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Meet the artist behind new tram design

RUSSELL Anderson is the artist behind Nambour's new tram design. To be unveiled at the official opening of Nambour's Western Tram Terminus this Friday (May 14) there's a lot riding on the concept. It represents the culmination of nearly ten years work by Tramway Company Chairman Greg Rogerson and his board and marks a milestone in the reimagining of the former sugar town, once the commercial hub of the Sunshine Coast.

Even so, Russell says anyone expecting a "traditional" tram design was in for a shock. "When I pitched my idea it was a bit left-of-field compared to what they were thinking," he said. "But my interest was in building an art object that was also fully functional as a working tram. Realistically, this tram's function is not primarily for transport. It's a tourist attraction. It represents the town's history. I see a lot more potential than it just being a vehicle that transports people. I think it's a lot more than that. Maybe a cultural catalyst or something like that. And if it has culture and whimsy built-in and if it has more spirit and life to it, then I hope it may become a springboard for other cultural activities and ideas and artworks in town.

"Nambour has its own energy and hopefully this will be part of that energy."



To Page 2 Russell Anderson in his Curramore workshop ... "Nambour has its own energy and hopefully the tram will be part of that energy."

\$5m for Nambour rail study

THE Federal Government has committed \$5 million for a study into full duplication of the North Coast Rail Line between Beerburrum and Nambour.

Fairfax MP Ted O'Brien has welcomed the funding, part of a \$172 million allocation for three major transport projects in the region including \$160 million for the Mooloolah River Interchange and \$7 mil-

lion for the Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade. The \$5 million is subject to matched funding from the state government. The North Coast Rail Line is owned and operated by the state government and is a state government responsibility.

Mr O'Brien said the commitment for a study into a better Stage 2 design for the Beerburrum to Nambour project provided residents with an

opportunity to get the rail solution they deserve. "The current Stage 2 proposal for passing loops and other upgrades between Landsborough and Nambour is totally unacceptable," said Mr O'Brien. "Nothing short of full duplication of the line, that's two tracks, all the way to Nambour is what the community deserves.

"That's why I launched a campaign in February this year and this \$5 mil-

lion commitment comes as a huge win for the community, especially in Nambour. A new Stage Two design should allow for full duplication to Nambour while accommodating the possibility of a fast rail solution in the future," said Mr O'Brien.

Mr Wallace said that further upgrades north of Beerwah would deliver important benefits for residents in Landsborough, Eudlo, Palm-

woods, Woombye and Nambour.

"Whether you live in Caloundra, Kawana or in the hinterland, I want to see all residents on the Sunshine Coast able to access a frequent and fast rail service to travel within our region and further afield. This study into rail duplication north of Beerwah is another important step forward in making that a reality," said Mr Wallace.

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An example of Mr Anderson's artistic style at Noosa Junction.

Tram will be so much more than a mode of transport

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Russell was nervous but philosophical about how people would react to his design. "I think there will be people that really love it and there will be people that really hate it. Because that's the way people are.

"But if you just up-rooted a conventional-looking tram and plonked it in Nambour it wouldn't work," he said. "And I didn't want to just repeat history and create a cane train. This is a passenger vehicle, but it's also got to be a work of art. It has to be a beautiful object in its own right. It has to be a beautiful thing."

Russell said his work was also inspired by a sense of fun and whimsy. "In my mind this design was inspired somewhat by the time Einstein came up with his time dilation theory. Because he was on a tram at the time and he came up with the theory driving away from the Berne station looking back at a clock. The Nambour tram is meant to travel at the speed of light to test his theory. That thought is what inspired me at an artistic level. I've always been a little whimsical in my work. Tongue in cheek humour is a part of what I do I suppose."

Russell has a Bachelor of

Fine Arts (Honours) as well as a Master of Arts through Queensland University of Technology and expertise in electronics and metal working but the project represents quite a challenge.

"To make something like this that had to be fully functional and compliant was a challenge. So this is where Covey Associates is integral. My job is to oversee the whole project but I'll be working very closely with Covey Associates ... all the compliance and engineering rests with them."

Just the right impetus

Mr Rogerson said Mr Anderson's input was exactly the impetus the project needed at the right time. "He's an exceptional artist, tradesperson and an exceptional human being," Mr Rogerson said. "Russell has demonstrated buy-in to Nambour's tram project on an extraordinary level. His collaboration with engineering firm Covey Associates has been an absolute blessing.

"He said to me right from day one 'if you want a heritage style San Francisco-type tram I'm not doing it'. Nambour's tram is going to be so much more than a mode of transport. It's going to be an experience and a moving piece of

art. We couldn't have asked for anyone better to team up with."

Mr Rogerson said he hoped the tram would be designed built and "on the tracks" within 12 months.

And not before time. "It's been a hard slog," the former Div 10 Councillor said. "It's been nine years in the making. But the good Lord looked down on the board and gave us a helping hand. We were just about exhausted trying to find a manufacturer that would do it justice, do it locally and do it at an affordable rate. And thank goodness we found Russell."

About the artist

A full-time artist for 20 years in public art commissions, community projects, theatre design and festivals Russell Anderson, 49, lives with his partner - jeweler Rebecca Ward - and their daughters Ren and Rata on acreage in Curramore. His off-the-grid completely solar powered workshop/studio has a full machine shop.

Russell has a reputation for high quality workmanship, visual aesthetics, strong lines, attention to detail, narrative, sense of whimsy, complexity and the balance of form and function.

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Nambour's first look at terminus & tram

THE public gets its first look at Nambour's much-anticipated tram design this Friday (May 14) from 12.30 to 3pm and Saturday (May 15) from 9.30am.

While the design has been kept under wraps it was described by Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien — who will officially open the complex at a function on Friday morning — as "a moving piece of street theatre". The battery powered, solar regenerative tram is expected to be operational by mid next year.

The interactive tram has been designed by renowned Curramore kinetic artist Russell Anderson in his typically vibrant and eye-catching style (See story Page 1).

Nambour Tramway Company Chairman and Former Div 10 councillor Greg Rogerson said he was immensely proud and relieved that the tram was being designed locally and built on the Sunshine Coast. Engineering Consultants Covey Associates have collaborated with Russell supplying the all important engineering and accreditation required by the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR).

"TNTCo is exceptionally pleased that Mr Anderson has gathered a team of exceedingly competent, local professionals and trades people around him, to deliver Nambour's unique tram."

Saturday's opening also marks a huge milestone in the reimagining of the former sugar town, once the commercial hub of the Sunshine Coast.

"This project is a great example of what can be achieved when governments and the community have a dream and work together to achieve it," said Mr O'Brien. "We've brought this attraction back to life and we look forward to seeing it trundling through Nambour for many years to come. I can't wait to get on board this piece of street theatre and travel along the beautiful streets of Nambour."

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said council was pleased to help provide a rich historical experience in Nambour.

"This heritage-listed tramline provides Nambour with a point of difference, it will help drive tourism and importantly support our local economy,"



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Mayor Jamieson said. "Nambour's newest attraction is the result of many years of community effort to get the tramway on track.

"It will give a lot of confidence to local businesses and capitalise on the work done over many years to provide a vibrant and fulfilling future for Nambour and its community."

Mr Rogerson said he was delighted to finally be able to host the opening of the Western Terminus building and give people their first glimpse of the Tram design.

"Almost all the labour and materials for the terminus build were from Sunshine Coast businesses and now we are delighted to announce that the tram will also be built right here on the Sunshine Coast.

"If you're even remotely interested in Nambour's Tram, please get along to the Terminus, as we feel certain you'll be thoroughly impressed!"

More about the Project

- Fairfax MP Ted O'Brien will officially open the project.

- The tram is expected to be operational by mid next year.

- The battery-powered "Tram" will run between Nambour Mill Village Shopping Centre and the Southern end of Quota Park between Repco and Aldi, and along Mill and Howard Streets.

- The terminus project, which includes an information centre, has been funded by the Federal Government, the Sunshine Coast Council and The Nambour Tramway Company (TNT Co), with contributions from the local community including a donation from philanthropists Roy and Nola Thompson.

- Mr O'Brien secured half a million dollars of Federal funds, awarded through the National Stronger Regions Fund, to add to the \$1.1 million raised by TNT Co and the \$2.6 million by Council.



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Environment Festival offers plenty in hinterland

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The Sunshine Coast Environmental Council has been celebrating their signature event for over four decades.

This year's theme — 'Ecosystem Restoration' — will bring attention to the protection and restoration of ecosystems on the Sunshine Coast.

Coordinator Natalie Frost said WED Fest was an opportunity to connect with ecosystems across the region and take part in protecting them.

"Partnering with local environment groups and organisations and local business, the WED Fest program will showcase ecosystem restoration projects throughout the region and give people an opportunity to take part in protecting native flora and fauna."

There is a range of events and activities from tree plantings to eco-markets at the gorgeous Crystal Waters Eco Village in Conondale.

• **Club Acoustic Blackboard Sessions - Maleny - 3rd June:** One of the Sunshine Coast's premier monthly music events, supporting emerging artists and featuring experienced musicians & performers.

• **Crystal Waters Village Markets - Conondale - 5th June:** Launch WED Fest at Conondale with a market featuring fresh produce, craft and bric-a-brac stalls, live music, inspiring speakers program discussing ecosystem restoration, kids playground, great coffee and food, and much more!

• **Guided Walk at Book Farm - Maleny - 6th June:** Join Hinterland Bush Links on a guided tour of a restoration project at the headwaters of Obi Obi Creek.



• WED Fest is happening on the Sunshine Coast throughout June. Image Courtesy: Jazzy Connors Photography

• **Bergann's Lane Walk - Witta - 12th June:** Guided by Spencer Shaw, ecological restoration specialist who undertook the ecological restoration / wildlife corridor project at Bergann's Lane Walk (Witta, Blackall Range).

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Speed reduced on Maleny–Stanley River Rd

THE speed limit on a section of Maleny–Stanley River Road at Maleny will be reduced to improve safety.

A three-kilometre section heading west out of the Maleny township will be reduced from 80km/h to 70km/h.

Transport and Main Roads North Coast Regional Director Scott Whitaker said the reduction had been endorsed by the Sunshine Coast Speed Management Committee.

"The committee includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Sunshine Coast Council and Transport and Main

Roads," Mr Whitaker said. "The speed limit will now be 70km/h between the 60km/h zone near Witham Road at Maleny to near River Road at Wootha."

The speed limit review considered a range of factors such as road function, environment, existing construction standard, prevailing traffic speeds and crash history.

"I urge all motorists to observe the new speed limit signs and to always drive to conditions."

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Nambour Compass Campus opening heralds new opportunities for people with disabilities

IT'S primary purpose is to provide leading-edge learning and development opportunities for young people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

But Compass Institute Founder and CEO David Dangerfield hopes his new campus in C-Square will also help change perceptions about people with disabilities.

"I refer to the facilities as campuses because of their focus on learning and development opportunities," said Mr Dangerfield. "We have always challenged the implicit notion that people with a disability are liabilities requiring welfare."

Mr Dangerfield heads the Palmwoods-based charity dedicated to providing "real futures" for people with a disability.

"Compass is a showcase that allows people with disabilities to demonstrate that they are in fact assets to their community. Like all assets their potential is unlocked through structured learning and development programs, and of course - opportunity.

"Compass also has a range of very successful social enterprises that provide the opportunity for people with disability to participate in meaningful ways in their community and to experience that sense of achievement and pride we all feel at the end of a job well done."

Looking ahead, Compass hopes to offer market stalls, art installations, music, and other performance events throughout the C-Square public spaces. Compass will also be opening a new social enterprise retail store, Wabi Sabi, in the C-Square precinct in June.

Through Compass' innovative social enterprise model this store will sell a range of products made



Ted O'Brien, right, opens the new Campus with Compass Institute Founder and CEO, David Dangerfield. Compass is a for-purpose organisation dedicated to providing "real futures" for people with a disability.

by those who attend Compass across their six local Campuses.

Ted O'Brien MP, Federal Member for Fairfax officially opened the new premises last Wednesday.

"Locating dynamic institutions like Compass into C-Square is going to give Nambour a real boost," Mr O'Brien said.

"We need to be more inclusive if we are going to build better and more resilient communities, and this is a great initiative. The team at Compass do a fantastic job, and I'm really honoured to support them.

"I have taken an active interest in the role they play here on the Sunshine Coast, supporting people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

"With the opening of their new facility in the heart of Nambour, hopefully more people will not only become aware of their work but also come and get involved."

Compass's new premises are at C-Square, Ground Floor (Court-yard), 52-64 Currie Street, Nambour.

The Institute provides further education, skills based training

and vocational pathways to young people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Compass has grown from humble origins from supporting three young men with disabilities in a community hall in Palmwoods in the 90s. Today it supports 166 people and their families through six campuses from Caboolture to Gympie.

To find out more about Compass or to get involved, visit their website at www.compassinc.org.au or contact Head Office via (07) 5445 9116.

Fun on four wheels as Antique Car Club hosts Independent Living clients at Showgrounds

ON a glorious day, Saturday 8th May, Sunshine Coast Independent Living clients and connections visited the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club for a Fun Day.

The visitors were treated to morning tea, music by 'Missing Link' and the opportunity to take a ride in a special vintage or classic car prior to a sausage sizzle lunch.

Passengers were able to choose between Austin, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Essex, Holden, MGB, Triumph, Valiant, Vauxhall, Volkswagen, Zephyr vehicles or a much younger Porsche in which to take a ride around the superbly main-

tained Nambour Showgrounds. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

The next major SCACC event will be the Nambour Swap on 31st July and the Club looks forward to the public's support for a 'Bumper Swap'.

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The nursery industry enjoyed one of its best years on record during 2020 with the recent Nursery Industry Statistics 2019-20 survey of Australian production nurseries revealing a record 2.2 billion plants were produced and sold in Australia last year.[1]

Queensland Garden Expo Event Manager Marion Beazley said while it was disappointing that the 2020 Expo had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, the resulting increase in people gardening provided an exciting opportunity for this year's event to attract new visitors.

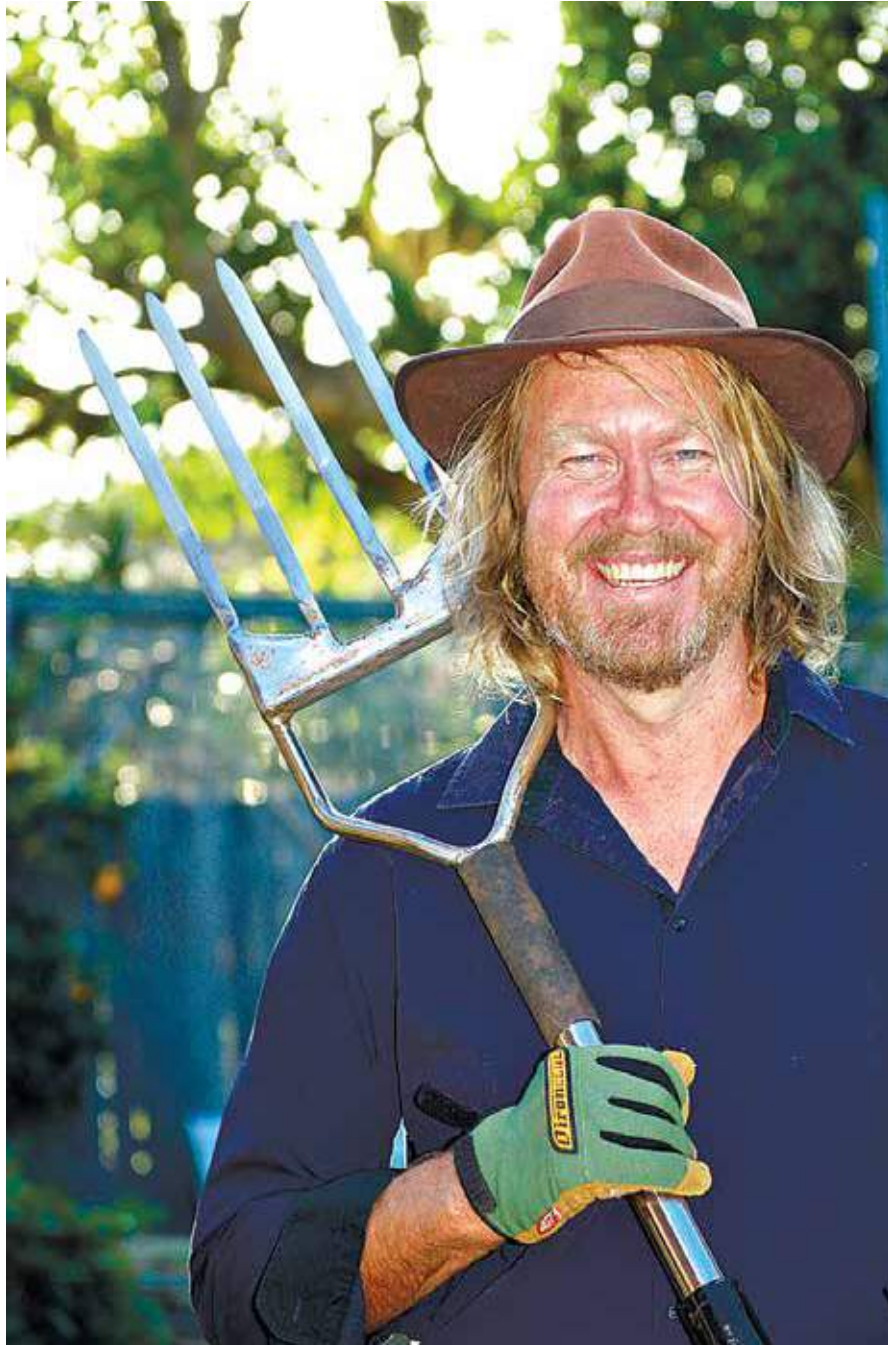
"The Nursery Industry Survey captured the growth in people wanting to invest time in creating their own backyard oasis, particularly as more people are working from home and many are restricted in their ability to travel for holidays," Ms Beazley said.

"With so many people housebound, there was a huge curiosity in growing food like herbs and vegetables and before long people were ready to get their hands dirty for a complete home garden makeover.

"We're confident the Queensland Garden Expo will provide ample opportunity to nurture this newfound love for gardening with 350 exhibitors — including 55 nurseries — and around 45 guest speakers presenting an action-packed program.

"This year we have included a number of 'Back to Basics' talks each day to encourage visitors who are new to gardening, in addition to the wide range of gardening topics that have become firm favourites with our more experienced gardeners.

• Tickets are \$20 for adults, while children under 15 are free. For more information, visit www.qldgardenexpo.com.au.



The speaker program is the biggest in Australia and will welcome back crowd-favourites such as Phil Dudman.

Obi Obi upgrade not on the cards

A Kenilworth mum is wondering what has happened to State Government funding to fix the dangerous Obi Obi down-road between Mapleton and Kenilworth.

"My understanding was that Peter Wellington was able to secure funding for surveyors and funds to fix up the road and Marty Hunt said there was \$38 million put aside to work on the road, but Rob Skelton has said there are no funds," the woman, who preferred not to be named said.

"I am just wondering why it is that a road that is being used as a major tourism road while governments are advocating job creation etcetera is not being fixed ... are there any funds and if so why can't they fix up the road and support the community who need it for work, and encourage future growth?"

In 2018 former Nicklin MP Marty Hunt asked Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey the following question: "With reference to the unsealed and dangerous sections of Obi Obi Road between Mapleton and Kenilworth, which is a tourist gateway and is inaccessible by ambulance and has been a community concern for some time: Will the Minister commit to funding and commencing upgrades to this road this year?"

In reply Mr Bailey said: "A planning study completed in April 2017 recommended widening the top of Obi Obi Road to two lanes at an estimated cost of \$18 million, and widening George Wyer Scenic Drive to two lanes at an estimated cost of \$18 million.

"At this time, however, there is no funding for construction available, with funding of this upgrade competing with other priorities across the state."

Glass House MP Andrew Powell also voiced his concerns. "How frustrating to witness the Labor Government once again recognise the danger of this road but refuse to implement timely, long term solutions. Along with locals, I have been calling on the Government to bring any upgrades forward as part of their COVID economic recovery plans. Maleny-Kenilworth Road has been abandoned for far too long. Speed reductions are Band-Aid fixes. Stump up the money and fix the road before another life is lost on it."

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said: "While there is currently no funding allocated for a larger upgrade in the roads budget beyond ongoing maintenance, I am happy to continue to work with the Minister and the Department on issues raised by the community."



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What's Happening

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- May 14: Official Opening Nambour Tramway Terminus and Info Centre, Mill Street Nambour 10-noon.
- May 14: Public viewing of Nambour Tramway Terminus and Info Centre, Mill Street Nambour from 3.30pm.
- May 15: Maleny Show Personalities Afternoon Tea 2.30pm at The Orangery (tickets from Show Office).
- May 15: Trivia Night at RSL Maleny 6.30p.m. for 7p.m. start. Entry \$5.
- May 16: Mapleton Community Library Book Fair.
- May 19: Suncoast Christian College Open Morning. Register www.suncoastcc.qld.edu.au.
- May 20: Domestic Violence Prevention Month event, Tesch Park Maleny from 5pm.
- May 21-23: Mapleton Choir "Celtic Magic" concerts at Kureelpa Hall. May 21 at 6pm, May 22 at 4pm, May 23 at 2.30pm.
- May 22: Belli Community Hall hosts a music night with a mix of genres. Tickets: Eventbrite.com.au and search for "Belli Locals Launch Music Night".
- May 22: Garage Sale in aid of Medical Santo in Vanuatu. Sanctuary Park Church of Christ, 22 National Park Rd in Nambour.
- May 28 & 29: Maleny Show, Maleny Showgrounds. Pre-purchase tickets at www.malenysociety.org.au
- May 29 & 30: London-based pianist Piers Lane performs two concerts at Lucas Parklands, Montville.
- May 29: Collectorama Fair Nambour Showgrounds Saturday.
- June 11-13: Sunshine Coast Show, Nambour Showgrounds.
- June 12 & 13: Gardening on the Edge, Maleny Garden Club. 8am Maleny Show Grounds.
- June 12 & 13: Maleny Singers present Yeoman of the Guard at the Maleny Community Centre.
- June 19 & 20: Maleny Singers present Yeoman of the Guard, Community Centre.
- July 3 & 4: KnitFest Yarn & Fibre Festival Maple Street, Maleny.

What's ON

Step right up, the Show goes on at Maleny May 28, 29

CHILDREN and those young at heart are expected to flock to the Maleny Show this month (28-29 May) as the hinterland's best in agriculture and entertainment goes on display at the Maleny Showgrounds.

Monster trucks and fireworks, horse and cattle events, cooking competitions and, of course, dagwood dogs ready to be devoured, are all part of the line-up for the family friendly event.

Maleny Show Society Secretary Lois White said the committee had been working non-stop since February to make this year's show a reality, which was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As soon as our COVID Safe Plan was approved in February we decided to go ahead with it to give all of our competitors a chance to compete in the things they haven't been able to for such a long time," Ms White said.

"We see ourselves as a genuine community service for many community groups to get involved in, such as Rotary, Lions, CWA, cricket and tennis clubs, and people young and old to have a wonderful time.

"This year all pavilion sections such as photography, woodwork and cooking categories



Show jumping is back along with agricultural exhibits, side show alley and other crowd favourites.

can be entered online and across two evenings we'll have the monster trucks, KC's fireworks, plus novelty horse and car events."

Sunshine Coast Council Community Portfolio Councillor David Law encouraged local residents to show their support and pre-purchase tickets online.

"Sunshine Coast families are very fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy the Maleny Show this year and it will certainly be one not to be missed," Cr Law said.

"Connected communities turn into thriving

communities which makes up the social fabric of our society and is a key goal of the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041.

• Tickets to the Maleny Show start from \$5 for children and \$15 for adults. Parking on site will be very limited so visitors are encouraged to make use of free shuttle buses from the Maleny Historical Village and Maleny High School running from 8am until late. Disabled parking is available on site. Info www.malenysociety.org.au/2021-show

Millsy's Pop-Up Restaurant looking for charity beneficiaries

IN 2014, Brett Mills came up with the idea of 'Millsy's Pop-Up Restaurant' - a unique way for he and his team at Ken Mills Toyota to support the Sunshine Coast Community.

For just one night a year, the Ken Mills Toyota staff transform their Maroochydore Service workshop into a fine dining experience for 150 people. "Millsy's Pop-Up Restaurant has a very special place in my heart," said Dealer Principle, Brett Mills. "When I came up with the concept it was to raise both funds and awareness for

some of the smaller grassroots Charities' here on the Sunshine Coast. Now the event is in its sixth year, and in that time we have been able to give back over \$300,000 to some very worthy local causes," he said. "The last twelve months have been incredibly unique, and we know that charities have suffered so we are asking them to please come forward and put in an application to be one of the beneficiaries this year."

Last year, the event couldn't go ahead due to COVID-19 restrictions, but will be back on Sat-

urday 16 October with the aim of making the most of the simple pleasure of eating together while supporting those who need it most.

That's where Ken Mills Toyota needs you.

Are you a Sunshine Coast based registered charity or community organisation that would like to partner with Ken Mills Toyota as one of the event beneficiaries for 2021?

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Montville venue mimics classical intimacy of days gone by, says pianist

WORLD famous pianist Piers Lane is relishing the chance to perform at Lucas Parklands in Montville, describing the intimate concert venue as “the way composers like Beethoven and Chopin experienced it themselves”.

Mr Lane is performing two concerts at the peaceful 150-seat bushland auditorium on May 29 and 30.

“I visited Lucas Parklands quite a few years ago as an audience member and loved the whole concept,” Mr Lane said from his home in London. “I really enjoy more intimate music-making. Most solo piano music was composed for the salon situation rather than the huge venues it is usually performed in, so it’s always special to explore it and share it the way composers like Beethoven and Chopin experienced it themselves.”

The Piers Lane recital on May 29 will be unique: an hour of beautiful Chopin Nocturnes, presented at twilight in a room lit by candlelight alone. The second concert on May 30 is a 2.30pm matinee where Mr Lane will present two Beethoven sonatas followed by all the Chopin Waltzes.

Mr Lane has had his performances disrupted badly by

Covid-19 and the associated travel restrictions, but that will change with his local concerts.

“I haven’t given a solo performance since the Wigmore Hall in London on March 15th last year — every scheduled concert and recording was cancelled for one Covid reason or another, bar three or so postponed performances with my longterm duo partner, the now-retired British violinist Tasmin Little,” Mr Lane said.

“The situation in Europe and the States is still pretty dire, so it’s a real privilege that I, as an Australian, can return to playing in this way.

“I’m delighted, as always, to be coming ‘home’, catching up with friends in audiences everywhere, and spending a bit of time in places I have loved all my life,” he said.

“I was last in Brisbane in 2019, but haven’t been to the Sunshine Coast for a few years. We used to spend family holidays at Peregian when I was growing up, so that whole coastline is full of memories for me.

• Mr Lane will perform at the Lucas Parklands concert hall, at Montville on May 29, 30. For tickets phone 0409 623 228 or 5478 5667 or email: lucasparklands@bigpond.com. Info: lucasparklands.com.au



Piers Lane .. “I really enjoy more intimate music-making.”



Nyssa Ray, left, and Andrea Kerwin.

Andrea and Nyssa win Queensland Music Award

SUNSHINE Coast musicians Andrea Kirwin and Nyssa Ray were honoured at the 2021 Queensland Music Awards at Brisbane’s decadent Fortitude Music Hall Wednesday 5 May.

The pair won a Queensland Music Award for the new Children’s Music Category.

“Well done to my beautiful friend Nyssa Ray who entered her song ‘Love Everybody’ in the category that we collaborated on for our album ‘Songs for Our Little Friends,’” said Andrea who owns Peace Run Records in Nambour’s Queen Street. “I’m stoked to see so

many Queensland artists and musicians celebrated last night after the year we’ve had. So many people have gone above and beyond to survive lockdowns, covid restrictions and frankly, lack of leadership and support from our government to support our sector to recover.”

• The song comes from Andrea and Nyssa’s children’s album ‘Songs for our Little Friends’ which is available at Peace Run Records - 14 Queen Street Nambour or digitally at Peace Run Records’ Band camp page.

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Petrie Park Craft

PETRIE Park Craft Group in Nambour are seeking new members for the Monday multi crafts group, and the Thursday pottery group. The cost is \$5 for casuals for up to a month, after which we invite you to become a member. For enquiries about Pottery please contact Sandy on 0414 643293, and for Multicrafts, where you can learn knitting, embroidery, and other crafts, phone Marlaire on 5441 6852.

National Seniors

THE next monthly meeting for National Seniors Buderim Branch will be held at 9.30 am on Monday 24th May at the Buderim Bowls Club, Elizabeth St., Buderim.

The Guest speaker will be Denise Sauer and will talk about Dying with Dignity. All those over 50 welcome to attend & join members on visits to places of interest and lunches. Info 0458 773 387.



Sanctuary Park Church of Christ volunteers with co-ordinator Jenny Nixon, front left.

Monster Garage Sale in the Shed in aid of Vanuatu charity

THE journey began in 1993 when Allen and Lyn Cox along with their family from the Sunshine Coast volunteered to go to Vanuatu for four months.

Medical Santo was born a number of years later and continues to go from strength to strength.

The Medical Santo medical centre is in Luganville, on the island of Espirito Santo. Medical Santo partners in sustainable health solutions in Northern Vanuatu. Recognised by the Vanuatu Government it has developed an Australian support network through Pacific Island Health and Education Ltd (PIHEL).

Further information can be found on their websites: medicalsanto.com and pacificislandshealth.com.

In past years work parties

from all corners of Australia would have travelled to Vanuatu to assist in buildings, care, maintenance and support of this centre, but Covid 19 has put a stop to that.

"We can't go at the moment, but a container of essential items will be leaving Australian shores in 2021, bound for Vanuatu," said Jenny Nixon volunteer co-ordinator from Sanctuary Park Church of Christ. "We can assist in freight costs by selling unwanted/surplus items that we have in Australia, to make a difference in the lives of people in Vanuatu."

"We are working on the old idiom that 'one man's trash is another man's treasure'"

Sanctuary Park Church of Christ has an Op Shop open Tuesday and Thursday,

9.30am-1.30pm at 22 National Park Road.

"It's just down the lane from the Op Shop is a large shed, full of trash and treasure," said Jenny. "Volunteers from the church have been working tirelessly now for weeks collecting, sorting, arranging and pricing donated items. From jewellery to jugs, books to beds, kitchen items to cards and crafts, pillows to pot plants, furniture to furry toys, garden tools to gadgets and everything in between. Our Op Shop will be open and drinks will be available to purchase."

• Come along and wander the wonders of Shed 22 at 22 National Park Rd Nambour Saturday May 22 to grab a bargain. All proceeds assist in the freight of the container going to Medical Santo later this year.



Hello Jane will perform songs about her love of hinterland small town communities at the Locals Launch Music Concert at Belli.

Inaugural Locals Launch Music Concert in Belli

THE Belli Community Hall is excited to host a music night with a mix of genres on Saturday May 22. The night will feature local act Anna & Jordan. The fun folk duo are launching their new single "Change". Accompanying them are Hello Jane, Jessey Jackson and the Bluegrass Guys.

2020 Triple J "Unearthed" star Hello Jane has written an album that is quintessential to the area, describing her love of the countryside and small town community has spurred on a new live performance series titled 'A Songwriter's Summer'.

Jessey Jackson has toured all over Australia, as her own one-woman band, with gusty vocals covering blues, rock, country, and soul. Now living in South East Qld, the rafters in the old hall will be shaking.

The Bluegrass guys, a Yandina market staple, are playing for happy hour from 5.30pm. Local bread from Jeremiah's Crust with delicious soup will be served. Be prepared for other locally made treats to be on offer! Please bring cash for the night, with a local produce table, and merchandise from the muso's, and bar in operation.

The music night not only aims to bring the community together for a night of wonderful local talent. The Belli Community Hall is the only Hall in the region that is owned by the community, meaning we have to raise funds to keep our hall operational.

• Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite - Locals Launch Music Night. Belli Hall is on the Eumundi-Kenilworth Road at Belli Park. All ages welcome!



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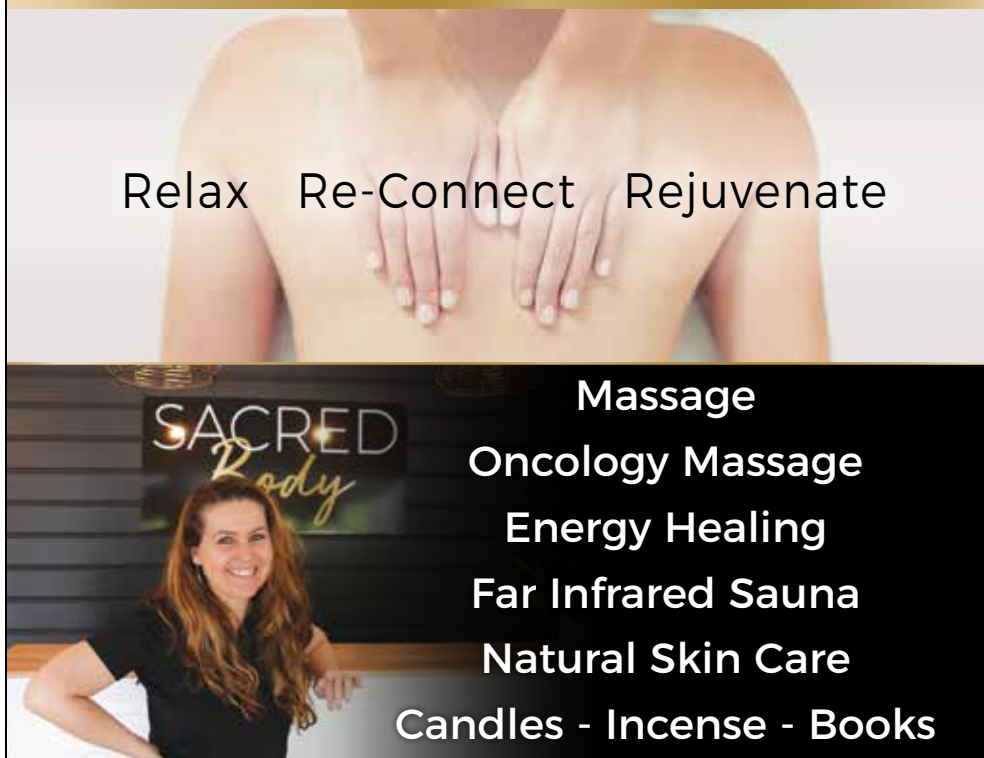
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Hunters and collectors out in force at Collectorama

IT'S time to mark your calendar for the next thrilling Collectorama Fair which will be held on Saturday May 29. The Nambour Showgrounds will be humming with the sound of hunters and collectors looking for nectar! The thrill is in the chase, stalking bargains and that 'eureka' moment when you hit gold!

"It's a confluence of eras at this giant fair," said organiser, Laurie Wall. "The vast amount of carefully amassed stock, when so many dealers converge here, puts your senses into overload. High end antiques rub shoulders with vintage, so all budgets are catered for and it's one of those places which always yields a great find."

"The items you buy take on even more significance when you get them home, installed into your world, admired, your own rare treasure!"

"And that's the joy of the fair. Finding those one off pieces which bubble to the surface, so nab that bargain when you see it!"

"Vintage style interior decorating is so cool and evidenced in many homes, cafés, bars, boutiques, and hip hotels," Laurie said. "It does look exciting, and the mix of con-

temporary and vintage works very well. Or all vintage.

"Some people go to great lengths to transpose a particular era over their entire lifestyle, accoutrements and vehicle. For instance the 1950's, Mid Century Modern, or the 1930's. Which is admirable, looks fun. For many collectors, it's a life's passion."

"The issue of recycling and up-cycling is important because we are such consumer creatures," she said. "Thank goodness for hunters and collectors, otherwise there'd be even more stuff contributing to pollution. Vintage items are preserved and loved, again and again."

Admission is \$6 each, there's food trucks and coffee vans, an ATM onsite, and no extra charge for parking.

"The Nambour Showgrounds is weather friendly and so easy to enjoy," said Laurie. "Small stall sites are available this time, as we are excited to be reopening upstairs and there's a brand new elevator to make life easy!"

• Enquiries Tom Wall on 0418 744887. Find us on Facebook /CollectoramaFair Instagram @collectoramafair

A Tale of Life and Death. And all for a great cause

THE beheadings of two of Henry VIII's six wives made the Tower of London famous. Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera "The Yeomen of the Guard" adds a different dimension to its fame. Part comedy, part tragedy, with some wildly funny scenes, and some beautiful musical moments, it is perhaps the most complex in the Gilbert & Sullivan repertoire.

Maleny Singers have chosen this production to open their first post-COVID season, and have dedicated all profits from the show to support the Rural Fire Service. Come along, be enthralled at the twists and turns in the plot, as much as by the magnificent music! Maleny Singers present "Yeomen of the Guard" at the Maleny Community Centre on 12, 13, 19 and 20 June. Tickets www.trybooking.com and search for "Yeomen of the Guard".



Calling all Buskers for the Maleny Show

THIS year, the Maleny Show Society is inviting young buskers to attend the show and entertain visitors with music.

"We are really keen to have school age buskers join us on both days on the entertainment oval," said Show Society Secretary, Lois White.

"This is not open to the general public, just school aged kids only."

"We felt it was a terrific opportunity for some of our exceptionally talented local young people to perform in front of a large audience."

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Art section exhibition replaces contest

THE Art Section of the always-exciting Sunshine Coast Show (Nambour Showgrounds, June 11-13), this year will be an exhibition, not a competition.

"Art plays a vital role in the health and well-being of society in general," said art steward Paul Musk, explaining the decision.

"If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter, for there will

always be greater and lesser persons than yourself".

"Those are just some of the wise words contained within the 'Desiderata', the actual origin of which is somewhat obscure," Paul said.

"Competition can be fun, but for every 'winner', it follows there will be disappointed 'losers'."

With that thought in mind organisers decided this year for a more relaxed artistic

atmosphere and to showcase the talent without the contest.

Further, Paul said the Exhibition would be opened at 6.30pm on June 9, by a prominent surprise guest.

"We hope that the Exhibition will be a salute to the passion and persistence of many of our local artists, both established and up-and-coming."

"This year, its all about inclusion," he said.

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Nambour Show gives insights into hinterland life

FOR the past 12 months the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show committee has been quietly working behind the scenes on one of the largest annual events on the Coast.

To be held from Friday to Sunday June 11-13 at Nambour Showgrounds the hard work is paying off with organisers expecting crowds of 25,000 over three days.

"The Show is on track for a bumper year," said Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society President Rowan O'Hara.

"Like any business, we have struggled on the back of a year of cancellations so we are hoping that the local community will get behind and give us the support we need in this, the Show's 115th year.

Apart from the obligatory ferris wheel, fireworks, woodchopping, competitions, animals, sideshow alley and showbags some of the more spectacular highlights at this year's event include Aussie FMX freestyle motorcross entertainment and the Eljay Freestyle Show featuring motorcycle, bicycle and comedy entertainment.

The Show will also play host this year to some of Australia's best Show Jumpers as they work through final preparations for a World Cup qualifying event.

"COVID Compliance is a major consideration for us and we ask the public to be patient," said Rowan.

"We have had to undertake some changes in the layout of the grounds in order to handle our expected crowds. And we are committed to delivering those traditional and unique Sunshine Coast Show experiences that the public and our exhibitors come back for year after year."

Educating the little patrons

It may be the more spectacular highlights that draw the crowds to the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show at Nambour Showgrounds. But



Chop, Chop! ... from left, Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society Office Manager Penny Daly, President Rowan O'Hara, former World Champion axeman Phil Campbell and Volunteer Tamzin Green can't wait for the Show to begin.

what keeps them coming back is the opportunity for families to get back in touch with nature, agriculture and to appreciate local offerings.

"It's a chance to get out into the fresh air and wander around taking in the livestock, handcrafts, cookery and arts in the pavilions past the numerous stalls," said Show Society Office Manager Penny Daly.

"If we can have children learning and being inspired by country life we're doing well. We really try and blend the hinterland and the coast because there's a whole other side to the region that people don't realise.

"It's really important to highlight the agricultural side and educate our

little patrons and allow them to get up close with goats, alpacas, hold a chook.

"You can finish the day by finding a picnic spot on 'The Green' and watch the bright and exciting Fireworks as you munch on something from our diverse food court.

"Our Showgrounds really are beautiful. They're lush and green and well set out. Here you can walk around the main ring and take everything in – the flow is natural and lovely."

"This year we'll also be catering for people with food allergies," said Penny. "There will be a more diverse range to cater for people with specific needs such as gluten free."

Woombye's Sunshine & Sons will be a highlight of our Show Cellar this year with their unique Gin, Vodka and Rum and we also welcome Amrita Park Meadery with their super smooth nectar from local bees."

Wood chopping, dogs and fireworks

The three most popular questions Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society Office Manager Penny Daly gets asked are "when is the wood chop on, can I bring my dog and what time are the fireworks".

"The best answer is go to the website," laughed Penny. "But to save people time I can answer now ...

You can only bring a dog if it's an assistance dog. The Wood chop is on Friday and Saturday from 9.30am all day. The Fireworks are at 8pm Friday and Saturday and 7pm Sunday."

"Wood chopping is not only popular at Nambour," said wood chopper of 45 years and former world champion axman Phil Campbell. "It's popular everywhere and in fact it's the second largest attraction at Sydney Royal Easter Show after the show bags."

Nambour is part of the show circuit that decides points for the year towards the Queensland Champion of Champions at the Brisbane Ekka. This year showgoers will be able to see current Standing Block World Champion Mitchell Argent and Double-Handed Sawing World Champion Jamie Head.

"It's an important show to come to," said Phil. "It brings all the best blokes here. It's also a great arena."

Penny agreed saying Nambour was an attractive venue for the big guns. "If you have a good steward you will tend to get a good field of competitors and we have a very good steward. "People sit in the grandstand and they can watch the wood chop in comfort and they can watch all the events in the main ring."



Phil Campbell in action.



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High time for a safety upgrade at notorious intersection

stories by Sunshine Coast Daily Reporter **Natalie Wynne**

LOU Kellie still struggles to remember the details of the crash that landed her in hospital. The long-term Palmwoods resident was left with a concussion, memory loss and migraines as a result of the horrific crash at the corner of Chevallum and Woombye Palmwoods roads.

"I went a bit hazy, the doctor at the hospital said I probably suffered a concussion without realising it," she said.

"That's why I'm missing patches of the memory of it."

Ms Kellie was driving from Nambour with her partner Grant and her 14-year-old daughter towards the rail bridge intersection when the trio was hit by another car in October 2020.

The car was a write off.

"I hit the brakes but it was too late," Ms Kellie said.

Ms Kellie was out of work for two months and took several attempts before she was able to cross the intersection again in a car.

She and her family have since moved to Nanango. She urged authorities to fix the intersection before someone was killed.

"Something needs to be done before someone is killed there," she said.

"Traffic has worsened considerably.



An aerial shot of the intersection. Photo Patrick Woods Sunshine Coast Daily.

What's the problem and who can fix it?

Possible solutions:

- Reduce speed limit along Woombye Palmwoods and Palmwoods Montville roads on approach to Palmwoods
- Introduce traffic calming devices on Margaret Street
- Install permanent pedestrian crossings and number recognition cameras on Margaret Street
- Install further mirrors at

the Chevallum Road intersection

- Move the railway line and bridge to the new alignment to redesign the intersection with lights or a roundabout

Who can fix it:

- Transport and Main Roads North Coast regional director Scott Whitaker

(scott.a.whitaker@tmr.qld.gov.au or 5451 7055)

• Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey (mark.bailey@ministerial.qld.gov.au or 3719 7300)

• Nicklin MP Robert Skelton (robert.skelton@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone 5406 4100)

Gazette backs the Daily's drive for road safety

Sunshine Coast Daily
PAVE THE WAY FOR
PALMWOODS

THE Sunshine Valley Gazette is proud to support the Sunshine Coast Daily's community campaign, Pave the Way for Palmwoods.

The campaign calls for urgent safety upgrades of dangerous intersections in the hinterland town.

Sparked by Palmwoods mum Jocelyn Anderson's petition and thanks to the relentless reporting of Daily journalist Natalie Wynne, Palmwoods businesses and residents have been given a voice. After a decade of

inaction and growing safety issues, that voice is finally being heard with the State Government announcing it will investigate traffic safety measures at several prominent intersections and look at lowering the speed limit in the main street.

This is a case study in determined and persistent reporting to support a community. The Gazette is proud to get behind the Daily's initiative.

Our thanks to Daily Editor Nadja Fleet who suggested cooperating on this issue in order to achieve a tangible outcome for the people of Palmwoods.

— **Cameron Outridge,**
editor Sunshine Valley Gazette

Petition attracts 1200 signatures

PALMWOODS mother of two Jocelyn Anderson is behind a petition urging the State Government to fix the intersection at Jubilee Drive, Chevallum Road and Margaret Street.

The petition launched in March also called for upgrades of the intersection of Churchill and Dunning streets onto Palmwoods-Montville Road.

It has attracted about 1200 signatures on change.org.au. But Ms Anderson said recently pleas for safety upgrades had "fallen on deaf ears".

"Unfortunately, I really seriously believe it will take a fatality before they actually decide that it's terrible," she said. The 38-year-old has

repeatedly sent requests to clarify who was responsible for the intersections to the Sunshine Coast Council and new local member Robert Skelton.

The two authorities repeatedly "passed the buck" until the Daily was able to clarify that any modifications to Woombye-Palmwoods Road, Chevallum Road and Margaret Street were under the control of the Main Roads and Transport Department.

The council only controls the side streets - Jubilee Drive, Churchill Street and Dunning Street.

"It's mind boggling, no one wants to take ownership," Ms Anderson said.

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State to investigate solutions

stories by Sunshine Coast Daily Reporter **Natalie Wynne**

THE State Government has begun to investigate short-term solutions to solve Palmwoods traffic woes.

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton met with Department of Transport and Main Roads north coast regional director Scott Whitaker and several of his staff last month to discuss potential solutions to the long-standing issues plaguing the growing area.

It comes after the Sunshine Coast Daily launched the Pave the way for Palmwoods campaign to fight for safety upgrades in the Hinterland town.

Mr Skelton who has lived in Palmwoods for two months said he understood the community's fears.

The new MP has been busy travelling the roads of his new electorate and speaking to residents to get to know the area better since he was elected last October.

"It (change) needs to happen, it's been a long time," he said.

Mr Skelton agrees with suggestions from residents that an increase in development had seen extra strain placed on the road network, something he's not too keen on.

"The roads are similar to what they've always had but you've now got pressure of thousands more people," he said.

"Personally I have a bit of a problem with some of the developments because they're one way in and one way out.



The rail bridge intersection in Palmwoods. It needs major work but who's going to pay?

"As a (former) emergency service person I think that's ridiculous and I don't like it.

"That's what makes those adjoining roads dangerous to come out of."

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey and the Department of Transport and Main Roads director-general Neil Scales have been briefed on the town's concerns during a meeting with Mr Skelton at Parliament House last week.

Mr Skelton acknowledged the rail bridge intersection at Chevallum and Woombye Palmwoods roads was a "sticky wicket".

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towards the North Coast rail duplication with the state contributing \$160 million.

A stalemate has been running for more than two years about which level of government should pay for the remaining \$230 million.

He said any sort of upgrades would rely on the duplication of the rail line.

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

"You can't really do anything to that bridge because it is the main north/south (line) and it would be out for weeks and the

state would be crippled."

Mr Skelton said a roundabout meant trucks would have to reroute and lights would mean traffic would be banked up during peak hours

"For every solution we're pondering there seems to be something else arising," he said.

Mr Skelton said the Government was looking at short-term solutions in the meantime, including lowering the speed limit, introducing speed bumps and installing pedestrian crossings.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will present a brief to Minister Mark Bailey in due course.

Funding war runs safety off the tracks in Palmwoods

A war of words has erupted over the notorious rail bridge junction in Palmwoods with the federal and state governments butting heads over funding needed to fix the intersection.

Calls for the upgrade of the Chevallum Road, Jubilee Drive, Margaret Street and Woombye Palmwoods Road intersection have been growing as the community banded together to demand urgent safety works in the hinterland town.

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

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

Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace has hit back, squarely labelling the issue as the state government's alone.

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"It's important to note that the federal government had no obligation to put any money towards the duplication," Mr Wallace said.

"The original cost of duplicating line from Beerburum to Landsborough was \$780 million and we went

to the state and said 'we would pay for half the cost and Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said that's not enough we want you to pay more'.

"Despite us not having obligation to pay anything."

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the Federal Government was aware of how important the rail line duplication was for the Sunshine Coast.

"I've raised the need to secure a long term funding commitment for the next stage of works with the Deputy Prime Minister," he said.

"Andrew Wallace can stop playing petty politics and start playing a positive part by knocking on doors in Canberra and hitting the phones to convince his own LNP colleagues down there not to forget the Sunshine Coast."

Mr Wallace says the next stage of the rail duplication was not even on the table yet.

"The Beerwah to Nambour (stage) is the most expensive stage," he said. "They can't talk about us not coming to the party as an excuse for that intersection being a debacle when they haven't even approached us with a plan. Do they want us to design the project as well as pay for it."

Mr Wallace has lived in nearby hinterland town Eudlo for 12 years and said he knew the intersections in Palmwoods well.

He said he had seen the Chevallum Road intersection become "more and more dangerous". "What has to happen before the state fixes it."

Top cop urges drivers to slow down, stop and obey traffic rules

DRIVERS ignoring a stop sign at a dangerous intersection in Palmwoods have been warned against their behaviour by the town's top cop after it was revealed 200 infringements had been issued in the area in the past year.

A total of 126 speeding offences were detected by officers stationed in the Palmwoods Queensland Police Service division from January 1 to December 31, in 2020.

Seventeen moving traffic offences were noted, 12 unregistered offences, eight drink driving and five disobey road signage.

Sergeant Kevin Crowley warned that the stop signs at the Chevallum Road,

Woombye Palmwoods Road and Jubilee Drive intersections should not be ignored.

He said cars turning left from those streets feel like they have good enough vision of oncoming cars to the right, therefore ignoring road rules as they pass the stop signs.

"More often than not that's the crashes that we get reported because they haven't stopped - they've looked but actually haven't seen," Sergeant Crowley said.

"If you're turning right from either of those stop signs (and) if you haven't stopped then you're just not driving well.

"You need to stop."

Sergeant Crowley said the Sunshine Coast road policing

unit sit at the offending intersections and 'write one (ticket) after the other'.

With the town's population growing exponentially and more development in the pipeline, the Sergeant is worried about the impacts on traffic.

"It (Palmwoods) might have been a good design 50 years ago but it's not good today," he said.

"It's really a poor design for the amount of traffic that we see, there's a lot of potential for crashes.

"With the rate of growth in the town it's just creating a lot more problems."

He's hoping the State Government will act and install traffic calming through the

town's main street as well as a reduced speed limit.

But the rail bridge intersection at Chevallum Road, Jubilee Drive and Woombye Palmwoods Road remains a main concern with no solution on the horizon.

"I've been told that nothing significant is going to happen with those intersections until the rail duplication is sorted," Sergeant Crowley said.

"Who knows when that's going to happen, how long is a piece of string?"

"I've been here for 10 years and I was told that in year one.

"I've been hearing it for ten years now and I expect I'll be hearing it again the whole time before I finish."

The officer says it's not just residents who have experienced near misses in the area.

"I nearly had a crash in my own car there (recently) coming out of Main Street turning right onto Margaret Street opposite the shops," Sergeant Crowley said.

"A car has pulled out of a car park, saw a break in the traffic but didn't take into account me coming out of Main Street and just pulled straight out - that just happens all the time.

"It's a 50 km/h limit through the middle of town here, realistically if you're doing 50 km/h around that bend you're going far too quickly and that's at almost any time of day."



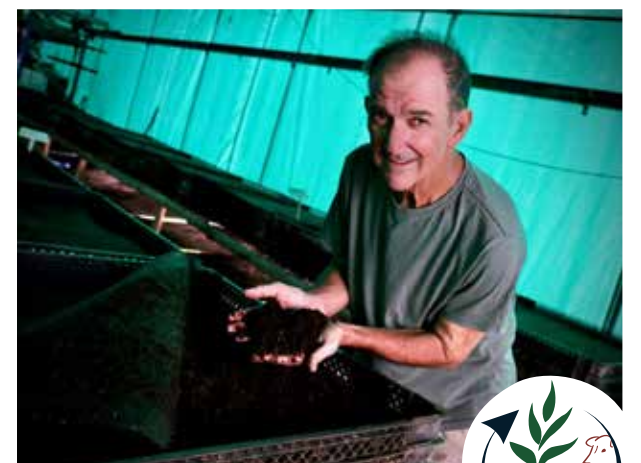
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This edition we're featuring cafes and restaurants, accommodation and weddings. Next edition we'll focus on galleries, retailers and professional services.

The feature comes hot on the heels of the town being named recently as a finalist in the Queensland Tourism Industry Council's Top Tourism Town Awards.

"Small business week is an opportunity to give a shout out to all our hinterlanders who Shop Local and support our amazing traders who are the backbone of the town," said Montville Chamber of Commerce President Shiralee Cooper.

"We have been so fortunate to have so many people head up to the hills rediscovering Montville and the hinterland helping our community weather this unpredictable pandemic."

As a volunteer incorporated association Ms Cooper said Montville Commerce's aim was to promote economic vitality and sustainability in Montville. "We like to create opportunities to deliver business and community growth, such as this Small Business Month Shop Local Campaign," she said.

"Our executive team brings a wealth of local knowledge, small

business experience and skills to the table to work for our members. The executives' experience and skills along with other key tourism business and individuals has seen us become a finalist in the QTIC Top Tourism Town Awards. The winner is announced on May 20."

Other projects/programs are the Chamber's Christmas Shopper Campaign and Festive Street Fair, Magic of a Montville Christmas Photography Competition, A Village Wedding Expo, Welcome to Montville Shopping Map as well as a Restaurant & Café Opening Times spreadsheet resource."

The Chamber also has just set the date for a Christmas in July event featuring shopping and markets, street entertainment and food stalls followed by a long table Christmas Dinner and Ball on 17 July from 3.30pm.

"While 2020 was a difficult year

we are on the bounce back, thanks to our 80 plus members and their ongoing support. We invite business owners to our general meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of every month."

Ms Cooper said the chamber held a variety of evening and breakfast networking meetings with topics ranging from educational to social. You can become a member and benefit from members' pricing.

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Here logs were "shot" down the mountain to be hauled away to sawmills in the Council area or in Brisbane. Land was selected as early as 1881, but the first settlers did not begin to arrive until the mid-1880s. Among the first settlers were the Smith brothers, Henry (Harry), Edward and Alfred.

As with nearby Mapleton, the new arrivals quickly discovered that the land was



suited to fruit orchards and oranges, lemons, mandarins, limes and strawberries, amongst other crops, were soon planted. A provisional school was established in 1896, indicating the settlement – originally called Razorback, but officially Montville – was slowly growing.

MONTVILLE CAFES, RESTAURANTS & FOOD BUSINESSES

Altitude on Montville

94-96 Main Street, Montville

Altitude on Montville is a unique development comprising luxury studio suites, two bedroom and three bedroom apartments with a stunningly picturesque hinterland backdrop. Celebrity Chef, Matt Golinski, is providing the inspiration for the restaurant, bar and function mezzanine which is the centrepiece for the innovative building design.

Chocolate Country

192 Main Street, Montville

At Chocolate Country we continue the ancient culinary traditions of chocolate-making and are proud to present our fantastic selection of superior quality hand-made chocolates. Embark on the sweetest journey ... truffles, chocolate bars, honeycomb and novelty gifts, all handcrafted onsite by passionate craftspeople.

Clouds Cafe Montville

166 Balmoral Road, Montville

Along with tea, coffee and meals we offer some of the best wines in the region. Whether you are staying at Clouds Montville, a local or just passing through Clouds Cafe Montville is a great spot to soak in what the Sunshine Coast Hinterland has to offer.

Elements at Montville

38 Kondalilla Falls Road, Montville

Elements at Montville is a destination not to miss.

Nestled in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland, our tearoom & café, interiors, gift and beauty store overlook the beautiful Kondalilla Falls Valley. It is the perfect location to relax, sit alone, or share with others.

Flaxton Gardens

313-327 Flaxton Drive, Flaxton

With the luxury of an award-winning wedding and events venue, Flaxton Gardens is a special occasions and events venue – whether a scenic destination high tea, special celebrations, school formal, a fly-in wedding proposal or a wedding celebration.

We are with you at every stage of life from baby shower to baby naming, graduation, to birthdays, engagement and wedding as well as celebrating a life well lived.

Kondalilla Restaurant

61 Kondalilla Falls Road Flaxton

Kondalilla Restaurant, offers vegetarian cuisine with a seafood and vegan influence, without sacrificing style and attention to detail. The focus is on the use of fresh, local ingredients with Native Bush Tucker influences to create a seasonal, modern menu. The restaurant is situated on the grounds of Kondalilla Eco Resort offering unparalleled peace and tranquility. Beautifully nestled among 20 acres it's a place for the heart to relax, revive and recharge. www.kondalilla.com

Fudgyboombahs

12/168 Main Street, Montville

No trip up the winding road to Montville is complete until you have paid a visit to Fudgyboombahs, the Home of Montville Fudge! There are dozens of new fudge recipes and most new ideas come from Fudgyboombahs customers. So eat up fudge fans! Open 7 days a week, right in the heart of the Main Street.

Little May Espresso

174 Main Street, Montville



Little May Espresso offers tasty, fresh food and specialty coffee served daily for breakfast and lunch and all things in between.

Mayfield Patisserie & Chocolates

127 Main Street, Montville

Mayfield Patisserie & Chocolates offers world class views, world class pastries and world class chocolates.

As you walk through the door, you will be immediately taken aback by the exquisite chocolates and amazing variety of handmade sweets, cakes and pastries. Everything is made on site by our very own patisserie chef/chocolatier, Bryan, who has over thirty years' experience in making fine chocolates and pastries.

Excellent coffee combined with quality pastries and chocolates makes Mayfield Patisserie and Chocolates a must do. 5478 5999

Montville Café, Bar & Grill

Main Street, Montville

Montville Café, Bar & Grill at the top end of town provides great food and a fantastic atmosphere. It's the perfect place to meet with friends.

Montville Coffee

20-22 Balmoral Road, Montville

Since establishing themselves as the first Fairtrade and Organic Coffee Roasters in Queensland, Montville Coffee's awareness of environmental and social issues has driven them to build a business that celebrates ethically and sustainably sourced and produced goods.

Montville Gourmet Bistro

202 Main Street, Montville

Affordable lunch or dinner with over 20 different pizzas and a selection of salads, pastas, meals & sides we've got you covered. Thirsty you say? Well why not have a cold beer or a glass of wine, soft drinks and juice also available. From Family Fridays to live music we cover it all. Come and dine in our new lounge. Open Tuesday – Sunday. From all the team at Montville Gourmet Bistro, we hope to see you soon!

Monty's of Montville

Shop 6, 171-183 Main Street, Montville

Monty's is a one-stop shop offering Queensland made and owned products only with 98% of all products locally made. We have jams, chutneys, relishes, oils, dukkah, dessert sauces and many other gourmet lines. Monty's sells gourmet handmade gelato/ice-cream and sorbet, available with our own recipe of gluten and dairy free cones which are made on site. Candy Addictions has returned to Montville. Come and see the team create delicious candies. Wholesale orders welcome.

Secrets on the Lake

207 Narrows Road, Montville

Secrets on the Lake is a peaceful

artistic haven uniquely different from anywhere else in the world! It's been featured on national television as 'the perfect romantic escape' and in the internationally acclaimed book '1001 Things to do Before You Die'.

The Edge Restaurant & Café

13/127 Main Street, Montville

Overlooking the whole of the Sunshine Coast! The Edge is the perfect place to relax and enjoy superb food and great wine, with spectacular ocean and mountain views. The Edge Restaurant offers modern, cafe style lunch, and great coffee. They are fully licensed.

The Long Apron

68 Balmoral Road, Montville

With a well-earned reputation for innovative dining experiences, The Long Apron is a Chef Hatted restaurant offering a taste of France in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Whether it's an intimate tasting menu for two or a group celebration, The Long Apron is sure to surprise and delight.

Wild Rocket @ Misty's Micro Brewery

142 Main Street, Montville

Wild Rocket @ Misty's is situated in one of the most historic buildings in Montville. Not only a great place to stop for a meal or some refreshment, Montville's iconic eatery and microbrewery is the perfect stage for your next party or event. Everything is made onsite, from beef sausages, breads, stock, sauces and even the jams and chutneys that are served with scones. Come in and see what we have to offer!

Montville *Love Local. Shop Local*



Steeped in truly accommodating traditions

HISTORICALLY, Montville became popular as a resort for the convalescent and tourists.

The Blackall Range was promoted as 'Queensland's Blue Mountains' and guest houses flocked to the area, especially Montville.

Guesthouses in the village in addition to Manjalda included 'Elston', 'Mayfield', 'Belvedere', 'Awatea' and 'The Lachlan'.

Indeed, it appears Montville had the highest number of guesthouses on the Blackall Range.

The village remains popular with tourists seeking a mountain retreat and the design of many of the buildings constructed in the second half of the twentieth century was

inspired by a European 'Alps' aesthetic (consonant with mountain villages).

You will find a pleasant blend of Tudor, Irish and English cottages of log or stone, Swiss and Bavarian chalets, an old mill water-wheel, colonial and old Queenslanders and of course, one of the most spectacular and panoramic views over a coastal plain you could find in Australia.

Montville also developed as an arts and craft destination, particularly with the establishment of the Montville Pottery in the mid-60s and the De Lisle Gallery in the 70s.

Montville has a true village charm offering every reason for locals and visitors to shop here.

MONTVILLE ACCOMMODATION

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Clouds Eco Resort

166 Balmoral Road, Montville

Clouds Montville Cottages and Serviced Apartments are set on five acres of beautiful parklands overlooking Queensland's Sunshine Coast! Our cottages and services apartments are located in the heart of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

Eden Lodge B&B

97 Flaxton Drive, Mapleton

Our wish is to create a comfortable, relaxing environment where all guests can enjoy their stay in and around our home. There are 3 queen size Lodge Rooms plus a Garden Cottage that sleeps 3. Continental and cooked breakfasts are available.

Kondalilla Eco Resort

61 Kondalilla Falls Road Flaxton

Beautifully nestled among 20 acres of abundant Sunshine

Come stay a while

THERE are many facets to Montville' allure and success as a tourism destination. Foremost amongst these is a superb array of top-ranked boutique accommodations. Some new and modern. Others in magnificent heritage timber.

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in-cottage massage.

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Relish fabulous breakfast produce. Sample local cheeses, wines and artisan made treats.

But, most of all, experience Montville's fabled accommodation service. It's the finest in Australia.

Coast Hinterland. A place for the heart to relax, revive & recharge.

Lovestone Cottages, Montville

318 Western Avenue, Montville, Qld, 4560

Three luxury cottages with stunning views of Lake Baroon and rainforest escarpment. Wood fireplace, jet spas, outdoor balcony with bars, fully self-contained kitchenette.

Montagues of Montville

77 Kondalilla Falls Road,

Montville Two luxury self-contained Cottages for couples only. Set in the rainforest adjoining the beautiful Kondalilla Falls National Park, our two boutique style luxury cottages offer a rare opportunity to relax and unwind in peace and tranquillity on nature's doorstep.

Mitta Glen Guesthouse

449 Flaxton Drive, Flaxton

Privately owned home with 3 newly refurbished guest suites. The property is set high on the Range in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland right next to the iconic Barn Café, the original working barn for the pineapple plantation.

Mapleton Falls Accommodation

52 Mapleton Falls Road

Mapleton Four Boutique Holiday Apartments looking out on to the Obi Obi Valley. We also rent and lease an additional Farm House across the road for holidayers. This extends the capacity to 24 guests making it a great spot for large groups.

Montville Country Cabins

396 Western Avenue, Montville

Set amongst lush gardens and picturesque backdrops, it is the perfect location for a romantic getaway. Our fully self-contained cabins have crackling wood fires, double spas and private balconies. Montville Country Cabins is also home to The Barn, a delightful function venue. Ask us about our affordable Wedding Packages!

Montville Mountain Inn

118 Main Street, Montville

Tudor style architecturally designed, the Montville Mountain Inn Resort is a 26 suite motel style resort featuring the Montville Café Bar & Grill right door, salt water swimming pool, full size wind protected tennis court, barbecue area, all set amongst our lush sub-tropical gardens, which are surrounded by ageless rainforest.

Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat

78 Narrows Road Montville

Six exclusive villas, secluded in the pristine rainforest on the edge of Kondalilla National Park. We have designed the space especially for you. All the little details have been taken care of so that you can relax and enjoy the moment. Unwind by the crackling log fire, soak in a spa made for two as you gaze out at the tree canopy above.

Polehouse Lodge

272-274 Flaxton Drive, Flaxton

Spacious 5 bedroom Polehouse, accommodating 10-12 people. Full kitchen, laundry, 3 bathrooms. Tucked away on a small, certified organic avocado orchid. Excellent value for groups and families.

Overlooking a large, natural walkway.

Spicers Clovelly Estate

68 Balmoral Road, Montville

Set in the rainforest adjoining the beautiful Kondalilla Falls National Park, our two boutique style luxury cottages offer a rare opportunity to relax and unwind in peace and tranquillity on nature's doorstep.

The Avenue Montville

313 Western Avenue, Montville

The Avenue offers guests a luxury experience in a spacious, self-contained cottage close to Montville Village.

The Country House at Hunchy

813 Huncy Road

Special: stay for 3, Pay for 2 and enjoy a Staycation in True 5 Star Luxury. The Country House at Hunchy is a modern Queenslander designed to accommodate 2 couples in 2 spacious King Spa Suites. Guests enjoy an exclusive, serene and secluded hideaway nestled in twelve acres of pristine Rainforest with memorable views to the Coast, the adjacent Blackall Range and surrounding Rainforest Valley. Look for the Sunshine Coast Special Deals page at www.queensland.com.au and Book Direct. Phone 5478 5895.

The Falls Montville

20 Kondalilla Falls Rd, Montville

Nestled near rainforest and adjacent to lush, rolling hills, our accommodation is private, secluded and an idyllic retreat for those seeking relaxation in luxury surrounds. Your own cosy cottage to share and enjoy!

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Treetops Seaview Montville

130 Main Street, Montville 1800

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Luke O'Keefe started at the club 16 years ago as a 14-year-old apprentice greenkeeper and today, he is the Bar Manager.

Luke works way up to manage bar at Mooloolah Country Club

LIKE many businesses in the hospitality industry, last year was a tough one for the Mooloolah Valley Country Club.

"Although we took the period of closure as an opportunity to repaint and install a new kitchen, we are really just starting to make up for lost time," said owner, Marc Poulus. "We are incredibly grateful for our close and loyal community here at Mooloolah Valley. They have been extremely supportive."

The loyalty factor certainly cuts both ways and the Club employs locals as a priority, and uses local suppliers for their meat and fresh produce. "This is important to us and we are pretty chuffed that we have very recently appointed local, Luke O'Keefe as our Bar Manager. Sixteen years ago he started as a 14 year old apprentice greenkeeper, and today, he is our Bar Man-

ager. His entire family are wonderful supporters of our Club."

In keeping with the theme of family and community, the Club is well placed to host regular events that patrons have come to love.

"We are fortunate that our Club has the parking, space and capacity to have up to 376 people here without an extended permit," Marc said. "This means we can have functions and weddings, live music on the 3rd weekend of every month and Jackpot Bowls every Friday afternoon. People love the bowls because they have the opportunity to win \$1,000. In the past we have hosted car shows, family fun days and we also have Pig Races, which raise money for EndED. This year the Pig Races will be held on the 8th of May."

It seems that now Coast

residents are also discovering the Club and it is being more frequently patronized by people from all around the Coast. "We are finding that people from Aura, Little Mountain, Caloundra and Maroochydore are coming to experience our Club because it is basically a short drive and a particularly family friendly venue," Marc said. "It has a very different, country vibe to Clubs and dining venues on the Coast and people are really enjoying it."

"I think people love to come together in this relaxed place where the kids can run around and safely play, and people can connect with family and friends or community, and in some cases, help to raise money for worthy causes. It's a great spot to be."

• Mooloolah Valley Country Club 129 Connection Rd, Glenview, Phone 5494 5973.

'Good relationships the key to business'

REAL Estate is a different world from retail, but for Woombye agent, David Gaskin, there are many parallels.

"Our family owned the Woombye newsagency for many years from 1984 and we had a chain of 50 newsagencies down the East coast," David said. "As anyone in retail knows, relationships with customers and developing the ability to deal with people from all walks of life is so important. The same applies to the real estate industry. Perhaps even more so, because selling the family home can be a deeply emotional process for many people. Adaptability and patience are prerequisites in both industries, that's for sure."

After spending many years working in the newsagency business with his family, David felt it was time to come home to Woombye.

"I have always loved this place and wanted my two kids to experience life here," David said. "I knew that coming into Real Estate it would be competitive and that it can take a while to get established. Certainly, the huge interest in property in this area has probably taken everyone a bit by surprise. But then, it is an incredibly beautiful place to live."

David has spent the past four years in real estate and in that time has become one of the most trusted agents in the region. In 2020, he was recognised with a Century 21 Masters Sales award.

"I have always been someone who goes the extra mile, so I am very conscious of making personal touches



David Gaskin of Century 21 Living Local. Phone 0405 258 765.

that my clients might never even know about so that they have the best experience. The enjoyment my clients get when they take over a property is such a buzz. I will never forget the time I met a buyer at their new home for settlement and while the formalities were taking place, I could hear their kids jumping in the pool. They couldn't wait to go for a swim.

"Sometimes I deal with people who unexpectedly

have to sell their home to move away or into retirement or high care accommodation and it is incredibly difficult and emotional for them. Real Estate agents are not always held in the highest regard and I like to humanize what is otherwise a challenging experience for them. I guess I treat people the way I would like to be treated. You can't go too far wrong if you operate that way, in my experience."

Are you struggling with gut issues? Colon Hydrotherapy may help

AFTER working as an Anaesthetic Technician in theatres around Brisbane for many years, Rachel Kienzle became fascinated by the prevalence of gut issues that have become increasingly common.

"I spent a great deal of my time in operating theatres and assisted in many colonoscopies," Rachel said. "When I started to experience gut issues myself, I was motivated to learn more about the importance of gut function to overall good health. During the course of this learning, I discovered colon hydrotherapy."

Colon Hydrotherapy or Colon irrigation is a treatment for maintaining a healthy and functioning bowel. The treatment involves the safe and gentle introduction of warm filtered water into the colon via the rectum.

"As I got deeper into this field, I could see there was an opportunity for me to help people who are struggling with these issues," said Rachel. "I completed my training in Melbourne at the Australian Colon Health Institute and have since become a registered member of the Global Professional Association for Colon Therapy (GPAC)."



Rachel Kienzle ... The way to enjoy great health is via a healthy gut.

Since opening her Aqueous Colon Therapy business in Montville, Rachel has been able to educate her clients about various aspects of gut and digestive health. "There is no doubt that stress, diet and lifestyle all have an enormous impact on the function of the digestive system," said Rachel.

Rachel operates a closed system, and stays with her clients for the duration of their session. "You would be surprised at how much stress people hold in their gut. It is common for my clients to talk to me about their lives during their session and they overwhelmingly report to me that they feel 'lighter' and a lot better in themselves, following a session.

"I have also looked after

people on the recommendation of their gastroenterologist, prior to a colonoscopy. They have reported to me that their experience of the preparation for the colonoscopy was far less aggressive than without the session with me."

Colon Hydrotherapy is a safe alternative approach to alleviate symptoms of constipation and diarrhea, gut parasites and bloating.

"I have also set up a Healthy Gut shop in my clinic, where I stock products which specifically support good gut health," Rachel said. "All of my products are Australian made, and they include gentle, natural detox products and enemas that can be self administered at home."

"I suspect that because this has become such an incredibly common issue, people are less embarrassed about talking about it, and they are genuinely looking for safe and gentle ways to alleviate symptoms and enjoy better gut and digestive health."

"At the end of the day, the way to enjoy great health, energy and vitality is via a healthy gut. We just don't work very well without one."

• Aqueous Colon Therapy, 182 Main St, Montville, Phone 0409 761 464.

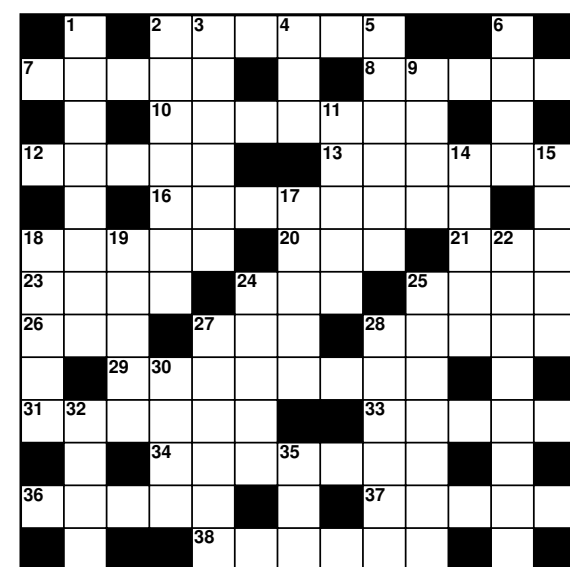
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255 Corks Pocket Road, Reesville

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Peace and tranquillity greet you as you arrive home to 255 Corks Pocket Rd, Reesville. This 28-year-old home, built and owned by a local Maleny builder, sits beautifully in the natural bush setting on just over 1 acre and only 10 mins to the heart of Maleny. The home is perfect for your peaceful bush retreat and

the young members of the family have not been forgotten with terraced grassed areas ready for the trampoline and swings! The outside space is just begging to be planted with fruit, vegetables, herbs and natives and the positions for a chicken coop are endless.

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1657 Maleny Kenilworth Road, Conondale

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This lovingly built home is just 15 years young and is looking for a new family to enjoy all its special features. Perfectly positioned to enjoy the rural views and the northern winter sun, this home has been designed to truly enjoy the outdoors. With a large wraparound verandah and landscaped gardens, there is always a place to enjoy a quiet morning coffee or a cool drink in the evenings. The home is perfect for both growing families and couples, and absolutely everything has been thought of throughout the design and build.

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1593 Maleny Kenilworth Road, Conondale

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Nestled in ever-growing Conondale, just 18 minutes from the township of Maleny, and just 20 minutes to Kenilworth, is this low-set brick home with separate studio shed. Solidly built and well maintained, there is opportunity here to add your personal touches. Offering a delightful northerly rural aspect; a property of this calibre does not come along often. With a mostly flat acre and a half, even the rowdiest members of the family will have space to run. There are some established gardens; but plenty of room to start planting now and build your sustainable life.

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121 Gardners Lane, North Maleny

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Gardners Lane in North Maleny is the highly desirable location for this family home. Situated on a 4000m2 block, this home is ready for its new owners to capitalise on location and make this home their own. With the established gardens, vegetable patch and Chicken run; this home is perfect for the family to grow your own produce and maybe even a little extra for a farm gate store.

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The recent addition of a 2nd outdoor area ensures there's plenty of room to entertain.

The home features high ceilings throughout, open plan living and best of all there is nothing to do but move in and enjoy.

The kitchen is light and bright and features modern appliances and stone benchtops.

There is ample room for a swimming pool. The corner lot has double the normal street frontage, ideal for tradies or those who have a boat, trailer, or caravan.

Other features include air conditioning, genuine Crimsafe security, and a 21 panel, 6.5 kilowatt Australian made solar system.

15 minutes' drive to Mudjimba beach and Maroochydore airport. Less than 5 minutes to the Bli Bli shopping centre and golf course.

If you are an investor, the owners are prepared to rent back for an agreed period of time.

• Contact Steve Perry, Remax Nambour 0418 711 955



Megan joins the RE/MAX team

RE/MAX Nambour last week welcomed Megan Manly to the team. Megan has joined Team Richard Krausz, also pictured, to list and sell properties and help clients achieve outstanding results.

Megan brings a wealth of experience to the RE/MAX team with a strong background in hospitality and finance, as well as founding and operating her own direct sales business. "I've always been passionate about property, buying, selling, renovating and styling," said Megan. "The property market affects everyone - we all need somewhere to live, whether as a tenant or an owner, and having the opportunity to help connect people with their perfect property makes this the most exciting industry to be a part of."



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Rural views from the deck

Agent's Choice

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\$725,000

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With a large wraparound verandah and landscaped gardens, there is always a place to enjoy a quiet morning coffee or a cool drink in the evenings.

The home is perfect for both growing families and couples, and absolutely everything has been thought of throughout the design and build.

From the solid home construction to take in the view, the 8.2Kw solar system, 3 phase power, large shed and carport, vegie patch, chicken coop and landscaped gardens, this home is ready to be lived in!

• Contact Sales Agent Rodney Millett on 0477 702 073 rodney@malenyrealestate.com



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Niece's gifts of books honour pioneering Maleny WW1 veteran

MORE than 100 years have passed but Jill Lillingstone is determined to ensure the memory of diggers who made the supreme sacrifice are never forgotten.

Jill's Uncle, Maleny digger Tom Lillingstone left Australia days after he married in 1916, and died in the "Bloody Battle of Passchendaele" October 1917. Tom was the son of well known Maleny pioneer, the Oxford educated William Hammond Lillingstone who built the school on land he selected in 1887 and was school master for 22 years.

Tom refused to fire a weapon and served instead on the frontlines as a medic. "I have letters from Tom's war mates at the time of his death, and army documents," Jill said. "There's a postcard from his pocket, signed by the shell that killed him. I even have the dinner fork he used in the trenches. Tom was one of thousands of Australians who died overseas at this time and throughout my life I've worked to ensure accurate details are gathered, retained and passed on. Information is from family records and national archives, all serving to preserve this important part of history."

Jill is promoting an initiative to present books to schools, perhaps in lieu of laying a wreath at monuments, to remember our fallen soldiers. Maleny has garnered interstate interest in the initiative and while not unique to Maleny other RSLs have requested details, including Melbourne.

"Tom is remembered on Maleny's RSL WW1 Honour Board, and in the "Walk of Remembrance". Given his strong interest in education, it's fitting that 104 years on, he can still help contribute to children's learning in this way. "This does not have to replace traditional Cenotaph remembrances, and will not suit everyone,

but it is gaining popularity," said Jill. "It encourages children to take a greater interest, brings added meaning to war remembrances and involves the community".

Maleny's RSL Chris Brooker said: "I am not sure of the origins, but Maleny RSL have promoted this type of tribute for many years."

"Basically, on ANZAC Day, we encourage community groups and individuals to lay a book tribute instead of wreath at the Cenotaph. The organization or individual arranges for a tribute to be inscribed in the front cover eg "Donated to Maleny High School by Rotary Club of Maleny, ANZAC Day 2021". The books are wrapped and the name of the recipient written on the wrapping to ensure books go to the intended recipient without unwrapping," he said. "The books can be directed to any organization (school, hospital, nursing home) that requires them and are usually organized beforehand to ensure the recipient knows they are coming, are appropriate and not duplicated".

On Wednesday 21st April Jill Lillingstone presented "Fighting on the Home Front, The Legacy of Women in WW1" to Maleny High at the Cenotaph. The book's Author, Kate Adie OBE, former BBC's chief news correspondent, reported from war zones around the world. "While whole streets of men disappeared to fight, women at home were counted on as never before or there would be no victory. Princesses to parlour maids stepped away from their formal roles to take on the needs of the country," Ms Adie said. Jill feels that today's youth is largely unaware of how Australia's everyday life was affected by wars when, despite grief and hardship, women had to not only carry on but do men's work too, ploughing fields, mending fences, and in industry.



Jill Lillingstone, second from left, presented "Fighting on the Home Front, The Legacy of Women in WW1" to Maleny High at the Cenotaph. Below: Tom Lillingstone.



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Burnside Volleyballers victorious at Aussie Titles

LAST weekend six Burnside State High School Volleyballers compete in the first Australian Beach Schools Volleyball Cup at Coolangatta. The inaugural national event drew 97 teams competing over three days on 12 courts. Burnside SHS was represented by two teams competing in senior girls pairs and senior boys 4s.

Shanaya Twist and Amy Dooley played in the Senior Girls Pairs and finished 12th out of 24 teams. The Senior Boys Fours team, consisting of Matt Schilf, Peter Daffey, Dylan Webbe and Zane Sara went on to win Gold making them Australian Champions in their Division. Terry Moore and Hayley Shillig gave up their weekend to look after the teams.



Nambour Netball season begins in sea of colour

THERE was plenty of colour as Nambour & Districts Netball Association celebrated the opening of their 2021 netball season with the annual march past recently.

Players donned streamers, ribbons, hairspray, costumes and danced around the courts displaying banners, dancing and acrobats in colourful waves.

Special judges from Sunshine Coast Lightning Karla Pretorius and Cara Koenen were there to judge and present the awards. After much deliberation the difficult decisions were made:

- Chevallum Branch won 'Best Marching'
- Palmwoods Branch took out 'Best Dressed'
- The vocal Mapleton Branch sung



their way to 'Best Chant'

The NDNA 2021 netball season is now officially open.

For further information email: info@nambournetball.com.au or see website: www.nambour.qld.netball.com.au

Free tree Day at Mapleton, Yandina

David Law
Division 10 Councillor
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On Friday 14 May from 11am-2pm in Mapleton and Tuesday 15 June from 9am-noon at Yandina I will be holding free tree days and also Councillor drop-in sessions. Come down and grab some seedlings and shrubs and you're also welcome to provide myself with any council feedback. Please see my Facebook page for full details closer to the day.

All aboard for tram open day

It's time to pack your bags and head to the community open day of the Nambour Tramway Terminus this Friday 14 May from noon-3.30pm at 28 Mill St, Nambour. I've been fortunate to tour the facility many times, and each time I have been thoroughly impressed with the contemporary design. Now's your chance to check it out for yourself.

Innovations like this are critical to supporting our local economy and proof of what can be achieved when a passionate group of locals commits to contributing to Nambour's future viability, supported by council and the Australian Government.

Good luck Ryan!

Did you know we have our very own Olympian right here in Division 10? Ryan Tyack, of Mapleton, is a Rio Bronze medallist and the archer is preparing to jet off to the Tokyo Olympics in a matter of weeks. Good luck Ryan, the whole of the Sunshine Coast and Australia will be cheering you on in your quest for gold.

Nambour mural

Have you noticed vibrant new colours starting to appear out the front of the Nambour library and council building? Talented Sunshine Coast artist Alison Mooney is creating a mural and will be connecting the space to nature with abstract compositions of native flora including the town namesake, the Namba Tree, also known as the bottle brush (*Callistemon Viminalis*).

Council will transform the forecourt over coming weeks by introducing more shade, art and infrastructure to create a more user-friendly space. We want to create a space that provides opportunities for people to relax, have fun and socialise.

Tramway Open Day is here at last

Ted O'Brien
Federal Member for Fairfax
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I hope to see you at the long-awaited opening of the Nambour Tramway Terminus on Friday 14th May from 12pm - 3.30pm. Community members are welcome to attend the event to be held at 28 Mill St, Nambour. Stage 1 has been part-funded by a \$500,000 Federal Government grant. Plans are underway for Stage 2 to connect Nambour Station to the Showgrounds.

New Nambour premises unveiled for Compass

I was delighted to be at the opening of Compass's new facility at C-Square last week. This means we now have a new cutting-edge learning and development centre in the heart of Nambour for young people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Compass has exciting plans for the new C-Square facility which include a new social enterprise retail store, market stalls, art, music and other performance events so that they can provide retail traineeships and vocational training opportunities to their clients. If you are interested in getting involved, please visit www.compassinc.org.au or contact 5445 9116.

Powering Communities Grants now open

Does a community organisation you're involved with need help to reduce their energy costs?

Expressions of Interest are now open for the Powering Communities Grants Program which provides grants of between \$5,000 and \$12,000 to help community groups save energy, reduce carbon emissions and cut power bills. The grants can be used to install solar energy systems or to replace energy using equipment like lighting and air conditioning with new, more efficient equipment.

Please check my website www.tedobrien.com.au for the eligibility criteria and information on how to submit an EOI, or contact my office for more information. EOIs must be received by 28th May 2021.

Now you can enjoy a picnic at Porters Park

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



Local families will be able to enjoy an afternoon picnic while little legs run wild at Porters Farm Park in Maleny. I am happy to advise that the installation of two new picnic tables and chairs have been completed after we replaced the existing settings. Great work and many thanks to all involved.

Sealed and delivered

Have you driven along Kings Road in Mooloolah Valley recently? It's got a fresh smooth feel after the recent reseal works completed. Thank you for your patience while we delivered this fantastic improvement for all road users.

Road closure delays

Keeping with roads, the improvement works on Tunnel Ridge Road have been progressing within stage 1, however works are behind schedule due to unsuitable clay site conditions and the recent wet weather. The construction crews have minimised these impacts as much as possible by bringing forward and completing works that were planned for stage 2. The temporary road closure will be in place until 4 June, weather and site conditions permitting. I apologise for the inconvenience the extended closure may cause and appreciate your patience.

Maleny Show day

You'll need to pop this one in the diary, Friday 28 May, is the Maleny Annual Show public holiday for residents in the southern end of our region. Enjoy two days, Friday and Saturday 28-29 May of the Hinterland's premier Agricultural Show which has been running for almost 100 years.

Have your say on the Sunshine Coast's public transport future

Your feedback will help us decide on the best public transport options for our region.

We know we need sustainable and efficient options that can move us around quickly as our population grows and protect our local lifestyle and environment too. We are considering a range of options, and we want to know your thoughts. Visit council's website for details on engagement activities and to have your say on public transport options before June 22.

Small Business Awards nominations open

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



Also known as the Glassies, the Glass House Small Business Awards are about to kick into gear for another year. From the 18th May - 1st June you will have the opportunity to let local small businesses and employees know just how much they mean to you by nominating them for a small business award on my website. The Glass House electorate has very few commercial shopping centres. Instead, all of our businesses are run by locals - usually mums and dads. They are the true legends in our communities. There will be four regions to nominate and eventually vote in - Montville Region, Maleny Region, Glasshouse Region and the Moreton Bay Region which takes in the southern end of the electorate. Nominations can be made at <https://andrewpowell.com.au/>

STAS Petition Update

You may have heard about my petition calling on a statewide review of the STAS (Queensland School Transport Assistance Scheme) policy which is leaving many kids without subsidised public transport to their closest school. The petition closed on April 30, with 610 signatures requesting STAS is redesigned to create a more flexible transport scheme that aligns with the expectations of the Department, parents and students. The next step is to see how the Transport Minister responds. I hope he agrees to have the Queensland Audit Office or another independent third party conduct the review.

Addressing Youth Crime in Parliament

Queensland Parliament recently passed the Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The LNP did not oppose its passing. However, we are not convinced it will achieve any improvements nor address the fear and pain the Government have created through their ham-fisted management of youth justice in this state. If you are interested in learning more about the new laws, please watch my contribution to the debate on Facebook or contact my office for a copy of my speech.

We need to remain vigilant

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



The recent case of community transmission in NSW highlights the fact we all still need to be vigilant when it comes to our personal hygiene and social distancing.

I ask everyone to play their part in ensuring the health and safety of one another.

Maintaining the recommended 1.5m between yourself and others is an essential part of this. Additionally, keeping good personal hygiene is a must.

Wash your hands with soap regularly and try to steer clear from touching your face, shaking hands or giving hugs.

We need to take all advice seriously and look after the vulnerable in our community.

If you have been to any of the exposure sites listed by NSW health or have any symptoms at all, call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to book in and get tested.

Cooroy Adventure Playground

Last week I joined Noosa Mayor Clare Stewart and Councillors Tom Wegener and Karen Finzel to turn the sod on the new all-abilities Adventure Playground in Cooroy.

The \$4 million project, jointly funded by the Queensland Government and Noosa Council, will include a double flying fox, climbing tower and slide, and a replicated creek water play area.

The design will complement the existing natural beauty of the Cooroy creek site to be an inclusive community space, with extra parking and an amenities block included with the overall project.

Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy

I had the pleasure of visiting Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy in Burnside last week to see the sign I helped sponsor.

The charity provides evidence-based speech therapy programs to address the motor speech deficits associated with Parkinson's.

They are currently auctioning some magnificent handmade teddy bears over the next few weeks to help fundraise for their charity, you can get involved and learn more here: www.rhtherapy.org.au



A black swan in water amongst reeds... bread is processed for people, not for animals.

Bread a no-no for birdlife

OUR WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline often receives calls which serve as a reminder on what not to do with wildlife. We can protect our wildlife in many simple ways. These are usually simple preventative measures.

A major problem with our native animals is the feeding of bread. Councils have signs around which are often ignored, to the detriment of wildlife health. If one person breaks up a slice of bread and feeds it to a flock of water or land birds, then it wouldn't do long term damage. Unfortunately, there may be many people throwing bread out to native animals during the course of each day. This is a major issue.

When bread is thrown out into the water, it sinks and pollutes the waterways. When scattered on the land it may become mouldy and toxic. Whether it is plain white or multigrain the nutritional value is similar. (Organic, preservative-free bread may be a little healthier but is still not advisable as nourishment.) It all boils down to the fact that bread is processed for people, not for animals. Check out the animals' native diet and gather that for them. It could lead to some fascinating activities!

WILVOS do receive calls about many species that suffer major, often fatal, health issues due to the feeding of bread. If we fill them up with bread, wildlife will not go and forage for the nutritious native foods that make them strong and healthy. We can all make a difference to wildlife health.

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Always a plan, never a dollar

Jeffrey Addison
Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



The Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Project has been in the news last week, mostly for all the wrong reasons.

Public consultation has opened and you have until June 22 to 'have your say.'

Just Google (or Duck Duck Go) Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Project - Sunshine Coast Council.

I congratulate the Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) for taking on the State Government's transport responsibility and initiating the plans.

Someone's got to do it.

It should be noted the Council's Mass Transit 'strategic' plan incorporates upgrading the heavy rail line from Beerwah to Nambour, adding a heavy rail line from Beerwah to Maroochydore (via the CAMCOS corridor), includes an improved high frequency bus network to other key destinations such as the hinterland, and notes an improved network of feeder buses, park'n'rides and active transport connections.

I just hope that they're aware that the state will require their pound of fiscal flesh, as seen with the light-rail funding for the Gold Coast (GC).

The third stage of GC light rail comprises a federal commitment of \$395.6 million, a state commitment of around \$548.5 million and a Local Government commitment of \$91.5 million.

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This is where one of my main concerns lie, the severe cost of the infrastructure per km and its record of construction cost explosions - as occurred in Sydney and on the Gold Coast.

The SC Mass Transit report has sparked political controversy and 'not in my back-yard' angst.

It was originally touted as a Light-Rail plan. Then, after not wanting to be seen to favour one transport system, the all-encompassing Mass Transit moniker was created.

The Council draft document titled 'Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Draft Options Analysis April 2021' is a 358-page assessment.

I must confess that at the time of writing I have not read through it all - but I will. Because it will surely contain lots of public transport relevant information and data on the growth that our beautiful region is experiencing.

This growth has been forced upon us by the state, but more people keep happening (including in my household) and they all need to live somewhere and travel.

The downside to this is that, to date, the State has not provided the public transport that our burgeoning region requires.

Instead we get road upgrades to the Bruce Highway, expanding it from 4 lanes to 6.

I'm not sure if anyone can say when the lane expansions may end, but clearly we can't keep building more lanes.

NO ONE has promised ANY FUNDING for a Sunshine Coast mass transit system or CAMCOS.

The only consolations to anyone protesting light-rail are these:

NO ONE has promised ANY FUNDING for a Sunshine Coast mass transit system or CAMCOS.

There's nothing from Mark Bailey via the Palaszczuk Govt despite his public approval of a light-rail solution.

There's nothing from the Federal government for Sunshine Coast mass transit or CAMCOS.

There's nothing from the State Opposition for mass transit or CAMCOS.

Politically, nothing has changed.

Always a plan, never a dollar.

Reconciliation Week event

THE Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group has organised their annual Aunty Betty Memorial Walk for 2021 in Buderim, at Buderim Forest Park.

Aunty Betty was Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group patron and we honour her life and work each year at this time.

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