arts for a year.

Fast forward 15 months, and the singers are really grateful for that month of rehearsals last year. Musical Director Margaret Taylor said "I have never seen the cast so advanced in both singing and acting at this stage. I have a sense that this will be one of their best shows ever!"

It is a family show in every sense of the word, with



performers ranging in age from 10 to 80, and across three generations. Lead singer Viera Keogh has her two boys Connor and Fynn in the cast. And Colin Dunn and partner Wendy have daughter Daisy dancing in the show. But it is also a great show for families to enjoy from the other side of the footlights, with comedy, drama and pathos, all accom-

panied by beautiful tunes. Of course, the production remains a charity event for the Rural Fire Service, and Fire Officers have volunteered to act as our ushers. The performances are on at the Maleny Community Centre on 12,13,19 and 20 June. Tickets at trybooking.com. They will be also selling at the door but do not leave it till last minute.



Artist's impressions of Eudlo main street car park and town entrance.

Eudlo's new-look main street revealed

HAVE they got it right? That's the question Sunshine Coast Council will be asking the community this month, on a new look main street for Eudlo.

In November last year, council asked the community to share what they loved and what could be improved to enhance Rosebed Street.

Divisional Councillor Winston Johnston said the ideas and feedback received in this first stage of engagement were used to develop a draft streetscape concept plan, which is now ready for the community to review.

"The Placemaking Streetscape Project aims to improve the day-to-day experience of people living, working and visiting the hinterland town," Cr

Johnston said.

"We aren't looking to change Eudlo's identity. Instead we want to enhance what the community already loves about the lively township.

"After conducting online surveys, a series of conversations and community events, Eudlo residents told us they want to see more shady, cool and green streets, safer streets for pedestrian and motorists and an appealing and walkable environment for the community to enjoy on a daily basis."

Residents were encouraged to come down and share their ideas with the team and enjoy a free sausage sizzle in Eudlo Park on Saturday 22 May between 8 and 11am.

Cr Johnston said people who couldn't make that event could

jump online and provide their feedback until 11 June via council's Have Your Say website.

Council's series of placemaking projects aims to create vibrant places that enhance the unique characters of our towns and draw from community feedback.

Similar completed projects include beautifying and enhancing Landsborough, Palmwoods and Beerwah.

Following community feedback, the final designs will be produced, with construction scheduled to take place in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Online Survey closes Friday 11 June. Visit haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/open-consultation.

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Bankfoot House goes virtual

Have you checked out the brand new virtual reality experience at Bankfoot House? Pop on a headset to experience the same landscape as our First Nations People. This free experience adds even more offerings to an already great family day out. Take a tour of the heritage listed house, experience 'The Shed' restoration project, or pack a picnic and enjoy the scenic grounds. Bankfoot House is open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 3pm.

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How will you make your way?

Council knows a sustainable and efficient transport option is needed as more people choose to live on the Sunshine Coast, and is keen to know your thoughts about the range of options being considered. Visit Council's website for details on engagement activities and have your say by 22 June.

Create Caloundra

A vibrant new community and creative hub is visioned for Caloundra, connecting The Events Centre, new district library, Caloundra Regional Gallery and town square through to Bulcock Beach. View the draft concept design at a series of pop-up events this month and see if Council got it right. You can also provide your feedback online before 22 June. Head to Council's website for details.

One for the calendar

Next Council Ordinary Meeting - Thursday, 24 June at 11am.

Stay active with Active Travel Maps

We live in one of the most beautiful places on earth and Council's Active Travel Maps can help you discover even more of your Sunshine Coast. The maps include detailed walking and cycling guides across the region as well as guides to public transport and the top 10 road rides for you to try. To view the maps, head to Council's website or grab a free copy in your local bike shop, visitor information centre or Council office.

Howard Street Wall set to razzle-dazzle

It's out with the old and in with the new at Howard Street, Nambour, with a new public art gallery taking shape. You'll find the Howard Street Wall opposite The Old Ambulance Station and it's about to take centre-stage in a town that's fast becoming a mecca for public art. Artworks will be ready to view from 11 June.

Beach culture on show at the gallery now

Don't miss Caloundra Regional Gallery's latest exhibition, Coastal Connections: beach culture past to present on show until 20 June. You'll find vibrant pieces, from artworks and surfboard fins to LP covers and films, all showing the impact coastal culture has on our lifestyle, music, fashion and art. Open Tuesday to Sunday. Entry and kids' art bags are free.

Are you ready for when the next big storm hits?

Ensure your household or business is prepared with an emergency kit. Visit Council's Disaster Hub website disasterhub.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to find the latest updates, practical resources and what to do before, during and after a storm or emergency.

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room alongside.

Additionally, there is a self-contained 2-bedroom suite with its own entrance providing the ideal teen retreat or a home for older family members.

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The home has lovely timber floors & ceiling fans throughout the upstairs with 2 large bedrooms and an open plan kitchen and living area with a large walk-in pantry. There is also a full-length entry deck and a rear private patio with each capturing views in every direction.

On the ground entry level there is a master suite including ensuite and a huge living area just perfect for entertaining or additional living/bedroom space. The home is currently tenanted.

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How working in the bush can make you happy

THEY are called 'working bees' but the work is more like play, according to Bush Care Sunshine Coast Coordinator Norm Morwood, pictured.

With the Sunshine Coast celebrating World Environment Day this month and a massive program of events organised by the Sunshine Coast Environment Council Norm says it's an opportunity for people to discover the joy of Bush Care.

"Two events scheduled are to give people an opportunity to learn about BushCare and share the satisfaction of having contributed to improving the habitat of our local native animals," said Norm.

"We're inviting people to come to two of our working bees, where they'll be shown what we have been doing. People can join in with our normal activities of controlling weeds and planting local native plants. We'll explain what we do and why. The satisfaction of doing something positive for the local environment and the planet is enormous."

Register at www.wed.org.au. To join in the activities you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boot/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided.

Events

- Namba Creek BushCare Group at 8am on Saturday 19 June. Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour.
- Gulung Gung Bushcare Group at 8am on Wednesday 23 June. Meet in the carpark behind Repco in Howard St Nambour.
- Information www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc/ or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44.



The birthday celebration included, from left cutting cake, Former Div 5 Cr Jenny Mackay, Founding Member and Past President Maureen Sheargold and current President Lynn Vlismas.

For 25 years, friends have forged asset between people and living environment

THE Friends of Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens celebrated 25 years of service last month. The Friends were the driving force behind the initial purchase and establishment of the MRBBG by the then Maroochy Shire Council in 1997. In February 1998, it was the Friends that began clearing the land of exotic pines, lantana and other weeds.

The Friends have volunteered to be involved in all aspects of the development of the Gardens including funding, constructing,

planting, landscaping and maintaining the Gardens. The Friends now work in cooperation with the Sunshine Coast Council and local community in what is a beautiful asset "between people and the living environment" for the future.

Nambour Probus Club celebrates 40 years

THE first meeting of The Probus Club of Nambour was held on Wednesday June 10, 1981 in the Services Memorial Club in Nambour.

Chairman for the meeting Alf Hutchings welcomed local citizens and invited guests Bob Martin, President of the Probus Club of Buderim and District Chairman of Probus. Jack Blair, a member of Buderim Probus Club was guest speaker.

Mr Hutchings outlined what took place at the expression of interest meeting on the 29 May regarding the formation of a club. The election of officers then took place.

President: Alf Hutchings; Vice-President: Gordon Charles; Secretary: Rod Voller; Treasurer: Reg Perrin; Committee members: Col Kirkpatrick, Ray Matthews; Programs and Functions Sub-Committee: Col Kirkpatrick, Doug Wight, Gill Sewell, Ron Garland.

A constitution previously prepared by the Steering Committee, based on that of the Buderim club, was debated and adopted. Membership was set at \$10. Arrangements were made for future meetings to be held in the Price St Red Cross Rooms with the Red Cross



From left, Mike Mathews PAQ, Sue Power President, Roger Roberts, Robin Cordwell & Russ Stephenson of Nambour Rotary.

ladies providing morning tea which they have continued to do up to the present day. Guest speaker Mr Blair then gave an address on procedures in the Magistrates' Courts and the Supreme Court based on his experience as a public prosecutor.

Initially the club was for men only, but in recent times the constitution has been changed to allow ladies to become full members. This year we have our first female President, Sue Power, at the helm. To celebrate the clubs special anniversary a three course lunch was enjoyed at

the Coolum Hotel competently arranged by our Tour Director Roger Roberts and the hotels catering manager Vicki. Over the years the club has had regular day coach trips as well as other social activities. The highlights have been the extended trips to Qld and NSW destinations. Unfortunately Covid has placed a dampener on our activities in recent times.

The club meets in the Masonic Hall in Yandina. For information phone 5442 2464 or 5476 3948.

— Don McGlusky Publicity Officer

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North Arm students immerse themselves in culture, country

IT was a picture perfect day as the GENAS (Growing Excellence in North Arm Students) English delegates from North Arm State School boarded the bus for the Kids in Action Environmental Project Day at Ewen Maddock Dam.

On arrival, Kabi Kabi Traditional Custodian and Elder Uncle Lyndon gave the call inviting each school to join the day.

With this year's theme, Future Dreaming, Jinibara Traditional Custodian and Elder Uncle Noel Blair spoke about the importance of coming together and working collectively to take care of our landscape.

Students took part in a variety of hands-on learning activities, including Future Water Dreaming, Rights of Nature and Human Decision Making, Wayupa Wurrk, Oz Harvest Use It Up Challenge, the Council of all Beings and Exploring Jinibara Natural Earth Pigments.

Year 5 student Olivia said her favourite activity was Future Water Dreaming.

"We had to find out how much water to give to each town and still have enough water left in the river. Each of us had a chance to figure out how we would do it and then the group chose the best solution," she said.

The engaging activities helped our future leaders and environmental champions build relationships with and learn from Kabi Kabi and Jinibara Traditional Custodians along with other First Nations People and other environmental specialists. Students will now work together at school guided by their teacher, Ms Jaenke, and other mentors on their own project aimed at inspiring other young people to learn and care for the environment.

In September, they will present their project to other schools at the Kids Teaching Kids Conference at Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens.

Nambour Library forecourt upgrade

David Law
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You may have noticed a hive of activity happening in the forecourt out the front of Nambour Library, and it looks fantastic.

Council wanted to create a space that provided opportunities for people to relax, have fun and socialise. A beautiful new mural has also come to life and was created by the very talented Sunshine Coast artist Alison Mooney.

Shaded dining areas will be installed and a central open lawn area will soften and help cool the area, while a long-term solution will be investigated to keep the slide cool and useable all year. Integrated seating, a games area and festoon lighting over green nooks will help deliver council's vision of a hub with a sub-tropical experience for the local community to enjoy and will be a valuable investment to the economy in the area.

Major Grants

Council's most recent Major Grants have awarded more than \$930,000 among 112 volunteer groups to support projects which will provide community benefit well into the future.

Congratulations to Street Art Nambour who received \$7500 towards a one day multi-disciplinary arts festival at Nambour Showgrounds in September, aimed at supporting local musicians, artists, micro-breweries and wineries; Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society Inc. who got \$7391 to facilitate agricultural education and bring together surrounding communities; and The Yandina Chamber of Commerce Inc. who received \$7500 towards the annual Street Fair, a free local family friendly celebration in August including market stalls and live music.

Reimagine Nambour Inc also received \$7500 towards the annual Retro Rocks Festival a 'custom culture' community event set for August incorporating rockabilly music and dancing, custom and classic cars, and retro fashion; Yandina School of Arts got \$30,000 towards maintenance and renovations; Sunshine Coast Railway Modellers Society Inc received \$10,000 for the replacement of a flood-damaged railway track; Mapleton Hall and Sportsground Trust were given \$8250 to resurfacing their driveway and Nambour Amateur Swimming Club Inc received \$19010 to upgrade their facilities.

'I am Nambour' branding campaign

Ted O'Brien
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The exciting next phase of Reimagine Nambour got underway this week, with a new branding campaign demonstrating the wonderful spirit of the town.

I was delighted to take part in the filming of 'I am Nambour' alongside so many passionate local identities.

I love Nambour and its people, and I believe if we unite, work together, and put aside any differences, we can make Nambour the soul of the Sunshine Coast. I am Nambour.

It's Show Time

The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show returns this weekend (June 11 - 13) after the pandemic forced the cancellation of last year's event.

As I told the Parliament last week, these events are so much more than just a few days of fun. While there's plenty of entertainment, games and some serious competition for people of all ages, the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show brings together the local community and reminds us that we're part of something bigger than ourselves.

I'll be officially opening the Show this Friday at 5pm. If you're visiting the showgrounds over the weekend, please drop by my stand and grab your free Ted O'Brien showbag.

GI Challenge

Are you a young entrepreneur living in Nambour or the hinterland? Or do you have an idea that could be turned into a successful business? If so, it's time to apply to join the 2021 GI Challenge. It's a free program that's open to would-be entrepreneurs aged between 15 - 25, living on the Sunshine Coast.

The winner will take home a \$10,000 first prize package - \$5,000 cash and \$5,000 in-kind. Every year I am blown away by the calibre of the talent here in our region and I can't wait to see what this year's cohort delivers.

If you'd like more information or to register go to www.generationinnovation.com.au.

Palmwoods Aquatic Centre

Winston Johnston
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I am pleased to advise that works will begin on installing a new automatic chemical facility serving the 'learn to swim' and toddler pools at Palmwoods Aquatic Centre.

The automation of accurate chemical dosing ensures consistent, balanced water quality which can be reactive to changing water conditions.

The aquatic centre will remain operational throughout works and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2021.

Eudlo's new main street

Have you told us your thoughts on the new draft streetscape design for Rosebed Street? The Placemaking Streetscape Project aims to improve the day-to-day experience of people living, working and visiting the hinterland town. We aren't looking to change Eudlo's identity. Instead we want to enhance what the community already loves about the lively township. View design and provide your feedback by visiting council's Have Your Say website: <https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/eudlo-placemaking>

Council Link

Did you know Council offers an affordable transport service that is available for people aged 60 and over, people with a disability or mobility impairment, and carers and minors accompanying eligible people? The door-to-door service is available for residents living in Peachester, Nambour, Palmwoods, Woombye, Yandina, Mapleton, North Maleny, Maleny, Montville, Conondale, Witta and Flaxton. For more information on how to use this great service, and for times and details, search 'Council Link' on our website.

Looking for a new opportunity?

Nominations are now open for Sunshine Coast Council's Community Reference Group (CRG) to support the development of the new Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme. Visit council's website for more information and to register your interest in being considered as a member of the CRG. www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/newplanningscheme

Glassies voting is open now

Andrew Powell
State Member for Glass House
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Thank you to everyone who nominated a local small business and/or employee in this year's Glass House Small Business Awards. It's now time to move onto the most important stage ... voting! Your votes will determine the silver winners in each region. The bronze winners are peer chosen by the local Chambers of Commerce and the two gold winners are chosen by the presidents of each of the chambers and me. There are plenty of businesses and employees for you to vote for up now on my website. The number of nominations received do not count as votes, so be sure to hop back on to www.andrewpowell.com.au to vote for your favourites.

Inquiry into Serious Vilification and Hate Crimes

The Legal Affairs and Safety Committee is reaching out to Queenslanders inviting you to tell your story if you have been verbally or physically abused or harassed because of who you are. We want to make sure that Queensland laws are doing enough to address these issues, particularly on social media platforms. The committee invites submissions addressing any aspect of the Inquiry, from all interested parties. More information about the Inquiry and how to make a submission can be found by putting 'Inquiry into serious vilification and hate crimes' into the search function Queensland Parliament website.

Wandi Nerida Launch

Today was the official launch of Wandi Nerida - Australia's first residential recovery centre for people affected by eating disorders. It was great to hear Chair Anne Doherty and Founder Mark Forbes speak about the facility and how it will change young lives on the Coast. It's been a long time in the making, but seeing this facility finally throw open its doors to the community was spectacular.

Win for Palmwoods road safety

Rob Skelton
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The speed limit on a section of Woombye-Palmwoods Road (known locally as Margaret Street) will soon be reduced in response to community concerns. I am pleased with the decision, which followed a review by the Speed Management Committee of vehicle speeds on Margaret Street.

The Speed Management Committee recommend lowering the existing 50km/h speed limit on a 500-metre section of road, from east of the Chevallum Road intersection to west of the Post Office, be lowered to 40km/h from next week. Hopefully, this change will slow drivers down through town and help put the focus on improving safety on the roads through Palmwoods.

Sunshine Coast Show 2021

The best of the Sunshine Coast's world-class agricultural produce will be front and centre at the 2021 Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show.

The Show is #GoodtoGo thanks to more than \$38,000 in funding from the Queensland Government's 2020-21 Show Societies Grants Program.

Sunshine Coast farmers are right up there with the world's best and the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show is a great showcase for what the local industry is capable of, COVID-19 has been a tough time for our farmers, but we've stood by them and they are really kicking goals.

Whether it is cattle or macadamias, finger limes or pineapples, or some of the tastiest strawberries you have ever tasted, our producers have earned a place on the world's tables.

With confidence returning to the agricultural industry, I hope this year's show will be a real celebration of our farmers' achievements.

Weekend Vaccinations

Last week Minister D'Ath announced that Queensland will continue to step up its vaccine rollout by trialling weekend vaccinations across the State.

The priority for the weekend will be vaccinating those in the 40 - 49 year old category who have registered their interest to get the vaccine and the aged and disability care workforce, who are yet to be vaccinated by the Commonwealth Government.

Take care on the roads as it begins to get dark early

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

It's been a sad week for macropods this week. In the past three days I've had three rescues of very small joeys. The two wallaby joeys furlless and fragile. Our WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline has had many other calls for kangaroos and wallabies. These are usually hit by cars or chased by dogs. One lady had to have her young son hold a joey as she moved a dead kangaroo off the middle of the road. Definitely a budding junior WILVO.

Drivers need to drive carefully in the Ninderry area as it is a 'highway' for eastern grey kangaroos also. Fairhill Nursery called about a young joey by itself, calling for his mother. He had been seen the afternoon before. Having been out all night by himself he was very cold and small enough to be able to catch.

Being just over two kilograms in weight this poor little animal would have spent most of his time in the pouch. Tragically, there was a beautiful big female on the road close by. She had only just been killed that morning. On checking the condition of her pouch, it certainly appeared that she was the mother of the young one. If kangaroos do become separated, mothers will often hear the young calling. This one was so close to finding her joey.

So many kangaroos are hit by cars in that same spot on the road but some drivers just can't slow down. Macropods can jump in front of a car even when we are travelling slowly, but with a speeding car in these 'hot spots' they have no chance.

Please take extra care on the roads, especially in these next few months of early darkness. For your own safety and that of our precious wildlife.

Citytrain Response Unit Finale

Jeffrey Addison
Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



You may recall in February, I wrote an Opinion Piece Editorial in the Gazette about the Citytrain Response Unit (CRU). This is the body created in February 2017 by the Palaszczuk government to implement the recommendations of the Queensland Rail Train Crewing Practices Commission of Inquiry, known as the Strachan Inquiry after Commissioner Phillip Strachan.

My article ended with these words: "What happened to the four unfinished recommendations? Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk committed to fulfil them all. Unless someone asks these questions of Government, we may never know."

I am pleased to report that now we know ... The 'Fixing the Trains Final report December Quarter 2020' was quietly issued, undated, sometime around the end of April 2021.

It skipped the Q3 September Quarter 2020 report that the June Quarter report referenced - but never-the-less it's finally been completed.

Well, almost completed. Recommendation 10 of the Commission of Inquiry was to "Target a structural surplus of staff."

This item is listed as complete on page 6 of the final report.

In the previous June Quarter 2020 report, it was listed as 'In progress.'

We now learn that targets for that staff surplus have been reviewed by Queensland Rail.

How you can review a Commission of Inquiry recommendation and change it to save money must make for a unique process?

It is equivalent to moving the goal posts to - in this case - a cheaper location.

It also explains why the CRU was shut down suddenly without fanfare in December 2020 - without interim reports.

This is part of Minister Mark Bailey's summary:

"... I also acknowledge that we still have some way to go to realise the aspiration to deliver not only a world class rail service, but a world class public transport service. It is for this reason that Recommendation 36a-c remains open."

Oops, no mention of the Recommendation 10 changes.

This is how the report explained it:

"The initial target set in the Strachan Inquiry, to deliver the timetable without the systematic reliance on overtime would significantly increase Traincrew cost through increases in unproductive shifts for traincrew. The target set by Queensland Rail is consistent with other jurisdictions and maintains the reliability of the service, thus meeting the intent of the recommendation. This approach minimises the overall traincrew cost."

This Final report lists among its key achievements since the October 2016 Rail-Fail as:

"200 new guards trained by October 2018" and "200 new drivers trained by December 2019".

The fact is the net figures were very different, due to natural attrition by retirements, transfers and resignations.

Queensland Rail today has 214 drivers and 241 guards.


After 4 1/2 years, the 200 driver target has been met.

As for Recommendation 36a-c: Undertake review of transport governance.

"The Citytrain Response Unit recommends that a further review be undertaken, building on the work completed by the CRU, to consider how greater integration across the public transport cluster can be achieved to support the successful delivery of public transport projects and services into the future."

It remains unfinished.

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