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Meet the Candidates

Their Pitch Your Vote. Gazette Election Guide 2024

THE 2024 local government election is Saturday March 16 and the *Gazette* has compiled everything you need to know about the Sunshine Coast Council hinterland & mayoral races.

Hinterland residents in the *Gazette* readership area will vote for a new mayor and for division 5 and 10 councillors next Saturday, March 16, with all polling booths open from 8am to 6pm.

In the meantime, *Gazette* journalist Janine Hill has been on the hustings

and filing stories for our 12-page Election Guide (pages 12-21).

In addition you can watch all the mayoral and divisions 5 and 10 candidates in action at recent Meet the Candidates events online at www.sunshinevalleygazette.com.au (see the QR Code, right).

We have also pitched your questions to the candidates. Each was given a list of over 20 readers' questions and asked to answer any six they wanted to, and to nominate one for print.

Their answers for print are included after their profile stories inside.

The Sunshine Coast will be voting for a new mayor, after Mark Jamieson announced his retirement late last year. In divisions 5 and 10, incumbents Cr Winston Johnston and Cr David Law are running again.

• 2024 Sunshine Coast Council election mayoral candidates are Cr Jason O'Pray, Ashley Robinson OAM, Rosanna Natoli, Michael Burgess, Min Swan, and Wayne Parcell.

• Division 5 candidates include Cr Winston Johnston, Richard Bruinsma and Tracy Burton.

• Division 10 candidates include Cr David Law, Peter Walsh, Camillo Primavera and Sue Etheridge.

Early voting for the Local Government elections opened Monday (March 4) and runs until Friday, March 15.

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Sunshine & Sons Founders Adam Chapman, Michael Conrad and Matt Hobson.

Sunshine & Sons named world's best

SUNSHINE & Sons Original Vodka was recently (February 20) awarded the title of World's Best in the coveted World Vodka Awards.

Fresh off the back of winning gold as Australia's best in the Botanical Vodka category, the Aussie drop, competing in a lineup of the very best products in the world from over 20 countries, was judged by an expert panel to be worthy of the title of World's Best.

The accolade comes as the team behind Sunshine & Sons Premium Spirits pack their bags for Europe and the UK where they will attend trade and industry events in Dusseldorf, London and Manchester. They will also join Austrade for drinks industry networking as the Sunshine Coast based business prepares to export internationally.

"Industry acknowledgement is always a fantastic boost for any business and we are no exception. Our team pours their heart and soul into producing quality spirits for people to enjoy with their loved ones," said Matt Hobson, Founder of Sunshine & Sons.

"Sunshine & Sons is about sunshine, quality time with family and friends and escaping to the laid back lifestyle of Australia's beautiful sub-tropical Sunshine Coast.

"Now, with the backing of this accolade, we're on a mission to take a slice of what we're about to the Europeans and Brits," added Hobson.

The award winning Original Vodka is one of less than five percent of vodkas globally that are produced from grapes giving a soft, spongy

and velvety texture that Hobson says is unmistakably premium in comparison to traditional grain, sugar cane and potato vodkas.

The vodka is made with a filtration system unique to its natural location on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. It uses millennia old volcanic rock giving the vodka a minerality that is often described as 'floral pepperiness'.

Veronika Karlova, Chair of Judges for the World Vodka Awards, said: "All World Vodka Award winners this year impressed judges by their quality and taste.

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Nicklin MP and Museum Patron Rob Skelton, Clive Plater and Rosanna Natoli, who officiated at the launch.

Updated book celebrates Nambour's proud loco history

HISTORY buffs and cane train enthusiasts flocked to the Nambour Museum on Saturday February 24 to celebrate the launch of the second edition of *Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill*, by Clive Plater OAM.

Originally written in 2013 to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the sugar mill's closure, the updated book contains interesting new facts, including the history of the Maroochy River lift span tramway bridge that was destroyed by flood in 2022.

Mr Plater said his love of locos was spurred by his father, Edgar Plater, who worked at the Moreton Sugar Mill for 51 years as an Engine Driver, Traffic Officer, Tramway and Bridge Supervisor, and Assistant Chief Cane Inspector.

"Dad kept meticulous diaries relating to the tramlines and bridges from 1960 until 1981, and these helped me enormously with my research and were still being

used for reference by mill staff 20 years after he retired," Mr Plater said.

The expanded edition of *Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill* contains updates on the location and condition of the locos purchased by the mill between 1904 and 1976, along with those used during its subsequent ownership by Howard Smith Industries.

Many of the retired locos can be viewed at the Nambour Museum, including Eudlo, Shay, Valdora, Bli Bli, Flyer, Sandy, and Joe, which is the only operational engine on display.

Most carry interesting back stories, such as Sandy, one of four small V8 petrol engine "rail tractors" built during WWII.

The loco was the star of the 1967 children's book *Sandy the Cane Train*, written by Jean Chapman, and was named after Clive Plater's uncle, Les "Sandy" Plater, a Rat of Tobruk who lost his life fighting in

the Middle East.

The book was officially launched by Mayoral candidate Rosanna Natoli, following an introduction from Museum Patron Rob Skelton, MP.

Ms Natoli praised Mr Plater for his dedication to preserving local knowledge and said the book would appeal to a wide range of readers, from Nambour locals through to train fanatics and anyone interested in the history of Sunshine Coast.

During the launch Mr Plater presented a copy of his book to young train enthusiast and regular Museum visitor, Teddy Witherpoon, and paid tribute to Susie Blue for her help in putting both editions together.

Copies of *Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill* are available from the Museum at 18 Mitchell Street, and cost \$15. Opening hours are 1-4pm Wednesday to Friday, and 10am-3pm on Saturdays.

Sunday Market change as Tram project sees light at end of tunnel

DUE to progress on the much-anticipated tram construction, the Nambour Rummagers Market is relocating to the heart of Nambour CBD.

The market is moving from the tram terminal near Coles, to the Sunshine Coast Council/Nambour Library Forecourt on the corner of Currie and Bury Street from March 24.

Following markets will be held on the third Sunday of every month from 9-12pm.

"With the Tram Bogies due for build completion by mid this year and on the tracks in the Terminal by July, the Terminal will become somewhat of a build-site," said Nambour Tram Co Director Greg Rogerson. "We hope to have open days, with a viewing deck, open to the public, so they can watch the tram being built from the ground up and with Rhonda (Billett) looking to grow the Nambour Rummagers Market for the community and Tram Co., we decided that expanding the Rummagers Markets into Currie Street was a good all round idea for the Tram Terminal and the Nambour Community."

Tram and market momentum

"I'm excited to expand on the Rummagers market foundations, we have worked hard on getting momentum for the market over the last two years and the concept is certainly ready to grow into its next stage," said organiser Rhonda Billett.

"We are currently looking for stall holders and we are not limiting our-

selves to just \$5 suitcase sites. We will have marquee sites for \$20 and are looking for produce, plants, preloved, vintage, homemade and handmade

The Tram Bogies are due for build completion mid-year and on the tracks in the Terminal by July.



stallholders.

"Locals and Tourists can come on down to one of our cool cafes here in the hinterland for a coffee, some breakfast or brunch and stroll through the markets," Rhonda said.

"I will be looking for people to also volunteer and assist with the concept as it grows in its new home. We want vibrancy in our CBD and bringing the market to the main street will hopefully be successful and fun for the volunteers who want to get involved."

Stall holders can book a site by messaging Nambour Rummagers Market on Facebook or via the www.iamnambour.com.au and follow the markets page.

Follow the markets via Nambour Rummagers Market or Nambour Tram on Facebook or Instagram. The concept is supported by a working relationship between the Nambour Tram Way Company and Sunshine Coast Council's Economic Development team.



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Nambour's Ken Mills Director Brett Mills and Fairfax MP Ted O'Brien discuss the new vehicle efficiency standards tax.

Vehicle prices to rise under tax, warns Nambour dealer

NAMBOUR'S Ken Mills Toyota Principal Director Brett Mills has raised concerns over the impact of a new tax proposal on family vehicles, including SUVs, utes, and 4WDs.

Labor's new vehicle efficiency standards legislation has been dubbed a "new family car and ute tax" by the Coalition.

The Coalition says prices of popular models, like the Toyota Landcruiser, could surge by up to \$25,000.

Mr Mills said he understood the need for a fuel efficiency standard, but the proposal was too aggressive.

"It won't just add cost to utes, this will affect popular SUV's and passenger cars that dominate the roads and driveways of the Sunshine Coast, even hybrid variants get dragged in," Mr Mills said.

"The standard will force product to market which, with current technology, simply will not fulfill the purposes needed by consumers in many cases.

"Consumer sentiment around buying low emission vehicles, the development of low

emission propulsion technology and necessary supporting infrastructure all point to the need for more time. More time results in a less damaging execution, reduced affordability, less choice and compromised durability to consumers, this will be the inevitable outcome under such an aggressive proposal."

Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien echoed the concerns, highlighting the timing of the tax amidst a cost-of-living crisis. "This is the last thing families on the Sunshine Coast need," Mr O'Brien said. "It's going to make essential vehicles like the Hilux and Ranger significantly more expensive."

The tax could also have broader economic repercussions, threatening jobs across Queensland.

"The Coalition is willing to engage on emissions reduction measures and we support the take up of EVs, but we do not support policies that fail to strike a balance between getting emissions down, minimising costs and maximising choice for all Australians," said Mr O'Brien.

The winner of "Best Baby Puppy in Show" from a recent event earns a congratulatory kiss.

Pawsome news:

A weekend of canine fun & beauty

SUNSHINE Coast Kennel Club is thrilled to announce the return of their highly anticipated dog shows at Beerwah Sportsground over the March 22-24 weekend.

"The club is holding four conformation shows which are basically 'beauty contests' judging the best dogs in each breed, and a Best in Show," explained spokesperson and club life member Helen Weil. "Breeds being exhibited include the regular well known breeds plus a variety of rarer breeds."

Dogs are judged in groups (Toys, Terriers, Gundogs, Hounds, Working, Utility and Non-sporting) in alphabetical order of the breeds in each of the seven groups.

"For example in the Toy group Affenpinschers and Australian Silky Terriers are at the beginning while Pugs, Tibetan Spaniels and Yorkshire Terriers are at the end.

"We anticipate the total entry for each show to be between 400 and 500 dogs."

The first show is on Friday evening March 22 from 6pm. On Saturday March 23 the club begins the Championship show at 9am and the Open Show will run concurrently from 9.30am. The Sunday show starts at 8.30am.

Junior Handlers range in age from 7 to 18 and will compete during the lunch break on Saturday.

"Many of these youngsters are superb handlers, often putting the older exhibitors to



shame," said Helen.

A canteen and Coffee Van will be operating. Entry is free at Beerwah Sportsground.

"Do come and have a look, find your favourite breed, talk to exhibitors, enjoy the dog sport events and browse the various stalls with lots of 'doggy' paraphernalia for sale," said Helen.

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The Vogue in the late 1950s or early 1960s. It later became a Dimmeys store until 2019. Right: Colin Peterson who played Smiley in the movie, was a special guest at the Vogue.

Historic Vogue Theatre set for grand revival

CURRIE Street's The Vogue Theatre is poised for a grand revival, transforming from its original cinema glory into a bustling music and entertainment hub.

Closed in the 1980s and later becoming a Dimmeys store until 2019, the iconic venue is about to embark on a new chapter that blends nostalgia with modern innovation.

Owner Trent Laing and renovator Dean Carlile, have meticulously restored The Vogue back to its 1950s splendor, complete with chandeliers and vintage fittings.

Yet, cutting-edge audio technology ensures a modern experience for audiences. The transition from movie theatre to a vibrant entertainment venue marks a significant shift, aiming to inject life back into Nambour's evening CBD offerings.

The Vogue's historical significance is undeniable. Originally built in 1947 on a different

site it became known as 'The Tin Shed'. The current building was inaugurated in 1958, heralding a new era for Nambour entertainment. With a capacity to host over a thousand patrons, it was the town's cultural focal point.

Scheduled to reopen on Saturday, March 9 with a blues night, Mr Lang wants The Vogue to become one of the premier venues in regional Australia, featuring top-quality performers and fostering local talent.

Community-focused initiatives, including collaborations with local schools and dance groups, are integral to its mission, alongside a boutique bar for refreshments.

Mr Laing said the project celebrated The Vogue's rich legacy and promised to re-energize Nambour's CBD, offering a family-friendly entertainment alternative and supporting the local hospitality sector.



Club Yandina Board of Management, from left, Terry Rosenbrock, Aaron Page, Richard Styles, Ann Honess, Gwyn Bruce, Leon Granzien, Life Member Gladys Whalley, Patron Marty Hunt, Leonie Tappe & Gary Podosky.

Bowls, bistros and beyond: Club Yandina rolls up for packed year

From Promotions Officer Ann Honess

2024 looks to be a very busy year for Club Yandina. On Sunday February 23 we held our AGM with a good attendance by bowling and non-bowling members.

A new Board of Management was elected with Leon Granzien being elected to the position of Chairman for his fifth term. His fellow board members look forward to an exciting 12 months for the club.

Leon Granzien thanked the past board for their hard work and also the many volunteers who help keep Club Yandina rolling along. They provide assistance behind the bar, bistro duties, catering and general maintenance around the club.

The outdoor appeal of Club Yandina is having a revamp with a new cement slab replacing the old uneven pavers, and beautification of the DOSA and spectator areas around the greens. Replacement of the old pavers was made possible through a Grant from Yandina

Sporting and Recreational Reserve Trust Fund.

Exciting bowls on now

Our Bowls Championship games are being played over the next few weekends and these games are well worth dropping down to watch - there have been some very exciting games recently, some winning by the barest of margins.

Our Barefoot Bowls and Bistro meals every Friday from 6pm continue to be very popular. Chefs, Channa & Ruby do a fantastic job with a varied menu of Australian and Asian cuisine. If you have a group wishing to dine it would be advisable to ring the club on 5446 7126 and book, we'd hate you to miss out on a table.

Private & community functions

Club Yandina has hosted over 50 private & community functions over the past 12 months and forward bookings indicate we will be busy again this year.

On that note, the club is looking for a Catering Manager to assist our Functions Manager. If this is you, or you know of someone who may be interested, please contact the club and the Functions Manager will get back to you with more information.

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The 'Little Kindy that Could'

Community support, strategic changes get kindy back on track

Mapleton's Range Community Kindergarten has become known as "The Little Kindy that Could" after a remarkable financial turnaround, which has breathed new life into its operations.

The Kindy, led by President Brooklyn Hollis, shared its achievements at the recent Annual General Meeting held on February 27, 2024. In a testament to community spirit and determination, the kindergarten committee's efforts raised over \$90,000 through grants and fundraising and turned a challenging financial position around.

"From eight years running at a loss to making a profit in 2023," Brooklyn told the AGM. "We are now a financially stable and strong kindy. But it was a tough time. It's a good news story for us to turn a profit of \$17,000, this was a big achievement."

A key milestone was the successful increase in enrolment capacity from 20 to 27 children, enhancing both the kindy's financial stability and its educational outreach.

"This allows more children to benefit from early learning right here on the Range, reinforcing our ties within the local schooling ecosystem," Brooklyn said.

The committee has also focused on deepening connections with local organizations and businesses, including The Blackall Range Lions Club, The Mapleton Men's Shed, MADCA, and local businesses such as Roger Loughnan Real Estate.

"These partnerships reflect the essence of



Jan Munro (Vice President-Community Member), Tessa Bailey (Secretary), Kate Gadenne (Social/Fundraiser Coordinator), Brooklyn Coyle-Hollis (President), Wayne Parcell (AGM Independent Chair), Kim Palmer (Kindy Service Manager), Jeshanah Erb (Treasurer), Scott Green (WSH Coordinator).

Manager role, aim to bolster compliance, governance, and long-term viability.

With six members from the previous committee continuing their service, the kindy is poised for a future filled with growth and ongoing improvements. "The committee continuity ensures stability as we embed these changes, aiming always to enhance our offering," Brooklyn said, looking forward to another fruitful year for the Range Community Kindergarten.

The meeting was attended by MVA President and mayoral candidate Wayne Parcell who acted as independent chair.

community-centric education and support."

A significant rebranding effort and nearly \$100,000 in improvement projects have further revitalised the kindy, ensuring it remains a safe, vibrant, and engaging place for children.

These upgrades, coupled with a revised organisational structure introducing a Service

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Buderim VIEW Club

BUDERIM VIEW Club is on the lookout for new members who want to give back to their community and make new connections with women in the area. Club President Antoinette said this year was the perfect time to join VIEW as social events are back on the calendar after a Covid hiatus.

"We have had so much fun organising upcoming events for our club this year, including a trip to Hobart for the National Convention.

These always feature fabulous dinners and speakers, and are a great way to hear about how we help children and young people through The Smith Family."

Anyone interested in becoming a member can call Gail on 0414 950 949 or visit www.view.org.au for further information.

The next Buderim VIEW Club meeting will take place at Buderim Tavern Wednesday 6th March RSVP by Saturday 2nd March 2024.

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"We are thrilled to welcome Dr Carslaw to our team," said Practice Principal Dr Joseph Hollywood (BDS). "Her values and commitment to patient-centred care align perfectly with ours at Blackall Terrace Dental."

Situated in the health-hub district of Nambour, Blackall Terrace Dental offers a comprehensive range of dental services, from routine check-ups to simple fillings and more advanced treatments such as crowns and implants, facilitated by expert dentists and a friendly team.

"Dr Carslaw's expertise enhances our ability to serve an even larger patient base within the region," said Practice Manager Joseph Reiner.

"As demand grew over the last 12 months, we realised that many patients were travelling to us not just from Nambour, but from Yandina, Mapleton, Maleny, and out as far as Conondale and Cooroy."



Dental assistant Rhiannon Sheldon, left, with Dr Rebecca Carslaw BDS.

This success has been put down to the clear direction implemented when Dr Joseph Hollywood took over the practice in 2021.

"We're lucky to have a practice principal that made it clear what our directive is - clinical excellence and individualised care. I think patients have picked that up from the way the whole team is made up of experts who take the time to understand concerns, and deliver comprehensive dental care," said Joseph Reiner. "Patients armed with the knowledge of what needs to be done, can then make informed decisions about their dental health. I think that's what has led to the growth and the need to bring in Dr Carslaw to continue that level of care alongside Dr Hollywood."

Dr Carslaw is originally from Scotland. After relocating to Australia during the pandemic, she spent several successful years of practice in Canberra. Having made the decision to move to the Sunshine Coast at the start of the year, finding a dental practice with aligned values was a very important aspect to her move.

"I truly believe in the importance

of preventive care and educating our patients about their dental health," she said. "I'm someone who wants to deliver the highest levels of clinical dentistry and I feel that Blackall Terrace Dental really appreciate and value that from all of their dentists and team. I look forward to working with Dr Hollywood and meeting the Nambour and Sunshine Coast community."

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Olympic swimmer takes helm at Nambour Piranhas

By Janine Hill

A NEW coach is calling the strokes at the Nambour Piranhas swimming club this year.

Former Olympian Brittany Elmslie has taken over as head coach from David Simon, who filled the role for three-and-a-half years.

David has moved to New York, to be close to his son, who graduated from Sunshine Coast Grammar School last year and plans to attend college in the United States.

Brittany was part of Australia's record setting, gold medal winning 4x100 metre women's freestyle team at the 2012 and 2016 Olympics and a silver medallist as a heat swimmer in the women's medley relays at both games. She lived with her family at Noosa until the age of 16, when she moved to Brisbane to advance her swimming, but lived with her South Australian husband in Adelaide before moving back to the Sunshine Coast last year.

"I loved it down in Adelaide but I always wanted to end up back here on the Coast and start a family and be close to my family for that," she said.

The part-time coaching role fits perfectly with Brittany's new tertiary studies in psychology, which she has long been interested in.

This is her first coaching gig and she is enjoying the interpersonal work after a stint working in engagement for a large hotel.

"With the kids, you're on the ground each and every day and adding value to their lives. I find that so fulfilling and with my back story swimming, I can offer a little bit of that in my coaching program. It's been great so far," she said.

"Not everyone is aiming to be an Olympian or swim at a high level. Some are there for the friendship and the social side.



"I try and keep it relaxed. Those who do have big dreams, we train and coach them and teach them but swimming should be about adding value to your life rather than life being about swimming. That's the philosophy."

Already, three Piranhas have qualified for the age national championships in April but there are still meets at which others could qualify.

Starting a family has happened faster than expected for Brittany, who will take maternity leave in May for the birth of her first child but plans are being put in place to cover her until she is back on the pool deck in a few months.

David, a businessman and former commando who got into swim coaching through his children, said he would miss the Piranhas.

It is clear that he has got as much satisfaction, if not more, out of watching his young swimmers grow as individuals as much as swimmers.

"It's been totally rewarding. I had particular expectations of my swimmers three years ago," he said.

"The 10-year-olds I had three years ago - and you look at how small 10 year olds are - are 13 now.

"You spend years making little teams and things for them to have targets but it's how they walk and talk that's very rewarding."



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All aboard the Sceptical Express

Doubts over latest rail announcement amid echoes of promises past

by **Jeffrey Addison**
Sunshine Coast
Commuter
Advocate



Iwelcome the state government commitment of \$2.75 billion towards the DSCL (Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line).

I won't be counting carriages yet, due to the similarities between this announcement and the former Sunshine Coast B2N rail announcement of 9 June 2018 – and history.

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it,” said George Santayana in 1905.

Promises, promises

On the Sunshine Coast, we literally are, doing just that.

1. Both rail projects have been promised twice, B2N in August 2005 and June 2018 – DSCL in April 2005 and February 2024.

2. Both announcements were made on a weekend, B2N on a Saturday and DSCL on a Sunday.

3. Both require more federal funding.

4. Both have been cut back from their originally proposed destinations.

5. Both have no money for future stages.

6. B2N was \$298 million in 2005 (17km), \$780 million in 2018 (17km) – then cut back to \$550.8 million (13km)

7. The Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line (DSCL) or CAMCOS was \$1 billion in 2005 (40km) and \$5.5 billion in 2024 (19km)

To summarise, we were promised rail to Landsborough by 2012, to Caloundra by 2015, to Maroochydore

by 2020, and to Nambour by 2020 – and none of it came true.

Why would we believe this latest announcement when the runs on the board are all ducks?

The state is asking the Feds for an extra \$1.1 billion, to add to the \$1.6 billion already on offer. As part of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games funding model it is eligible for a 50-50 funding split, the problem, however, is that the rail line no longer gets near any Olympic venues, with the closest venue at Kawana, being some eight kilometres away.

The fact that the funded line will end in the seat of Caloundra will bring joy to MP, Jason Hunt who hopes to retain the seat on 26 October.

But it brings little joy for first-time Nicklin MP, near Nambour, Rob Skelton. His rail link still hasn't started almost six years after it was announced.

Nine extra trains?

Woombye residents were promised nine extra trains at the local bowls club in May 2015, as reparations for the rail stabling facility – only to have the state renege on that commitment, with palpable silence from their elected representative. Today, 23 percent of the Coast's 325 weekly trains are still 75 buses running between Nambour and Caboolture.

B2N's heavy rail has languished since it was announced GO by Jackie Trad and Mark Bailey at Nambour railway station in June 2018. It became two stages after the state refused to pay more than 20 percent of the original \$780 million cost to Landsborough.

The state's small \$160.8 million

contribution ensured it was never enough. That [then] \$230 million shortfall on B2N remains today. The feds contributed 50 percent, being \$390 million. B2N subsequently got cut back 4km to Beerwah and 1350 carparks disappeared out of the 2000 promised.

The DSCL business case reportedly has a cost range of \$5.5 billion, up to \$7 billion, for 19km of duplicated track to Caloundra. I call on the state government to release the business case, in the public interest and for transparency. It is currently with Infrastructure Australia for assessment.

We will have an eight kilometre transport gap between Caloundra and Birtinya if the rail gets to Caloundra and the Sunshine Coast Council's Rapid Bus Transit (BRT) gets to Birtinya, in time for 2032, and the BRT has no construction funding at this time.

Does anyone know what the transport gap plan will be?

The DSCL [CAMCOS] project was originally announced by the Beattie government on Thursday 28 April 2005, to go from Beerwah to Maroochydore, for \$1 billion. Its announcement was listed in the Seven Years of the Beattie Government - Building a Better Queensland document, p55, tabled on 9 June 2005.

“By 2014-15 a new passenger rail line will be constructed to Caloundra with a further extension to Maroochydore by 2020.”

Fast forward almost 19 years later and here we go ... again.

I'd love to believe it will happen this time – but history and government inaction to date - teaches me it may not.

It's deja vu.



Morts owners Jamie and Vanessa Saville.

Morts wins medals at state awards

NAMBOUR'S Morts Brewing Co was recently recognised with a gold medal for their American Amber lager and a Bronze for their Morts Bastard strong ale.

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Congratulations to owners, Jamie and Vanessa Saville.

Electrical Upgrade work at Maleny Showgrounds

WORK is being done at Maleny Showgrounds to upgrade the electrical system on Aub Cork oval.

When completed there will not be any need to install as many overhead cables and leads to supply power to stall holders at events such as the Wood Expo and the Maleny Show.

The work will involve trenching



across the roadway past the Skate Bowl in addition to the current work. Hopefully work will not cause too much traffic disruption.

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PCB Directors and Heritage Community Bank staff congratulate Alex Aston the winner of the 2023 Rose Bartlett Ward.

The PCB Ltd Directors & the Heritage Palmwoods Community Bank Staff continue to support the Palmwoods Community.

PHOTO – Alex Aston receiving his award.





15 years in Woombye and \$250,000 in funding back to the community.

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Mayoral candidate promises corflute reform

If I am elected Mayor of the Sunshine Coast Region I am committed to reform the election signage rules. Under my proposal each councillor candidate would be allowed to display one corflute sign per 1000 electors in the Division they are contesting. On current voter numbers that is around 25 signs per Division. For the mayoral candidates, the same limitation should be applied across each Division for the entire region. This will level the playing field, cut waste and reduce visual signage pollution. No candidate needs to buy awareness on every street corner to raise their profile. The objective should be candidate visibility, not notoriety.

– Wayne Parcell PSM, Mayoral candidate

Community is justifiably angry over homelessness

NAMBOUR faces a significant challenge with homelessness, with many unable to find safe, affordable accommodation.

Despite efforts, there's a lack of housing within financial reach for the hardworking population. This scarcity propels individuals onto a so-called "hamster wheel," leading to a rapid decline in their quality of life due to the absence of a stable home.

Without a place to perform basic living activities, people lose empowerment, self-worth, and potentially employment, spiraling into health issues or substance misuse for some.

Homelessness is seldom a choice, often resulting from relationship breakdowns or as an escape from domestic violence. A safe home is a fundamental right. We must urge government action at all levels to support not just Nambour but the broader Sunshine Coast and beyond. If current representatives cannot effect change, they should be replaced by those who will prioritize the welfare of all commu-

nity members.

With local elections on 16 March, homelessness must be a critical agenda item for council candidates. Immediate, demonstrable efforts are needed, not just long-term promises. As we enter autumn, there's a pressing three-month window to find solutions before winter, ensuring everyone has shelter.

I will vote for a candidate dedicated to genuinely caring for our community, representing all individuals regardless of their socioeconomic status.

Ensuring basic human rights for everyone shouldn't be an ambitious ask.

– Val France, Maleny

Eating disorders up 21% This is an emergency ...

THIS week, Australians received a stark reminder of the severe impact of eating disorders in Australia.

The statistics and stories reveal that our country is facing an eating disorder emergency. 1.1 million Australians suffer – an increase of 21% – with young people under 19 years old comprising the largest proportion of sufferers.

Women are twice as likely to suffer from an eating disorder, making this a significantly unaddressed women's health issue.

If the lived experience and health realities weren't enough, the financial cost of eating disorders in Australia is staggering, costing \$67 billion and driving down productivity by as much as \$18 billion.

That's not to mention the cost to sufferers and their loved ones, who often have to fund six-figure fees for care costs.

Organisations like endED based in West Woombye do exceptional work to halt the revolving door of eating disorder treatment, and what Mark and Gaye Forbes are building with House of Hope will continue to save lives.

The previous Coalition Government supported them and other service providers with over \$70 million, including \$7.3 million to start and support Wandi Nerida in Mooloolah.

In the last two years, mental health and telehealth funding has been cut, and I'm calling on the Federal Labor Government to restore funding and act on eating disorder research, treatment, and education urgently.

– Andrew Wallace MP

Hinterland must face up to traffic concerns: engineer

I'M a semi-retired Main Roads and Council Shire engineer and I know it is inevitable that the relentless traffic buildup will kill our lovely villages unless action is taken now.

Forward road planning must be done now to bypass through traffic from our towns and villages. Nambour's Currie Street is a typical example. Through-traffic has never been diverted away, so shops in this main street are dying, and many now stand empty.

Candidates' comments to Palmwoods and Woombye residents at WCBA's recent 'Meet the Candidates' event were encouraging.

Typical comments included that we should strengthen our Town Plan to control urban sprawl and preserve our lovely railway village towns. It is apparent to me that increasing car volumes are strangling the main village street in Nambour, Palmwoods and Woombye, and killing shopping due to inadequate car parks.

Construction of a traffic bypass will eventually definitely happen, but is many years away. Still, we must recognise the actual bypass route needs to be shown in the current rewrite of the town plan (to minimise future disastrous resumptions).

We are fortunate that all candidates definitely have the personal skills to represent us.

There seemed to be general consensus on the need to preserve our railway village towns and to strengthen and drive the current town plan review in cooperation with state government, to ensure appropriate development and infrastructure (such as a new bypass).

I hope we might have Council representatives who will push the state government, relentlessly, to ensure our town plan really protects our lovely villages from excessive traffic and urban sprawl.

– Ken Hudson, Woombye

Bruce Highway alternative a looming nightmare

I am horrified to learn that plans are in place to provide another highway to Brisbane which will result in the destruction of many homes at a time of insufficient housing.

And all for nothing. This has been done before both here and overseas. It just encour-

ages more people to use cars. Upgrading the rail system will ease congestion on the highway and have environmental benefits. One train takes about 500 cars off the road.

Take a trip to Kippa Ring and see the cars in the railway car park. Rail has lessened congestion on the road, discharged less smog into the atmosphere.

After an election the government sets about winning the next election, which is upgrading the road system, as most people are married to their cars. With the forecast population increase this is not sustainable.

Both major parties have ignored our rail upgrade and instead spend money on roads. Many areas in the south-east here do not even have access to trains. As well as our inadequate Beerburrum to Nambour line, Lockyer Valley and Toowoomba, the route used by uniform gauge trains to Greenbank and beyond need utilising.

Experience tells us the major parties will not act, so we need an independent candidate at the next state election. I hope a high profile capable person stands up and it is not necessary for an aging unknown like me to nominate.

– Lindsay Henderson, Landsborough

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Scan the QR Code to watch video of each candidate giving their five-minute pitch at recent Meet the Candidates events in Nambour and Woombye. Also see their answers to your questions.



Cr David Law has worked hard to push the Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct and Nambour Place Plan.

Councillor's symbolic reminder of community engagement

DIVISION 10 councillor David Law keeps a tall jar full of ribbons on his desk.

The ribbons were tied on a construction fence at the Nambour Aquatic Centre when work was about to begin on a new carpark soon after he was elected to council in 2020.

To try and gauge public support for saving large fig trees that were to be removed for the carpark, the new councillor tied a ribbon to the fence on a Friday afternoon and invited others to do the same.

"When I met with the council staff on the Monday morning, the fence was a sea of ribbons and colours and it was remarkable," he told a Nambour Chamber of Commerce meet the candidates event.

"The plans were re-drawn and six of the eight trees were saved and we still got all the new parking spaces.

He has kept the ribbons as a reminder of "what community consultation looks like, feels like, and that is what the result is when you do it well and you truly engage with your community."

Cr Law said he made two promises when he first ran for the council: to be honest and work hard, and gave examples of the positive results for Nambour.

The first was establishment of a Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct stakeholder forum which has met monthly and a Nambour Activation Team which links entertainment and other businesses with council services.

"With this team, I initiated Nambour Forecourt Live, a free monthly community music event held on the (council) forecourt to bring people into Nambour and this is now led to the Nambour Twilight Markets," he said.

The other example was the Aquatic Centre carpark.

His future plans include compassionate solutions for homelessness, continuing to activate



the Nambour town centre, and establishing the Nambour-Cooloolooloo recreational trail.

Cr Law was formerly the national manager of a disability services firm.

Reader's Question on getting back to basics

Jordan asked: Who will promise to go back to rates, roads and rubbish?

Cr Law responds:

People who own property, whether commercial or residential, pay rates based on the land valuation of their property.

This funding is used to provide the services required by the whole community, irrespective of who pays the rates and includes so much more than rubbish and roads.

I will not sell off all the swimming pools and shut all the libraries, get rid of the art gallery and sell off all the sporting grounds and end all grass roots sport on the coast.

I will not go back to basics, I am moving forwards and this backward looking tired old cliché has no place in council.

We need councillors who can create visionary strategic plans and have them implemented so the Sunshine Coast continues to be a place people want to actually live with culture, sport and strong communities.

Policeman Peter Walsh says environmental design will help make Nambour CBD safer.

Focusing on basics: Walsh outlines 'representative' vision

POLICE officer and army reservist Peter Walsh has nominated for division 10 with the aim of plugging gaps in lifestyle and infrastructure to make it easier for people to engage in their community.

"The reason I'm here today is that I've seen the gaps and I just couldn't sit there any more and look at those gaps in our lifestyle..." Mr Walsh told a meet the candidates event at Nambour.

"The thing I look at is ability to engage in our community, engage in our environment, to engage in our purpose, and when we do that, we find that mental health (problems) will go down, our health will improve, and our comfort and our enjoyment of our environment will increase."

Mr Walsh said difficulties accessing transport or waste management services could hinder people from engaging in the community. "I want to bring the council, for the next term, back to the basics, and those basics are key infrastructure, community safety, engagement, waste management and timely maintenance. Because I've seen in 25 years a massive growth within particularly the hinterland, and it has come at a cost to our lifestyle."

Mr Walsh advocated for the use of environmental design to improve community safety and promote community engagement.

"When I hear people come to Nambour and say they won't come back because they're frightened over some activities or just because it's too dark at night time or whatever the situation is, environmental design will fix that."

He said he wanted to be a community representative, not a politician.

"I think we've all had enough of politicians. Really, I want to be your representative, the representative is the person who will stand for you, and will advocate for you, and will stand solid, and will argue, and negotiate, and collaborate with all key stakeholders to achieve a solution."



Reader's Question on getting hinterland's fair share

Penny asked: Do you think the hinterland gets its fair share of Council funding compared to the Coast? If not, what would you do to change that?

Mr Walsh: I wholeheartedly agree that it is imperative to amplify our voice to compel the council to address the hinterland's needs and rectify existing gaps. Essential projects like road upgrades, footpath extensions, and playground enhancements must be treated as major projects and funded accordingly. I will strongly advocate for additional funding within the major projects program to address crucial infrastructure deficiencies, such as upgrading dirt roads to sealed ones, filling in missing footpaths, and both renovating existing and constructing new playgrounds. A significant investment is necessary to bring the hinterland up to the standards observed in newer developments. The incoming council must recognise the urgency of investing in the hinterland, especially after years of prioritising coastal developments. I am deeply committed to supporting measures to enhance community safety, improve waste management, bolster key infrastructure, and maintenance. Additionally, I am dedicated to advocating for the advancement of small businesses, community organizations, sporting groups, and services.



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I'm third third-generation local. There is nothing more important to me than the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland **heading in the right direction**.

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Camillo Primavera says people are being forced into sardine suburbs while council "virtue signals about climate emergency".

We don't want to live in a sardine city: Primavera

AN advocate for the homeless has warned against sardine cities and poorly planned developments in his pitch for a spot on the Sunshine Coast Council.

Camillo Primavera, a candidate for Division 10 and founder of a homeless charity in his former home patch of Maryborough, called for a stop to overcrowding at a Nambour Chamber of Commerce Meet the Candidates event.

He referred to a statement by Redcliffe City Council mayor Karen Williams warning that "a state-imposed housing strategy to shrink the size of home blocks could allow residents to pass toilet paper to their neighbours through the bathroom window and turn this city, fastest growing area, into a sardine city".

"This could happen on the Sunshine Coast if we don't voice our concern," he said.

Mr Primavera said there needed to be more regulated growth and planning.

"We don't need to live in a sardine city," he said.

Mr Primavera said better support and solutions were needed to address homelessness, which he described as a humanitarian crisis.

He said he wanted inclusive governance involving consultation with people, by people, for the people.

"We, the people, have the power to make the changes. People power is what makes a difference and if enough people voice their concerns and ideas and take interest in how councils run, then that's when change happens," he said.

Mr Primavera called for more services and infrastructure, particularly in rural areas, support for local businesses, an independent audit of the council's finances, a better transport system connecting all, and caps on council rates fees and salaries.

He also spoke of removing fluoride from water, a re-examination of the 15-minute city agenda, the risks of electromagnetic radiation, and council virtue signalling about climate



emergency.

Mr Primavera grew up in a migrant family, joined the navy, and has been a medic, nurse and naturopath.

Readers Question on 'west of the Bruce'

Mel asked: West of the Bruce Highway is the forgotten land. When will council start paying some attention to the beautiful Hinterland and its rate-paying residents?

Mr Primavera:

In order to protect the hinterland the SEQ planning project is promoting the urban corridor as everything east of the pacific motorway. My question is where are we proposing to house the influx of population that is being predicted (85,000 in the next 10 years)? Are we going to force people into high rise, six-level minimum, apartments. If you choose to live in a hinterland community like Yandina, Mapleton, Kenilwoth etc., that's your choice. But don't expect to have good sealed roads or others services. This is all part of the World Economic Forum (WEF) agenda to push people into the urban corridor smart cities with high radiation and multiple surveillance systems. This is not my idea of a relaxed lifestyle promoted for the Sunshine Coast. We are not the Gold Coast! I would like to see this reversed, people have a choice of where they live and pay rates - just like the city folk - and deserve the same services, waste collection and sealed safe roads etcetera.

Sue Etheridge: "I will transfer the power away from developments and back to the community".

Etheridge pledges to protect our unique character

DIVISION 10 candidate Sue Etheridge has promised to respect the town plan and protect what makes the Sunshine Coast different to the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

Speaking at a Nambour Chamber of Commerce meet the candidates event about her reasons for running for election, Ms Etheridge, a Greens candidate, spoke of more involvement for residents in development decisions.

"I'm standing for election to bring trust, transparency and integrity to council," she said. "With your support I will ensure local residents and businesses are presented with a reliable future plan from the council and both existing and emerging industries are given every opportunity to capitalise on advances in all areas of innovation."

"As your division 10 representative in council, I will ensure that our plan is respected and will advocate for our new plan to be enhanced to protect our lifestyle, ensuring the Sunshine Coast retains the nuances that define who we are in contrast to Brisbane and the Gold Coast. With me as your councillor, you will have town planning that protects our community and lifestyle from poor planning and inappropriate development, and I will transfer the power away from developments and back to the community by involving you directly in development decisions."

Ms Etheridge said those most affected by planning decisions should be given the greatest say and said the council should notify residents by electronic means of code assessable planning applications within a certain distance, depending on zoning, and the distance increased for impact assessable applications to reflect the greater impact.

Accessible transport, improved parking, improved pedestrian and cyclist safety, affordable housing, family violence support, disability services, climate change mitigation and adaptation were also on the agenda for the



hinterland resident of more than 40 years.

Ms Etheridge, who owns and runs a building company and an aviation theory school, has experience in finance, banking, accounting and business management, and not-for-profit and community organisations.

Reader's Question on roads, rates and rubbish

Trevor asked: Which candidates, mayoral and divisional, commit to getting back to basics, stay in their lane and stop spending ratepayers' funds on what are essentially State and Federal responsibilities?

Ms Etheridge:

Not me! Modern Councils are so much more than roads, rates and rubbish which deliver 'services to property'. While 'services to property' do matter, modern Councils deliver 'services to people' as well. Modern Councils, as the level of Government most connected to their constituents, listen to residents and advocates for the needs of the local community. Modern Councils acknowledge climate change, and work on green projects for a healthier environment.

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Michael Burgess: "Council needs to facilitate industry that we need here, west of the Bruce."

Coast's economic future lies west of Bruce Highway: Burgess

THE Sunshine Coast's economic base must move west of the Bruce Highway for the success and sustainability of the region, according to mayoral candidate Michael Burgess.

Mr Burgess told the Nambour Chamber of Commerce Meet the Candidates night that the Sunshine Coast was most successful when Nambour was the centre of the economy.

He told the Nambour State College meeting that since the economy had moved east, the region had accumulated more debt.

"My contention is we have to move the economy back to west of the Bruce and it has to include local energy production, green manufacturing, and agriculture.

Mr Burgess said the cash for infrastructure and other spending could only be created west of the highway and the council needed cash.

"The council doesn't have a great deal of money left. It's borrowed \$450 million over the past 12 years," he said.

"Out of existing cash flow, it can't really pay that debt back so we will be condemned to keep on paying interest on it.

"But I'm optimistic that good government with a different focus can create a council that can create a new region that will benefit everybody by having an economy that is generating cash rather than debt."

Mr Burgess comes from a business background. He said he and his wife grew a \$1000 start-up into a \$12 million a year wholesale movie and video distribution business which employed 200 people.

He said his background had given him the persistence and pragmatism necessary to change the focus of the council, which he described as "internal looking" and creating projects of its own for no community benefit.



"We need to change what the council does. Rather than being an internally focused organisation it needs to look outwards.

"It needs to facilitate industry that we need here, west of the Bruce, to create the jobs that go along with our population growth."

• Mr Burgess did not provide answers to the readers' questions by deadline so we included his earlier response to the following question.

Why should we vote for you?

Mr Burgess's response:

The new council must reduce borrowing & slash spending on "Special Projects" to return money to services &, particularly in the Hinterland, neglected infrastructure.

The focus of economic development in the region must change from "boom bust" building in the Glitter Strip to diverse local energy production, compatible industry & high-value niche agriculture centred on Nambour.

They must lobby hard to get the rail to Nambour duplication completed & grab any other infrastructure grants.

A pool for Maleny would be nice!

Wayne Parcell: "Leadership is needed to bring about change in the council."

From public housing to City Hall: Candidate vows transparency

MAYORAL candidate Wayne Parcell has laid out his election spending to date to demonstrate his commitment to transparency.

"I've spent \$45,248.43 in this campaign so far and I've only got 250 signs out and I've received, and this is the really important one: I've received in donations to my campaign \$998, so ask yourselves who am I beholden to?" he said at a meet the candidates event in Nambour. "The only people I will be beholden to is you. You are the only people that will matter.

"Leadership is needed to bring about change in the council, to bring about cultural change that matters to you."

Mr Parcell, a hinterland resident of 19 years, said growing up in a domestic violence environment in public housing in Brisbane, studying law at university, working hard, owning his own business, working for a global firm and for the Commonwealth government had led him to find his purpose.

"My purpose is to serve my community and I have done that since I was 15, 16, working in charities, running charities, working for the Commonwealth government of Australia, working in Australia and overseas in areas like immigration defence intelligence and security and taxation, working at the hard hitting end of policy and operational matters in Australia and overseas, and with that authenticity comes integrity and a desire for transparency."

He said his experience working for the government, in his own business, and for a global firm where he managed 1100 people across 100 countries was an indication of how he would manage a council of 2000 employees and 10 councillors.

He said he would be a mayor "with respect, with integrity and with dignity "because what's most important is the change that matters to you and that's what I want to deliver to you."



Reader's Question on transparency in Council

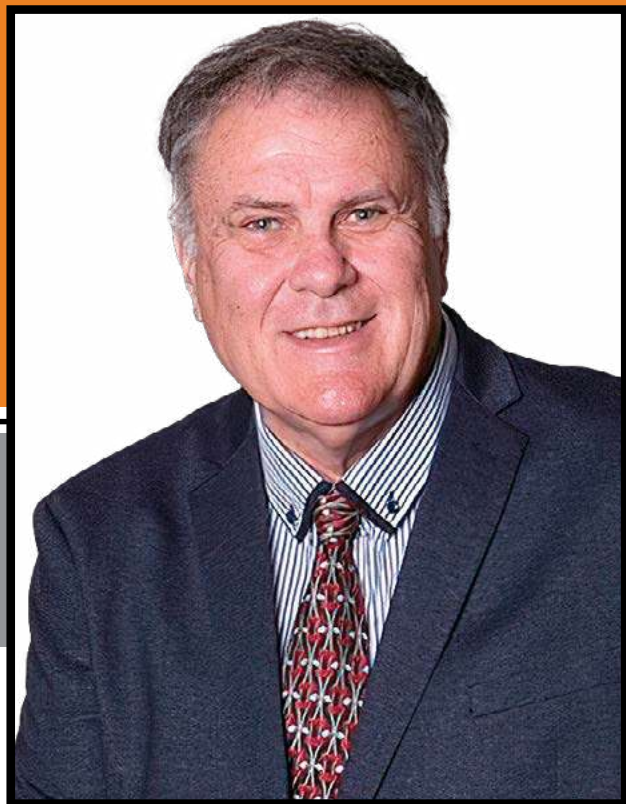
Jan asked: If elected, how would you help ensure transparency in Council?

Mr Parcell's response:

Transparency in planning is crucial to rebuild community confidence. We will raise awareness and understanding of how the planning processes operate so that everyone is empowered with knowledge to participate. Consultation becomes informed, meaningful engagement.

As Mayor, drawing on more than 40 years of experience in the Commonwealth Government and in global business, I will lead the council with a vision of creating an environment where the views of ten councillors, and the people they represent are considered equitably, so that the outcomes for the entire region are well-considered, based on facts and sound advice, and taking account of the community's aspirations.

My priority is to ensure transparency in decision-making and community engagement. Inclusivity of all the voices of our diverse region is fundamental to both progress and preservation. This major focus will be a significant factor in ensuring the Sunshine Coast maintains its own character and liveability.



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Rosanna Natoli: "We want to council that does things for you, not to you."

Natoli vows to prioritise rural roads & footpaths, activate CBD

RURAL roads, footpaths, and activating Nambour's CBD are all high in the priority list of mayoral candidate Rosanna Natoli.

"If you live anywhere west of the Bruce Highway, you have been missing out on your fair share of funding," Ms Natoli said at Nambour Chamber of Commerce's Meet the Candidates evening at Nambour State College.

A television presenter and journalist, university lecturer, and patron of several community groups, Ms Natoli described herself as a high performer who was up for the mayor's job.

She said she was "100% committed to open, transparent and accountable government".

"If there is nothing to hide, there is nothing to hide and you should be able to receive reports from council," she said.

"We want a council that does things for you, not to you."

Ms Natoli said infrastructure on the Sunshine Coast was lagging and growth needed to be managed to protect lifestyles and the environment. She said hinterland residents were well aware of the region's transport issues and suggested hop on and off buses, free to children and seniors.

Promising to get back to basics, she said she would look at increasing funding for rural roads, footpaths, kerbside clean-ups and tip vouchers.

She was supportive of tiny homes in rural areas to help with the housing crisis, and also wants to look at housing density in Nambour to activate the town's CBD.

Ms Natoli said she wanted to see a function centre for the Nambour Showgrounds. "I'm calling for that to go back on the master plan after it was dumped in December. It was promised before I'm hoping we can get there again."

Ms Natoli's husband, Joe, is running for re-election in division four.



"We don't agree on everything. The local government department has confirmed it's not a conflict of interest. It is not. I want to be a mayor for the people and working for you."

Reader's question on the hinterland's fair share:

Reader asked: Do you think the hinterland gets its fair share of Council funding compared to the Coast? If not, what would you do to change that?

Ms Natoli's answer:

People west of the Bruce Highway have been missing out on their fair share of funding and infrastructure – that's the message residents have been telling me as I tour the region. Residents feel their parks, footpaths, roads, and general maintenance have not been kept up to acceptable levels. I believe that infrastructure charges, generated by a development, should be spent in that area and not be spent in other locations.

While it is legislated that these funds be returned to a pool, it is up to Council to allocate this money to projects that would benefit the area from which it comes. This is the fairest way to benefit the residents most impacted by a development in their suburbs. This is the only way we will be able to maintain the unique character of our Hinterland towns as we manage the growth coming our way.

Jason O'Pray: "My number one goal is to see if we can double the road re-seal program."

'I would introduce a hinterland portfolio, seal roads

WITH 12 years' experience as a councillor, Jason O'Pray believes he is the man for the job of next mayor of the Sunshine Coast.

"Sunshine Coast Council is now a \$1 billion machine. We have over 2000 employees and contractors, we have a population now over about 350,000 and we have about \$7 billion of assets," he told a meet the candidates event organised by Nambour Chamber of Commerce.

"This is a big game people and we need to have proper leadership."

Mr O'Pray said his 12 years in charge of the council's economic development portfolio, which covers tourism, major sports events, aviation, small business, food and agriculture, digital services and clean tech industry, had given him a breadth of experience.

A third generation Sunshine Coast resident who used to swim in the Nambour PCYC pool as a kid, he has some initiatives to tempt hinterland voters.

"My number one goal is to see if we can double the road re-seal program, the dirt road and gravel program," he said.

"The other thing that I'd like to introduce is a brand new hinterland portfolio which would most certainly include the Nambour councillor, and also division five councillor and division 10. And maybe division nine, as well as the mayor, to really address issues like the roads, the tourism but most importantly the connection between people of the hinterland and the Sunshine Coast areas."

He acknowledged the need to look at transport connections between the hinterland and the coast, and said he would look at free bus trials during school holiday periods.

Kerbside clean-ups and the introduction of soft plastic recycling at the Material Recycling Facility at Bli Bli were on his list.

Mr O'Pray said Nambour showgrounds needed more money and he wanted to boost the town's retail area, saying he had "a whole



lot of ideas" about signage and how to "glam it up".

Readers question on prioritising the hinterland

Mel asked: When will council start paying some attention to the beautiful Hinterland and its rate-paying residents?

Cr O'Pray's answer:

As your new Mayor, I will bring a fresh perspective to our hinterland, giving it the accolades it deserves, an area of the Sunshine Coast with equal importance to our Coastal side of the Sunshine Coast.

I am dedicated to bringing the hinterland to the forefront, championing its future, and embracing its unique abundance. To translate this commitment into action, I will establish a 'Hinterland' portfolio, with myself and the hinterland councillors.

This strategic move aims to systematically address issues and rectify funding imbalances, ultimately bridging the coast-hinterland divide.

I firmly stand against expanding the Urban Footprint into the hinterland beyond the current plan, understanding the imperative need to prevent urban sprawl in this cherished area.

As Mayor, I will be focused on delivering essential infrastructure, building new industries and highlighting the intrinsic value of this special part of the Sunshine Coast.

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Min Swan: "No-one is solving these things alone. Together we are stronger."

Bridging the gap: Swan's pledge to push collaboration between council & ratepayers

IF YOU want different, you need to vote differently, according to mayoral candidate Min Swan.

The small business owner and mother told a Nambour Chamber of Commerce meet the candidates event she was running for mayor because it was an important time for leadership in the region.

"I'm not here because I ever saw myself as being the mayor of the Sunshine Coast. I'm here because of my complete and total dedication to serving the Sunshine Coast," she said.

"We're in a four year period right now that I genuinely believe will have generational consequences. I'm a mother and we need to make sure that the right person is leading the train."

A former Maroochydore High student, Ms Swan runs her own events and brand marketing business, White House International.

She has worked with eight Sunshine Coast chambers of commerce through her business, is president of the Sunshine Coast Business Women's Network, and is on the Sunshine Coast 2032 leadership team.

Ms Swan said the Sunshine Coast needed a mayor who could represent the region at all levels and bring people together.

She said it was important to ensure "real conversations rather than box-ticking" occurred with the individuals and groups who were doing the good work in the community.

She offered herself as a conduit between the council's dedicated employees and the community. "I am an individual who can be the bridge between internal council teams and have them feel proud while the community feels heard and respected," she said.

"What I'm offering you is a new era of leadership. What I'm offering you is something



new and different where your voice is heard, where your actions are implemented and where, together, we are the brightest community in the world.

"No-one is solving these things alone. Together we are stronger."

Readers Question on spending in areas out of council's responsibility

Trevor asked: Which candidates, mayoral and divisional, commit to getting back to basics, stay in their lane and stop spending ratepayers' funds on what are essentially State and Federal responsibilities?

Ms Swan's answer:

Cost shifting is a growing problem within local government. Across Queensland, according to LGAQ, local government is picking up \$360m in expenditure that belongs to other levels of government or private enterprise. The issue begins and ends with the fact that while the responsibility technically lies elsewhere, the outcome is that our local people are greatly impacted and local communities will not tolerate no outcome. Topics such as homelessness, public transport, housing are mostly under state control, yet the impact on local communities is high. I commit to building a Team Sunshine Coast mentality where we have stronger, more productive relationships at all levels so that we can reduce this cost shifting in our region and ensure ratepayers funds are directed where they are naturally intended.

Ashley Robinson: "We've got so much knowledge in this community. I think the council ... needs to listen,"

Robinson to look into medium density housing in Nambour CBD

ASHLEY Robinson wants to be mayor of a council that listens and says Council should encourage medium density living in Nambour CBD. Mr Robinson said he would schedule a "meet the mayor" day in every division if elected and he would also have an advisory board of community members to embrace local knowledge and "challenge" the mayor and council on decisions.

"We've got so much knowledge in this community. I think the council, at times, needs to listen," he told a meet the candidates event.

Mr Robinson said the council's failure to listen had been a recurring theme in conversations during his campaign and cultural change was needed. The Sunshine Coast Falcons chairman and former general manager of the Alexandra Headland surf club said he had demonstrated the ability to produce it.

"I've had big groups of people work for me and the last 14 years I've been the Alex surf club, which, when I got there, slight culture problem, had debt, had a bit of a profile problem, a little bit like the council," he said.

"14 years later, paid the debt off, the place is in good shape, the culture's good, their business is good, they're performing well on the beach. Everyone's rowing the boat in the same direction. That's what you need for mayor. Someone who can actually make cultural change."

Mr Robinson highlighted Nambour's potential as a medium density hub.

"I think you've got to look at where there is infrastructure with affordable housing. For instance Nambour. You've got all that CBD of Nambour where there are buildings falling down. And property owners not releasing. Maybe you could do medium density in Nambour, which would rejuvenate Nambour. And you could put some retail underneath it, which I think would really help. There's already the



infrastructure there."

Mr Robinson has lived at Wurtulla for 40 years but was born in Nambour and grew up at Eudlo, where his father did the cutting for Robinson Road.

"Every six weeks, he'd be whinging to the local councillor - councillors were volunteers in those days - about getting the road graded," he said. "Fifteen years after he passed away, they got the thing bitumened, so I actually know a bit about what it's like to live in the hinterland," he said, adding he wanted to be a mayor for all.

Readers Question regarding council finances

A reader asked: What steps would you take to put Council on a firm financial footing?

Mr Robinson's answer:

I have made no big spending promises during this election campaign because I need a forensic understanding of the council's true financial position. I need to understand just where ratepayers are not getting value for money. What disturbs me is how many community and sporting organisations have been thrown into lease uncertainty by this current council. These organisations are the social fabric of the region yet can't do a five-year plan let alone a ten-year plan because their lease periods have been cut back. Even worse I'm being told that when groups try to form compatible commercial partnerships to help them cover costs, council departments have their hand out for a 50 per cent cut.

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Richard Bruinsma : people have told him they felt the hinterland had been “forgotten” by the council.

Building bridges between local people & Council

DIVISION five candidate Richard Bruinsma has a straightforward view on what his job will be if he is elected to council.

“The role of a councillor and the mayor is to represent our communities with a view to making life better for everyone. It’s that simple,” he told a meet the candidates gathering organised by Woombye Community and Business Association.

Mr Bruinsma said he had been door-knocking in the community where people had told him they felt the hinterland had been “forgotten” by the council.

He said his more than 20 years as a Palmwoods resident, and the skills he had accumulated as a journalist and behind-the-scenes in politics, would rebuild a bridge between the community and council decision makers.

Mr Bruinsma was editor of the Sunshine Valley Gazette for four years when the newspaper was under previous ownership, during which time he had “thousands of conversations” with division five residents about a range of concerns and issues.

“The role was characterised by the need to respect everyone to ask the right questions and listen properly to get an accurate understanding of the issues,” he said.

“It fine-tuned my abilities to assess information quickly then come up with what I believe is the right decision and have the conviction to stand by it.”

Mr Bruinsma said he also had experience working with individuals, community groups, government and ministerial officers as a federal political staffer. He said he had worked respectfully with people of all political backgrounds but also understood many people did not indulge in politics and simply put their trust in elected representatives to make decisions that make their lives better.

“And in local government, a pothole, a badly



needed footpath, and a sensible decision on a development application, these things do not have a political colour - they are issues that affect everyone.”

Readers Question ‘Forgotten hinterland’

Mel asked: West of the Bruce Highway is the the forgotten land. When will council start paying some attention to the beautiful Hinterland and its rate-paying residents?

Mr Bruinsma:

Council’s detachment from hinterland communities has been raised repeatedly with me as I’ve doorknocked and met with Division 5 residents during the campaign. I wrote to all the mayoral candidates recently to seek a pre-election commitment that they would listen to the hinterland and take our needs seriously – my letter to the mayoral candidates is on my Facebook page: ‘Richard Bruinsma – Community Member’. All six mayoral candidates have publicly acknowledged the hinterland’s feeling of being forgotten and all have said they intend to fix that. I’ve also proposed hosting a Division 5 bus tour for senior council officers and the mayor, to show them our key locations and priority needs, helping build a clearer understanding of our region among those who hold control of council’s decision-making and approval processes. Also, if elected, I intend to actively and regularly communicate our needs to the CEO and her senior council executives.

Winston Johnston: \$20 million doesn’t go that far with all of the maintenance work that has to be carried out in Div 5.

Behind the figures: Johnston addresses the funding critics

MORE money has been spent in Division 5 than has been generated in rates during the past four years, according to Councillor Winston Johnston.

Speaking at a meet the candidates event in Woombye, Cr Johnston said a councillor had to work hard to get a fair share of money for their division.

“There’s been a few suggestions that you’re not getting your dollars worth out of the council,” he said. “The reality of the situation is that there’s \$297 million worth of rates generated in this local authority, not a billion. The billion is the total budget.

“Two hundred and ninety-seven million dollars, of which division five generates just short of \$20 million a year but when you divide that \$20 million between all of the maintenance work that has to be carried out on roads, parks, streets, look-outs, cemeteries and everything else, as well as high contribution towards the administration, it doesn’t leave a hell of a lot.”

He said twice the rates income had been spent in Division 5 in last year and two-and-a-half times this year.

“That only comes when you work really hard with the people in the council and also your fellow councillors and the mayor to make sure that you get your fair share”.

Cr Johnston said money had been spent at two Palmwoods sports facilities; rectifying dangerous carparking at Chevallum State School; fixing dangerous corners on Hunchy Road and Citrus Road; sealing gravel roads around Ilkley; and was being spent this year in Maleny, where he said residents felt the railway towns had been favoured.

He was proud of what he had achieved during this term in council, three previous terms, and though his work with community groups.



“My history is looking after people. I had a business where I looked after people, too, so I hope that you allow me to do so again,” he said.

Readers Question on ‘unsealed roads’

Denise asked: There are currently about 660 kilometres of unsealed roads in the Sunshine Coast Council area and less than 1 percent of Council’s \$1billion budget is allocated to upgrading them (0.56%). Do you agree more should be spent on this most basic infrastructure?

Cr Johnston’s answer:

Yes I agree. There is currently less than 600 kilometres of gravel roads in our local authority. The \$1 billion budget is made up of approximately \$500 million revenue and \$500 million expenditure. General rate revenue is \$297 million, wages and on-costs \$167 million.

The current budget for sealing gravel roads is \$5.6 million, up from \$3.6 million by the last council. Your rural councillors are working with council officers and other councillors to substantially increase the annual expenditure during the next term of council. I constantly work to deliver value to hinterland communities and ratepayers. Division 5 has received substantially more funding than rates collected during my tenure. During the next term your rural councillors will need to work closely with council officers and fellow councillors to deliver comparable services in the hinterland.

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I’m listening. I am the right fit for representing you and the people of Division 5.”

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Tracy Burton: “We all live in a very beautiful, yet expensive, part of the world”.

Burton advocates for sustainable housing solutions

THE Greens candidate for division five has spoken about stopping inappropriate development in favour of affordable development to ease the housing crisis.

“We all live in a very beautiful, yet expensive, part of the world,” Tracy Burton told a meet the candidates function at Woombye.

“Housing has become unaffordable for many people and some people are leaving the Sunshine Coast because they can no longer afford to live here. Once upon a time, the hinterland was the cheaper option. Nambour, for example.

“But now those prices are going out through the roof so we need to think about supporting small secondary dwellings, low impact housing, and encouraging reasonable rents.”

Ms Burton said the Sunshine Coast needed to stop inappropriate development, stop building on flood plains, get infrastructure in place, improve pedestrian access and community connections, and stop habitat loss.

She said the council had room for improvement in Woombye, where a town map and sign had been omitted during a \$1.52 million street-scaping project; while pedestrian accessibility, the playground at Memorial Park, and the Pine Grove-Blackall Street intersection, all needed upgrading.

The former operating theatre nurse and high school English, drama, and film and television teacher now works for the NDIS and has two children. She has lived in the Palmwoods-Woombye area for 15 years and this is her second shot at a spot on the Council.

Ms Burton said she had always worked with people, for people, and described herself as “a true humanitarian”.

She said her 20-year teaching career had taught her skills that would be useful as a councillor: “adaptability, organisation, creativity, social skills, and importantly, a participant of democratic style of leadership.”

“I’ve always worked to make sure that people have a better life. My values are strong,



consistent and transparent, and I’m a strategic leader.”

Readers Question on affordable housing

Michael asked: What do you think is the biggest issue for Sunshine Coast (that is under the responsibility of a local authority) and what would you do to fill that need?

Ms Burton:

Throughout my extensive community consultation these past 9 months, the issue of affordable housing and high rent prices has been consistently raised as a major concern. It is heartbreaking to see individuals and families forced to leave the Sunshine Coast due to unaffordable living costs. Even more concerning is the growing number of unhoused locals sleeping rough in Division 5 every night. This pressing issue requires immediate attention from all levels of government, including local council. We must take a proactive approach to finding flexible and sustainable solutions such as restricting short-term accommodation in inappropriate areas and buildings, promoting the efficient use of empty properties, encouraging reasonable rents, supporting small secondary dwellings and low-impact infill housing, and unlocking land for non-profit housing projects. Our councillor must take a stronger role in advocating for these solutions and pushing for tangible action to address the lack of affordable housing in our area.



Elaborate drawings were prepared of the scrapped multi-use facility, which was to be located next to the current grand stand.

‘Almost by stealth’:

Candidate calls for recall of multi-use facility back on to Showgrounds plans

MAYORAL candidate Rosanna Natoli is calling for the Nambour Showgrounds multi-use facility to be re-included in the Master Plan, after it was dumped by Council in November.

Council removed a new, multi-use facility from the Nambour Showgrounds Masterplan in November 2023. This project was shovel-ready and designed in 2017. At the time, funding was promised in the lead-up to an election, but it didn’t come to fruition.

That project was ready to go, once appropriate state funding was secured. Then, suddenly, the whole function centre disappeared from the Master Plan without any of the major community stakeholders knowing about it.

“I am calling for that centre to be back on the agenda. I will ask for bi-partisan support to have this important facility funded, after it is returned to the Master Plan,” Ms Natoli said.

“This is a purpose-built centre that could seat 500 people at a function and would play a part in the revitalisation of Nambour.”

“With a state government election coming up, it is the perfect opportunity to seek funding to get this project out of the drawer and into reality.”

“It was an election promise from the LNP before, and I will knock on the doors of both the ALP and LNP to have this funded again. Nambour needs this to stay on the plan.”

The Master Plan can be found at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/council/planning-and-projects/council-plans/nambour-showgrounds-master-plan

The Gazette contacted Council but a spokesperson said it did not comment on election candidates’ statements.

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AFL clubs join forces for mental health awareness

By Janine Hill

RIVALS on the field have united off the field in an innovative approach to mental health.

Members of the Hinterland Blues and Caloundra Panthers AFL clubs put aside their usual competitiveness to participate in a joint workshop on mental health first aid in early February.

The two-day workshop for players, coaches and leaders was run by Blues player Daniel McCullough, a mental health first aid facilitator and applied suicide prevention skills trainer.

Daniel pioneered wellbeing and mental health strategies at a Melbourne hospital of 6000 staff but now runs his own business, Pharus Wellbeing.

He said the aim of the workshop was to give participants a better understanding of mental health issues, how to identify them, how to open up a conversation with someone about their mental health, and how to encourage them to access help.

"These skills can be utilised in their sporting club, in the community, workplace or with friends and family," he said.

Panthers secretary Michael Lang said he thought it would be useful to "tool up" on mental health given any of the club's 270 members could be experiencing mental health challenges at any time.

"It was very, very thorough and gave you a good understanding of what to look for and better still, what you can say and do to assist.

Michael said the workshop had given him the confidence to engage with someone he



encountered through work who seemed to be struggling.

"She later told me that just taking the time to talk to her helped her at that time," he said.

Blues secretary and seniors manager Jess "JP" Popple said it was often difficult to know how to begin a conversation about mental health with someone for fear of causing further upset.

"It was useful just learning to have the conversations that were probably seen before to be 'difficult' conversations because we might not like the answers, but at the end of the day, that's going to help that person, and you can be the person that that person can turn to for support if they need," she said.

Jess said recreational sport was an ideal environment for people to be able to open up about how they felt because it was a place they could feel safe, relaxed and among friends.

She said the club's senior leadership cohort had been particularly interested in attending the workshop, which was partially funded by a grant.

Jess hoped other sporting clubs would follow the lead of the Panthers and Blues in educating members on how to approach mental health issues.

"We are two of the oldest clubs on the Coast and it was really special that the two clubs could come together for that kind of thing but that's how important it was," she said.



Science and robotics were on the program during the recent Year 5 and 6 Young Pinnacle activities at Nambour State College.

College launches Young Pinnacle Program

YEAR 5 and Year 6 students from the Sunshine Coast recently visited Nambour State College to participate in a range of engaging activities linked to the College's Pinnacle Program.

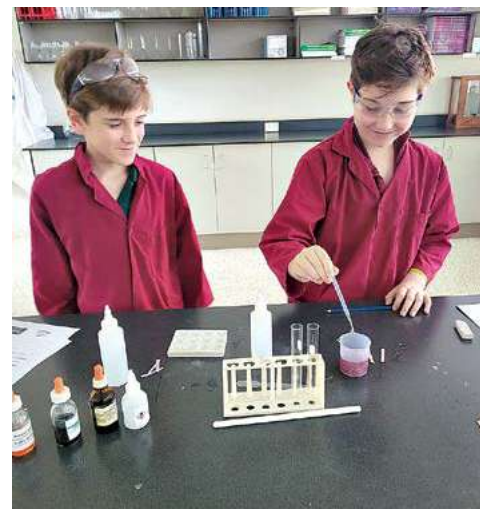
"The program provides students with opportunities to connect and learn with like-minded individuals while being given the opportunity to be immersed in the high school experience," said Junior Secondary Head of Department, Talitha Trarent.

"Despite arriving on campus filled with nerves, the Year 5 students had a fantastic day," Ms Trarent said.

"By lunchtime they were mingling and interacting with students from other primary schools and the day provided them with not only a taste of high school, but also a great opportunity to enjoy new experiences and make new connections."

Students experimented in the science lab where they learnt how to test the acid and base levels of different household products using red cabbage. For the other half of their day, they worked in the art studio on jelly printing, drawings and water colours.

"Year 6 students returned for their second



year in the program and they were excited to test their skills controlling and coding robots," she said.

"For the other half of the day, they developed their skills in the art room by completing activities in sketching, collaging and pattern design.

"These days provide such wonderfully enriching and collaborative experiences for the students and we look forward to them every year."

For more information about the Pinnacle Program please contact Junior Secondary Heads of Departments, Emma Cracken and Talitha Trarent on 07 5450 4111.



Holding the \$3000 cheque, from left: Brian Martin (Musical Director), Kathie Buswell (Choir Secretary), Heather Scott (Choir President) and Peter Gamgee (MADCA Vice-president), surrounded by members of the committee and choir members.

MADCA Grant supports district choir

MAPLETON and District Community Association (MADCA) is pleased to be able to support the district choir to ensure its continuity.

"The grant is part of an initiative of MADCA enabled by the success of the revised Mapleton Country Market held monthly at the Mapleton School," said MADCA Vice-president Peter Gamgee. "The grant scheme is designed to support those not-for-profit organisations that contribute positively to the community."

"The choir certainly does that by providing a social group with beneficial activities for those involved, and in contributing their time to support other community events such as the Mapleton RSL-organised ANZAC day ceremony."

"We encourage the choir to continue and develop further under the new musical director's guidance, and we look forward to seeing and hearing performances at future community events."

Mapleton Choir secretary, Kathie Buswell said: "After 40 years you could say the Mapleton Choir is in for a year of new beginnings. We have been lucky enough to have secured Brian Martin to start us off in 2024."

The new musical director has spent much of his 25+ year musical career teaching, including lecturing at various universities and

conducting numerous choirs and workshops, touring nationally and internationally, as a musician and a facilitator.

Rehearsals have begun on a diverse new repertoire with the theme 'Mostly Mozart to Mercury' which the choir will learn in 4-part harmony to perform for family, friends, and community at two concerts on the 1st and 2nd June.

"We are encouraging new members to commence singing with us, already this year we have 15 new members," Kathie said. "Now is the time to put your hand up, join up, sing up, and make your Monday's musical by attending rehearsals at the Kureelpa Hall from 7-9pm!"

"We are so very appreciative to MADCA who are very kindly supporting The Mapleton Choir in 2024 with this grant. Thank You."

Choir members gave heartfelt thanks to the MADCA representatives, saying, "The choir would not have continued if not for the MADCA grant."

• Contact MADCA at madca.inc@gmail.com or information@madca.com.au to receive our monthly community newsletter, Community Connect. See our websites at madca.com.au and mapletonqueensland.com.au.



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Secret coves to vibrant promenades, the 73km Coastal Pathway offers picturesque stretches of winding paths hugging the shoreline with parks, lakes, beaches and bushland dotted along the way. Split into nine segments, stretching from Bells Creek in the south to Coolool in the north, some of our local favourites include: Military Jetty Golden Beach to Bells Creek Boat Ramp; Bokarina Boulevard Park to Warana Beach; walk around Lake Currimundi; and Coolool to Point Perry and Second Bay Lookout. Find out more by visiting OurSC.com.au.

Join the celebration of inspirational women

In honour of International Women's Day, you're invited to celebrate the achievements and journeys of three inspirational local women at a special event at Altitude Nine. Held on Friday, March 8, from 6-9pm, enjoy the breathtaking view from the newly opened venue and hear stories of success, resilience and empowerment. You will be treated to a sunset drink on arrival along with grazing platters and light canapes. Tickets on sale now at altitudenine.com.au.

One for the calendar: Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers – March 7 at 9am

Everyone belongs on the Sunshine Coast

Celebrate our vibrant and diverse region this month with Harmony Week from March 18-24. Explore and appreciate the Sunshine Coast's wealth of cultural, faith, linguistic and ethnic diversity. Let's come together with friends and family and our wider communities to celebrate our diversity. Visit Council's website and search 'Harmony Week' to see a list of events.

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What's On

in the Hinterland

Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. All care taken but please check details with organisers. Send details to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

From Bach to Rachmaninov: Montville hosts global music talents

ANOTHER world class season of classical music at Montville's Lucas Parklands will kick off with the return of pianist Berta Brozgul and cellist Sam Lucas for the 'Long Weekend of Music' this month.

The duo plays regularly, and will reignite their artistic partnership for three concerts on Friday March 22, Saturday March 23 and Sunday March 24.

Berta, born in South Africa but today based out of Melbourne, and Sam, who grew up in Montville but now lives in Germany and performs across Europe, are both eagerly looking forward to performing together again.

"I love performing with Sam," Berta said from Melbourne.

"We clicked immediately the first time we played together and seem to share the same passion and love for what we do, as well as similar musical taste and feeling.

"He is an incredible cellist but also so easy to work with and very respectful and attentive to what I do as well."

Speaking from his home in Dusseldorf, Sam added: "Berta is a terrific musician with incredible pianistic skills.

"She has a lot of fire and energy in her performance style and in her interpretations, which is something I appreciate a lot in my performance partners."

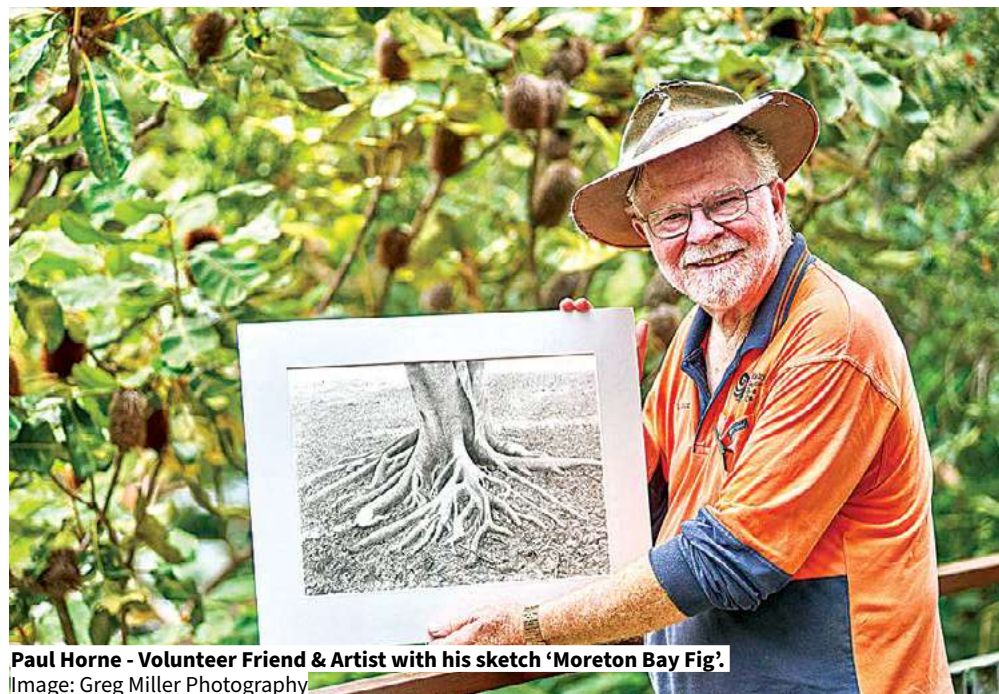
The performances kick-start what may well



Pianist Berta Brozgul and cellist Sam Lucas.

be one of the most impressive programs of any intimate classical music venue in Australia. In June, Lucas Parklands will host world famous piano maestro Piers Lane AO; in July, Italian pianist Ida Pelliccioli and New Zealand violinist Amalia Hall; in September, cellist Sam Lucas will return, to be accompanied by Lithuania pianist Pauleus Andersson and Australian pianist Daniel Le. Russian-born piano maestro Konstantin Shamray will also perform at Lucas Parklands in 2024, on a date to be confirmed.

• For Lucas Parklands performance and ticketing enquiries, phone 07 54785667 or 0409623228.



Paul Horne - Volunteer Friend & Artist with his sketch 'Moreton Bay Fig'. Image: Greg Miller Photography

Enjoy a 'Friendly' exhibition 'Inspired by Nature'

THE Volunteer Friends of the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens are presenting an 'Inspired by Nature 2024' Exhibition from Saturday 30 March to Sunday 14 April from 10am to 2pm daily.

The exhibition featuring artwork by the Volunteer Friends is the second of its type to be held at the Maroochy Arts & Ecology Centre.

Visitors will be able to view a display of beautifully handcrafted functional & non-func-

tional pieces which have been inspired by the natural wonder of the Maroochy Botanic Gardens.

The Friends are 'artistic by nature' and offer work in diverse mediums - paintings, drawings, pottery, glass, paper cards and woodwork all influenced by the Gardens. This exhibition is open over the Easter break.

Come and see the Friends' creations and maybe catch them working on a special piece or maybe purchase a native plant for your garden. EFTPOS facilities are available and entry is free.

• The Botanic Gardens are at 51 Palm Creek Road, Tanawha. More information about the Friends and the Exhibition: <https://www.friendsofmaroochybotanicgardens.org.au/whats-on/>

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Maleny seminar on estate planning, palliative care

TYING Up Loose Ends (TULE), the Maleny based death literacy group, is kicking off its 2024 program on Sunday the 24th of March from 2-4pm with a conversation covering a few basic matters that require our attention before death. It will also encompass some myth busting about palliative care, a service which offers care and support through the dying process.

Our first speaker, Jacqui Thomas, is the founding director of Sun Wills & Estates.

She will be presenting an introduction to estate planning, including the four main documents that constitute an estate plan - the Will,

Letter of Wishes, Enduring Power of Attorney, and Advanced Health Directive.

Our second speaker, Zoe Falconer, is a Palliative Care Nurse and RN. Zoe will introduce us to palliative care, what it is, how it can be accessed and details of the services available.

There will be time for questions following each speaker's presentation, so come prepared.

• The event will be held at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre (17 Bicentenary Lane, Maleny). Tickets \$10 available on trybooking www.trybooking.com/CPNDR or cash sales at the door. Afternoon tea will be included.

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Julian Assange doco's Nambour premiere

AUSTRALIAN documentary "The Trust Fall: Julian Assange" had its Nambour premiere on February 22 and has been showing every day at the cinema with strong interest.

This directorial debut by Kym Staton delves into the life and tribulations of Julian Assange, a journalist who faced severe consequences for exposing US war crimes and government corruption through WikiLeaks. Charged under the US Espionage Act of 1917, Assange is on the brink of extradition to the US, with a potential 175-year sentence looming over him.

The film features notable figures such as Daniel Ellsberg and Chris Hedges, alongside Assange's family and is narrated by celebrities including Susan Sarandon and Roger Waters.

The film highlights Assange's significant contributions and the global debate over freedom of information, and has garnered several awards.

As Assange's final appeal approaches in the UK, this documentary underscores the crucial discourse on transparency and justice.



Join Courtenay Cleary on violin, and Louise King on cello the annual concert devoted to Bach's musical legacy.

Enjoy 'Bach Unwrapped' violin & cello concert at Eudlo Hall

ESTEEMED cellist, festival director and concert producer, Louise King invites music lovers to Bach Unwrapped at Eudlo Hall on Saturday 23 March at 6pm.

Bach Unwrapped is produced by Cello Dreaming and presents a workshop, masterclass and a concert which deliver the virtuosity and quality of artists on world recital stages like Carnegie Hall, New York or Wigmore Hall, London, but in the intimacy and accessibility of a regional small hall.

Join Louise for her annual concert devoted to Bach's musical legacy. 2024 marks his 339th birthday year. The concert features Brisbane-based guest artist, Courtenay Cleary on violin, and Louise King on cello, with emerging

artists as support acts; Charlotte Farrell (Buderim, age 15) and Nathan Debbins (Maleny, age 14).

The program features solo works by J.S.Bach; the violin sonata in G minor BWV1001 and the cello suite in C major BWV1009. J.S.Bach lived between 1685-1750 and left the world over 1,000 pieces of music. He is known as the "grandfather of music", the 'Shakespeare' of composers, and his music has had a profound influence on the trajectory of music over the last three hundred years.

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Concert, workshop and masterclass tickets are \$10-\$45+bf. Early Bird offer ends on 4th March. Light supper refreshments and bar available.

To find out more, register for the workshop, and/or masterclass or book tickets for the concert, search 'Bach Unwrapped' or click on <https://events.humanitix.com/bach-unwrapped-eudlo>



From left, Sue Hunkin (oboe), Janet Brewer (piano), Carolyn Moore (horn), Neil Heymink (bassoon), Andrew Paszkowski (viola) and Christy Dykes (clarinet).

Experience an afternoon of romantic chamber music, Palmwoods

PLEASE join Pacific Chamber Players for a finer selection of Romantic chamber music 2.30pm Sunday 10 March at Palmwoods Memorial Hall and Sunday 17 March at Cooroy Memorial Hall.

"A Fine Romance" is the Players first chamber concert series for 2024 and will feature Andrew Paszkowski (viola), Sue Hunkin (oboe), Christy Dykes (clarinet), Carolyn Moore (horn), Neil Heymink (bassoon) and Janet Brewer (piano).

Patrons will swoon to Bruch's engaging 8 Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano, Op.83, Tomasi's rustic and liting "Concert Champêtre", Lickl's delightful Cassazione in Eb for Wind Quartet and Beethoven's symphonic Quintet in Eb for Piano and Winds, Op.16. The Lickl has a very Mozartian feel and was first attributed to his genius.

Tickets are \$35 Adult, \$32 Concession, \$12 School Student, and \$25 each for a group of 8 or more.

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"Those whose mother tongue is French provide clarity and encouragement to others who have either studied French or lived in a French speaking country."

The members are welcoming, and the atmosphere is supportive and friendly, with meetings every second Tuesday morning at the Nambour RSL, from 10am - midday.

"It is free, we have no other agenda and we just want to enjoy the company and French conversation," said Tony.



"Anybody interested can contact me for details on 0450 122 161."

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What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. All care taken but please check details with organisers. Send details to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

- **March 8, 12 pm:** QCWA High Tea for Women's Day: Celebrate International Women's Day at QCWA Division Hall, 11 Stevens Street, Yandina. Tickets \$25, 'Elegant in Black and White' theme. Contact Maureen at 0478 659 639.
- **March 8, 5:30pm-7pm:** Zonta Woman of Achievement: 'Dusk on the Deck' at Maleny Community Centre, coinciding with International Women's Day. Presentation of Woman of Achievement Award. Contact Ann at 0407 138182 for details.
- **March 8:** International Women's Day Breakfast: Homegrown Cafe Palmwoods, 7am. Speaker: Jacqui Atique. Tickets: events.humanitix.com.
- **March 9:** Global Music Delight: Windborne and Christina Tourin at Eudlo Hall, featuring international sensations in vocal harmonies and Celtic harp. Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:20 pm. Tickets from \$35. Book at www.windbornesingers.com/concerts.
- **March 9, 7 pm:** Grand Opening of The Vogue: Nambour's newest live music hub presents an exciting lineup of blues bands. Venue: 96 Currie Street, Nambour. Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/COWEH.
- **March 9:** Country Music Maleny presents live performances in the Big Shed, Pioneer Village, Bryce Lane Maleny from 10am. Admission \$7, \$5 for members. Contact Harvey at 5494 4220.
- **March 10 & March 17:** Pacific Chamber Players present "A Fine Romance" at Palmwoods Memorial Hall and Cooroy Memorial Hall at 2:30pm. Tickets \$35 Adult, \$32 Concession, \$12 School Student. Book at www.pacificchamberplayers.com.
- **March 10:** Chamber Music at Maleny: Maleny Community Centre, 2pm-3.15pm. Tickets: www.trybooking.com or www.malen-yartsCouncil.com.
- **March 10:** Country Music Tribute: ACMA



Pacific Chamber Players for a finer selection of Romantic chamber music 2.30pm Sunday 10 March at Palmwoods Memorial Hall and Sunday 17 March at Cooroy Memorial Hall.

Country Hall of Fame, Yandina, 12pm. Entry: \$10 non-members, \$8 members. Contact Darryl: 0458 671 568.

- **March 13:** Montville Village Association Monthly General Meetings. Montville Village Hall, Memorial Close, Montville. 5.30pm for 6pm start-Sunshine Coast Mayoral Candidates will present with a Q&A.
- **March 16:** Country Bash at the Maleny Dairy Pavilion, organized by Maleny Millennial Moo'ers. Tickets available online through the Show Society Website.
- **March 16:** Sunshine Coast Council Elections.
- **March 16:** Farewell to The Indee Theatre with a costume sale at 41 Farrell Street, Yandina, from 10am-12pm. Costumes, props, and set pieces available. For info, call 0468 322 268.
- **March 17:** Sunshine Coast Kennel Club Dog Shows at Beerwah Sportsground from 6pm on March 22, and from 9am on March 23 & 24. Free entry. For more info, contact Khyllie at 0434 344 230.
- **March 17:** Light classical music concert at Holy Spirit Anglican Church, Coolool Beach at 2pm. Tickets \$15, proceeds support local outreach work. Contact Margie at 0479 085 555.
- **March 17:** Swing Jazz with The Scream Jazz Orchestra at Majestic Theatre, Pomona at 2pm. Tickets \$30, food available. Book at www.themajestictheatre.com.au or pay at the door.

For inquiries, call Dean at 0430 590 019.

- **March 17:** Sunday at 2:45pm Lovers of Opera Cinema 'Lucia di Lammermoor'. Bookings essential email mapletonlibrary@gmail.com \$10 nibbles and drinks. Mapleton Library and Community Centre.
- **March 17:** Black Dog Ride 'One Dayer': Motorcycle ride for mental health awareness. Starting from Beerwah. Register at www.humanitix.com (search "black dog ride").
- **March 17:** Romantic Chamber Music: Palmwoods Memorial Hall,

2.30pm. Tickets: www.pacificchamberplayers.com or cash at the door.

- **March 19:** Wishlist Workshop: Yandina Hall, 9am-4pm. Making chemo turbans & burping bibs. Contact Nambour North Coast Division CWA.
- **March 21:** Nambour State College Principal's Tours at 4:30pm. Explore facilities and meet staff. For more info on the Pinnacle Program, call Emma and Talitha at 07 5450 4111.
- **March 22:** Australian Classic Theatre presents "A Stretch of the Imagination" at Black Box theatre, Nambour, starting at 7pm. Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1164039>.
- **March 22-24:** Weekend of canine fun with Sunshine Coast Kennel Club Dog Shows at Beerwah Sportsground. Free entry. Contact Helen at 0434 344 230.
- **March 23 (7pm) and March 24 (2.30pm):** Montville Murder Mystery: Enjoy a rollicking mystery in Montville. Fundraiser for the hall.
- **March 23:** "Oh - apostrophe" art exhibition by Bernard O'Scanail opens at Maleny Art Direct at 4pm. For more info, visit www.malenyardirect.com.au.
- **March 24:** Nambour Rummagers Market relocates to Sunshine Coast Council/Nambour Library Forecourt from 9am-12pm. Free entry. For stall bookings, contact Nambour Rummagers Market on Facebook.
- **March 29:** Good Friday

Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

HERE'S what's showing now at Majestic Cinemas in Nambour.

Now Showing: Dune Part Two; Bob Marley: One Love; Force of Nature The Dry 2; The Zone of Interest (foreign/oscar nominated); Madame Web; and from March 7 Imaginary (horror); The Great Escaper and Cabrini.

• For more information on session times please visit www.majesticcinemas.com.au or phone 5441 2954.

Swing Jazz at Pomona

THE Scream Jazz Orchestra, featuring retired servicemen and local musicians, will perform their show "As Long as I'm Swinging" at the historic Majestic Theatre in Pomona on Sunday, 17th March at 2 pm.

This 18-piece Big Band will pay tribute to swing era legends from the 1930s to the 2020s, including Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald.

Tickets are \$30 plus booking fee, with food available at the venue. Bookings can be made at www.themajestictheatre.com.au, or pay at the door. For enquiries, contact Dean at 0430 590 019.

A Cracker of a night for Zonta

ZONTA Blackall Range celebrated Valentine's Day with a fun filled night of Trivia on Saturday 10th February.

Packing the RSL Hall were 120 participants in teams of 8, skillfully orchestrated by Gerry from Trivia Time, doing their best to outscore each other.

In between buying bonbon crackers to reveal their prizes, enjoying some very sumptuous nibbles, bidding on the silent auction, answering tricky questions and getting drinks from the bar they played Music Bingo and the very popular Fact or Crap game.

The Palmwoods Dragons took away the main basket of prizes.

The Zonta Club is hugely grateful for the huge generosity of Maleny, Montville and Palmwoods business and individuals who donated some great prizes and vouchers.

Creek sampling provides picture of ecological changes

Petrie Creek BushCare News with Norm Morwood

ONE of the activities at our BushCare Bees along Petrie Creek in Woombye and Nambour, is sampling the creek water. It's all part of the ECOllaboration Maroochy River catchment monitoring program that collects and records results from many sites and provides a picture of ecological changes in our environment.

Pictured is Glenn Burns taking the sample in February at our habitat restoration site at Florabunda Pocket near the Rugby Ovals at Woombye.

Some of this site is already beautiful, as you can see, but other parts need more work to re-create natural habitat. If you'd like to join in improving the native habitat, the next volunteer BushCare bees will be:

- Namba Creek on Saturday 16 March 2024 starting at 7am (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour)
- Gulung Gung on Wednesday 27 March



starting at 7am (Parking is available in the northeast of Aldi Carpark in Howard St Nambour and then walk down to the creek by following the rough track that skirts the north of the carpark).

If you'd like to help in these activities, you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then after a couple of hours of good exercise and satisfying achievement we'll finish with a well-deserved cuppa.

For more info and to check starting times and dates etc of events, see the FB Page and sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email norm-morwood@gmail.com.

James Patrick Reed is delighted to be playing Hibberd's complex character of Monk O'Neill. (Image by Greals)

Australian Classic Theatre Comes to Black Box

SUNSHINE Coast company 3bCreative is starting the 2024 theatre season with A Stretch of the Imagination, a play from the 1970s which is widely regarded to be Jack Hibberd's finest work. This thought provoking comedy-drama was part of the Australian New Wave scene, when playwrights were striving to create uniquely Australian works. Influenced by Theatre of the Absurd and Theatre of Cruelty, this blokey play is savagely funny and exercises the audience's imagination.

This play combines physical theatre with rich, ribald word play. It takes us through the day of Monk O'Neill, a lost, tortured, and often misogynistic man at the end of his tether. Monk is played here by the experienced TV and stage actor James Patrick Reed, whose credits



include Man from Snowy River, Blue Heelers, and Prisoner.

James follows in the steps of many Australian theatre luminaries, such as Max Gillies, who believes the script has impact because it is such a spontaneous piece of writing, a stream of poetic consciousness of Monk O'Neill. It was also the first Australian play performed in China.

A Stretch of the Imagination has been reimagined by Director Anne Grant and will play at the Black Box theatre in Nambour for four performances, starting on Friday March 22. For bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1164039>.

Stripey Easter Fun

Hinterland Homesteading with Racheal Pascoe

IF you have little ones in the house or maybe grandies you would like to have some crafty fun with, then consider colouring chicken eggs - using a drill! Yes, you read that correctly! This is a low cost, super fun activity to do and even the big kids will like having a try!

For this project you will need a power or cordless drill, a blob of blutak, a few chicken eggs and some felt pens or paints. It is just as effective to use acrylic paints with a fine brush but it makes it a bit trickier when taking the egg off the end of the drill when the paint is still wet. So felt pens seem to be the best option. You can use a hairdryer to dry the egg so that paint or pens dry faster.

Firstly, empty the egg out of the egg shells



by making a small hole on each end of the egg with a pin. Then blow the egg out of the shell by blowing air from your mouth into the egg, until the shell is empty. Do this to all the eggs

you want to decorate. Then dry them all.

Ask Dad or Grandad if they would mind you borrowing their drill for an hour or so. You need to set it on the slow setting. It would be best if it is an adult who uses the drill to be safe.

Once your eggs are dry, gently push a blob of blutak onto the end of the drill (take out any drill bits first), then ever so gently push your egg onto the blutak. You are ready to go!

This can be a 2 person activity - one person to hold the drill steady and run it slowly. The other person gets to be the artist and mark the egg with the pens. It is lots of fun. The

more colours you use the better. Try a pastel coloured egg or go for loud colours and be bold. There isn't any right or wrong - just have fun! Happy Easter everyone!

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Irish Charm meets Maleny spirit in art exhibition

NOSTALGIC, spontaneous, humorous, re-inventing and inspiring - just some of the words set to capture Maleny Art Direct's upcoming exhibition of local artist - Bernard O'Scanaill.

Originally from Connemara in the west of Ireland, Bernard O'Scanaill has been living on the Sunshine Coast since 1990.

After three years Bernard returns to Maleny Art Direct with his "Oh- apostrophe" exhibition, with a title nodding to a common feature of so many Irish surnames.

"The O in my name means 'from/descended of'," Bernard explained.

Connemara, a remote and windswept district on the Atlantic coast, where cows were sold on the street on the first Tuesday of every month and a drunk town crier walked backwards along the same road using a sheep horn to promote church and civic events.

This latest collection features landscapes including his famous Black and White Cows, stemming from Bernard's Friday milking ritual, and an assortment of works capturing the sentiment of his spiritual attachment to Ireland.

In a strong echo of his homeland's traditions Bernard still milks three cows every Friday morning to join his partner in making cheese and yoghurt.

"I love cows for their strong personalities and gentle calm nature. I love horses too but they don't pour so good!" Bernard said.

The self-taught artist, took up a career in teaching while pursuing his many artistic talents - including music, design, painting and construction.

"I'm a spontaneous artist who simply sets himself in front of a blank canvas, blanks his mind and even closes his eyes before trusting those initial strokes to lead the way. The results can be

anything and vary in style from the abstract to seemingly detailed and intricate works".

When time has permitted over the years, he has been increasingly drawn to his easel, turning his talent with brush, palette- knife, and sometimes his finger, to the creation of a bold style brimming with positivity, and reassuring lack of self-consciousness. His work has been known to confront, unnerve, challenge and amuse.

Bernard has exhibited in Ireland, France and

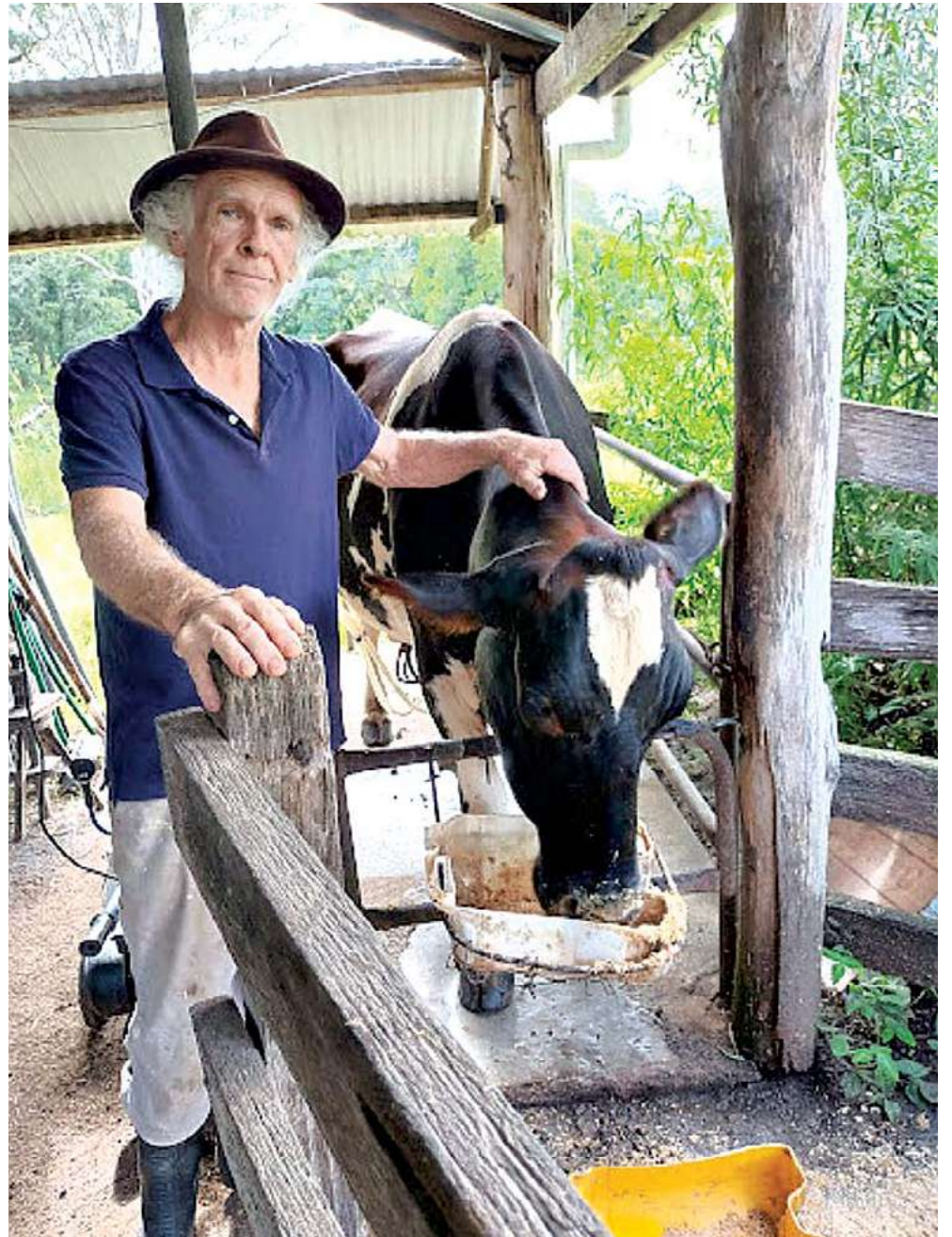


various Australian galleries and his eclectic work can be found in many corporate, public, and private collections in the U.S, France, Ireland and Australia.

Bernard's art hangs all over the place. His "Pond Life" is in a New Mexico desert home and an early self-portrait to the Middle east now living in Malta.

Joanne Howard, Owner and art curator of Maleny Art Direct, states, "You might even be lucky to experience the musical ability of a truly gifted and original artist always ready to turn a gallery gig into an Irish session!"

• "Oh - apostrophe" opens Saturday, March 23rd at 4pm, at Maleny Art Direct, Maleny.



The latest collection features landscapes including his famous Black and White Cows, pictured, stemming from Bernard's Friday milking ritual.



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Farewell to The Indee

Yandina Theatre's Costume Sale Draws Curtain on Era

by Janine Hill

HIPPOPOTAMUS outfits are not easy to come by, but now is your chance to secure up to five, or any number of other costumes.

The Independent Theatre, aka The Indee Theatre, has opened up its vault of costumes and props for sale.

The massive collection has been accumulated through performances over more than 30 years on the Sunshine Coast.

The Indee became well known at Eumundi, where it was based for many years, but in more recent times, has been itinerant and has used a Sunshine Coast Council building to store costumes and props.

However, theatre manager Carol Burls said the council wanted its building back and the Indee had to vacate by 31 March.

With nowhere else to store the collection, Carol said the decision had been made to sell it off but it was turning out to be a rather large task.

"There's more every time we turn a box over. We still haven't emptied all the boxes," she said. The loss of the storage effectively draws the

curtain on The Indee, which Carol said had become a very small group since covid.

She said it would be wonderful to see the costumes and props go to other theatres, schools, dance studios and photographers.

The collection includes five hippopotamus costumes (think Fantasia); rock'n'roll skirts; western shirts; silver leotards; ballroom-style petticoats; medieval pieces; jazz, ballet, tap and character shoes; and a crocodile head from a Peter Pan production.

"I've only got the head. His body hasn't emerged at the moment but it's an amazing head," Carol said.

Also up for sale is half a large roll of corflute, black wool cyc curtain for the back of the stage, stage chairs and other set pieces.

Carol said there was vintage and everyday wear among the collection and a '60s lover had visited three times from Brisbane to add to her wardrobe.

"I had to loan her a suitcase last time to carry it all," she said.

Most items are being sold at \$5 or \$10.

The Indee Theatre's pop-up costume and prop shop is open at 41 Farrell Street, Yandina, from 10am until noon on Fridays and Sundays and from 8am until noon on Saturdays.

For information, phone 0468 322 268.



Tristan Brown, centre, and team celebrate at the awards.

Nambour agent inducted into Hall of Fame

RE/MAX Australia has celebrated broker owner Tristan Brown's induction into the real estate network's gala annual awards held on 22nd February at Sofitel Brisbane.

RE/MAX Australia's Managing Director Joel Davoren said the international honour belonged to an elite group whose members have generated more than \$1million USD in gross commission.

Hall of Fame induction can happen just once in a sales associate's career, with them remaining a member for life.

Two great Sunshine Coast real estate businesses came together with Tristan Brown's purchase of Karl and Lindi Rademeyer's Caloundra office and the merging of RE/MAX First and RE/MAX Property Sales in October last year. This followed Mr Brown taking ownership of the successful Nambour-based RE/MAX Property Sales in February 2021.

"Tristan is an outstanding individual who has distinguished himself in his community,

in RE/MAX ranks and the real estate industry itself as both a business owner and a sales agent," said Mr Davoren "and I am truly delighted to have yet another Australian join the International Hall of Fame ranks."

Announced each February, RE/MAX Australia Club Awards recognise the preparation, effort, performance and commitment essential to real estate success. Sales associate Karl Rademeyer was awarded Titan Club status for his 2023 achievements. Nathan Beasley, Sean Carter and Richard Krausz received Chairman's Club. Tristan Brown, Chris Elliman, Jason Stock and Scott Walker achieved Platinum Club status, Dan Arndt made Gold Club and Garren Reisinger entered the 100% Club.

RE/MAX Australia acknowledged ten years of continuous service from sales associate Richard Krausz.

Mr Davoren said after a solid year for the network in 2023, the groundwork was in place for exciting growth.

"We released an action-packed professional development program for this year, and we are ready for a year of individual business and network growth," he said. "Each year, our greatest business success stories are our agents and property managers who commit to their clients through genuine relationships."

• Contact the RE/MAX Property Sales team on 5470 7000.

Funding announced for new Direct Rail

from Rob Skelton

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



THE Miles Government is committing \$2.75bn to build a direct rail line to the Sunshine Coast.

This will provide a fast, reliable and sustainable connection between the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay and Brisbane. For us Sunny Coast residents, getting to the city will be at least 45 minutes quicker by train than by car.

A Direct Sunshine Coast Rail will not only help ease congestion, but also help unlock future housing development on the Sunshine Coast - with the construction helping to unlock more than 3000 affordable homes on the Sunshine Coast.

This is a great investment that will benefit us well into the future.

New Nambour Theatre

The Vogue Theatre in Nambour is nearly open!

I recently paid a visit to the massive new entertainment space being put together by Trent and the team over at the Vogue Theatre.

This space, along with the rest of the venues and organisations in Nambour's State Government-designated Special Entertainment Precinct, is quickly redefining the CBD as the cultural capital of the Sunshine Coast, providing new economic and social opportunities for our community.

Some very exciting times for Nambour and the Hinterland as we embrace new opportunity!

Nicklin Trivia Night

Thank you to everyone who attended my fundraiser Trivia Night last week!

Dan Repacholi - the Federal Member for Hunter and the (unofficial) Minister for Burgers - surprised us with a visit, and the staff and service at the Club Hotel Namba were exemplary.

A big congratulations to the team "The Usual Suspects" for taking home the winning prize. It was a very fun night, and I look forward to hosting another very soon.

Police Numbers have fallen by 322 officers

from Andrew Powell

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



IT'S clear Labor has failed our hard-working police.

On the Government's own data, police numbers have fallen by a staggering 322 in just 18 short months, in the middle of the Queensland Youth Crime Crisis.

This is despite Labor's promise at the last election to deliver 1450 additional police.

Labor's chaos and crisis has left Queenslanders living in fear but our priority is making our communities safer.

We'll give our hardworking police the laws and support they need to retain the police we have and attract the best and brightest. It's all part of our plan to put more officers back on the beat.

Cost of Living - Sign the Petition!

The LNP have just launched a petition to expand the Cost of Living Inquiry announced by the Government and drive down prices for Queenslanders.

By widening the inquiry, we can hold the big supermarkets to account while also looking at the things the State Government is responsible for. The LNP's Cost of Living Inquiry will put the big kitchen table bills under the microscope.

- Rising electricity prices
- Increased transport costs
- Skyrocketing insurance premiums
- Rising water costs
- The big supermarkets

Our priority is driving down these costs for you. Sign our petition here: <https://queensland.typeform.com/CoLInquiry>

Glassies 2024 - Nominations opening

Yes, it's almost that time again ... nominations for the 2024 Small Business Awards (the Glassies) will be opening again on Friday 22nd March on my website. Plenty of time between now and then to get thinking about which wonderful small businesses and employees in the electorate of Glass House you'd like to nominate for an award!

Yes, the hinterland is important

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



Common Brushtail Possum Mercury

I began listening to Mayoral candidates early in the peace and it was like the environment was a dirty word - along with the hinterland, it barely warranted a mention. I did become a little more optimistic on hearing one candidate refer to hinterland towns as jewels in a crown. Yes, they are!

We don't want miracles - just simple solutions! Maybe enforcing regulations in off-leash dog areas to prevent injury to wildlife such as turtles on the coast, and kangaroos, possums, birds and reptiles on walking trails such as the Mount Ninderry walk. There are so many dog owners who are responsible. Why should they be denied more of these areas when they are doing the right thing. Others, a little less smart than their dogs, see off-leash areas as places where their dogs can run wild. We need safe off-leash areas, and will need even more in the future, but these can only be established and maintained if offenders receive fines. Rate payers don't want to contact their local councillor just to hear, "we can't afford the manpower".

There are so many topics on the agenda for council candidates and so many problems to be solved. Some are urgent and compassion is needed, as we can't ignore our many struggling individuals and families. A councillor needs to commit to their job 24/7. Wildlife volunteers do that year in year out, with no remuneration.

Hopefully our new council will have the skills and passion to sustainably grow our little area of paradise into a safe environment for people and animals.

New books at the library for your reading pleasure

Woombye Community Library News
with Cathy Cash

WE'VE had some great new purchases in the library in February thanks to our book-buyer Mel, who always manages to find a variety of titles to suit our readers diverse tastes on a limited budget.

Mel takes into account suggestions made by our borrowers together with research of online book reviews when making her monthly selections.

Journalist and social commentator David Marr has delivered an intense account of the brutal and bloody history of 19th century colonial Australia in his book "Killing for Country". Described by one critic as 'a book that should be read by all Australians' I expect this will be a popular read with our borrowers who are always on the lookout for new non-fiction on our shelves.

Celebrated American fantasy author Sarah J Maas has released the third book in the Crescent City series "House of Fire and Shadow". Like the first two instalments it is certainly a hefty volume at around 800 pages, so perhaps not an ideal bed-reading choice but will appeal to Maas fans nevertheless.

Writer and disability and women's rights advocate Hannah Divney was born with cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair.

In her recent release "I'll Let Myself In" she challenges the stereotypes of people with disability through her own coming of age story which is both frank and fearless. I am halfway through this book and finding it in equal parts confronting and illuminating. I highly recommend it.

Along with our regular monthly purchases there will be plenty more additions to the shelves in March thanks to some excellent quality community donations, many of which are recent releases. A reminder to our borrowers that you can easily reserve a title you are eager to read and one of our library volunteers will contact you the minute it's available.

Happy reading!



Mill Hill Manor is an elegant and gracious home.

From farm to manor house

Story behind Montville's Mill Hill Manor

This Old House by Cate Patterson of Montville History Group

THIS old house at 41 Mill Hill Road, Montville has seen many owners, including some well-known locals. Mill Hill Manor as it is now called, sits directly above Baroon Pocket where Bunya festivals once were held, and the wind still echoes with clapping sticks and didgeridoo.

Alf and Harriet Bowser bought the land (8 acres 12 perches) from Peter Weitemeyer, the first European settler in Montville who selected his 160 acres, Portion 11V of the Parish of Maleny in 1887.

Built by Arthur Thompson in 1926, between the two wars, the house was a practical worker's bungalow (Queensland War Service Home Commission Plan No. 5), and affordable at around £600 (A factory worker in the 1920s earned £200 per year).

It was a comfortable home with a living room, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms. Most of the living was done on the verandahs, and the high ceilings provided a welcome airflow in keeping with the sub-tropical climate. The roof had three front gables and one side gable. Casement windows caught and controlled the degree of breeze. Similarly, the locally milled stumps allowed airflow underneath the bunya pine floorboards.

Timber skillion hoods protected the windows from direct sun and storms. Other period features included a circular window, a bay window and battens. A paling fence and trellis frame over the single gate enclosed the house garden.

Alf and Harriet grew citrus and pineapples and by 1930 had planted macadamias between the rows of fruit trees as wind breaks for the citrus crops. The trees grew quickly and were productive. Alf also grew gladioli and won prizes at the annual shows. The Bowsers lived there for 18 years.

It was still a working farm when novelist Eleanor Dark and her husband Dr Eric Dark



The 1926 house built by Alf and Harriet Bowser.

purchased the home in 1951. Eleanor called it Bopplenut (Bauple Nut) after the endemic species of macadamias that grew on the property. Here she wrote the novel *Lantana Lane* (1959) based on the day-to-day events and entertaining characters of the Montville community. It was after the Darks sold that the property became known as The Macadamery.

Several other owners have had literary connections – Russ and Margaret Siddall had a Montville book business (Mill Hill Books) and Lois and Walter McVitty were publishers of a Children's Books Company.

When the McVittys bought the house in 1992 the house had been extended to include a study with floor to ceiling bookcases, two additional bedrooms and a bathroom along with a side verandah that opened out from the study and linked the main bedroom and a guest bedroom. It had become a gracious home twice its original size.

With the hard work of later owners, the property opened its gates to the public in 2007 as part of the Open Gardens Scheme with a rainforest walk, hedges and heritage plantings, fenced raised vegetable gardens, lush subtropical mature palms, tree ferns, colourful cordylines and bird of paradise plants framing the swimming pool to the west of the house.

At this time decking to the western, southern and eastern sides of the house was added as was a guest cottage modelled on the original house.

This year the decks have been further extended and the present owners Margie and Mark Henderson, like the original owners, do most of their living here.

From cane fields to suburbs: Recollections of simpler times past

by Janine Hill

HAVE YOU ever wondered what it would have been like to live on the Sunshine Coast before suburbs mushroomed and the roads rushed with traffic, when plains of cane fields rippled under summer breezes and only stars lit the night?

Norma Poole does not wonder. She remembers.

Norma has lived on the Sunshine Coast all of her 88 years and her memory keeps a picture show of the area from the 1930s to today.

Cane farmers

Norma's family lived on a cane farm at Maroochy River with her parents, Bert and Annie, and her older brother and sister when she was little.

"We had a big flood when I was about four and my mum got scared. The water came up the floor. We had a boat tied up with rope through the window to a bed post," Norma said.

After the flood, Bert pulled down the house, which was on the south side of the river, and rebuilt it on drier ground on the north side of the river.

That meant Norma had to row a boat to the one-teacher, one room school at Dunethin Rock, navigating the sometimes-strong current on her own from the age of seven.

"Dad taught me to row like he taught us to swim. He put me in the boat and pushed me out and said, 'Row'. He taught us to swim by throwing us in the water and saying, 'Swim,'" she said.

The journey to school got a little easier when she was able to catch a boat to school from a jetty near home.

Norma remembers an army camp between her house and Yandina during World War Two, when there were concerns the Queensland coastline could be vulnerable to invasion.

"The soldiers had these amphibious vehicles they'd drive along the road and put into the water to go and patrol the river," she said.

"There was barbed wire along the beach at Maroochydyore. Dad would go down at night to patrol, as a volunteer."

Their windows at home were blacked out at night and there was a trench at home and at school that she knew she needed to get into if they heard an aircraft overhead.

"It wasn't very nice getting in them."

Norma fell in love with Noel Poole, a young builder and good mate of her sister's boyfriend, Norm "Digger" Thomas, when she was 18.

She lives in the same house that Noel built for them, at Nambour Heights, 70 years ago when they were not long married.

"We paid 100 pounds for the land. They wanted 160 pounds for the ones along the front," she said, referring to blocks which once had coastal views that have now been built out.

The new house was the first time Norma, who grew up with Aladdin and kerosene lamps, had anything to do with electricity. But it was still very basic, with no interior wall linings and not much furniture.

"We had a box for a table and no chairs," she said.

Their house is in a typical suburban setting but in those days, was surrounded by passion-fruit vines and mango trees.

Noel built three of the houses opposite their own as others arrived in the growing area. "It was all young families in those days. We were all friends. Now I'm the only one left," Norma said.

Norma and Noel, who died five years ago, had four children. Although many mothers of the day did not work, Norma did at times. "We had four mouths to feed."

One of her jobs was to collect photographic films for processing from chemist shops on the Sunshine Coast and drop it at the train station



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to be processed in the city, and then drop the printed photographs back at the chemist shops for customers to collect.

"I'd go from Nambour to Buderim and then down to Maroochydyore and along the Coast to Caloundra. Down at Kawana, it was all wild-flowers through there then."

Another of her jobs involved collecting, cleaning and delivering hire cars often used by passengers flying in and out of the Sunshine Coast airport, which was a much smaller affair in those days than it is now.

"If I had to go across to Surfair, which was the only building then, I'd just walk straight across from the airport. You can't do that now – it's all fenced off."

One day, a co-worker whose job was to tell pilots about the weather conditions and see the planes off did not turn up for work.

Norma was able to tell the pilots about the wind speed and not much else and found herself on the tarmac guiding a plane about to take off. "I had to put one finger up when one propeller came on, and then the other one when the other propeller was working," she said.

In retirement, Noel and Norma travelled around Australia four times in a caravan. She would love to go again but is not confident about manoeuvring a caravan on her own.

She is still very fit and walks 2km around the streets near her home every day, although a bacterial infection in her lung has curtailed her exercise in recent months. She spends about two hours a day in the garden, much of it raking up leaves, and mows her own lawn although one of her grandchildren does it for her if she needs.

Her doctor tells her to keep doing what she is doing as long as she can keep doing it.

"It's just staying active," she said.

Norma still drives but this is where she draws the line at interacting with the modern Sunshine Coast.

"If I need to go down to the Coast, I ring my daughter or get someone else to drive me. It's too busy," she said.

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Spanning two levels, this updated 2009-built family home boasts a formal entry with a chandelier, a spacious lounge and dining area,

a gourmet kitchen equipped with gas cooking and high-end appliances, and a rear balcony for your BBQ.

It also features three large bedrooms, a bathroom, ample storage, and a convenient clothes chute to the laundry below. The spacious air-conditioned main suite has a walk-in wardrobe and double sink ensuite. From the air-conditioned living area with ceiling fans, pass through the dining space to a rear deck that descends into the backyard, which is enveloped by expansive gardens featuring various palms, including two pandanus palms.

The generous 1,094m2 block has plenty of room for swings, trampolines, and more.

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The case for high-density housing in CBD to unlock Nambour's latent potential

Real Estate Column
with RE/MAX Property Sales
Principal Tristan Brown



WHERE is Nambour going? Our town needs density if it is ever going to undergo the long-awaited 'gentrification' that has been touted for the last decade.

Despite the best efforts of developers Nambour has seen only one major high density project successfully completed recently (Grandview's 'Pinnacle' 40-unit apartment complex in Maud street).

How, after all these years, have we not seen further re-development of the existing town centre? What is holding developers back? What are the obstacles preventing much-needed housing from being built and simultaneously re-invigorating local businesses in the area? Well the insights provided by developers are both fascinating and concerning.

Now I know that as a community there are many differing viewpoints on how we feel about further development. There are a myriad of viewpoints and factors to consider. Ultimately though, we can't ignore that we badly need more housing options.

We have 2 choices as I see it:

1. Continue the urban sprawl on the fringes of Nambour, wiping out more of the local greenery and delivering homes that, quite frankly, are now priced outside the budgets of most entry-level purchasers; or
2. Re-develop the immediate town centre in Currie, Howard, Lowe & Queen streets etcetera with high density apartment complexes offering greater affordability.

I'm in the camp of option #2. For these reasons:

High Density creates a high energy, exciting vibrance in town. It creates a larger population to access local businesses, driving growth of existing businesses and, hopefully, filling the large number of vacant commercial properties;

- It will revive the old and tired looking streetscape (right now driving into Nambour reminds me of arriving at Nana and Pa's house ... it's obvious that the home hasn't received any improvements for years and it's a bit sad. But I love that I'm always greeted by warmth once I step in the door).

- It will compliment Nambour's proposed town centre activation. It's great to open up the access to pedestrians. It'll be even better when there are more pedestrians in the area to fully benefit from the improved plan; and

- I love the greenery on offer in Nambour and where possible I'm always open to options that help slow down the impact of urban sprawl and prevent the removal of the local vegetation.

Timeframes for approval almost unworkable

So what's the hold-up? Speaking with numerous local developers the overwhelming feedback is that Council presents the greatest challenge.

Timeframes for DA approvals in particular are almost untenable and sadly appear to demonstrate a declining skill set and lack of resources within council offices to appropriately deal with development in our local area.

According to developers, the current development process, as a whole, needs to be overhauled. It is concerning to hear. Nambour needs density and council needs to implement significant and timely changes to ensure the town reaches its potential.

Meet Nambour's 2024 Agent of the year!



Thanks for your trust in 2023!

TEAM **Krausz**



Richard Krausz 0422 997 810



Built to take advantage of the gently sloping block, this all-brick 4-bedroom home will impress anyone who sees it.

Outstanding Yandina home

AGENT'S CHOICE: 61 Maroochy Circuit, Yandina.
Offers over \$959,000.

YANDINA continues to deliver beautiful, quality homes tucked away in one of the Sunshine Coasts most sought-after estates. Built to take advantage of the gently sloping block, this all-brick 4-bedroom home will impress anyone who sees it.

From the superb street appeal, the front door opens up to a long, wide hallway, complete with high ceilings and tiled flooring. The first two generous bedrooms sit on the lower level of this split-level masterpiece, all with ducted air-conditioning, and views out over the estate and nearby mountains. Up to the second level, the floorplan opens

up past an office-nook that also leads to the full-sized second laundry. This generous open plan space has ample room for a dining table, large lounge suite, and features a well-finished kitchen with induction cooktop, large pantry, and stone benchtops.

The open plan living and kitchen open up seamlessly to a covered rear patio with ample room for entertaining or relaxing after work.

Bathed in natural light, the large master bedroom at the rear of the property, is well separated for privacy and features a large ensuite, expansive walk-in robe, and glass sliding door out to its own private rear patio.

The fully fenced backyard gives peace of mind for the kids to run and play, with side access up the right-hand side of the block for additional vehicle or trailer storage.

- To arrange your inspection of this outstanding home, contact selling agent Scott Walters from Re/MAX Property Sales Nambour on 0447 474 982.



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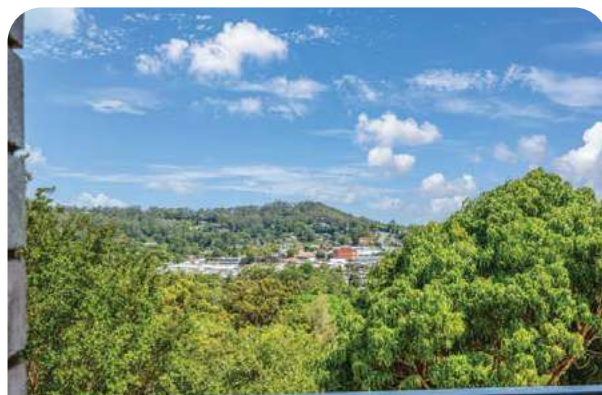


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Leafy, peaceful street with private home in Maleny

AGENT'S CHOICE: 6 Ash Street, Maleny

JUST a short walk from the main street of Maleny and all its amenities, this character home sits on a large leafy block in a very peaceful area.

The light and airy kitchen, living and dining areas flow to the exterior and a large timber verandah.

There are three bedrooms upstairs and one bedroom downstairs.

The main bedroom features a gorgeous bay window and there is a large open space downstairs to create another living area, or dual living.

The home has a large bathroom and two separate toilets and there are security screens throughout.

The level block features established gardens, including established citrus trees.

A remote control garage and sealed driveway make this a neat, tidy and secure property, within walking distance to the heart of Maleny.

A property offering fantastic bones, perfect location and entry level to Maleny does not present itself to the market often, and an inspection is a must.

• Contact exclusive agent Rodney Millett on 0477 702 073 to arrange your inspection today.



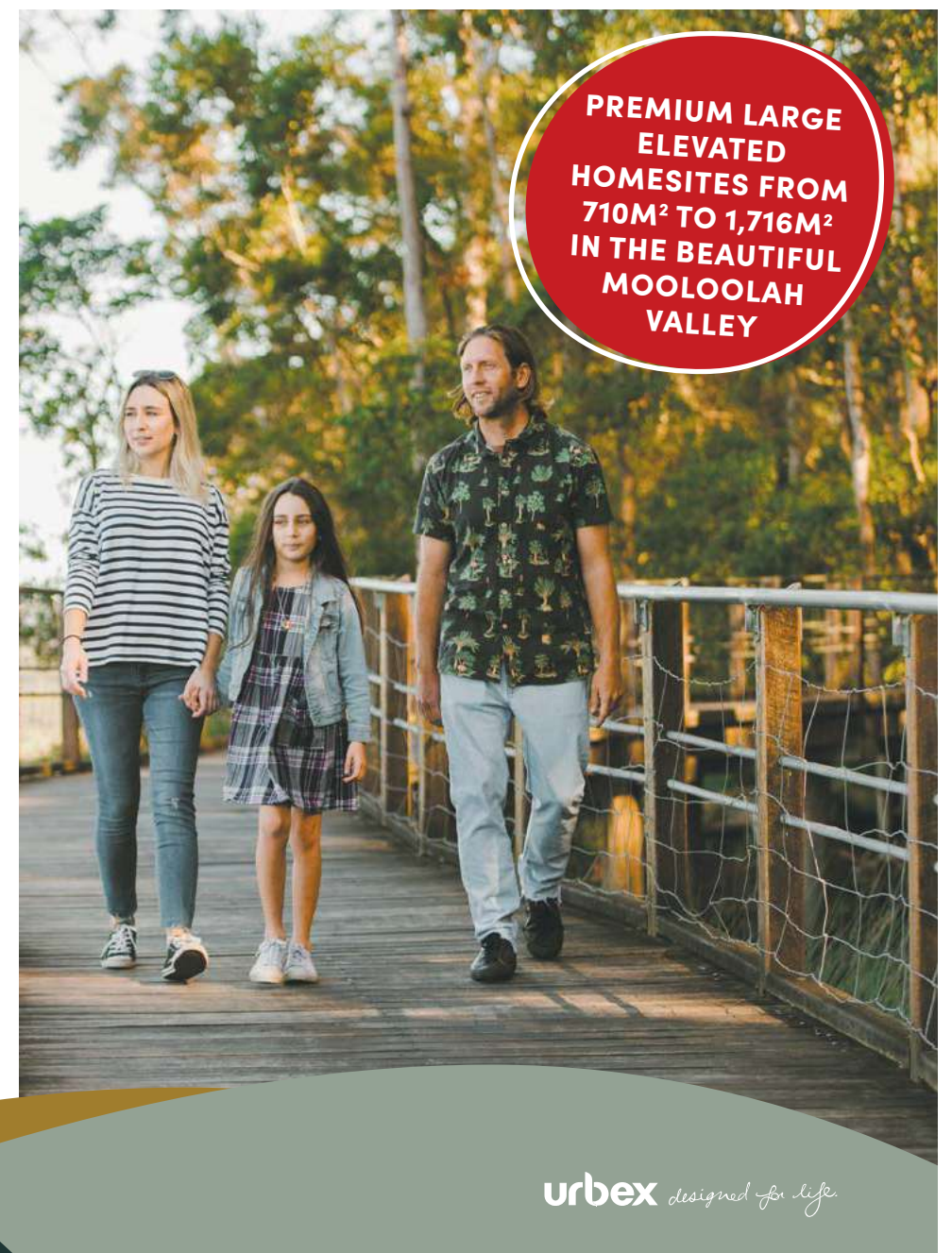
Mark Clayton, right, accepts his award.

Maleny agent's global recognition

MARK Clayton, co-owner of RE/MAX Hinterland in Maleny, now holds a rare international RE/MAX Circle of Legends Award.

The award honours highly successful agents who have earned more than \$10 million USD in gross commissions

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91 Tallowood Street **MALENY**

VACANT BLOCK

This 2000m² block is fantastic buying with its elevation affording a lovely rural panorama and the mature Avocado tree means the savings are huge!

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WELCOME TO THE MARKET

6 Ash Street **MALENY**

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 car

Situated a very short walk from the bustling main street of Maleny and all its amenities, this character home is situated on a large leafy block in a very peaceful area.

- Main bedroom with gorgeous bay window
- Large open space downstairs to create a further living area or dual living
- Kitchen, living and dining flows to the exterior and a large timber verandah
- Level block with established gardens
- Walking distance to the heart of Maleny

A property offering fantastic bones, perfect location and entry level to Maleny does not present itself to the market often; an inspection is a must.

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21 Benecke Road **BALMORAL RIDGE**

5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 5 cars

Offering large, light-filled living spaces looking out to a wonderful rural view, this home offers the opportunity for spacious family living and boasts separate accommodation for dual living.

- 2000m² parcel of land
- Granite benchtops in the kitchen with walk-in pantry and Belfast sink
- Main lounge room with wood burning fireplace
- Polished floorboards in the living area
- Separate two-bedroom apartment

Just a short 5-minute drive to the town of Maleny and all its essential amenities; schools, hospital, shops, cafes and restaurants.

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6 Ribbonwood Avenue **MALENY**

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 cars

Sitting high on an elevated 1001m² block, in a quiet street within easy walking distance of Maleny township, you will love this contemporary home with a fantastic aspect and outlook.

- Spacious, double stor ey home with a clever floorplan
- Elevated 1001m² block with peaceful outlook over neighbouring trees
- Well-appointed kitchen, open plan dining and living with access to expansive deck
- Great location with an easy walk to town along the Obi boar dwalk
- Double lock-up garage with inter nal access and separate workshop

This attractive home is priced to sell quickly so don't miss your opportunity to secure a modern home in a fantastic position!

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41 Obi Vale **NORTH MALENY**

3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 car, 2 cars

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

- Contemporary, original design
- Central Northern deck overlooking the dam
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Bunya Lodge 104 Bridge Creek Road **MALENY**

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 8 cars

Echoing a bygone era of the grand country estate, Bunya Lodge is set on 25 acres and is ready for its new owner to simply move into this luxury home and start their Hinterland lifestyle.

- Modern, colonial style home with echoes of a bygone era of the grand rural estate
- Quiet, private location just a 4-minute drive to the vibrant town of Maleny
- Just over 25 acres of land this close to Maleny is a rare opportunity
- Grand entrance leading to enviable inclusions
- Separate one bedroom studio

Bunya Lodge offers the discerning buyer everything they could need; a vast living room, a conservatory, a true cook's kitchen, separate guest wing, a separate one-bedroom studio and a terrace wrapped around 3 sides of the house taking in glorious views.

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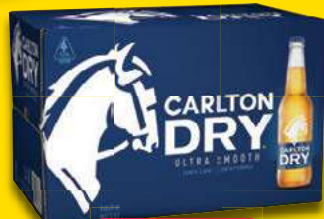
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