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**Woombye Cheese Owner Beth O'Leary and head cheesemaker Stefan Wilson with the 2023 Australian Grand Dairy Award-winning "Blackall Gold Washed Rind". Inset: the award winning cheese presented on a platter.**

# Cheese Champions

## Woombye owner reveals secret ingredients behind Australia's best Cheese 2023

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"It's amazing," she said. "The fact that we won over large and middle-tier Victorian cheese makers is actually incredible."

Beth said great staff and a great recipe were the secret ingredients in toppling her more fancied rivals. "I think just having a consistent team is what creates really consistent cheese.

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"And we've obviously got a great recipe.

"And I think the milk we get from Maleny, I think the cows feed off really good pastures in

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THE Zonta Club of Blackall Range held another fantastic evening on March 8th to celebrate International Women's Day. Gail Denver was a popular choice when she was awarded the Woman of Achievement Award for 2023.

"We have been celebrating our local women this way for several years and everyone always enjoys the evening so much," President Ann Koenig said.

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## Woombye Cheese claims dream dairy industry award

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the hinterland. It's excellent for cheese-making because of the fat content."

The former nurse said the purchase of the business satisfied a life-long passion.

"I've just always loved cheese," she said. "The whole romantic vision of eating cheese and sitting on your deck and having a wine and friends over. I love eating it. I love the business side. I love the whole Sunshine Coast vibe. I mean, there's so many people making amazing things up here."

Beth said Blackall Gold was "perfect for something different on your cheeseboard with its unique orange appearance".

Grand Dairy Awards Chief Judge Russel Smith said Woombye Cheese punched above its weight in winning against much larger companies.

Each year, hundreds of gold medal winning products from around the country enter the Awards judged by a panel of esteemed cheese and dairy judges.

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Created using the Woombye Triple Cream Brie, the Ash Brie is carefully rolled in ash - resulting a striking black and white appearance in addition to the creamy centre.

To even enter the awards a cheese has to have won gold at a state-based show like the Royal Brisbane Show.

Woombye Cheese was founded by Graeme and Karen Paynter in 2013. The range also includes Camembert, Triple Cream Brie, Vintage Cheddar and Truffle Triple Cream Brie. It is available at local IGAs, upmarket delis and boutique grocers across Australia and can be found at some of the country's finest restaurants. You can order at [www.woombyecheese.com](http://www.woombyecheese.com).



Above: A scene from "Katele (Mudskipper)". Right: John Harvey will attend the screening.

## Great big Short Film festival showing at Majestic Cinemas



THE best of international and Australian short films will be showcased at Nambour Flickerfest this month.

Flickerfest gives audiences a window into the hottest contemporary shorts from at home and across the world today.

A highlight of the program will be Nambour resident John Harvey's film 'Katele (Mudskipper)', which won the Best Australian Short Film at Flickerfest 2023.

Katele tells the story of a woman dreaming of her Island home.

The film was shot in Brisbane and on John's home of Sabai Island in the Torres Strait.

Its mixture of humour, poignancy and intimate reflection of First Nations culture has resonated with audiences and judges alike.

Other Australian shorts include 'Lean', a con-

temporary father/son drama starring Nicholas Hope and Harry Greenwood and 'Married at First Fleet' which follows a modern-day 18th century couple in the Australian colony who are matched according to common interests, attractiveness and lack of diseases. Oscars-nominated 'An Ostrich Told Me The World Is Fake And I Think I Believe It', is also screening.

The Best of International Shorts will screen on March 17. These include UK comedy 'Dream Big', powerful new drama 'IVALU' and the delightful Canadian animation, 'The Flying Sailor'.

Flickerfest 2023 - Best of International Shorts, Best of Australian Shorts is at Majestic Cinemas Nambour on Friday 17 & Saturday 18 March from 7pm. Tickets: [www.flickerfest.com.au/tour/nambour](http://www.flickerfest.com.au/tour/nambour)

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MONTVILLE community leaders are ramping up demands for access to essential health services by launching a petition to Parliament House.

"The pressure on medical centres is multi-faceted and nationwide due to several reasons including rising costs of running a practice and a skilled workforce shortage," said Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace who said Montville community leaders were addressing the GP shortage in the hinterland town.

"The Montville community needs a doctor," Mr Wallace said. "The State and Federal Governments have the levers to pull to give Australian rural and regional communities the health services they deserve."

The petition states: "The Montville community is in desperate need of a doctor and calls on the Federal Government to do more to ensure a sustainable health service for the town. We, the undersigned call upon the House of Representatives to improve rural and regional incentives to address GP shortages in the Montville community."

Pharmacist Natalie Lindner, who will have the petition for the community to sign in her Montville Pharmacy, has called on the Federal Government to review Montville's classification of the Modified Monash Model.

"Montville misses out by only hundreds of metres from MM5 category rural funding zoning, which would make all the difference in attracting doctors," Ms Lindner said. "Other, less isolated communities have access to many doctors because of rural government funding, which Montville formerly received."

"Please reinstate this funding to help our town secure doctors once again."

Montville has an ageing population – with more than 50 percent over the age of 55 and well above the state and national averages for people aged 55-84. Without a doctor service, Montville residents have to drive along steep roads on all exits of the town, including the aptly named Razorback Road.

Montville Chamber of Commerce President Shiralee Cooper, who has lived in the area since 1985, said she recalled there has always been a Montville Medical Centre.

"It is alarming to discover that we are likely to no longer have access to this essential service,"



Pharmacist Natalie Lindner has the petition for the community to sign in her Montville Pharmacy

Ms Cooper said.

"Montville has an aging population who rely on easily accessible health services. In the Year of Accessibility, it is an indictment on our health system that our village will no longer have this vitally important service. Whilst we see our aged being increasingly encouraged to stay in their homes through accessing aged care services, our elderly will no longer have a medical centre offering face to face doctor's appointments."

"Many of our local families want to continue visiting a local doctor. In addition, Montville is a tourist hub with visitors of all ages frequenting our village. There have of course been occasions when they have needed a doctor urgently. With most ambulances based at least 20 minutes from Montville, having a doctor in the village can make the difference to the outcome of a medical emergency."

The Medical Centre in Montville has been closed since 16 January "due to a shortage of doctors".

Montville Village Association President Michael Bradley joined the chorus as he called upon both Federal and State Governments to address the GP shortage and ensure a sustainable medical practice operates in Montville.

"The Montville Village Association is deeply concerned that the doctor's practice is not operating, forcing residents to travel to see a doctor," Mr Bradley said. "A doctor's practice in Montville is essential and needs to be resumed as soon as possible."

## Police called to Sunday rumble in Mill Lane

A rolling brawl in Nambour's Mill Lane on Sunday March 5 had to be eventually broken up by police.

A witness said the fight disturbed the tranquility of people preparing for the bi-monthly Rummagers Markets at the Tram Terminal.

"The sale was happening and next thing a fight broke out nearby," the witness said. "There was a massive fight that went from the Royal George right around to the new doctor's surgery in Mill Lane (Mill Lane Clinic) opposite Coles. And there was just people everywhere screaming. The shouting, the swearing, the fighting too. They were belting the crap out of each other. Anyway, they had to get the police down and break it up."

Police confirmed the incident last week. "We don't have much detail on the Mill Lane, Nam-

bour, one other than police were called to a street disturbance around 8.15am on Sunday (March 5)," a police spokesperson said.

## Police await report into caravan park deaths

Police have wrapped up a crime scene at Nambour Caravan Park where two men in their 50s were found dead in a cabin.

Police were made aware of the deaths around 5pm on Sunday (February 26) and declared a crime scene.

Initial investigations indicate the deaths to be non-suspicious. The exact cause of the deaths is subject to post mortem examinations.

Investigations are continuing.

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Developed to encourage locals and visitors to explore Nambour, the digital makeover includes a dynamic #ExploreNambour video series, e-newsletter, blogs, social media content, and a revamp of the I Am Nambour website.

The video series captures the night economy, and the varied shopping and café culture, including Nambour's highly regarded vintage shopping offering.

The website now includes newly created Parking Map and Vintage and Retro Op Shop Hip Hop Map, plus up-to-date small business and local industry content, links to investment information and destination marketing information.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said the investments were a positive step towards revitalising the CBD.

"Both residents and visitors to Nambour now have a fresh, functioning website with access to information on local events, maps, arts, local business and importantly investor pathways to strengthen the region and really open up the Gateway to the Hinterland," Mayor Jamieson said.

Division 10 Councillor David Law said Nambour was one of the first experiences visitors had of the Sunshine Coast.

"As a gateway precinct, these upgrades are an important step in servicing the needs of the growing town, local businesses and surrounding communities," Cr Law said.

"The parking maps provide helpful options including all-day parking, customer parking, paid parking and wheelchair parking.

"Nambour has a flourishing retro and vintage scene to explore and now 17 of the popular destinations are a click away for shoppers on a handy digital map."

Local business owner and Nambour Ambassador Rhonda Billett said she was pleased with the support provided by Sunshine Coast Council and Visit Sunshine Coast.

"We now have a website packed full of local events, places to explore in Nambour, things to see and do, digital assets for local business and links for future business investors to help our local hinterland economy evolve and thrive," Ms Billett said.

"We are thrilled with the early interest from business owners, investors and the Coast community. We have only just started with things and there is lots more coming for this region. We have more videos to be shot locally over the coming weeks to continue showcasing what's on offer in the region and the next lot of videos being shot will see us include the surrounding suburbs within the Gateway to the Hinterland."

Twenty years after the closure of the sugar mill Council said Nambour was redefining itself as a heritage, arts and music hub.

Council is also leading the design of the Nambour Place Revitalisation Project which aims to develop a precinct-wide strategy for Nambour's town centre to consolidate its growing reputation as a creative and welcoming place.

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Mandy Day from Sunshine Coast Council Economic Development and social media mega-influencer Brooke Styles.



Local business owner and Nambour Ambassador Rhonda Billett with Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson.



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Gail Devlin, best dressed winner with MC and Branch Secretary Jenny Douglas.

## QCWA Yandina celebrates Women's Day in style

YANDINA Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) recently hosted a High Tea to celebrate International Women's Day. They would like to thank the ladies who supported them by attending the 'Lavender and Lace' themed event especially guest speaker the Honourable Fiona Simpson MP, Member for Maroochydhore.

Delicious food, beautiful vintage crockery, fabulous company and great donated prizes

made this an enjoyable event and will allow the Branch to continue to support students at local schools, families impacted by domestic violence, Wishlist and others in need.

QCWA Yandina Branch meets on the 4th Friday of the month at 9.30a.m. at 11 Stevens Street, Yandina. Interested ladies are invited to attend or visit their Facebook page or email qcwayandina@gmail.com for further information.

## St Patrick Day's Exhibition and Concert

ST Patrick Day's Exhibition and Concert will be held on Saturday, March 18, 6pm to 9pm at the Zone Gallery, 89 McCarthy Road, Maleny.

Experience a special exhibition by local artist and printmaker Nicky Carey and enjoy Irish music from Sunshine Coast-based band Molly Maguires.

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# From grazing pasture to ecological parklands

## Plans revealed for a 'new kind of park' in Maleny

A vision to restore grazing land in Maleny to original rainforest has been revealed by Sunshine Coast Council.

The community is invited to have their say on the proposed Sunshine Coast Ecological Park which features two treetop bridges, a forest lookout with 360 degree views over the Glass House Mountains and down to the coast, a community pavilion, operations and research facility and "forest rooms".

The 65ha cattle grazing land adjoins Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.

Mayor Mark Jamieson said the proposed project would restore rainforests and wetlands, but it would take decades for ecosystem function to recover and flourish.

"In 30 years and beyond, council wants our next generations to benefit from the decisions we make today," Mayor Jamieson said.

"Over time, we'll have the privilege of watching the ecosystems in this park recover as species return to the restored forest and wetland."

"My hope is the community will embrace this park as their own as a place to immerse in nature, connect with each other and be inspired to continue our sustainability journey."

Environment and Liveability portfolio Councillor Peter Cox said the draft master plan would be open to community feedback on council's Have Your Say website until March 20.

"This proposal will provide a unique park for the whole community, and council is committed to listening to community feedback to ensure a strong plan for the Sunshine Coast Ecological Park," Cr Cox said.

"In this third round of community consultation for the proposed park, residents and visitors can help council determine whether this plan will meet our growing community's needs and aspirations."

The draft master plan was developed with input from an excellence advisory panel, community reference group, and an engagement-led design approach that invited the community to help shape the park's mix of recreation, green space and ecological conservation.



Wetland Boardwalk, looking towards the Treetop Bridge. Artist impressions only.



An example of a Treehouse lining the Treetop Bridges. Artist impression only.

## Music store owner to serve six months in jail for sex offences

THE owner of a popular Nambour music shop has been jailed over historic child sex offences.

Mark Anthony Higgins, 57, was found guilty in the Maroochydore District Court and convicted on March 3 of two historical charges of indecent treatment of a child under 16 between August 26 1997 and August 27 1998.



Mark Higgins.

Higgins also faced two charges of indecent treatment of a child under 12, but was acquitted by a jury. The music teacher is also the owner of Shake It Up Music, one of the Sunshine Coast's biggest stores and musical education providers.

Maroochydore District Court Judge Glen Cash sentenced Higgins to one year in jail, but he will only serve six months before he is released and the rest of his sentence suspended for a further six months.

The separate incidents were alleged to have taken place in Palmview and at The Gap in Brisbane.

It was alleged Higgins inappropriately touched a girl on one occasion and exposed himself to her on another.

Higgins pleaded not guilty. He chose to not give evidence and not call any witnesses.

Shake It Up music is on Currie St in Nambour. Established in 2004 it now spans over three storeys with six teaching rooms. Higgins was also a member of the popular band The Cumquats.

His shops supplied most Sunshine Coast schools and was a preferred supplier for the Queensland Government's Department of Education and Training. In light of the news Sunshine Coast Grammar has dropped Shake It Up Music as an equipment supplier.

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## Police seek potential witness in search for Edan

POLICE are seeking to speak to a possible witness in the ongoing search for missing 28-year-old Mermaid Waters man, Edan Huntington.



Edan Huntington went missing in January.

Edan was last seen on the Sunshine Coast in mid-January and Gold Coast police and Sunshine Coast police have inquired at local and interstate hospitals, airports, train and bus stations, banks and phone companies.

Police would like to speak to a woman who was seen shortly after 4am on January 18, walking along Main Street Montville, near Hoffman Court.

The woman is described as being late 30s or early 40s, with dark long hair which was tied back. She was wearing a white shirt and maroon and purple shorts with a black bag.

Police remain in constant communication with Edan's family and friends, who have not seen or heard from Edan since his disappearance.

Police urge the woman or anyone who has seen Edan or his vehicle, a grey Ford Territory with the NSW registration CQG59F, or has any information which could assist with this investigation, to contact police immediately on 131 444.

## Free community concert for St Patrick's Day

Palmwoods Little Village Choir and Little Village Theatre are presenting a St Patrick's Day free community concert at 10am on March 17 at the Palmwoods Guide Hut, (opposite 47 Lingara Avenue), sponsored by Heritage Community Branch, Palmwoods.

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▶ Bookings essential. Call Secretary Ronda on 0411 115 786.

# 'Machine Gun Preacher' coming to Nambour

AT one point Sam Childers was an armed guard for drug dealers. After almost being killed in a wild brawl the man they now call the 'Machine Gun Preacher' decided to turn his life around.

He embraced a life of faith in God and fought to free enslaved children in Sudan and Uganda.

His life was the subject of Hollywood movie *The Machine Gun Preacher* starring Gerard Butler. Now Sam will be visiting Ignite Church Nambour on March 17 to share his life story.

Since turning a new leaf, Sam now speaks to huge audiences all around the world and has built one of the largest orphanages in Southern Sudan, which has fed and housed more than 1000 children. With the orphanage finished, he led armed missions to rescue children from the Lord's Resistance Army. This led to villagers calling him 'The Machine Gun Preacher'.

Today his team make around 10,000 meals every day for feeding programs in Africa & house 380 orphan children. He's also drilled dozens of wells, built schools and has major projects ongoing in South Sudan, Uganda and Ethiopia.

Ignite Church Pastor Darin Browne said he was hoping to see many people attending the event. "Sam Childers was a guy with no hope - no future ... so a story like his will be inspiring and encouraging to people - that's what we need in our community."

Pastor Darin said he invited Sam because they heard he would be in the area at the time.

"To our surprise he accepted our invite. This is something huge for our community. The event is open to everyone and we hope people who may not regularly go to a church will come along and hear Sam Childers' incredible story."

The event is free, although organisers will take up a free will offering to support Sam's work. "We'd like to think we could help him save some more children," said Pastor Darin.

▶ Sam Childers will be speaking at Ignite Church on Friday March 17 at 6.30pm. Info: [ignitechurch.org.au](http://ignitechurch.org.au) or 0422 804 777.



Sam Childers embraced a life of faith in God and fought to free enslaved children in Sudan and Uganda.

## A model project in Petrie Creek Bushcare

From Petrie Creek Bushcare Coordinator **Norm Morwood** [normmorwood@gmail.com](mailto:normmorwood@gmail.com)

THE restoration to native vegetation of the small stream near the gate of the Model Rail Park in Nambour is well under way.

There's plenty still to do, however, and we'll be doing that again as usual on the 3rd Saturday of the month. If you'd like to help or just enjoy the results, the next opportunities to join our BushCare activities are as follows.

• Namba Creek on Saturday 18 March 2023 starting at 7am. (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour)

• Gulung Gung on Wednesday 22 March 2023 starting at 7am. (you can park in NE

part of Aldi Carpark in Howard St Nambour and walk down to the creek by following the rough track that skirts the north of the carpark. Alternatively walk across the new park from Quota Park off Matthew St)

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then at around 9am we'll finish with a well deserved cuppa.

▶ For more info see the FB Page [www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc/](http://www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc/) and [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare) or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email [normmorwood@gmail.com](mailto:normmorwood@gmail.com)

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# Gail Denver named Zonta's Woman of Achievement 2023

THE Zonta Club of Blackall Range held another fantastic evening on March 8th to celebrate International Women's Day.

"We have been celebrating our local women this way for several years and everyone always enjoys the evening so much," President Ann Koenig said.

And about 70 people did enjoy the wonderful a capella music of Sweet Chilli, some fine canapes and cool drinks at Dusk on the Deck.

To top off the evening Gail Denver was awarded the Woman of Achievement Award for 2023. Gail said, "I have been waiting for an invitation to Dusk on the Deck for a while and I was so pleased to be asked."

Unbeknownst to her, the evening was about to become even better and she was a popular and much lauded winner. Her list of community involvements was extensive.

Local businesses pitched in with sponsorship and support. As always, Judi Coey Optometry came forward as well as Allora Holiday Homes from Maleny and La Botiga Cafe from Mapleton.

There were 5 raffle prizes including vouchers from female owned businesses: Rosetta's, Kashmiah and Emmanuelle's Beauty.

Generous patrons helped Zonta raise valuable dollars to fund their causes which include packing birthing kits, providing tertiary scholarships, assembling women's refuge packs, working for Speak Up Now in domestic violence prevention, as well as Zonta International's projects such as support for the women in Ukraine.

► The Zonta Club of Blackall Range is a proud member of Zonta International which works towards empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.



**Gail Denver is the winner of the Woman of Achievement Award for 2023.**



**Andrew Powell MP with Judy Holden and Ann Koenig from Zonta.**



## Yandina Country Music

YANDINA welcomes popular duo *Andy and Allison* to the ACMA concert on Sunday March 19. Andy has enjoyed success as a solo artist and has performed in a number of working bands, while Allison is a singer and has been a member of backing bands as a drummer and bass player. Together you are guaranteed top quality entertainment!

See you at the Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road for a 12 noon start. You'll enjoy popular country music and other upbeat, crowd-pleasing favourites with a great house band. Walk-ups welcome. Raffle and door prizes, byo lunch, free tea and coffee. Entry \$8. Enquiries 0437 191004.

## Museum volunteers needed

NAMBOUR Museum is looking for volunteers to assist on Saturdays from 10am-3pm and Wednesday-Friday afternoons from 1-4pm.

The Museum is located at 18 Mitchell Street, Nambour, and showcases the rich history of the local district through permanent collections, special exhibits and community events.

Assistance is needed with reception, visitor engagement, guiding school visits, maintaining exhibits, research and computer work, and trade-based tasks. All ages and skill levels are most welcome.

• Contact Cherry on 0490 508 943 or email [nambourmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:nambourmuseum@gmail.com) for more details.

## Snake bite at Eudlo

A woman in her 30s was transported in a stable condition to Sunshine Coast University Hospital on Monday, March 6 after a reported snake bite to her leg at a private property at Eudlo at 7.40pm on Sunday.

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Mildly spiced creamy tomato curry, served with basmati rice.

### 8. Creamy coconut Indian veggie and chickpea curry - LG DF VEG

Mild, served with rice.

### 9. Spinach and ricotta cannelloni pasta - VEG

With napoletana sauce, baked with cheese.

### 10. Creamy garlic prawns - LG

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## Community concerns raised at last meeting



**Woombye Community and Business Association News** with President Nathan Major

THANKS to everybody who attended our last WCBA meeting. Several issues facing the community were discussed

and ideas shared for upcoming events. It was a great turn-out considering the space available and we look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday March 28, 6pm at Thrill Hill.

### Curated Plate

Unfortunately, with the tight submission deadlines required, our opportunity to be involved with The Curated Plate (TCP) for 2023 has lapsed. However, good community contacts were made and interest in participation next year is strong. Let us know if you are interested.

### Woombye Happy Days event

In happier news, the Woombye Happy Days event (May 7th) continues to develop nicely, with several businesses providing notable support for the event, which will allow us to make it even bigger and better. Get ready for a fun afternoon and get in contact ([woombyecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:woombyecommunity@gmail.com)) if you would like to run a market stall or otherwise be involved.

### Community concerns

Our last meeting also raised a number of community concerns. These included a lack of good or complete pathways in several locations, ongoing excessive noise from the rail stabling at night, and misuse of parks and public open space around town. If any of these issues affect you, we would encourage you to email us or drop a comment on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WoombyeCBA/](http://www.facebook.com/WoombyeCBA/). These submissions can help a lot as we correspond and consult with government and other relevant organisations to seek a resolution to local issues.

### Let's stay on the radar

With your help, WCBA can help our town "stay on the map" for those in charge – and put it on the map as a great place to visit for everyone else. If you love Woombye and want to help, why not join us?!

## New art school for Nambour kids



**Chony Bowden:**  
“... when young people are in the process of art-making they are calmer and more engaged.”

CHONY Bowden, founder of Chony's Art Room, is excited to be launching the next iteration of her Art School from The Old Ambulance Station at 80 Howard Street Nambour, for children aged 7 to 14 during Term 2.

“I was born and raised in Nambour and after spending many years travelling and ‘teaching the world’, it has been wonderful to return home and establish a business here,” Chony said.

Growing up, Chony enjoyed being creative and felt that she ‘might be artistic’.

“I never had the opportunity to learn techniques and skills inside or outside of the school setting though,” she said.

“It wasn't until after I had attained my Education Degree and started teaching internationally in schools that employed visual arts teachers that my love for teaching the arts was born. I realised how important it is for people of all ages to have a creative outlet, to find time to explore and play mindfully with a variety of materials. And I noticed that when young people are in the process of art making they are calmer and more engaged.”

Chony has spent years developing the skills to become an expert arts facilitator, and has

worked alongside multidisciplinary artists, in arts festivals and community events around Australia and the world.

Chony's Art Room was founded three years ago and it provides mindful based, visual art workshops for all ages and spaces across the Sunshine Coast, together with an Art School in Coolum.

Chony's Art Room's - Art School in Coolum and Nambour are project based which means pieces can take 2 to 4 weeks to complete.

“No two art works are ever the same at my Art School,” Chony explained. “We are not trying to recreate existing images, but rather provide a supportive environment for students to express themselves using the materials and techniques that they have been provided and shown how to use.”

“I am so proud to be able to bring this concept to Nambour.”

Classes will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5pm. For more info go to Instagram [chonys.art.room](https://www.instagram.com/chonys.art.room) or Facebook Chonys Art Room. To enquire further of book- [www.chonysartroom.com](http://www.chonysartroom.com) or Email - [chonysartroom@gmail.com](mailto:chonysartroom@gmail.com)



## Sunshine Coast Arts and Crafts Autumn Fair

THE Sunshine Coast Arts and Crafts group is holding its Autumn Fair on the weekend of April 29 and 30 at the Montville Village Hall. Starting at 9am, the Fairs are always very popular and are an opportunity for members to showcase their art and craft skills to the public.



The Sunshine Coast Arts and Crafts group has been supporting local craftspeople for almost 40 years and the sale of the beautifully handmade items allows the group to continue to function.

A number of exciting raffles will be drawn over the weekend, so make sure you've purchased some tickets. An onsite café serving delicious treats is the perfect accompaniment for a morning's shopping. If you're looking for Mother's Day gift ideas, then you're sure to find some unique handmade items to suit.

► Sunshine Coast Arts & Crafts is at 144 Main Street Montville. Phone 5442 9495.

## Woombye accident

THREE people were injured after a car rolled at Woombye early in the morning on March 9.

Emergency crews were called to the scene on the Bruce Highway North bound just after 6am.

All three patients were taken to Sunshine Coast University Hospital in stable conditions.

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# Local girls given a chance to Shine. What can a Showgirl sash do for you?

**Show News** with Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show President Rowan O'Hara



THE Showgirl Awards are a leadership program for all young women engaged in their communities.

The awards program aims to 'Recognise, Develop and Celebrate Young Female Leaders in our Communities'. It allows agricultural shows, such as ours, the opportunity to engage young local women, develop their leadership skills and grow their confidence in representing our local community.

The Sunshine Coast Showgirl Awards is open to both juniors (women between the ages of 14-17) and seniors (18+) who are interested in their local community and the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show.

The Showgirl Awards emphasise personal and professional development, so there is no pre-existing knowledge or experience needed to be involved.

Organiser Cortney Claridge said she "would encourage all young women interested in leadership, community, and/or agriculture to participate in the Showgirl Awards."

The Showgirl Awards program runs across the 3 days of the 2023 Agricultural Show, where entrants will be involved in exclusive leadership development and community involvement opportunities.

2022 winner, Tylah Day went on to win the Sub-Chamber level and from that, she represented the region at the finals hosted by The Ekka. Tylah said that this was a unique and fabulous opportunity for any young girl to experience - the leadership and personal development courses were outstanding.

For further information, please contact the show office at [manager@sunshinecoastshow.com.au](mailto:manager@sunshinecoastshow.com.au)

## Art and Eggciting Eggs

The Arts Schedule is now 'live'. The Creative Arts Section is looking reinvigorated with the theme of 'The Paddock' sending the creative into a spin with features of Indigenous culture, European culture and Australia today.

All new 'Eggciting' Competition and exhibition coming into the Fruit Pavillion! Due to the surging interest from the general public to know more about their food chain, the Egg section has been added as a feature this year! To get up close and personal, be in the Main Pavilion on Friday - 'People's Day' at 9.30am to witness the eggs being judged and hear the Judges comments. Well renowned Auctioneer and Judge of all things eggs, Darren Ebbert will not only be factual and educational, but very entertaining.

Mark your diaries to get into 'The Paddock' at the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show as this is an event not to be missed!

► The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show is on June 16, 17 & 18. Phone 5441 2766 or email [manager@sunshinecoastshow.com.au](mailto:manager@sunshinecoastshow.com.au).



Construction in Progress at Bli Bli Cenotaph.

# New Bli Bli Cenotaph should be ready for Anzac Day

CONCRETE has been poured and work is well underway on a new Cenotaph being built at Bli Bli's Avenue of Honour in Parklakes Drive.

The significant regional monument is slated for completion in April, weather permitting, just in time for Anzac Day, which will see the site host its first local commemorative service.

The 3.4 metre Cenotaph will be located at the end of the Avenue of Honour on Parklakes Drive, providing the community with a focal point for commemorating those who have served their country in war, conflicts and peace-keeping operations.

RSL Sunshine Coast and Regional District President Ian Hall OAM said it was exciting to see works on the Cenotaph progressing well, with local RSL Sub Branches now preparing for it to be at the heart of this year's local Anzac Day commemorations.

"We're very grateful for the support we've received from government as well as the local community towards establishing a memorial within the community's Avenue of Honour," Mr

Hall said.

"This monument will be a meaningful and timely reminder for the community, placing an emphasis on the importance of commemorating veterans who have served past and present."

RSL Sunshine Coast and Regional District received funding last year for the Cenotaph, including \$109,680 from the Australian Government's Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program and an additional \$59,000 in Divisional Capital Works Funding from the Sunshine Coast Council.

The three-month construction project also includes installing new signage along the fig-tree lined Avenue of Honour and the addition of QR codes to the Avenue's Remembrance Rocks, so visitors can scan them to learn about Australia's military history.

Local architect and sculptor Cam Crossley, who has been engaged to design and build the Cenotaph, is currently at work on the monument.

# Woombye Streetscape work coming along

CONSTRUCTION is continuing on the Woombye Streetscape project with March works including the construction of new kerbs.

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston said work also included the first of two new raised pedestrian crossings on Blackall Street and ongoing footpath, new street furniture and landscaping works.

To minimise impacts and maintain traffic flow along Blackall Street, the raised pedestrian crossings will be constructed in two halves (one half of the street at a time).

"For safety reasons, some driveways and on-street parking areas will be temporarily inaccessible during works," said Cr Johnston.

"However, I have ensured that pedestrian and customer access will remain available to all businesses.

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The long distance rides connect with communities along the way to bring attention to our cause.

## Black Dog Riders put wheels in motion for mental health

THE Black Dog Ride is a national charity that organises rides across Australia, including the Sunshine Coast, to raise funds and awareness about depression and the prevention of suicide.

"On March 19, we will be riding our motorcycles through our hinterland to raise awareness and help the 1 in 5 Australians who experience a mental health condition each year," said coordinator, Sandra Helkin.

"Every year we hold a national long distance ride, connecting with communities along the way to bring attention to our cause. It's a tragedy that eight Australians take their lives each day. That's more than 3,000 lives lost to suicide each year."

Black Dog Ride began in 2009 and evolved into a national charity involving thousands of Australians who have raised millions for mental health programs and fostered mental health awareness around the nation. By 2018, the ride had mobilised over 6500 people in 40 different regions.

"The Sunshine Coast ride is leaving the Beerwah Sportsground and travelling through our beautiful Sunshine Coast including Maleny, Conondale, Kenilworth, Yandina, Nambour (via

Netherton St), Mapleton, Montville and Landsborough," said Sandra. The local communities have come on board to support this great cause by displaying signs, such as "We support the Black Dog Ride supporting Mental Health".

"Some of the Schools we ride past will also be putting up displays of art work by their talented students with pictures of Motorcycles, Black Dogs named Winston and expressions of Mental Health. Some of the local Churches and Halls on the route have also shown their support using their signs to get this crucial message out."

Registrations to participate on the ride are open until 9am on Sunday morning, March 19th, you can register at the Sportsground, on the day, or via Humanitix. For further information, or to donate to this great cause, or purchase merchandise, please go to our website.

"We would love to see people waving as we ride past," says Sandra.

► For information go to [www.blackdogride.org.au](http://www.blackdogride.org.au) or email Sandra [sunshinecoast@blackdogride.org.au](mailto:sunshinecoast@blackdogride.org.au). If you or a friend, need support, please contact Lifeline anytime on 13 11 14 or Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467.

There's plenty of parking! Don't let the Streetscape construction put you off ...

### Woombye Rural offers customer drive-thru to counter road disruptions

SUNSHINE Coast Council's Woombye streetscaping project is charging towards completion in May, but there will be fewer parking areas along Blackall Street until then.

"While the work is being carried out, we will lose the parking spaces out the front of our shop from this week, for around a fortnight," said Woombye Rural Supplies' owner Narelle Kither.

"We are really excited to see the work being completed but in the meantime it is going to be hard, so we are going to make it as easy as we can to keep access easy for our valued customers."

To the side of Woombye Rural Supplies (in the driveway), is an existing permanent drive through which customers can use to drive in and load their purchases.

"We will also have an 'express' 5 minute parking bay right outside the side door (in the driveway), where customers can park and run in to grab quick purchases," said Narelle.

"We really want people to know that they can still drive in, despite the work that will be happening out the front. More than ever we need your support."

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Narelle Kither ... "We will also have an 'express' 5 minute parking bay right outside the side door (in the driveway), where customers can park and run in to grab quick purchases?"

plumbing lines, tanks, pumps, garden supplies, gas refills, firewood, pet food and accessories for cats, dogs and other small pets too," Narelle said.

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# Handmade jeweller opens local studio

From repair and restoration to remodelling and bespoke design

**Business writeup:** Lisa Clune, Set Together Jewellery

NAMBOUR master jeweller Lisa Clune last week opened the doors to her business's new home at Forest Glen.

Set Together Jewellery's new studio and workshop offers a warm and inviting environment for people to meet and enjoy consultations with master jeweller, Lisa Clune.

"I wanted to design a space where people could see my original pieces on display, and where we could comfortably sit and work together to design new pieces, or redesign existing ones," Lisa said.

Lisa said the value of a client's jewellery was not just represented in diamonds or gold – but that each piece also contains precious memories.

"Everything I do is custom made and consultation is such an important part of the process. This is particularly important when it comes to designing engagement and wedding rings because they often signify the most important event in the wearer's life to date.

"I have found that my clients love to incorporate all kinds of tiny or hidden details into their rings that make them truly personal and special. It is such a privilege to be part of this process with a couple and to know that the piece I design and make for them marks the beginning of the next chapter of their story."

Set Together Jewellery is far from the average jewellery shop. Every aspect of the decor invites guests to relax and immerse themselves in all aspects of the consultation, design and manufacturing process.

From the plush carpeting, plump



Nambour's Lisa Clune at her new studio and workshop at Forest Glen: "My clients love to incorporate all kinds of tiny or hidden details into their rings that make them truly personal and special." Above Right: Some of Lisa's ring designs.



the highest standard of work I am capable of, this is a business that is all about relationships and treating people well.

"That is part of the gift of being a privately owned business; the buck stops with me and I never treat people like they are just a number. I am acutely aware of the emotional significance of the purchase of a piece of bespoke jewellery.

"Whether I am remodelling and bringing new life to existing jewellery, or designing an engagement ring or wedding bands, I pour my heart into every single piece," Lisa said.

"It is an indescribable feeling to know that I have a little place in the life of the precious metals and gemstones that are 'set together' to take their place in the story of the wearer. I can't imagine doing anything else."

Set Together Jewellery is located at 354 Mons Road Forest Glen, opposite Xtend Outdoors. It is open from 10am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday and Monday and Saturday by appointment. You can contact Lisa on 0421 201 456 and view more of her work at [www.settogether.com.au](http://www.settogether.com.au)

velvet armchairs, and rich timber detailing, to the view through to the workshop, visitors are invited into the end to end process of jewellery making.

"I have enjoyed putting this space together so much," Lisa explained. "Finding the individual pieces to furnish it has been incredibly rewarding. I think my favourite find has been the vintage timber and glass display cabinet from an old chocolate shop that now houses my original designs. In my mind, I wanted to create a 'stage' for my jew-

ellery, and this gorgeous piece does the job beautifully.

"Often jewellery is displayed in hard, bright light and the harsh white surrounds tend to overwhelm the pieces themselves. I have tried to create a space that showcases by contrast, neutral tones against the jewellery and the few pieces on display to enhance the fact that each piece is special," Lisa said.

"At the same time, I am a manufacturing jeweller and I do not out-source my work off site. I quite like the idea of clients being able to see

where their jewellery is being made, although now I have to keep the workshop really tidy," she laughed.

### Business built on foundations of working together

Since its inception in late 2021, Set Together Jewellery has grown in leaps and bounds.

"I can't believe how far I have come, and I am so grateful for the help and support I have had which has made this growth possible," said Lisa.

"I think that apart from offering

## Share the Dignity group drives to meet increased demand for period products

SHARE the Dignity is worried about meeting the demand of period products for their bi-annual Dignity Drive as the cost of living sees an increase in "the working poor".

The rising cost of living has seen an influx of people reaching out to specialist homelessness services. It comes as the latest Australian Homelessness Monitor report suggests homeless services are providing more support to low-middle income earners who are struggling to make ends meet.

Share the Dignity's Dignity Drives allow people to pay it forward and support women, girls and anyone with a period who is experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, domestic violence or poverty. But as the cost-of-living increases, Share the Dignity has seen donations decrease.

Throughout March, Woolworths will donate 5 cents from the sale of every period product purchased to help fund Share the Dignity's Dignity Vending Machines. Collection boxes have

also been placed in all Woolworths supermarkets nationwide, where customers are able to place donated period products.

Share the Dignity Founder and Managing Director Rochelle Courtenay said rising cost of living causes a ripple effect and as people close to her struggle to make ends meet, she also

worries about the charities and people who rely on the period products Share the Dignity collects.

"Share the Dignity works to ensure those escaping domestic violence or experiencing homelessness have equitable access to period products, but the number of people needing support is skyrocketing due to the current cost of living crisis," she said.

Supporters can drop-off donations at all Woolworths stores and a number of nominated businesses nationwide throughout March, or donate via the Share the Dignity website.



Maleny Apex Club President Boyd Keir, left, and PR Officer Sam Price, right, with Maleny Woolworths Store Manager, Darren Rusk and team member Courtney Stockhill at last November's Dignity Drive.

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# World's Greatest Shave for Isaac at Mitre 10

LEUKEMIA is a frightening diagnosis at any age, but it is particularly difficult for a child and their family.

"Two years, two months and 28 days, after hearing the words no parent wants to hear, my 12 year old son Isaac has finally finished treatment for Leukemia," said Sunshine Mitre 10's Paul Barber.

"It has been a long and hard fight, but he has come out the other side and is ready to take on the world. As bad as a cancer diagnosis is, I consider Isaac lucky as the Doctors told us very early on that this is the best type of cancer to get as it has the best cure rate (97%), and while it will be long and hard, he should live a full and normal life. Those words meant the world to me."

Blessed with a tight family unit and supportive and caring employers, the Barber family faced down Isaac's treatment with strength and a positive attitude.

"There is so much that I have learned through this journey," Paul said. "But I have to say the biggest lesson learned has been to make every day count. Family is important and work life balance is important. You need to make time for what is important right now."

"I consider myself lucky that through the whole period from diagnosis to cure, I have had the support of my employer. The amount of time off required, the number of days working from home, the number of times I have had to leave early. I would normally work more than the allotted 38 hours, but this situation saw me working at strange hours, one day in the office the next day working at 9pm in a hospital room as this fit into my son's inconsistent schedule. I couldn't have survived had I not had the support from my employer, and I am forever in their



'Isaac's Crew' will be taking part in the World's Greatest Shave at Sunshine Mitre 10 on Saturday March 25 to raise \$10,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

debt."

On Saturday the 25th of March, Sunshine Mitre 10 will be hosting the World's Greatest Shave, and 'Isaac's crew' are leading the charge with a goal to raise \$10,000.

"As a parent, while you are so happy that your own child is coming through the treatment well, there is always a certain amount of guilt that other children are not. The Leukemia Foundation does such incredible work, sup-



porting patients and their families and I really don't know how many people would get through without it."

The Shave for a Cure is starting at 9am at 980 Nambour Connection Road. There will be free face painting, a free sausage sizzle and the opportunity to support a fantastic cause and have a morning of fun with the family. See the Sunshine Mitre 10 ad on facing page for the QR code to scan and register your support.

## Celebrate a world of culture during Harmony Week

SHARE food that unites the world and enjoy a diverse cultural feast of music, dance and art during Harmony Week, which runs from March 20 to 26.

Community Portfolio Councillor David Law invited everyone to experience, explore and appreciate the Sunshine Coast's wealth of cultural, faith, linguistic and ethnic diversity this Harmony Week.

"Council has partnered with the Nambour Community Centre and the Sunshine Coast Multicultural Network to support a number of cultural groups and community organisations to host activities and events," Cr Law said

"I encourage everyone to come along and celebrate Harmony Week."

Sunshine Coast residents and visitors will be able to take part in a wonderful array of free events, including workshops, concerts, food adventures, sport and art experiences, held by local community organisations.

These include Nambour Forecourt Live! a celebration of live music, workshops, cultural activities and food stalls to celebrate Harmony Week on Friday 24 March, 4pm-8.30pm, at Nambour Forecourt, Corner of Bury and Currie Streets Nambour.

For information about events see council's website and search Harmony Week 2023.

## QCWA Maleny Branch Country of Study Cooking Workshop

EACH year the QCWA choose a Country of Study for awareness and fundraising activities. Branch activities expand our knowledge of the lives and cultures of the women of the world.

QCWA financially support the lifestyle of the women of the South Pacific through Associated Country Women of the World. Goals include raising the standard of living for women and children living in rural areas through education and providing essential needs such as clean water.

The QCWA Country Kitchens program promotes the Country of Study each year through the lens of their 5 key health messages. A cooking workshop will feature this year's study of Trinidad and Tobago highlighting the Trin-bagonian food culture.

This includes use of tasty recipes featuring fresh fruit and vegetables, and a wide selection of herbs and spices including chilli tailored to the individual's taste.

Morning tea and lunch will include sharing dishes of recipes cooked.

The workshop will be held at the Maleny Community Verandah Room on 18th April, 10am - 2pm, cost \$10 will include CK apron, tea towel, bag and recipe booklet. RSVP by April 11 by emailing judystubbs1@gmail.com.

## Nambour Heights: little bowls club with a big heart supports Cittamani Hospice

NAMBOUR Heights Bowls Club (known by locals as "the Heights"), is nestled in a leafy street, just 3 minutes drive up the hill from the CBD. It has had involvement with the community for over 50 years and has provided support for various organisations including the National Seniors and Cittamani Hospice.

"Ours is a very active Club, with bowls several days a week," said Club President, Ron Price. "Sunday afternoons are a real favourite and are known as 'Mikey's chook run'. Visitors can play bowls for a couple of hours for just \$2 and bowls are provided free of charge and you can win a chook" he said.

"The profits from this event go to Cittamani Hospice, and over the last five years our Club has raised an average of \$1,000 each year. It is a very enjoyable way to support such an important local organisation."

Barefoot bowls takes place every Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon with bowls available for visitors to use.

"And there are always people keen to help the novices," Ron said.

"The Heights" offers a relaxed environment to members, with an air-conditioned bar and gaming room, and large screen TV's so guests can watch sporting events. There is also an ATM, an expansive lounge, and a large undercover barbeque area. The Club has recently enjoyed external redecoration.

"We have a restaurant at the Club and it is a very nice atmosphere to enjoy a meal," said Ron.

"Friday nights are big nights for us as we have raffles and a Membership draw which has a minimum prize of \$500. social membership is only \$5 per year.

"A courtesy bus is available on Fridays for visitors to "The Heights" and you can book your seat on it by calling 5441 2713 after 3pm.

"Although we are a small Club, we have always been, and will continue to be, the small Club, with a big heart. So make the trip up the



Nambour Bowls Club's Brett Schader presents Meg McNaught from Cittamani Hospice with the cheque for \$1,000.

hill to the friendliest club on the coast," said Ron. "You won't be disappointed."

Nambour Heights Bowls Club is at 54 Isabella Avenue, Nambour.

## Mural paints historic picture at Museum

A mural in memory of the Moreton Sugar Mill's tramline bridge over the Maroochy River has been completed of the eastern wall of the museum's loco shed.

The bridge which was heritage listed after the sugar mill closed was substantially washed away in the February 2022 flood.

David Houghton was the artist and the project was funded by a grant from Sunshine Coast Council. The mural project also included replacing the old chain wire and well-worn boundary fence.

The new fence is a big improvement and affords minimal impact on viewing the mural.

Also a big thanks to David Easton Excavations for stump removal and boring post holes for the new fence which was much a big help to the museum volunteers.

The museum has been offered some structural components that were removed from the bridge in June 2020 by the Queensland Government due to safety and navigational concerns. How much of this will actually be accepted and preserved at the museum is dependent on funding being forthcoming.



The mural depicts the Moreton Sugar Mill's tramline bridge over the Maroochy River.

Both the Queensland Government and Sunshine Coast Council have been approached about funding and the museum has set up a GoFundMe page.

As 2023 marks 20 years since Nambour's Moreton Sugar Mill closed, the museum is planning a special public event scheduled for the 14th October to acknowledge the anniversary.

Several other projects centred on improvements to the display of sugar mill items and histories are currently being undertaken in readiness for the anniversary event.

- by Clive Plater OAM

## Players present chamber music's hidden gems



Andrew Paszkowski (viola), Christy Dykes (clarinet), Anna Moores (violin), Sue Hunkin (oboe), Janet Brewer (piano), Carolyn Moore (horn), Neil Heymink (bassoon), Franziska Frank (cello), Nik Davey (double bass), Deb Cox (flute).

PACIFIC Chamber Players have been presenting quality chamber music on the Sunshine Coast for the last 21 years. And their first program for 2023 presents stunning Hidden Gems of the chamber music repertoire.

Louis Spohr's "Grand Nonetto" op 31 is an emerald work for strings and wind, making use of each instrument's particular idiosyncrasies to create a work of musical colour and originality. Mozart's Piano Quartet in G minor KV 478 is a diamond: just delightful. The work takes the listener on a journey from Sturm und Drang through a lyrical Andante finishing with

a happy Rondo. Thuille's Sextet for Piano and Winds is the ruby: truly engaging. Consisting of four movements, the first one opens with horn creating a sense of nobility, the second is sombre and dignified, the third a charming Gavotte, the fourth full of high spirits.

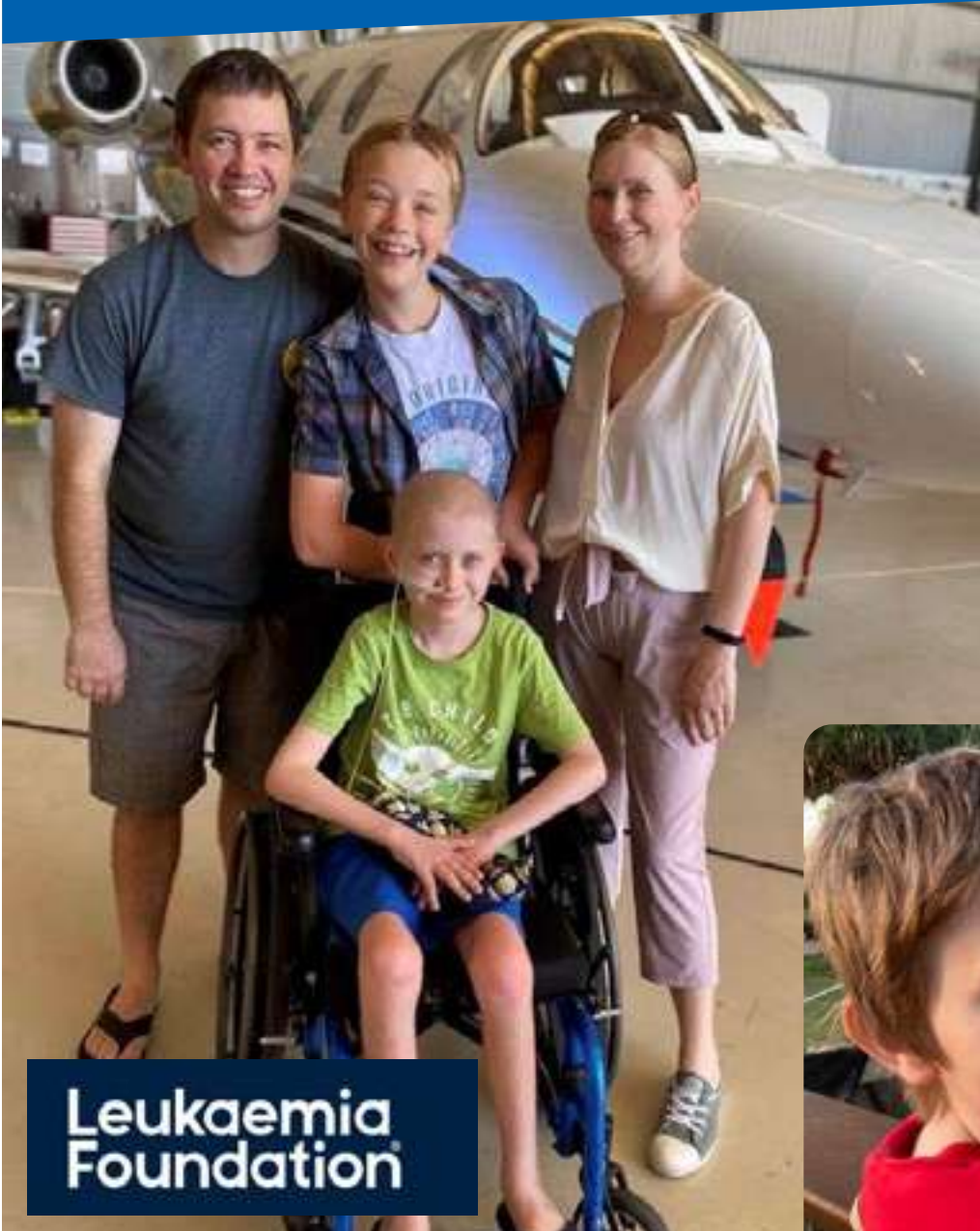
Concerts will be presented at Caloundra Uniting Church 2.30pm Saturday 25 March and at Cooroy Memorial Hall 2.30pm Sunday 26 March. Tickets are available online or cash at the door: \$33 adults / \$30 concessions / \$10 school students. Visit www.pacificchamberplayers.com.



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Sonika and Prince Manbhan ... "As much as we possibly can, we use local suppliers and our food is heavily based on local, seasonal ingredients."

## Mill Street Kitchen owners' first anniversary

EARLY next month, Sonika and Prince Manbhan celebrate their first anniversary as owners of Nambour's Mill Street Kitchen and Pantry.

"We both have a background in hospitality and after I completed my business degree I decided I wanted to have a business of my own," Sonika explained.

"We were fortunate to have been able to step into Mill Street Kitchen because we really love the area."

Having worked in restaurants in Melbourne and Brisbane, Prince has been able to bring his culinary skill in the kitchen to Nambour.

"We are so fortunate in this area to have such beautiful fresh produce to work with," Prince said.

"As much as we possibly can, we use local suppliers and our food is heavily based on local, seasonal ingredients. I change our menu according to what is in season so our guests can enjoy the best seasonal flavours."

"At the moment, our guests are really enjoying the three cheese gnocchi with truffle oil and

goats cheese, and the meatballs and white bean sugo," he said.

As well as the changing menu offerings, there is a fully stocked grab and go cabinet with freshly made salads and cakes which have a host of dietary options to keep everyone happy.

"We make everything here in our own kitchen," Prince said. "All of the baking is done here and our muffins, carrot cakes and orange and almond cakes are a bit of a specialty."

At Mill Street Kitchen, there is comfortable seating for up to 70 diners, with an outdoor deck and a very comfortable air conditioned indoor dining area. The team are able to cater for functions and have offerings that include the Sunshine Coast Farmer Plate, The Sandwich Lunch, The Grazing Board and The Long Lunch. You can enquire about this on their website at [www.millstreetkitchen.com.au/catering](http://www.millstreetkitchen.com.au/catering)

The Mill Street Kitchen and Pantry is open from 7am to 3pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to midday Sunday. It is located at 7 Mill Street, Nambour. Phone 0474 942 901.

## Tick-tock ... historic Nambour timepiece sparks interest

A photo taken in 1964 of Currie Street sparked great interest on the "Nambour, Remember When" page on Facebook recently, especially about the clock that appeared in the photo. Thanks to Nambour Museum's Barbara Want and Clive Plater the *Gazette* can provide the following history of the clock ...

Nambour people missed the convenience of a town hall clock, so they welcomed the appearance of this headline in the Nambour Chronicle "Memorial £150 Electric Clock for town hall building".

Having provided £200 in the 1952-53 budget, the Maroochy Shire Council approved the purchase of a town hall clock which would be a memorial to those who had made the supreme sacrifice.

Although there was some argument over the position of the clock, it was decided that it would be built above the Town Hall shops in Currie Street and suspended so that it could be seen from both north and south. The clock was supplied by Nambour's well known jeweller Mr. J. G. Glasgow.

Shire Chairman DA Low was anxious that the clock would be in place by Anzac Day and on Anzac Day in 1953, upon returning from the Cenotaph on Coronation Avenue, the crowds assembled in the Station Square.

Standing on the balcony of the Shire Chambers, Mr Low introduced the Vicar of St John's Church of England, Rev Black, who performed the official dedication of the Memorial clock and also of the new stairs leading to the Cenotaph.

"The clock," he said "would continue to remind us that 'age does not progress and weary them'. The steady movement of the clock reminded us of the steady purpose of aims and



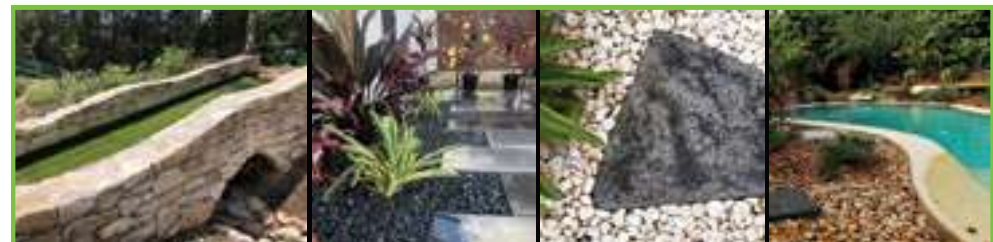
"The steady movement of the clock reminds us of the steady purpose of aims and ideals."

ideals; we shall continue to retain those principles for which theirs was the supreme sacrifice."

The clock was removed in the late 1980s and stored at the Council's Nambour works depot. It was donated to the Nambour Museum around 2010 where it was displayed with other machinery until one of the museum's volunteers liked the idea of making it work again.

It was fitted with a new mechanism and on the 7th of February 2018 it was erected on a steel pole at the museum's Bury Street entrance through the assistance of a Sunshine Coast Council grant.

The clock functioned well until last year but is currently out of service awaiting the money and time by our limited number of volunteers to 'bring the clock back to earth' for a refit. — Barbara Want and Clive Plater.



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## Group to discuss compensation scheme

LOCAL group Moving Forward is hosting an event to help the public learn more about the Australian Government's new compensation scheme for those who have experienced injuries caused by the Covid-19 vaccines.

The scheme was introduced in December 2021 and will expire in April 2024.

Guest speakers will be Donna McManus and Allyse Liddy from the Murphy's Law team in Brisbane.

"Our community is privileged to have them share their knowledge and explain the requirements for eligibility and process of lodging a claim and related issues," a spokesperson said.

"As the process of lodging a claim is lengthy and challenging to navigate, it is important for anyone who has been injured/affected to become familiar with how to register and commence the process as soon as possible.

"This knowledge will help us support our community, our neighbours, family members, relatives or partners who have been injured and are suffering."

Special guest speaker Raelene Kennedy is the mother of Caitlin Gotze.

Caitlin, 23, was a fit, strong, healthy and vibrant young woman with no known medical conditions who became very ill after her second Covid-19 injection and died at her workplace in November 2021.

Raelene will share her story about her experience with numerous Government Departments while trying to obtain information relating to the cause of her daughter's death.

► The event will be held on April 1 at the North Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Go to [www.mfwdsc.com](http://www.mfwdsc.com) to purchase tickets.



Guest speakers will be Allyse Liddy, left, and Donna McManus from the Murphy's Law team in Brisbane.

## Learn to weave on a table loom

CLASSES in Learning to Weave on a Table Loom will be taught next month by experienced hand weaver, Suzy Furness, pictured.

Classes are part of Suzie's exhibition 'Sentience in the Natural World'. All tuition fees are being donated to the Friends of the Maroochy Bushland Botanical Gardens.

Classes commence at the Arts and Ecology Centre, Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, 51 Palm Creek Road, Tanawha.

Workshop 1 will be held April 21, 22, 23 and Workshop 2 on April 28, 29 and 30 (two hours each day). Looms will be provided ready to go with enough warp to weave a scarf using colours found in the gardens.

► Tuition is \$60 plus \$10 materials. To book a place, email: [friendsofMRBBG@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofMRBBG@gmail.com). For more information contact Suzy via SMS on 0493 615 716 or on Facebook at "The Addicted Weaver".

## Chevallum kids learn lessons on self protection

QUEENSLAND Child Safety Ambassadors Bruce and Denise Morcombe delivered a Child Safety presentation to students at Chevallum State School last week.

Chevallum State School has supported the Daniel Morcombe Foundation for many years. In more recent years (2019, 2020 and 2021) the school participated in the Day for Daniel Fund-raiser and collected over \$35,000.

"We are really grateful for the support that Chevallum State School and the local community has provided to the Foundation over many years," said Denise. "We really wanted to show our appreciation and thought a child safety presentation was the best way to do this."

"Our aim is to reinforce key child safety messages," said Bruce. "We educate kids to recognise unsafe situations, how to react and encourage them to report these incidents to their safety helpers."

"The program was delivered with sensitivity and conveyed some important messages and advice regarding child safety," said Chevallum State School Principal Linda Short.

"Personal safety skills and strategies helps children build confidence and helps keep them safe. Over the years Chevallum State School has supported the Daniel Morcombe Foundation through fundraising events like Day for Daniel. As part of the local community, it has always been a cause close to our heart."

Established in 2005, the Foundation creates free educational resources to educate children about their personal safety and to help stop child sexual abuse. These resources give children the tools necessary to keep themselves safe in unsafe situations.

Day for Daniel is the Foundation's national day of action on child safety and protection. It is the largest child safety education and awareness day of its type in Australia. Now in its 19th year, pre-registrations online are at record levels with final numbers expected to reach over 6500 schools and early learning centres, also hundreds of businesses and events. It is anticipated that over 1.5 million people across Australia will hold a conversation about child safety on that day.

► Parents, carers, educators can visit the Daniel Morcombe Foundation website for resources and information [www.danielmorcombe.com.au](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au).



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## All aboard! Miniature Railway to hold Open Days

MORNINGS out for all those interested in railways will be held on Sunday March 19 and Sunday April 16.

The Sunshine Coast Miniature Railway will hold the two Open Days at 10am to show all aspects of their railway from the track, signalling, locomotives and rolling stock.

The days will be held at the Club's grounds at 1 Florence St Nambour.

Attendees will be shown around the railway and then to the locomotive area to see how the Society's battery and especially the steam locomotives work.

Any attendee joining the Society on the day (\$45 for 2023) will be shown how to drive the battery loco on the track.

Unfortunately, the Open Day is not suitable for those under 15 years of age due to Workplace Health and Safety and insurance conditions.

Enclosed shoes must be worn on the tour.

► To attend the Open Day please register with the railway at [suntan001@bigpond.com](mailto:suntan001@bigpond.com) (or 0417769993 - after 8am) to confirm your place on the tour.



Downtown Burgers owner Cam Scott ... Coincidentally the new location is in the same building that was the home of his original bar and eatery, "Nook and Cranny", from 2015-17.

## Uptown move has Downtown Burgers back in business

A year after water damage from a heavy downpour and leaking roof forced him out of his old building, Downtown Burgers owner Cam Scott is almost glad he had to make the massive change.

"The situation was terrible but we were at a point there anyway in the business where we couldn't do anything else," he said. "We had a small kitchen, small dining space and our cold rooms were down the back. We were struggling for space. So, once I got over all the 'this isn't fair' negative self-talk and started thinking 'how can we make this better' then it got exciting."

So Cam decided to move just up the road to 113 Currie Street and rebuild the popular burger bar in bigger premises that offer more streamlined service possibilities.

"At the end of the day we feel we have taken what was a negative and turned it into a really big positive," he said.

"The kitchen is three times the size and ergonomically designed" he said. "So we can pump out food really quickly now. And we have more room to prep so it just helps the whole business become so much more efficient."

"We've also got six more beer taps going in with more local craft beers available, so that'll be great."

Cam said 70 percent of the reno was now complete. "From here it's all about fine-tuning it and making it unique to us. We have come a



long way, from potential bankruptcy, to a ghetto takeaway shop out the front, and now to a fully open restaurant again. From here, we want to change it up."

"We're proud of our burger restaurant but we wanted to make sure we were pushing forward. We don't always get it right but we value the feedback we receive and we are always working on improving."

What won't change are Downtown's renowned burgers. "We're famous for our soft pretzel buns," said Cam. "Nobody else does anything like them. Competitors have tried to copy them but they never get it right. Ours are like a cross between an Amish pretzel and a New York bagel."

• Downtown Burgers is open 7 days (currently only for takeaways) from 12pm-8pm Sun-Wed, 12pm-9pm Thurs-Sat. [downtownnambour.com](http://downtownnambour.com). Phone: 5441 1587.

## Surplus Sale at Yandina School of Arts Hall

Saturday March 18 from 7-30am to 1pm is the time to come along to the Yandina School of Arts Hall Surplus Sale and grab a bargain - clothing, books, toys, games and kitchen items.

It's only \$10 to fill a bag.

Morning tea will be provided by gold coin donation. Funds raised go towards hall restorations.

## Easter Art Exhibition

TO Art Lovers everywhere, the Coolum Art Collective presents its annual Easter Art Exhibition for 2023 from Friday 7 April to Sunday 9 April 9am to 5pm and Monday 10 April 9am to 3pm.

Garry Dolan will be the VIP Guest Speaker and Judge this year for the opening on Saturday at 3pm.

Local group the Shoplifters will entertain. Go to [www.CoolumArt.com.au](http://www.CoolumArt.com.au)

## Woombye Library Balcony Book Sale is on April 1

WOOMBYE Community Library's bi-annual Big Balcony Book Sale has become quite a local institution over the years as it provides bookworms with the perfect opportunity to grab quality books for a gold coin.

"Not only do we raise funds to purchase new release titles, but our friendly library volunteers just love meeting new members of the community and day trippers visiting our historic little town," said Library volunteer, Cathy Cash.

"There is always a wonderful atmosphere as book lovers of all ages pore over the titles available for sale, to grab a bargain," she said.

"We always have incredibly good quality books on offer for just the price of a gold coin!"

The next Big Balcony Book Sale is on Saturday the 1st of April between 8.00am and 1.00pm at the School of Arts Hall on Blackall Street, Woombye.

## Zonta offers \$2000 Scholarships

THE Zonta Club of Blackall Range is once again offering two Scholarships of \$200 each to local women who are studying at tertiary level.

Zonta is assisting women who have a close connection to the Sunshine Coast Hinterland and who have at least a year of tertiary study (University or TAFE) behind them.

In past years we have had students from the Education Faculty at USC and other institutions, from Arts, Fine Arts, Nursing and Midwifery, from Science and from Environment.

Please look for our application through the USC website if relevant or contact Linda McElrea at [scholarship@zontablackallrange.org.au](mailto:scholarship@zontablackallrange.org.au) for further information. Closing date is 30 April 2023.

## Genealogy Workshops

GENEALOGY Sunshine Coast are holding workshops on March 25.

Topics are DNA Tools from 9:30-12pm and Trove from 1pm-3:30pm.

Situated at Petrie Park Road opposite the swimming pool in Nambour.

Cost is \$8 per session or \$15 for the day. Morning tea is provided and lunch can be purchased.

## Yoga for beginners

KINESIOLOGIST and Yoga instructor Yamuna Puri is offering regular Yoga classes and special events at her spacious home studio in Kureelipa.

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## Car rolls in Palmwoods

A woman was injured after a single-car crash at Palmwoods on March 9.

A Queensland Ambulance Service spokesperson said the car rolled on Citrus Road around 10pm.

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# The Whalley family and their service to Nambour

WHALLEY'S store is one of the oldest buildings left in Currie Street, Nambour. But who were the Whalleys?

James Whalley, an English bookseller and preacher, relocated to Australia. In 1884 he and his son William walked from Brisbane to select 155 acres on what is now called Burnside Road (formerly Whalley's Range Road).

It was not until 1994 that the significant role that the Whalley family played in the development of Nambour was properly acknowledged. A small tributary of Petrie Creek which rose in the original Whalley selection was named Whalley Creek, followed by the naming of James Whalley Drive and Whalley Creek Close.

James was one of the first shareholders with 1200 shares and one of the first suppliers of cane to the Moreton Central Sugar Mill. In 1892 he was instrumental in building Nambour's Methodist Church and helping to establish Nambour's School of Arts.

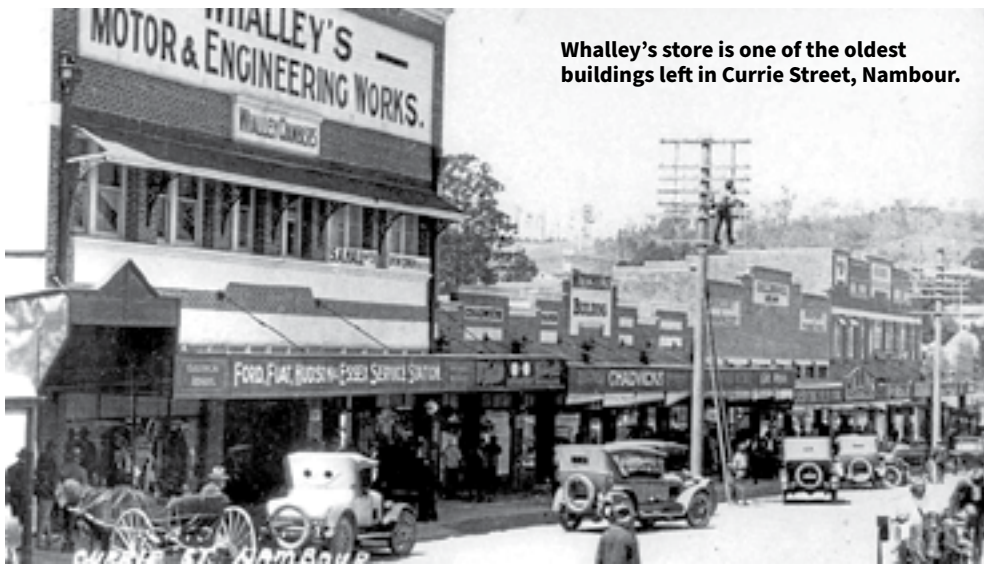
James' son, William made a remarkable contribution to the life of Nambour. He opened Nambour's first plumbing business in 1896 and then purchased Nambour's Currie's Store in 1899. With the motto 'A Tower of Reliability' this shop and a branch in Mapleton served the people of the area for 69 years until 1965. William's service to the community was remarkable: Justice of the Peace from 1889, chairman of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill and involved with the Show Society, local lodge, bowling green, Ambulance and Rotary Club and was the first chairman of the Nambour Hospital Board.

William's brother Richard 'Hellie' served as a councillor on Maroochy Shire Council from 1927 to 1936 and as chairman from 1939 to 1943. He was also heavily involved as a member, trustee, chairman and president of many local organizations.

This is a family who contributed so much to the community of Nambour and district.



William Whalley and family in front of their house in Blackall Terrace, which is still there.



Whalley's store is one of the oldest buildings left in Currie Street, Nambour.

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The good old days ... Currie Street Nambour with Collins Cafe in the centre of the picture.



## Icon of Currie Street was the place to meet and the birthplace of Collins pies

**Moment in Time** from Nambour Museum

THE Collins name was synonymous with Currie Street, Nambour, from 1907 when Collins & Co., Drapers, Men's Outfitters & Grocers was opened in Currie Street by Mr Lou Collins.

The era of Collins Café began in 1927 when Mrs Ruby Collins advertised her new special Saturday menu of chicken patties, toasted buns and mayonnaise of crab.

From that time for over 40 years, Collins café was THE café and meeting place for residents of the area. At street level there was the traditional café, but downstairs a large cabaret area became the centre of the town's night life, hosting wedding receptions, farewells, balls, meetings, bridge afternoons and in 1938, Madam Vermersh, the celebrated French Tea Cup Entertainer.

In the late 1930s, the café was signed over to Ruby's sons, Jack and Robert. Jack's wife Babe remembered the war years with American and Australian soldiers in the area. "Meals

were expected at all hours and the café often remained open till 2am only to re-open at 8am."

In the 1950s, Collins Café catered for everyone - teenagers met for a lime spider, housewives enjoyed a cup of tea and scones for two shillings and sixpence (25 cents), children loved a banana split as a special treat, shoppers gathered to enjoy a three course dinner for 6 shillings (60 cents) and tradesmen collected their lunch of Collins pies.

Collins pies were legendary in the district prompting this advertisement in the Nambour Chronicle in December 1954:

*"His shirt was a wreck and his pants full of holes  
His socks were ..... and his boot had no soles.  
They gave him two bob. Now don't drink that,  
one cries.*

*No chance pals, he yipped. I'm for Collins Pies."*

The closure of Collins café was met with horror and disbelief by its many customers. Two of Collins' original plates and menus on display in the Nambour Museum revive happy memories of this icon of Currie Street.



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## 'Everyone Belongs' on the Sunshine Coast

**David Law**  
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Harmony Week begins on 20-26 March. I invite everyone to experience, explore and appreciate the Sunshine Coast's wealth of cultural, faith, linguistic and ethnic diversity this Harmony Week. Council has partnered with the Nambour Community Centre and the Sunshine Coast Multicultural Network to support a number of cultural groups and community organisations to host activities and events. There will be a wonderful array of free events, including workshops, concerts, food adventures, sport and art experiences. Visit Council's website and search 'Harmony Week' for more information and to see a full list of events and come celebrate our diverse region.

Be sure to come along to Nambour Forecourt Live! on Friday, 24 March from 4pm and enjoy live music, workshops, cultural activities and food stalls to celebrate Harmony Week.

### #ExploreNambour

Nambour business and community groups have been working together to build some great digital assets to promote living, working, shopping and exploring Nambour. The digital makeover includes dynamic #ExploreNambour video series, e-newsletter, blogs, social media content, and a revamp of the I Am Nambour website (iamnambour.com.au).

As a gateway precinct, these upgrades are an important step in servicing the needs of the growing town, local businesses and surrounding communities. The website now includes newly created Parking Map and Vintage and Retro Op Shop Hip Hop Map, plus up-to-date small business and local industry content, links to investment information and destination marketing information. The digital maps and promotional material provide increased sustainability and a much broader promotional reach.

### Nambour Showground Grandstand Renewal Works completed

I am happy to advise that the Nambour Showgrounds J D Grimes Grandstand Renewal Works has been completed. This project included an upgrade to the access stairs and balustrade along the main grandstand.

## Diabetics have had rug pulled out

**Ted O'Brien**  
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15,000 Australian families have had the rug pulled out from underneath them after the Labor Government axed a life-changing medicine from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) which is used to manage diabetes.

Without any consultation or support for the patients impacted, the Government has cut the medication from the PBS and has sent the price soaring from as low as \$7 to up to \$280 per script.

Local student Freya (14), who I first met in 2016, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at just 11 months of age.



Freya and her mum Jackie (pictured) are just one of 15,000 families who will suffer from this cold-hearted decision.

I will continue working with Freya and her mum Jackie to get the Government to reverse this decision and ensure Fiasp is reinstated on the PBS immediately.

### My Biggest Survey

A reminder that I want to hear from you - do you have big ideas about how to can make our local community an even better place in which to live, work and play?

It's an honour representing you in Parliament and with your help we've secured some big wins including \$3.2 billion to upgrade local stretches of the Bruce Highway; over \$390 million for stage 1 of the North Coast Rail Line upgrade between Beerburum and Landsborough; \$160 million to upgrade the Mooloolah River Interchange on the Sunshine Motorway; and more than \$47 million for community last financial year alone.

But, for me to continue fighting to deliver the outcomes our community needs, I need to know what's important to you and my Biggest Survey is still accepting submissions until 31 March.

Head to [www.tedobrien.com.au](http://www.tedobrien.com.au).

## Mary Cairncross Ecological Park Plan

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The Sunshine Coast Ecological Park draft master plan has been released, with just some of the exciting features including treetop bridges, forest lookouts, event spaces, and a wetland boardwalk.

This is all part of a plan to restore the grazing land to lush rainforest and wetland, on the northern side of Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.

I encourage you to explore the plan and consider what this project would mean for you. Visit [haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) to see the plan and provide feedback before March 20.

### New look lookouts

Works are continuing to upgrade and repair the lookout at **Balmoral Ridge Park**, Maleny. The works started in mid-February and include a new shelter and picnic furniture which will certainly entice more people to the lookout on Mountain View Road.

I'll keep you updated on when works will be nearing completion.

Keeping with lookouts, construction has been completed on the new picnic shelter for **McCarthy's Lookout**, also in Maleny. I am happy to advise that the new picnic shelter has made a vast improvement for visitors. This project included removing the existing shelter and replacing with new furniture, shelter, and repairs. I hope the spruce up will be warmly welcomed by locals and tourists to our hinterland region.

In Conondale, we completed a similar upgrade with a new picnic setting and concrete slab located at **Tete Park**. This much needed replacement will greatly benefit our community. If you're visiting Kilcoy Lane make sure you check out the improvements!

### Road Reseal Works

If you visit my Facebook page you'll see before and after images of road upgrades in Mooloolah Valley. Road reseal works have been completed at South Paget Street and Bray Rd (Service Lane) in Mooloolah. I'm sure many road users will be pleased by the results.

## Glass House Small Business Awards

**Andrew Powell**  
State Member for Glass House  
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You may or may not remember that I used to hold the Glass House Small Business Awards (Glassies) in May every year to coincide with Small Business Week. COVID played havoc with our plans in 2020, 2021 and 2022 ... but this year, the Glassies are back on in May!

Which means nominations open as of Monday, 13th March! The Glassies are my way, and yours, of showing local small businesses and their employees how much we appreciate what they contribute to our daily lives and the broader community.

As always, there will be four regions to nominate in - Montville, Maleny, Glasshouse Country and Moreton Bay. The business and employee in each region with the most votes will pick up a Silver Glassy. The Bronze Glassy will be selected by the Chamber Presidents for true recognition by their peers. The coveted Gold Glassy will be selected by myself and the Chambers and go to one business and one employee from across the Glass House electorate.

### International Women's Day

On International Women's Day last Wednesday I attended a sold-out event hosted by the Montville Chamber of Commerce. Guests were treated to the incredible Kim McCosker of the '4 ingredients' franchise, a fashion parade by Chic & Sassy Boutique, an auction and a huge raffle with all proceeds going to the Zonta Club of Blackall Range. A special mention to Aldy, Jasmine and the team at Secrets on the Lake for the delicious breakfast and regular caffeine hits.

And the ladies from Zonta backed it up with their now famous Dusk on the Deck that evening - a celebration of the amazing women from our community!

### Thank a Pharmacist

March 16 is 'Thank Your Pharmacist Day'. Pharmacists continue to be the most accessible healthcare professional in the community. Be sure to thank a Pharmacist for all their hard (and often unnoticed) work.

## Nicklin Community Support Forum

**Rob Skelton**  
State Member for Nicklin  
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Thank you to everyone who participated in the first Nicklin Community Support Forum for 2023.

The unprecedented challenges we're facing as a community and as a nation require creative and targeted solutions.

That's why it was incredibly encouraging to see community stakeholders and organisations come together last week with a view to finding solutions that work.

It's inspiring to see so many dedicated individuals and organisations working towards making our region an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

I was happy to catch up with Senior Sergeant Peter McNamara, the new OIC for Nambour Police Station, and Inspector Jason Overland from Queensland Police Service, who are doing a great job locally.

### Nambour Thursday night community dinner

Thanks to the Nambour Thursday night community dinner team for letting me have a go on the grill last week.

It's always inspiring to see the results of positive grassroots efforts to build community, all while helping those in need. Community heart is an important part of what makes Nambour special - Mike and the folks behind the Thursday night barbecue have plenty of it!

If you'd like to get involved, come down to the Nambour town square every Thursday at 5pm for a great feed - with even better people.

### Happy International Women's Day

Last Wednesday was International Women's Day, where we celebrated the contributions, achievements, and resilience of women all around the world.

To the mothers who work tirelessly to provide for their families, the teachers who shape the minds of future generations, the healthcare workers who keep us healthy and safe, the entrepreneurs who drive innovation and growth, and the activists who fight for justice and equality - we honour you and thank you for all that you do.

## Life is precious, but not easy for our wildlife

**Nature Watch News** from Donna Brennan Wildlife Volunteers, WILVOS, 5441 6200 [www.wilvos.org.au](http://www.wilvos.org.au)

Our native animals have to contend with their usual predators in nature, along with the issues of tree clearing, housing developments, vehicle traffic and domestic animal predation. Survival is not easy for our wildlife.

As we see healthy animals being injured or killed, it makes wildlife carers a little apprehensive when releasing rehabilitated wildlife back into the wild. Many of these animals: birds, marsupials, reptiles and monotremes such as echidnas, have often been in care for many months.

Priority for released wildlife is ensuring they are 100 percent fit both physically and psychologically. There is no compromise in preparation for this reintroduction to their natural habitat, and the choice of suitable habitat.

They must be wary of humans, and be consuming their natural diet, not supermarket supplements. Those wild instincts have to come to the fore, and the animals have to be able to forage for what they will be eating out there in the wild.

Release day is always sad but also exhilarating as the native animals are finally free. Thanks to Liam and his team at Biodiverse Environmental, and our wonderful Land for Wildlife people, our wildlife get their best chance.

When statistics look dire on the rescue side it is reassuring to see the number of injured and orphaned animals being released back out into beautiful habitat that is able to sustain them as they find their way in a challenging world.

Last week saw the release of a colony of squirrel gliders, a colony of ringtail possums, two common brushtail possums and a pair of short-eared brushtail possums, pictured. It was a very busy day for the release team. Many kilometres may be travelled in reaching their destinations. It is the reward for the wildlife carer as we wish them a safe and happy life!



**Sofia and Isaac are two short-eared brushtails.**

## An absence of oversight

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



This week I examine the State's latest move on infrastructure for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

It's a big step backward (some would say a lie) from their published IOC Future Host Commission Questionnaire Response Final Submission made in May 2021.

Astonishingly, last Thursday, Deputy Premier Steven Miles announced Queensland would go it alone on the infrastructure body, in direct contravention to commitments made to the IOC in that document.

There will be no independent Olympic Co-ordination Authority (OCA) comprising the three levels of government, as had been designated on page 5.

'To assure the effective delivery of legacy over the 10+10+ year programme, the agency to be created to coordinate all government services and Games-related infrastructure, the Olympic Coordination Authority (OCA), will be responsible for legacy oversight and, where required, delivery.'

Perhaps this page 10 excerpt explains why: 'Within 12 months of appointment as host city, OCA will publish its first report which will include an outline of monitoring methodology mapped to a detailed legacy delivery programme and specific quantifiable targets alongside ... quality measures.'

We were awarded the Games at the 138th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Tokyo on 21 July 2021.

The document stipulated that OCA [and OCOG] would be established 5 months after the Games were awarded.

What is alarming is this politicisation of the Games' legacy and infrastructure.

That first report from OCA was due in July 2022. It didn't occur.

A monitored legacy delivery programme and specific targets aren't part of their plan?

Decisions will be shared between Mr Miles' Department of State Development and the Premier's Department of Premier and Cabinet. A co-ordinating agency will be developed within existing departments.

What could possibly go wrong? Who needs a business case for a \$2.7 billion Premier-led whim?

Who will be there to resist the whims? Public servants, whose existence in the role rely upon political masters?

Let's compare their record on Queensland's delivery of a smaller event, the Commonwealth Games, in 2018.

It was a nightmare for public transport, especially from the Sunshine Coast.

Our rail services suffered their severest of cuts in the century-plus long history of our rail line.

Looks like our abysmal record may be broken again in 2032.

It was a massacre of our trains. 27% of our services were slashed to give the Gold Coast extra trains.

An average return journey from Nambour, via public transport to the Games was 7 hours 25 minutes (not including event duration). From Maroochydore it was 8 hours 40 minutes.

From Brisbane you could get to 100% (261 events) via public transport.

From Caboolture, Cleveland, Ipswich, Ferny Grove and Shorncliffe that figure was 97.7% and above.

But from Nambour it was 54% (141 events) and from Maroochydore just 26% (68 events).

Queensland's infrastructure promises don't match funded reality.

Section 1 Q01 Vision of the document states: 'Accelerate delivery of long-term plans needed for sustainable growth across Queensland, in particular the South East Queensland region ...'

I suspect that's another lie.

## Gambling tax revenue used to upgrade local groups

GLASS House MP Andrew Powell has announced the latest recipients of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

In no particular order, the recipients from Glass House in Round 115 are:

- Blackall Range Care Group - \$35,000 to purchase a bus
- Eudlo Horse and Pony Club - \$27,430 to upgrade their facility and purchase equipment
- Mooloolah Valley Community Association - \$15,459.47 to purchase IT equipment
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- Neutral colour palette, high ceilings and bay windows
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**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 94 Nambour Mapleton Road. Auction Saturday, 25 March 10am

LOCATED on a 792m<sup>2</sup> block featuring views towards the Mapleton Conservation Park and Image Flat, this stunning post-war home features three spacious bedrooms, a modern bathroom and gorgeous views from the living & dining space.

On entry visitors are greeted by a sunroom that can be used as a smaller extra bedroom and a media/lounge room with decorative ceilings.

The home has high ceilings, timber flooring, and hardwood skirting and finishes. The dining and family rooms boast a wall of large windows that flood the space with natural light and cooling breezes, and showcase the peaceful views surrounding the rear of the home.

The highlight of this property is the outdoor space with a covered rear deck and pergola.

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In 2018 there was a full roof upgrade and plumbing replacement and a 6.615kW solar system with 21 panels was installed in 2019.

The property is fully fenced and private, but is close to the hinterland, Nambour's CBD amenities and the Bruce Highway.

This property truly has it all - a stunning home, beautiful outdoor space, and a prime location for living in Nambour.

► For more information on this property or to secure your viewing this weekend please contact Ray White Nambour's Michael Scott on 0488 969 970 or Ryan Aldred on 0418 849 558.



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## Affordable, central and just immaculate in Nambour

**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 47/44 Fairmeadow Road, Nambour. Offers over \$589,000.

LOCATED in 'Image Place' residential complex, and just a 10 minute walk to Nambour is this stylish contemporary townhouse.

The two-level home has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a combined powder room and laundry.

It features open plan living flowing to east facing covered patio, quality kitchen, study/small lounge area on upper landing, and single lock up garage with internal entry.

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The home features open plan living, dining and kitchen areas where modern touches combine beautifully with original features.

The entertaining deck which overlooks the gently sloping 1143m<sup>2</sup> block, connects to the kitchen and living areas.

There are four bedrooms; the master with en suite and family bathroom, and the home boasts plenty of storage space.

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