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## Family's little miracle

Nambour mum Tia Bridge spent Mother's Day with her miracle baby Chelsea after lifesaving surgery performed while the little one was still in the womb. Photo Peter Wallis. STORY PAGE 2.

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Nambour mum Tia Bridge with her "miracle baby" Chelsea... "Chelsea is the bravest person I have met. I love her to bits."



Chelsea was born at just 25 weeks' gestation weighing 635g.



Lachlan, Toby, Tia & Chelsea Bridge spent Mother's Day together.

## Surgery in the womb saves tiny Chelsea's life

A surgeon at Mater Mothers' Hospital in Brisbane has saved a tiny Nambour twin baby girl's life after operating on her while she was still in her mum's womb.

Nambour mum Ti Bridge spent Mother's Day with her toddler son Lachlan and her miracle baby Chelsea by her side – a bitter-sweet day without Chelsea's twin sister, Imogen.

Imogen, who sadly passed away before birth, was Chelsea's identical sister. They were diagnosed with rare twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome (TTTS), a life-threatening condition where both babies share one placenta.

In a bid to save both babies at just 18 weeks into Tia's pregnancy, Mater Maternal Fetal Medicine's Professor Sailesh Kumar performed a complex, minimally-invasive surgery known as Fetoscopic Laser Photocoagulation (FLP) – using a fetoscope to locate the abnormal blood vessel connections between the babies on the surface of the placenta and then sealing them using a laser.

The laser ablation stops the abnormal blood transfusion between the twins, and can be curative.

Prof Kumar said that without FLP neither of the siblings would have survived. About 20 FLP surgeries are performed each year in Queensland, and it is a known risk that losing one or even both twins after laser surgery is possible.

"There are risks to the procedure including the possibility of demise

of both babies. However, parents are always counselled that there is a more than 80 per cent chance that at least one twin will survive," he said.

Tia, 30, said that almost four weeks after the surgery to save her twins, a scan revealed Imogen's heart had stopped beating.

"I was shocked and devastated," she said.

"I knew there was a higher chance they could both pass if I didn't do the surgery, but how could someone go through so many bad things?"

Tia Bridge described Chelsea, now seven months, as her "miracle baby".

"She was born at just 25 weeks' gestation weighing 635g, but she is now tipping the scales at almost 5kg. She is a very strong girl and has defied the odds," Tia said.

"She's sassy and knows what she wants. I can remember when she was so tiny, she would fit in the palm of my husband Toby's hand. Her skin was see-through and there was nothing to her.

"I was scared to see her like that, it was so overwhelming.

"Chelsea is the bravest person I have met. I love her to bits."

Despite experiencing breathing difficulties and battling multiple setbacks, baby Chelsea is a happy and cheeky little girl.

After more than four months receiving around-the-clock care in the Neonatal Critical Care Unit at Mater Mothers' Hospital, Tia said she could not thank the medical, nursing and midwifery teams at Mater enough.

"The care we received was phenomenal.

"We always wanted to give Lachlan a sibling, and when she smiles her whole face lights up," she said.

"Mother's Day will be a pretty significant day for me."

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Peter and Doreen Briggs are opening their property to visitors on June 24 and 25.

## Explore the splendour of Camellia House at Open Gardens

CAMELLIA House, the picturesque 5.5-acre Palmwoods property boasting over 750 magnificent camellia bushes, is opening its doors for a rare opportunity on June 24 and 25.

Owners Peter and Doreen Briggs have dedicated countless hours to maintaining this historic site, which features Queensland's largest collection of camellias, enchanting poinciana trees and mature gardens.

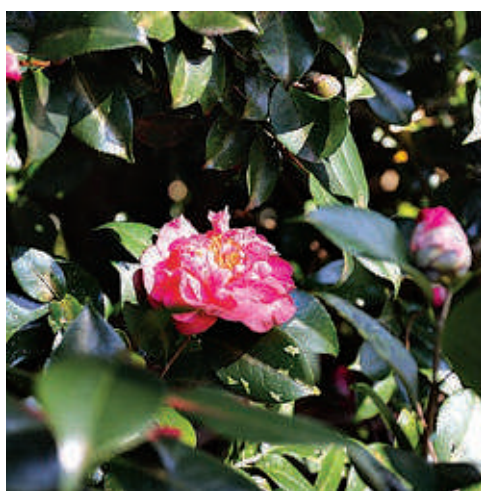
Over the years, the Briggs have provided generous donations to various causes.

This year, all proceeds from the Open Day will be directed towards Autism in Children, aiming to provide respite and support for parents and children.

Doreen describes Camellia House as a hidden gem, showcasing not only the extensive collection of 750-plus camellias but also the maturity and beauty of the gardens.

"With sasanqua, japonica, and reticulata (Camellia) varieties in full bloom during winter, the garden becomes a stunning spectacle," she said.

"What you've also got here is garden maturity, which you can't buy. When it's all blooming it



really is quite spectacular. We have exotic fruits and lots of 'gardens within gardens' containing hundreds of varieties of plants."

The property also features a century-old pineapple packing shed, magnificent historical poinciana shade trees, an ornamental lake with a ferry folly, statues and manicured lawns.

The poincianas are thought to be some of the oldest, if not the oldest, in Australia.

The heritage packing shed is filled with collectibles, antiques, bric-a-brac, jewelry and plants available for sale. Visitors can also indulge in a cup of freshly brewed coffee from the barista van.

► Don't miss the chance to explore Camellia House at 116 Woombye-Palmwoods Road, Palmwoods, from 9am to 4pm on June 24 and 25. Entry is \$5, with all proceeds supporting Autism in Children. Children can enter for free and toilet facilities are available to ensure a comfortable visit.

## Discover your roots at Genealogy Open Day, Nambour

GENEALOGY Sunshine Coast is holding an Open Day on Saturday May 27 from 9.30am to 3pm. There will be free access to thousands of records, maps, immigration, census and voter lists, Ancestry.com and Familysearch as well as all library facilities including scanning, lots of local information and books we have printed.

Our members will be available to help with

advice and assistance for all your problems such as navigating those mysterious websites or knocking down your brick wall.

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BushCare News with Norm Morwood

PICTURED above are Glenn and Judy Burns testing the quality of the Petrie Creek water at our BushCare site Florabunda Pocket near the Rugby Ground at Woombye.

That's just one of the activities of these long-term regular enthusiasts at our BushCare Bees, along with recording the birds present and of course the weed control and re-establishing local native plants.

If you'd like to do some BushCare in future events, creating habitat for our native animals, the next opportunities to join with us are as follows.

- Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 3 June 2023 starting at 8am. (Meet near the back Rugby oval at Woombye. Come down Laidlaw Rd and turn right just before the Gymnastics Hall, and follow that road till you see us)
- Namba Creek on Saturday 17 June 2023 starting at 8am (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour).

Please wear "long everything" bush protective clothing, including boots/shoes and a hat.

All necessary tools will be provided.

We'll conclude the activities around 10am with a well-deserved cuppa.

► For more information, visit the Facebook page "Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group" or contact Norm Morwood at 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com.

## Sixty6 Acres retreat brings country-luxe 'haycations' to Woombye

ECHOING the hinterland's rich agricultural legacy, the new *Sixty6 Acres* country retreat has opened bringing luxury accommodation and pineapples back to an area just five minutes from Woombye's Big Pineapple.

Sixty6 Acres provides an ultimate contemporary farmstay to rest, relax and recharge.

Andrew and Jo Pitcher have transformed a formerly rundown farm and established six individual luxe 'quarters' overlooking a lake and lawns, each with their own large veranda, from which guests can soak up the open spaces as the sun sets.

The self-contained, two-bedroom architecturally designed quarters feature wood burning fireplaces, freestanding baths, full kitchens and the very best of stylish furnishings and facilities. The look and decor have been carefully curated by stylist Belle Hemming, from the Belle Bright Project.

Every room makes the most of the landscape – including the master bedroom with a free-standing bath that offers both privacy and a spectacular view.

While serenity and relaxation might be the preference for many visitors, guests have plenty of opportunities for exercise and activities on the property, which includes large forested areas and creeks, inhabited by platypus.

Guests can also take a stroll up to The Stables to pat and feed a menagerie of friendly farm animals including miniature English donkeys, belted Galloway steers, babydoll Southdown sheep and a Chicken Caravan with a range of fluffy and feathered breeds.

The Pitchers are well-advanced in reviving the farm's productive capacity, with 7,200 pineapples planted in recent weeks, an homage to Woombye's once prolific pineapple industry.



Located in Woombye, Sixty6 Acres provides an ultimate contemporary farmstay to rest, relax and recharge.

They will be producing fruit in 9-18 months. They have also planted a small sugar cane crop, which was also a feature of the area in earlier times.

In addition, grapes are being grown in the mini winery, and citrus, coffee, macadamias and mangoes are under cultivation, and over 2000 native trees have been planted across the property.

Leisurely afternoons can be spent on the pitch and putt golf greens, kayaking on the lake, and toasting marshmallows around the firepit by the barbecue.

Project managed from inception to completion by Andrew and Jo, who bought the site after viewing and staying in dozens of similar farmstays around Australia as well as in Canada and England, Sixty6 Acres is a reflection of the growing attraction for "haycations".

"The beauty of Sixty6 Acres is that it is both set in a lovely country environment but is just 15 minutes from beaches and the airport, thirty minutes to Noosa and just five minutes to the Big Pineapple, which has the Sunshine & Sons distillery, Treetops Ropes Adventure and



Wildlife HQ," says Andrew.

"It offers guests the best of both worlds. You can treat Sixty6 Acres as a cocooning sanctuary, where you can just read books on the veranda, curl up in front of the fire, and cook great meals using the Sunshine Coast's legendary local produce. Equally, you can get out and about and enjoy an active short-break, as you're close to everything. What we can guarantee is that all our guests will leave richer and relaxed for the experience."

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Now in its 13th year, the event continues to grow.

## Sculpture on the Edge to grow to an 18-Day arts experience

SCULPTURE on the Edge, the renowned annual event, is set to take on a bigger role in the broader arts scene, according to Director Gretchen Keelty.

Now in its 13th year, the event continues to grow, showcasing a captivating exhibition of selected entries by artists from near and far. This year, the event will return to the picturesque Flaxton Gardens in November-December, offering an 18-day immersive creative experience for all to enjoy. The program will feature not only the annual exhibition but also workshops, artist talks, special events, and a diverse range of art forms.

"We're growing Sculpture on the Edge into an 18-day event, based around the existing annual competition," said Gretchen.

"Our goal is to enable as many people as possible to immerse themselves in creativity. We have expanded the workshops program, catering to various artistic media and working with specialists in accessibility and disabilities. We will have Cheryl Nomnus from Paintbox and MonteLupo running programs.

"Both specialise in working with people with disabilities, as well as working with adults and children. I really want everyone to be able to have fun!"

The event features indoor and outdoor sculptures, with the winning artist receiving the generous \$10,000 first prize, donated by Flaxton Gardens. "(Flaxton Gardens owner) Alan Thompson deserves so much acknowledgment and support," said Gretchen. "His support and generosity has been unwavering. And the venue itself features beautiful flat open spaces, it's got lush manicured gardens and then this fabulous indoor hall as well."

"So for the first time we were able to have indoor artworks and that made it more accessible for a lot of artists as well, because we could have smaller pieces made from delicate materials."

Gretchen's vision extends beyond the event itself. She sees the Sunshine Coast hinterland becoming the "heart of art" for southeast Queensland.

"We've got so much to offer and we've already got an amazing program of great arts events going on all year so there's no reason not to build on that association that is emerging."



Director Gretchen Keelty and Flaxton Gardens' owner Alan Thompson.

### Entries open

Entries for the 2023 competition are now open, with a total of \$22,000 in prizes up for grabs. Artists can submit their applications online at [www.sculptureontheedge.com.au](http://www.sculptureontheedge.com.au) until August 31, seizing the opportunity to showcase their creative talents.

### Workshops

- Cheryl Nomnus from Paintbox and MonteLupo will be running workshops about working with people with disabilities and working with adults and children.
- Tina Cooper will cover 'How to Grow Your Art Business'.
- Nicole Voevodin-Cash on 'How to Present Yourself for Opportunities as an Artist'.
- Barry Alsop from Eyes Wide Open Images on 'How to Photograph Your Artwork'.

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# Laughs Galore for a good cause at Chevallum

CHEVALLUM State School's P&C are hard at work planning a new fundraising event for 2023. Following the success of last year's Colour Run, the P&C has decided to offer a unique experience this year.

On June 2, they will host 'Comedy For a Cause' at the School, featuring internationally acclaimed comedians Lindsay Webb, Dave Eastgate, Anisa Nandaula, and Joshua Coutinho. "We have a wonderfully active parent body here at Chevallum and they are always very happy to pitch in to make our fundraising efforts a success," said P&C President, Kellie Jarrett.

"We recently attended a P&C Queensland Conference where we were made aware of the various tools and strategies at our disposal, for fundraising. So for our next event we thought it would be really lovely for our parents to enjoy a 'night out', without necessarily having to do all of the hard work. We are so excited about this event because the comedians who will be providing the entertainment for the evening are absolutely world class," Kellie said.

"Between them, they have featured in festivals

both nationally and internationally," she said.

"Lindsay Webb has performed at the the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and the Melbourne and New Zealand International Comedy Festival, and Anisa Nandaula has achieved more than 30 million views online and has over 100,000 followers on Instagram and 56,000 followers on Tik tok. It is going to be a fabulous night of entertainment."

There will be drinks and nibbles on the evening and guests can look forward to a fantastic night of laughs and fun, for a good cause.

"Our fundraising enables us to provide all the extras that are needed to really support our children and families," Kellie explained.

"Without that additional funding, the costs would be prohibitive for us. I think the fact that we are able to do these extras for our school family is what makes Chevallum such an exceptional school and community."

You can see more details and purchase tickets for this event by scanning the QR code in the advertisement on Page 20 of this edition.

► See more of **What's On** locally on pages 20-23.

# Gambling taxes put to good use, locally

THE Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) has granted over \$111,000 to community groups in the Glass House electorate.

"I don't like gambling and I've seen firsthand how gambling addictions can rip families apart. But, if it has to exist, then I'm glad to see the taxes from it put back into the community in such a positive way," said Member for Glass House Andrew Powell.

This round, the Blackall Range Care Group, pictured, received \$35,000 to purchase a bus, while the Eudlo Horse and Pony Club received \$27,430 to upgrade their facility and purchase equipment. Meanwhile, the Mooloolah Valley Community Association was awarded \$15,459 to purchase IT equipment.



Mr Powell encouraged community groups to apply for these grants. Previous recipients can reapply after a year or two.

He also emphasized the importance of responsible e-waste disposal. He visited Mooloolah Valley Community Association where they recycle their old computers.

Mr Powell said information on how to apply for GCBF grants can be found through the Justice Queensland website [www.justice.qld.gov.au](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au).



From left, podcaster Amanda Wallace, directors Belinda Light and Hana Nataprawira and Isabella Scarcella have transformed the old building into an arts hub for music, dance, art etc.

# Creative women open hub for dance, art, etc

DANCE Art Etc is a brand-new studio and events space in the newly renovated space next door to Small Change Espresso in Currie Street, Nambour.

Dance Art Etc will be hosting an Open Day from 1.30pm to 7pm on Saturday May 27.

Renovations have unearthed a peaceful, beautiful atmosphere that has retained some visual reminders of Nambour's history.

"Coronation Cakes used to be in this building and the original signage for it remains in the back of the studio," said co-owner, Belinda Light. "We have painted our own artwork and murals around it and the blend of the old and the new just works," she said.

Dance Art Etc is dedicated to the arts, in its many and varied forms and the Open Day will provide glimpses into what will be offered.

Hana, of *Sienna By the Sea Art* will be hosting a 90 min painting experience at 1.30pm where you can learn how to paint a live model. A variety of Dance workshops, including Belly-dance, Rajasthani Dance and Body Movement will also be held on the day.

Live Music is being supplied by local band

Veratie, Chris and Amanda and songbird Neinke.

"Mingles and food and drink will be available, and it will be a fabulous chance to connect with some locals and explore the timetable," Belinda said.

The launch of the *Dance Art Etc* Podcast hosted by Amanda Wallace will include an introduction to all the permanent artists in the hub followed by a 40 minute show that includes vibrant and sensational acts of belly-dance, vocal journeys and crowd participation. "Finally, we will close with an Open Stage at 6pm where we can sit back and enjoy some raw local talent from any individual who wants to present a song, poem, music etc," said Belinda.

"There will be a display of some local artwork through the studio on the Open Day for you to browse and enjoy.

"We would love to see everyone there, and know that Dance Art Etc is a welcoming, wholesome space that is designed to help spark the inspiration within you of your own creative capabilities."

► Dance Art Etc is at 120 Currie Street Nambour.

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Gerald Robertson, left, is glad to have Neil Lawrence back at North Coast Mowers.

## Popular mechanic back in workshop

LONG time customers of North Coast Mowers in Nambour have been delighted to see the familiar face of Neil Lawrence back in the workshop.

"Neil worked for me 10 years ago when we were located at the shop in Burnside," said business owner, Gerald Robertson.

"When his wife Margaret took long service leave, the couple decided to go traveling and spent the subsequent years in places like Karratha and Broome in Western Australia and Mission Beach in North Queensland.

"I wrote a letter of recommendation for Neil as he planned to work as they traveled and it basically said that it would be difficult to find a better guy. He is an exceptional mechanic."

Neil reconnected with Gerald two years ago, during COVID and the plan was hatched for him to return to North Coast Mowers.

"Neil has previously run Swans, so he has such a depth of experience in some of the best brands of mowers and equipment. Anyone who knows Neil knows how good he is," Gerald said.

"We are just so happy to have him back."

## BOQ backs Show, strengthens community bonds

NAMBOUR & Hinterland BOQ has recently become one of the major sponsors of the Sunshine Coast Show.

"It was a natural progression for us," said Branch owner, Matt Wall. "The Show is such a great family event for the community and we felt it was a fitting way for us to give back to the community that supports us so well.

"Every year, our team enjoys attending the Show because there is always something for everyone."

In recognition of this sponsorship, the hill at the Nambour Showgrounds is to be called 'The BOQ Nambour and Hinterland Community Hill'. "We are thrilled that this part of the beautiful Nambour Showgrounds will be named in this way. It is fantastic to see families enjoying the food stalls and that part of the grounds in general, every year at the Show," Matt said.

The Nambour & Hinterland BOQ has firmly cemented itself into the community, and both facilities and service have contributed to its success. "I think people are pleasantly surprised that we offer so many aspects of modern banking," Matt said.

"But we are all about relationships and service, and that is what keeps people coming back. And there is a great security and peace of mind for our customers when they understand that we are here to stay. Our team will be attending the Sunshine Coast Show again this year, so make sure you drop in and say hello."

### President welcomes support

Sunshine Coast Show Society President, Rowan O'Hara was pleased to welcome the sponsorship from BOQ.

"What the branch is doing in the local



Show Society President Rowan O'Hara, right, is pleased to welcome BOQ branch owner Matt Wall.

community is really fantastic, they have fast become an important part of our community," said Mr O'Hara.

"It's because of our local sponsors that we are able to put on the Show and we value all of them. They allow us to grow and bring new offerings each year. Sunshine & Sons and Butler McDermott Lawyers are two of our other major sponsors."

### Fine and sunny weather predicted, great mix of entertainment

Last year, there were in excess of 6500 entries and with fine and sunny weather predicted, this year is shaping up to be another bumper year for the Show.

"As well as the regular favourites such as sideshow alley, the showbags and the exhibits in the pavilion, we are really getting into education around food and its production," Mr O'Hara said.

"For example, this year there will be educational talks about beekeeping and backyard poultry care. We will also have visitors from Bird World in Maleny to educate people about birds. Keeping the attractions and entertainment fresh can be a challenge, but we are confident that we have got a terrific mix for visitors to this year's Show."

► The Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show will be held on the 16th, 17th and 18th of June at the Nambour Showgrounds. You can purchase your early bird tickets now at [www.sunshine-coastshow.com.au](http://www.sunshine-coastshow.com.au)



## RangeCare honours volunteers

LAST week was National Volunteer Week and on Tuesday Flaxton's RangeCare thanked around 140 volunteers who share their time, skills, kindness and camaraderie with clients and staff every day of the week.

"Their contributions range from doing social visits in clients' homes, delivering nutritious meals, driving clients to appointments, assisting in our day centres and kitchens, playing music, doing craft, tending to our veggie gardens, raising funds through Op Shop sales and even more," said Volunteer Coordinator Cara Doherty. "We really are fortunate that members of our local communities have such big hearts and are willing to spend their free time supporting the work we do here at RangeCare. We know that our volunteers don't expect a lot in terms of recognition and praise, that they volunteer because they enjoy it and get a lot out of it too. But the reality is that they do make an impact, their volunteering helps people, helps our staff and our organisation and so we are very grateful," she said.

RangeCare's Chief Operations Officer, Gary Holland, agreed. "This week is about thanking our amazing volunteers," he said. "We are fortunate to have some really long term volunteers. They all make a special impact on the care that our clients get and are just such amazing people. We are so grateful."

The volunteers enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea in the beautifully decorated Montville Village Hall.

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# Yandina's challenge to balance historic charm & business growth

YANDINA has long captivated visitors with its rich heritage and dynamic atmosphere.

And while the town's historic charm has been meticulously preserved, according to Business Yandina President Bill Gissane, it has also evolved into a thriving centre that delights people of all ages.

"Interstate visitors to Yandina often express their admiration that the character of the town has been so well preserved," Mr Gissane told ABC Sunshine Coast Radio recently. "It looks like a little slice of history, which it is."

Mr Gissane, who owns *Yandina Art & Framing* said the business community was making a concerted effort to showcase the many offerings for people of all ages. "So it has been a bit of a balancing act to preserve the old and showcase the new," he said.

## Visit Yandina website

Business Yandina has collaborated with The Various Artists to develop a new website with the specific function to promote the incredible vibrancy, colour and diversity of the area.

"The new site, [www.visitandina.com.au](http://www.visitandina.com.au) is a fantastic 'at a glance' guide to everything that is unique and fabulous about our town and its surroundings," Mr Gissane said.

"We feel that it will quickly become a comprehensive 'go to' for visitors and locals alike."

## New residents influx

There has been a recent influx of new residents to the area and Mr Gissane attributes this to a number of factors.

"We have certainly had a lot of 'refugees' from other parts of the Coast and one of the reasons is the price," he said.

"It is not quite as pricey to get into the housing market as other areas of the Coast. But as well as that, we have incredible shopping, great school and educational facilities. We have a thriving industrial centre which is a source of



**While Yandina is broadly known for its historic roots, many visitors to the town are often amazed at what a thriving and vibrant centre it has become.**

jobs for locals. The Ginger Factory is one of the best attractions on the Coast, as is Nutworks.

"The Saturday markets are a huge drawcard and we are currently looking at the possibility of working with organisers to combine with the upcoming August Yandina Street Fair. I think there are all kinds of exciting possibilities there," he said.

"And finally, we are surrounded by so many other fabulous Hinterland towns, like Nambour, Woombye, Palmwoods, Mapleton, Flaxton and Montville. The Sunshine Coast has some of the most stunning coastal areas in the country, and when you head west of the Bruce Highway, it is just as magical. That's what we want people to know about our area."

## Servo concerns

Meanwhile, the proposed new service station development on the corner of Stevens and Farrell Streets was concerning to locals.

"Business Yandina is a fervently pro-business organisation," said Mr Gissane.

"We welcome new businesses to our town and there is no particular opposition to a new fuel station for Yandina, but just not in that location."

"We are feeling very hopeful that our business and broader community can approach the developer to find a solution that will be beneficial for everyone concerned."



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## Nambour business owners offered matching funds for shopfront upgrades

FUNDING is now available to assist Nambour town centre business owners with the cost of upgrading the "aesthetic, vibrancy and attractiveness" of shopfronts to attract more customers.

Council will provide matched funding up to \$5000.

Division 10 Councillor David Law said Council was committed to investing in the Nambour business district.

"As a dedicated gateway precinct, Council wants to ensure the Nambour business district welcomes visitors with attractive commercial streetscapes that encourage customers to shop and explore," Cr Law said.

The program is ongoing, and applications

will be reviewed and assessed in the order they are received until budget is expended.

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"Chapel of Angels" will be sold on or before auction on-site on June 17.

## Montville's 'Chapel of Angels' up for auction in June

THE "Chapels of Angels" is one of only two chapels located in the popular wedding hub of Montville and is to be auctioned on or before June 17.

The expertly designed facility was purpose-built in 2014 and includes an acre of landscaping with hinterland views and quality amenities including a 20-space car park with ample room to build or extend.

The interior design includes intricate stained-glass features and there is seating capacity for 80 guests plus the wedding party.

"Montville and weddings are the perfect match, and for those that must have the best of the best, the 'Chapel of Angels' provides the ideal backdrop for the bride and grooms big day, christenings, and special occasions," said agent Emmet Ryan from Savvy Business Sales.

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There is room on the 4000m<sup>2</sup> block to build a private residence separate from the business operations and there is also room to run this property as an Airbnb, Art Gallery, Funeral Home or a boutique style café (subject to council approval).

The property is located on Kondalilla Falls Road on the way to the popular Kondalilla Falls tourist attraction.

The property is also adjacent to the award-winning *Falls Bed and Breakfast*.

► It will be sold on or before auction which is on-site at 9am on June 17. Call Emmet Ryan of Savvy Business Sales now on 0423 123 159 to organise an inspection.



## Range hikers step up for Parkinson's

A group of passionate Parkinson's advocates set off last month on a hike through the Sunshine Coast Hinterland National Parks.

Their aim was to symbolise the difficult journey of someone diagnosed with the disease that affects over 100,000 Australians. Participants included state government representatives, nurses, members of local Parkinson's Queensland support groups, local community leaders and police officers.

The hikers crossed the finish line at the Mapleton Country Markets on April 22 to cheers and singing from the Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy *Choir of Sound Intent*.

The community health event brought local groups and the local produce stalls together to welcome the hikers home. The hikers enjoyed a lunch generously prepared by the Blackall Range Lions Club.

An auction was held to raise funds with the sale of three special, handmade, designer bears which raised over \$1000 thanks to the excellent and hilarious actions of Auctioneer Chaffey Backhouse. One of the bears, Buttons, was won by the hikers who then donated it to the wonderful team at The Barn on Flaxton for their support in donating the food that the hikers devoured on the 1,000,000 Steps journey.

The event was supported and encouraged by Prestige InHome Care. All funds raised will enable local charities Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy and Parkinson's Queensland to provide hope, help and strength to those living with Parkinson's to continue the journey.

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Mater Foundation CEO Andrew Thomas highlighted the life-changing opportunities the prize offers. "Whether the winner chooses to reside in the beautiful Sunshine Coast Hinterland mortgage-free, generate additional income by renting it out, or capitalize on the lucrative property market by selling it, this prize paves the way to a secure financial future."

The proceeds from the prize draw will go towards funding exceptional patient care, essential medical research, training, education, and equipment at Mater.

The Mater Prize Home will be open for viewing at 343 Western Avenue from 9am to 5pm daily until Sunday, June 18.



## World folk jazz band tours hinterland



BRISBANE-BASED world folk jazz band Estampa is set to dazzle hinterland audiences with their upcoming tour in June. Featuring the exceptional talents of Rebecca Karlen (violin and vocals), Paul Henderson (guitar and banjo), John Reeves (accordion), and Samuel Vincent (double bass), Estampa's performances are a lively mix of world music that transports audiences to different cultures and countries.

Audiences in Pomona, Maleny, Coolum, and Eudlo can expect to be immersed in joyful

improvisations, intricate harmonies, and captivating storytelling, evoking visions of Parisian laneways and the sensual streets of South American.

They will play Friday 9 June Eudlo Hall; Thursday 15 June Maleny Community Centre; Friday 16 June The Majestic Theatre (Pomona); Saturday 17 June Coolum Civic Centre. Full Event Details: [redchair.com.au/what-s-on/event/575-estampa](http://redchair.com.au/what-s-on/event/575-estampa).

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Maleny Winners pictured with Maleny Commerce president Spencer Shaw and Andrew Powell.



Montville Winners pictured with Shiralee Cooper and Andrew Powell.

## Small Business Awards Gala celebrates local success

MEMBER for Glass House, Andrew Powell MP, has joined Chambers of Commerce and local businesses to celebrate another Small Business Awards Gala.

The event brought together almost 150 small business owners and employees as well as the local Chambers of Commerce to celebrate all that small business is and does for the region.

"It was a packed house and I think that goes to show how much our communities love their small and family businesses," said Mr Powell.

"With so many businesses and employees nominated, and the gala gaining more recognition each year, I think we might just have to find a bigger venue next year!"

Glass House locals cast a record of nearly 5000 votes for the nominated businesses and employees.

While the silver "Glassy" is purely a popularity contest based on the number of votes received, the bronze "Glassies" are selected by

local the Chamber of Commerce Presidents. The two coveted gold glassies are handpicked by Andrew himself, in consultation with the Chamber Presidents. This year's Employee Gold Glassie was won by renowned Maleny Jeweller Jim Goulton.

"Running Maleny Jewellers since 2000 with his wife Sandra, Jim Goulton is consistently praised by customers for his repair and design work, creative ability, passion and attention to detail."

Mr Powell introduced a "Hall of Fame" category in 2023, to acknowledge certain businesses and employees who have nominated almost every year since the Awards inception and have won a Glassy or two. "There are some people who are just total fan favourites," he explained.

"When we see them nominated, we just know they will win, again, by a landslide. So to share the love, we awarded them a Hall of

Fame trophy and certificate to acknowledge their amazing contributions."

Montville Chamber of Commerce President Shiralee Cooper expressed gratitude to Mr Powell and said the awards were the highlight of Small Business Month, locally.

"The record number of nominations and extensive community participation made this event a resounding success, thanks to the ongoing support of Andrew Powell," she said.

To join Team Montville, reach out to [info@montvillecommerce.com.au](mailto:info@montvillecommerce.com.au).

### Montville and Maleny Winners:

#### MONTVILLE

- Bronze Business: Tina Cooper Glass Gallery
- Silver Business: Crystal Multiverse
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- Silver Employee: Serge Doumargue from Crystal Multiverse.

#### MALENY

- Bronze Business: Rosetta Books
- Silver Business: Maleny Jewellers
- Bronze Employee: Jennepher Bucher from Maleny Cheese
- Silver Employee: Elaine Haggerty from Beyond Words Therapy Centre.

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**Rebecca Galler: "This business is an extension of the heartfelt hospitality that I experienced in childhood."**

## Dishing up something special: Frankie's Woombye makes Urban List again

FRANKIE'S at Woombye has been named in *Urban List's* Top 50 Cafes on the Sunshine Coast For the third year in a row.

"We feel so humbled to have been recognised again this year," said owner, Rebecca Galler. "Urban List is so widely used as a reference for what is good and if you get a mention, I think you are definitely on the right track."

Rebecca took over the cafe on the 19th of July, 2019 and despite the uncertainty brought about by COVID during her first couple of years of trade, Frankie's has gone from strength to strength and has cemented itself in Woombye as a destination for great coffee, food, and community.

"So much goes on behind the scenes to create the vibe and the offering, that people are not aware of," Rebecca said. "As a child growing up, family gatherings involved the making and sharing of great food and to me, this business is an extension of that heartfelt hospitality that I experienced in childhood."

"Being hospitable to others is about more than simply combining ingredients to make a dish. The intention, energy and love that goes into cooking and baking contributes to the end experience of the dish and it allows us to connect with our customers through food," she said.

"I always tell my staff that we treat others as we want to be treated because you never know what people have going on in their lives. I am blessed to have incredible staff around me who are more inclined to kill our customers with kindness. We might make 200 coffees in a day, but for each customer, they will only experience one cup. So we want that to be the best experience for them that it can possibly be.

"It has been a good few years and while it is lovely to have received this recognition, we are always reflecting on what we do and looking for ways to be better."

► Frankie's Woombye is at Shop/2 Blackall St, Woombye and is open 7 days.

## Beyond Jewellery: Jim Goulton unveils new talents

MALENY'S Jim Goulton has spent the past 28 years designing and making stunning jewellery and has been the face behind the counter at Maleny Jewellers since 2000.

But many people would not be aware that jewellery is not the only outlet for Jim's artistic talent.

Recently, Jim launched his first exhibition of acrylic and oil paintings and prints at Sarah's Unplugged Cafe in Maple Street Maleny.

"I have had no formal training but I have always been into art," Jim said. "It goes hand in hand with jewellery design and once the artistic flow is happening, it helps the design process."

"I have been listening to a lot of podcasts on the subject and it inspired me to paint more, and get better."

Living and working in Maleny, Jim is spoiled for inspiration when it comes to subject matter.

"I love painting animals, they are so easy, and also Maleny and hinterland based landscapes," he said.

"I recently went on a graffiti artist tour in Melbourne a few years back and much of the work I saw was described as abstract realism," said Jim. "I think it is fair to say that my work lines up with this pretty well."

A distinctive feature of Jim's paintings are the words etched onto the canvas.

"I'm not even really sure how this started, but I write words into every background," Jim said. "Once I started doing that, I couldn't really stop."

Jim has also made use of new technology in the form of augmented reality, to bring his



**Jim's works are for sale and will be on exhibit at Sarah's Unplugged Cafe for the next three months. You can also see Jim's work on Instagram.**

work to life.

"The augmented reality layer has been really exciting to work with because it allows for such an edgy experimental experience from my perspective and a 3 dimensional experience of each piece for the viewer. The Artivive technology also enables you to see how many people have viewed each piece, which is very cool."

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## New business owners embrace Mapleton's charming character

MAPLETON has captured the hearts of two new business owners who have recently set up shop in the charming town. Cassie Barker and Charmaine Ashford the owners of Nana's Secret Tearoom and Willow Hairdressing respectively, have become fast friends and neighbours.

Charmaine, an experienced hairdresser, took the leap from hairdresser to salon owner and says she is grateful for the clients that have followed her and also for the new locals who have supported and welcomed her. She has travelled and worked in Salons overseas but is pleased to now have roots in beautiful Mapleton.

Charmaine is committed to environmental sustainability and only uses De Lorenzo and Mr Smith products which are aligned with her salon's character.

Cassie moved her little tearoom from Nambour late last year – although her new tearoom is a little different now. She has also embraced everything Mapleton has to offer.

"There is a quietness and stillness to Mapleton and the whole hinterland which you can experience on a visit or maybe a stay in all the fabulous accommodation in the area or a permanent tree change," she said.

They also both love the buzz of Mapleton with the Pub, restaurants and cafes so central.

Cassie jokes that she is eating her way through the local cafes and restaurants.



Charmaine Ashford and Cassie Barker have become fast friends and business neighbours.

Cassie's tearoom offers locals and visitors bookings for a cup of tea with her for a teacup or Tarot reading or a life support session.

You can check out Cassie's notice board at the shop for regular events or website [www.circleofconversationwithcassie.com](http://www.circleofconversationwithcassie.com) for more services and info.

Charmaine is available to both locals and visitors and specializes in cuts or colours.

Cassie and Charmaine are located at shop 7 and 8 / 3 Obi Obi Road Mapleton, just behind the Bakery.

They are looking forward to a possible new neighbour with a shop available at 6/3 Obi Obi Rd Mapleton and would love to see a service-based business like a beautician, waxing, eyelash technician etc.

"We are both loving our Mapleton location, especially seeing the local fur babies on their morning and afternoon walks," said Charmaine.



Co-authors Joan Dillon, left, and Nita C Lester, right, with photographer Victoria Carmichael at the Mapleton launch.

## Unleash your green thumb with guide to hinterland gardening

Unlock the secrets of successful gardening with 'Range and Hinterland Gardening' - your ultimate guide to thriving plants and breathtaking landscapes.

If you've ever wondered what to plant and how to create a vibrant garden, this book holds the answers you've been seeking. Packed with expert advice and stunning visuals, it covers everything from native plants and camellias to roses and ferns.

"But this book is more than just a valuable resource. It's a community-driven project that supports our local areas," said co-author Nita C Lester.

With three successful book launches that brought together over 200 passionate gardeners from Mapleton, Montville and Maleny, the proceeds from this book will be donated to the Montville Village Association and the Mapleton Library and Community Centre.

"So, as you embark on your gardening journey, know that you're contributing to the betterment of our community," said Nita.

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## Unusual formation in tree

Nature Watch with Don McGlusky of Diddillibah

NATURE consists of interesting things other than those that fly, walk, crawl etc. While visiting Muller Park at Bli Bli I discovered this unusual formation on a tree purely by chance. You have to be standing in a certain position to gain the effect as a step or two either way and it is lost. Such mutations on trees are caused by either insect attack, disease or some form of external damage. During the healing process such mutations can happen. This particular one reminds me of the rear end of a Koala climbing the tree. Some years ago I photographed one in a rest area near Miriamvale that resembled a Crocodile. Some of the local wags had even placed two small red discs on it for eyes making it appear rather fearsome.

## Better get knitting: Join the Knit and Crochet in Public Day

CROCHET Australia, in collaboration with the Yandina Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA), is hosting a Worldwide Knit and Crochet in Public Day event on Saturday June 10 from 10am to 2pm.

"This event is open to the public, whether you are a knitting and/or crochet novice or experienced," said QCWA Branch President Maureen Brook. "Our QCWA Yandina Branch past President and owner of local business Crochet Australia, Lynda Tomkins, is hosting the event. Our QCWA Branch is also involved in the day and some of our members will be attending and will be providing delicious homemade food."

The event will be held at the Crochet Australia store at 1563 Yandina-Coolool Road, Yandina. Bring along your own project to work on and share ideas or start a new project. The



Crochet Australia's Lynda Tomkins is hosting the event.

shop will be open and there are lots of surprises planned.

"So come along and celebrate this age-old craft while enjoying delicious, home-made sweet and savoury treats provided by the QCWA ladies while sitting in the lovely garden setting around the shop," said Maureen.

► See [www.facebook.com/crochetaustralia/](http://www.facebook.com/crochetaustralia/) for further information and please let host Lynda know if you are coming for seating and catering purposes: phone 54728586 or email [info@crochetaustralia.com.au](mailto:info@crochetaustralia.com.au)

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## Ceremony sheds light on DV

VICTIMS of domestic violence were remembered at a candlelight ceremony in Maleny on May 10. Speakers addressed the group about domestic violence and what can be done to prevent it.

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnson spoke about how common domestic violence is, and the importance of speaking out.

Dr Karen Struthers spoke of the negative effects of many men's attitudes to women as the basis of much domestic violence and how we can support each other.

And Sergeant Maria O'Brien from the Queensland Police Service Vulnerable Persons Unit outlined the extensive measures taken to improve the approach to the issue. Following the speeches, participants placed a candle in a display of shoes, representing the lives of those lost.

The event was organised by the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, under the umbrella of Speak Up Now - Stop Domestic and Family Violence (Maleny & Blackall Range).

Speak Up Now also launched its booklet on elder abuse.

With up to 14 percent of older people experiencing abuse in its various forms – not just physical, but financial, emotional, or neglect – it is a problem we need to address in our community.

► Copies can also be obtained via a request to [speakupnowstopdomesticviolence@gmail.com](mailto:speakupnowstopdomesticviolence@gmail.com).



# Discover vintage delights at Collectorama Fair in Nambour

If you've ever been to a big vintage fair you'll know the immense thrill when you find something special.

The atmosphere is humming, the vendors' wares are attractively arranged, people are chatting and laughing, then eureka - you nab your bargain! It's a real buzz for sure.

Collectorama certainly is a big Fair, and one of the best parts is the incredible variety.

"You never know what you're going to find," said organiser, Laurie Wall.

"Maybe it's a pair of 1950's cats eye sunglasses, a vintage typewriter or an amazing lamp that catches your eye, a sleek mid century chair, or pair of silver candlesticks, some longed for vinyl records, a vintage toy, or it could be a rare tool or book. Most avenues of collecting are there."

"It's a bit like being transported back in time. Each stall is a time capsule, filled with items from past eras and you can't help but imagine the stories behind some of the pieces. And often the dealers can actually tell you the provenance, which adds extra kudos to the item," she said.

It's a great experience to visit Collectorama and become immersed in different eras, connect with the past and bring home some cool vintage history.

Tom Wall, aka *Mr Collectorama*, said "it's the best opportunity to take advantage of so many dealers all at the same location. Collectorama is a giant vintage convergence with lots of good vibes on the day. It's gratifying to see everyone having fun after the intricate work of organising the event."



Long time stallholder, Anita Pitchag, a firm favourite with Collectorama regulars.

► You'll find all this vintage goodness at Nambour Showgrounds on Saturday the 3rd of June from 7am until 2pm. Entry is \$6 cash per adult, kids and parking are free. WILVOS, the amazing Wildlife Carers, will be in their usual spot near the cafe area. Meet up with friends, savour the variety of food trucks and enjoy the unique opportunity to shop amongst the vintage mother lode!

Check out Collectorama Fair on Facebook and Instagram.

# Gym hosts ultimate Strength Games for every-body

LiFT X is hosting a members-only 'games' style event in support of local Sunshine Coast charity *Inclusive Kids*, on Saturday June 3 from 8am-11am.

"The main goal of this awesome event is to raise over \$6,000 for Inclusive Kids between the 4 LiFT studios," said LiFT Nambour's Wendy Versluis.

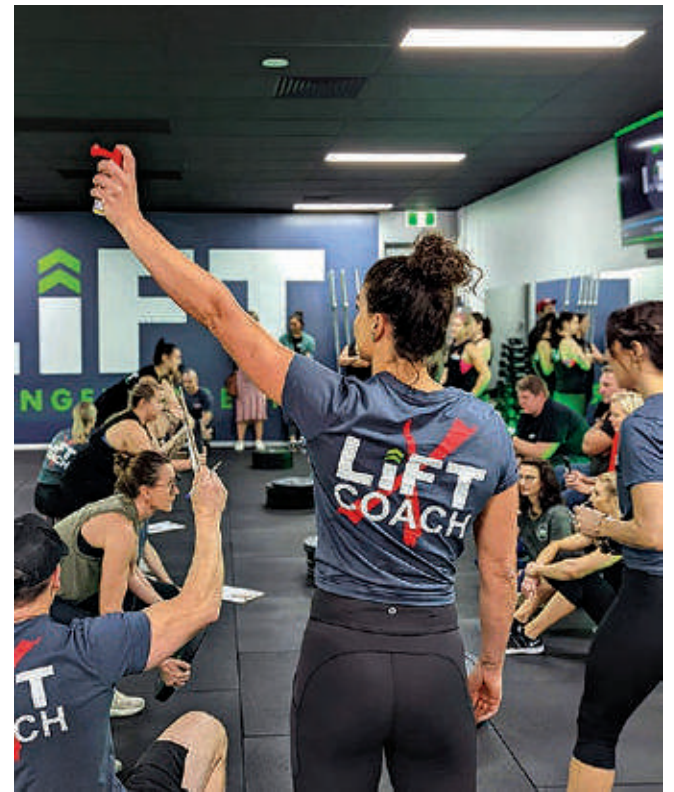
*The Inclusive Kids Fund* provides funds that will create better inclusion into community life for children who would otherwise be isolated through poverty, family breakdown, disability or severe illness. This fund targets young individuals aged 0-18 years; fast tracking immediate financial support not covered by other forms of funding.

"This is a cause that is very dear to us and we are really confident that with the support of our members and business community, we can achieve this target," Wendy said.

"On the day of the event, all participants will be briefed on the challenges ahead," Wendy explained.

"Every participant will get points for their finishing position. The points will be totalled at the end of all 3 rounds with the top 3 male and female going into the studio final and the 6 finalists of each studio event will go on to compete and represent their studio in the LiFT X finale, which will be held later in the month," she said.

"We are also looking for local businesses to sponsor the events. Sponsors can provide a prize and/or donate money to the local charity Inclusive Kids through the event Fundraiser. Sponsors can be featured on marketing mate-



LiFT Nambour's Wendy Versluis with last year's LiFT X participants.

rial as well as attend the event and even if you don't compete, we'd love you to come on down to the studio to cheer on the competitors and support the cause. There will be food, coffee, live DJ, raffles, and more to keep you entertained. You'll also be able to donate money on the day if you want to."

Various local businesses have shown their generosity already by donating products for the top three winners, generous monetary donation from Aussie Nambour and items that will be raffled off on the day itself. We are so grateful and would like to recognize the following businesses; Urban Hen, Small Change Espresso, Adorn Sunshine Coast, Amcal Nambour plaza, BOQ Nambour & Hinterlands, Elite Footcare in Woombye, Yandina Ginger Factory, Big W Nambour plaza, Chemist Warehouse Nambour and The Village Pickle.

► To find out how you can support the event, contact Wendy on 0436 121 798.

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## Mapleton's Alison Huth receives prestigious Caravan Industry Award

MAPLETON resident Alison Huth was honored with the esteemed Eric Hayman OAM Award for Excellence at the Caravan Industry Association of Australia's National Conference Gala Dinner. The award recognizes Alison's remarkable dedication and outstanding contributions to the caravan industry.

Over 30 years Alison, pictured, has played a pivotal role in supporting and advising caravan parks in Queensland and across the nation. Her participation in committees provided invaluable insights on matters, including the alarming Bed Bug issue that impacted Queensland. Her expertise and advice were subsequently shared nationwide, benefiting the broader industry.



Her pursuit of enhancing business practices led her to engage in park accreditation, helping the program expand from a mere 10 properties to an impressive 330. Her passion for the industry further manifested in her research and authorship of books that shed a positive light on the caravan and camping sector.

Even during her travels in a caravan for What's Up Downunder, Alison continues to write and promote the industry to consumers. "Just to give some depth to the Industry, 2022 figures show that the entire industry of manufacturers, dealers and caravan parks were responsible for \$27.1 Billion dollars in positive economic impact on the Australian Economy," she said.

Notably, Alison's achievement is historic as she becomes the first female recipient of the Award. "I was staggered!" she said. "It is a huge honour for our Industry."

You can read her work at [www.whatsup-downunder.com.au](http://www.whatsup-downunder.com.au).

## Purple Palate brings the world's finest wines, beers and spirits to Maleny

**BUSINESS WRITEUP:**  
The Purple Palate Maleny

WITH 28 years in the industry, The Purple Palate's Andrew Laidlaw Jones has the experience and knowledge to bring some of the world's finest wines, beers and spirits to Maleny.

Having been a part of the Maleny community for 24 years, Andrew's passion for the industry led him to work at the Maleny Hotel and the Commercial Hotel in Nambour. In 2009, he returned to Maleny to oversee The Purple Palate.

"The Purple Palate is different to most bottle shops as we basically avoid the big box movers," Andrew explained. "We want to bring a different offering to the market and we really prefer dealing with smaller, family owned boutique wineries, distilleries and breweries," he said.

"All of the stock we have is carefully curated by myself and our team. In general, we look for a good balance of products that over deliver."

At any point in time, The Purple Palate has in excess of 750 wines, 290 beers including craft, German and Belgian beers, ciders, and 300 plus lines of spirits.

"There is an excellent mix here, with pricing for wines, for example, ranging from \$20 to \$50, up into the \$100's," said Andrew.

The team at the Purple Palate take their job of bringing a world class product range to their customers very seriously, and education and wine appreciation are just some of the ways they can educate connoisseurs about not only wines and beer, but also matching these with beautiful food.

"We host 7 to 8 events every month,



The Purple Palate's Peter Thompson can help you choose a boutique wine.

including wine appreciation and wine maker master classes," Andrew said.

"Our staff are trained in all aspects of alcohol, so they can assist our customers to find the perfect drink for every occasion. When we hold our tastings, we always pair the drinks with great food. It is a very 'grown up' way to appreciate what we have on offer and these events have become extremely popular."

The Purple Palate has experienced strong community support and in turn supports many causes within the local community.

"We are all about providing information and service, and helping you to find something you will enjoy," Andrew said. "We have incredible relationships in our industry and there is no shortage of beautiful products for us to bring to our community."

The Purple Palate is at 1/12 Bicentenary Lane, Maleny. You can find out more about Purple Palate at [www.purplepalate.com.au](http://www.purplepalate.com.au), browse and shop their range or sign up for their newsletter to be notified of upcoming events or specials.



## Book lovers meet at Café for monthly Bookchat

**Woombye Community Library News**  
by Cathy Cash

EVERY second Wednesday of the month at 10am you will find a table of avid readers gathered at the Kimnat Café in Woombye, eager to share opinions on their latest reads.

"Bookchat" as it's aptly named, was started about four years ago by Woombye Community Library volunteer Kathy Newett. Since then it has attracted a loyal following of 6 to 8 local readers who enjoy catching up for coffee and a chat for an hour or so.

It's a very informal gathering with no set reading and each member of the group is given the chance to speak about their recent reads, new authors they've discovered and recommendations to consider. It was a joy to observe how respectful the conversation was, with no interrupting of others and everyone given a fair go.

On the morning I joined in we had just a small group of four, but that certainly didn't stop some lively conversation and sharing of diverse opinions. Locals Helen, Judy and Denise all came armed with their books and notes they had made and the hour flew by with lots of laughter and chat, and not all of it about books!

Denise only moved to Palmwoods recently and joined the Bookchat group encouraged by her cousin Judy, a Woombye local and fellow reader. Denise has enjoyed meeting new people and maintaining social connections outside of her immediate circle, while Helen is a long term library volunteer and champion of the Bookchat concept. She says that they would be keen to welcome new members to the group and says "we don't judge what people choose to read, we just love that people read".

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Studies have shown that receiving regular massage during and after treatment of cancer can be measurably beneficial



## What is oncology massage?

Wellbeing with Linda Goggan, Sacred Body

THERE has been a long held misconception that massage should not be performed on people with cancer.

Many once believed that massage can spread cancer further in the body but this has no scientific basis at all.

In fact studies have shown that receiving regular massage during and after treatment of cancer can be measurably beneficial in managing the side effects of such treatments.

However, not all massages are the same when it comes to supporting those with a cancer diagnosis and it's important to seek out a qualified therapist that has been specifically trained in oncology massage.

### What is Oncology Massage?

It is a modified form of massage that uses gentle fascial mobilization techniques in place of firm pressure. A qualified oncology massage therapist understands the side effects of cancer treatments and the impact on the patient's day to day life. They will design massage treatments that take into consideration surgical

sites, possible affected lymph nodes, scarring and general overall vitality of their client throughout their cancer treatment and beyond.

### What are the benefits of Oncology Massage?

Oncology massage does not aim treat nor cure the disease itself but rather support the patient to relieve, reduce and or minimise the side effects of treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation.

### Regular oncology massage can offer:

- Improved relaxation, sleep, and immune function
- Relieve anxiety, pain, fatigue, and nausea

Many patients going through cancer treatments have made massage a part of their recovery and healing process or even offering comfort and nurturing support in palliative care in their final days.

- ▶ For more information about how oncology massage support you or a loved one through a very challenging time contact Linda Goggan Scared Body 0422 852 899.

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The organising committee includes, from left, Cal Roberts, Michele Gusman, Wendy Turton, Maegan Stoddart, Penny Shaw, Katrina Lambert and Jenny Stephensen. Right: Kate Bush from the 1980s video.

## Mapleton channels Kate Bush for Wuthering Heights Red Dress Day

MAPLETON is set to be swept up in the spirit of Wuthering Heights – Red Dress Day, a global phenomenon that originated as a flash mob re-enactment of Kate Bush's iconic 1978 music video in the UK. On July 30, starting at 1pm, locals and visitors alike will come together for an unforgettable experience.

The event will feature live music by a talented singer, along with exciting opportunities to win prizes through raffles and trivia. Dance and fitness teachers will lead rehearsals, ensuring participants are ready to showcase their moves in a memorable group dance, which will be filmed for posterity. Laughter and picture-perfect moments will abound, all while raising funds for DV Safe Phone, a worthy cause.

To keep energy levels high, the Blackall Range Lions Club will be firing up the BBQ, while the Mapleton School P&C will tempt taste buds with their famous bake sale. Refreshments, including soft drinks, will be available for purchase, and attendees are welcome to bring their own water (no glass, please).

This community event is designed to be inclusive and family-friendly, with the support of generous sponsors and MADCA, the Mapleton and District Community Association.

For further details or if you're interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact wutheringheightsofmapleton@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page, Wuthering Heights of Mapleton – Red Dress Day.



The Conondale festival features five tracks to watch and ride.



VINTAGE dirt bike enthusiasts are gearing up for the Ballards Offroad Conondale Classic Weekend presented by Rat Racing on June 9-11.

Set in the stunning Green Park, Conondale in Queensland, this year's festival features five tracks to watch and ride, including motocross, enduro, grasstrack, trials and multiple non-competitive tracks for riders to enjoy throughout the weekend. The event is family-friendly and all are welcome to come out and experience the festival's entertainment, food, and drinks.

The Shannons's Vintage Bike Show n Shine, which takes place on Saturday from 12pm-1pm, is one of the highlights of the weekend. There are eight categories ranging from Best MX, Enduro or Dirt Track Bikes to Rarest and Judges' Choice.

"The Green Park Conondale venue is renowned for having the best natural terrain dirt bike tracks in Australia, offering a unique and authentic experience for riders and spectators," said spokesperson Robbie Warden. "The Classic Weekend event attracts over 500 vintage dirt bike riders, 1000 motorbikes on

display, and 1500 spectators each year, creating a vibrant and supportive community of riders and fans."

Organisers were passionate about vintage dirt bikes and committed to providing a high-quality and safe riding environment.

"The event is the Sunshine Coast Motorcycle Club's largest fundraiser of the year, with all proceeds going towards supporting the venue," said Robbie.

In addition to the on-track action, the festival features a range of entertainment options including live music, a trade alley and swap meet, onsite camping, showers, and a bar. Saturday night also includes a huge raffle of sponsor prizes worth over \$10,000, including a fully restored vintage 1989 YZ250 dirt bike.

The festival's festive atmosphere and wide range of attractions make it a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Spectators and riders alike are encouraged to come out and enjoy the vintage dirt biking action and community spirit.

► Visit [www.scmcc.info/classic-weekend](http://www.scmcc.info/classic-weekend) for more details.

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# Australia's finest pianists to perform in Montville

RENOWNED pianists Piers Lane AO and Konstantin Shamray will return to the world-class Lucas Parklands auditorium in Montville. Piers Lane, Australia's most famous classical music export, will perform on June 21 and 22. Konstantin Shamray, the highly regarded concert pianist, will present a solo recital on August 11 and 12, followed by two piano concertos on September 16 and 17.

Both pianists have captivated audiences at Lucas Parklands in the past, sharing their brilliance in capital cities and the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

"Piers Lane is one of our greatest international musicians, loved throughout the world. Konstantin is Australia's highest regarded residential concert pianist. It's fantastic to have them perform at my home in Montville," said Lucas Parklands proprietor Ian Lucas.

Piers Lane's program includes works by Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Liszt, and Rachmaninov for his solo recitals in June.

"Being renowned worldwide, Piers Lane's performance will be wonderful, regardless of the pieces he plays," Mr Lucas said.

Konstantin Shamray will present a solo recital in August and perform Mozart's Concerto 21 and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto 2 in September, known as one of the greatest piano concertos ever written.

Both pianists have become friends of the Lucas family and enjoy the peaceful bushland surrounding the Montville auditorium.

Lucas Parklands, located near Montville and surrounded by natural rainforest, has gained a reputation for attracting world-class artists. The 150-seat hall features soft lighting and large windows, creating an intimate and acoustically brilliant space.

"I got an email from a lady the other day who said she loves to come to our concerts because our home is such a happy place,"



**Konstantin Shamray will present a solo recital in August.**

**Piers Lane is Australia's most famous classical music export.**



said Mr Lucas. "And it's reflected in the way the audience responds to the performances, and the performers, because they're happy to be here, make the whole experience a very enjoyable one - a 'happy place' is a nice way to describe it.

"Pascal Rogé, a French concert pianist who played here before, said it is one of the two best performance venues in the world for its size," Mr Lucas said.

► Piers Lane will perform on June 21, 22, and Konstantin Shamray on August 11, 12, and September 16, 17 at Lucas Parklands. For tickets, contact 0409 623 228 or 07 5478 5667, or email [lucasparklands@bigpond.com](mailto:lucasparklands@bigpond.com). Don't miss the chance to experience the world-class brilliance of these exceptional pianists in the serene setting of Lucas Parklands.



**Soprano Annika Hinrichs**

## Experience the dynamic and emotive Baroque

THE Noosa Chorale is set to captivate audiences with a magnificent baroque concert in May. The choir will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's iconic *Magnificat* and the captivating *Magnificats* by Antonio Vivaldi and Bach's son, Carl Philip Emmanuel Bach.

Accompanied by a baroque orchestra, the Chorale will showcase the talents of five outstanding Queensland soloists, including the acclaimed soprano Annika Hinrichs. Baritone Leon Warnock, soprano Jolanta Kudra, mezzo soprano Morgan Rosati, and tenor Sebastian Maclaine will also grace the stage, with Sebastian bringing his experience from the renowned group, *The Ten Tenors*.

Chorale president Fran Wilson highlighted the diverse moods and demanding virtuosity of the chosen *Magnificats*. Singing music from the baroque period presents both challenges and rewards, as the fast-paced and intricate vocal parts interweave to create a dynamic and emotive experience.

► The concert will take place at The J on May 26 at 7pm and May 27 at 2pm. Tickets are available for purchase on the [www.thej.com.au](http://www.thej.com.au) website or by calling 07 5329 6560.

## Country melodies and memorable moments

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club is set to host its June concert on Sunday, 11th. The concert will begin at 12 noon and offers admission at a cost of \$8. Attendees can enjoy complimentary tea, coffee, biscuits, and cake. Raffles will also be available for participation. The event will take place at the A.C.M.A. Country Hall of Fame located on Steggalls Road in Yandina. Twenty singers will perform a variety of genres ranging from Country to Pop. Contact Darryl at 0458 671 568.

**Annika Hinrichs, soprano soloist in Noosa Chorale's MAGNIFICAT**

Experience the Dynamic and Emotive Baroque at The J on **May 26 at 7pm and May 27 at 2pm.** Tickets are available for purchase on the [www.thej.com.au](http://www.thej.com.au) or by calling **5329 6560.**

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Maureen Sheargold with one of her wheelthrown pieces inspired by the Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens

## Discover the Beauty of Bushland Impressions

UPCOMING exhibition "Makers Perspective II - Bushland Impressions" draws inspiration from the Maroochy Botanic Gardens.

The event is being held at the Gardens Cafe in support of Compass Social Enterprise.

"The first Makers Perspective Exhibition raised funds to support the Café, enabling the purchase of new fans," said artist, Carol Forster.

Maureen Sheargold is a founding member of the Botanic Gardens and current volunteer. Her pieces capture the essence of the bushland and reflect her love of the clay medium.

An avid bushwalker, Carol Forster reimagines texture in her functional and decorative ware. Kath Melzer's bushland inspired pieces echo her love of colour and form, with a dash of playful humour.

Kristina Pearson's sculptural work embodies the textures and forms of native flora.

All together a collection of ceramic perspectives not to be missed.

There will be demonstrations daily and an opportunity to meet the artists.

► The exhibition runs from 7 - 18th June and is open daily from 10-3pm at Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens, Arts and Ecology Centre, 33 Palm Creek Road, Tanawah. Find us on Facebook and Instagram @ Makers Perspective.

Compass Inc. provides pathways for lifelong learning, skills based training and vocational opportunities for people with disabilities.

## Join in the Fun at Nambour & Burnside Chaplains' Trivia Night Fundraiser

NAMBOUR and Burnside Chaplains are set to host a lively Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, June 3, at Woombye Bowls Club.

Club spokesperson Pam Cranney said the event aimed to support the invaluable services provided by school chaplains to state school students, especially during these challenging times.

Hosts Woombye Bowls Club will provide a light supper midway through the evening. Refreshing drinks will also be available for purchase from the venue.

"To secure your spot, bookings are essential, so be sure to contact the organizer, Jan," said Pam. "You can either create your own team of 10 or join forces with another mixed team for a night of brain-teasing fun."

"Let's come together and make this event a resounding success in honoring our local Chappies who do a phenomenal job supporting our young kids in the community."

It will be an evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a chance to give back."

► Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. The event will kick off at 7pm, with registration starting at 6.30pm. For registration and further details, reach out to Jan at 0411 278 171 or via email at chaplain-snambourburnside@gmail.com.



Guy has entertained, educated and inspired audiences of all ages across the globe for decades.

## 100th Maleny Show welcomes back renowned horseman

THE organisers of this year's Maleny Show are excited to announce that internationally renowned Australian horseman and entertainer Guy McLean, has been confirmed to appear in the Main ring on Saturday June 3.

From humble beginnings training and riding horses and reciting poetry on horseback on his family's Susan River Homestead Resort, Guy has entertained, educated and inspired audiences of all ages across the globe for decades.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Guy will be appearing at our historic 100th Maleny Show," said Show Society spokeswoman, Lois White.

Since 1999, Guy has three amazing liberty performance teams on two continents, demonstrating his complete and utter dedication to everything that is 'Horse'. They have been featured at many major Australian, USA, and Canadian events such as Royal shows, Equitana Asia Pacific, Dressage Festivals, International Rodeos, World Cup Showjumping Events, World Equestrian Games, NY Central Park Horse Show, and also performing with his 4 Australian Stock Horses live on stage for Australia's Got Talent, which was televised on Channel 9 in 2016.

Although Guy has always identified himself

as a Horseman, first and foremost Guy's talents with Bush Poetry have seen him twice being crowned Australian Bush Poet Champion, in 2002 and 2006, along with the great honour of being named an official 'Ambassador of the Outback'.

His most recent title has been named the first Official Australian Stock Horse Ambassador, which is one of the most honoured appointments of his career thus far.

Guy has taken Australia to the World through his horsemanship, bush poetry, and double-handed stockwhip cracking with his Team of Australian Bred OG's, USA Born equine family members, and his two World Champion legends, by his side packing out 5,000+ seat arenas to watch their demos on what it is to be a Lifetime Horseman and a proud Australian Stockman.

"To be able to bring a horseman and entertainer of Guy's calibre to our Show is just incredible," Lois said. "We encourage people to get their tickets to the Show and come along on Saturday to see what promises to be a spectacular event."

► You can purchase your Show tickets at [www.malenysociety.org.au](http://www.malenysociety.org.au).



The talented cast is rehearsing to bring this hilarious tale to life on stage.

## Laughter & surprises in store as rehearsals underway for Lind Lane's 'My Husband's Nuts'

GET ready for a night of laughter and surprises as Lind Lane Theatre gears up for its upcoming production of "My Husband's Nuts" by Devon Williamson.

Director Britt Love has handpicked this beloved tale that promises to keep the audience thoroughly entertained with its twisted and unpredictable plot.

The story revolves around Barbara's husband who mysteriously goes missing on their family farm. When Jack finally returns, he is a bundle of nerves and refuses to step foot outside,

plagued by Agri-phobia—a fear of agriculture.

In an unexpected twist, he believes he is Hiroo Onoda, a Japanese soldier from World War Two, holding out on a remote island.

Needless to say, he's a little eccentric. The only people she can confide in are the new vet and the village idiot. How will they restore Jack's sanity without the help of medical professionals or common sense?

► Bookings for the May 26-June 3 shows are now open at [lindlane.com.au/whats-on](http://lindlane.com.au/whats-on) with enquiries for group bookings on 1300 732 764

## What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

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

### MAY:

**Until May 26:** Plan your hinterland **Open Studios** journey at Yandina Historic House Art Gallery, browse artworks, get trail guides and enjoy refreshments. [www.yandinahistorichouse.com.au](http://www.yandinahistorichouse.com.au).

**Until June 18:** **Mater Prize Home** open for viewing at 343 Western Avenue from 9am to 5pm daily until Sunday, June 18.

**May 26-28:** **Kenilworth Artsfest**, Kenilworth Public Hall. Silver Jubilee 25th ArtsFest.

**May 26 - June 3:** Don't miss the zany play "My Husband's Nuts" at **Lind Lane Theatre**, Nambour. Bookings: [lindlane.com.au/whats-on](http://lindlane.com.au/whats-on), 1300 732 764.

**May 27: Genealogy Sunshine Coast Open Day** from 9.30am to 3pm. Free access to records, Ancestry.com and Familysearch. Assistance and morning tea. GSC Resource Centre, Nambour. Contact [genealogysc@gmail.com](mailto:genealogysc@gmail.com) or 5329 2315.

**May 27, June 24, July 22 (9am): Nambour Croquet Club** invites newcomers to "Come and Try Croquet" at Coronation Drive. Equipment provided. Contact Patrick at 5472 7287 or [berpat@bigpond.com](mailto:berpat@bigpond.com).

**May 28: Kim Kirkman's Celtic Dreaming** concert at St George's Anglican Church, Maleny. Featuring Kim Kirkman, Amy Jansen, and Bernard O'Scanail. Tickets \$20 at the door or [www.trybooking.com/CHUZA](http://www.trybooking.com/CHUZA).

**May 28: Cooloolabin Hall Country Market Day**, 7am-4pm. Variety of stalls, food, drinks, live music. Fundraiser for hall maintenance. Eftpos available. Contact Neve 0400 750 673 or Dee 0459 207 453.

**May 28: Special Olympics Sunshine Coast Golf Event** at Palmer Cooloolabin Golf Course & Resort. Contact Golf Programs Australia Inc for details.

### JUNE

**Until June 18:** **Mater Prize Home** open for viewing at 343 Western Avenue from 9am to 5pm daily until Sunday, June 18.

**June 2 & 3: Maleny Show** celebrates 100th anniversary with Bluey and Bingo (on June 3) live shows, pavilion displays, human pyrotechnics, free train rides, and Dinosaur Adventure Park. Visit [malenysociety.org.au](http://malenysociety.org.au) for more details.

**June 2: 'Comedy For a Cause'** at Chevallum State School featuring top comedians. Drinks, nibbles, and a night of laughter while supporting the school. Purchase tickets and find more details with the QR code (see ad inside).

**June 2 (7.30pm) and June 4 (2.30pm): The Mapleton Choir** presents "A Celebration of Australian Legends" at Kureelpha Hall. Book with choir members or Ailsa 5478 6079.

**June 3:** Enjoy music performances by **Sunshine Brass, Noosa District Concert Band, and Nambour Salvation Army Band** on at Nambour Salvation Army Auditorium. Free event, donations appreciated.

**June 3: Collectorama** at Nambour Showgrounds, a vintage fair with a diverse range of treasures. Entry is \$6 cash per adult. Check out Collectorama Fair on Facebook and Instagram.

**June 3: Nambour & Burnside Chaplains' Trivia Night Fundraiser** at Woombye Bowls Club. Support school chaplains and enjoy brain-teasing fun, laughter, and camaraderie. Tickets \$10 at the door. Registration at 6:30pm. Contact Jan at 0411 278 171 or [chaplainsnambourburnside@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainsnambourburnside@gmail.com) for details.

**June 7-18: Makers Perspective II - Bushland Impressions Exhibition** at Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens, Tanawah. Open daily 10-3pm. Demonstrations and meet the artists. Support Compass Social Enterprise. Facebook/Instagram: @MakersPerspective.

**June 8-13: Graduates of Diploma of Photography Exhibition** at The Old Ambulance Station Gallery in Nambour. Opening event June 9 from 6-8pm. Free entry.

**June 9: Summer Candlelight Concert** featuring Vivaldi's Four Seasons at Flaxton Gardens. Tickets available at [www.feverup.com](http://www.feverup.com).

**June 9-11: Conondale Classic Weekend** event, Conondale.

**June 10:** Acclaimed singer-songwriter **Neil Murray** performs at Diddillibah Hall to celebrate his latest album, "The Telling." Doors open at 6pm. Tickets available at [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1022462](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1022462).



Santuzza (Vanessa West) pleads with Turiddu (Colin Dunn).

## Dazzling opera 'Cavalleria Rusticana' at Maleny Community Centre this June

ALMOST all music lovers know the famous "Intermezzo" in Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana".

This June 10, 11, 17, & 18 Hinterland music lovers will be able to hear the whole dazzling, short opera at the Maleny Community Centre.

Set in Sicily, the action centres around local ex-soldier, Turiddu (tenor Colin Dunn) who is secretly romancing the vivacious Lola (mezzo-soprano Viera Keogh).

She is the wife, however, of big-shot businessman (read mafioso?) Alfio (baritone Ian Rix). Into this hazardous mix throw jilted girlfriend Santuzza (guest soprano Vanessa West) and hear the emotions and the music explode.

Other well-known pieces are the heart-rending "Easter Hymn", where the chorus' joyful rejoicing is counterpoised by the audience's realization that Santuzza has been rejected by her community. And the fiery, soaring duet where Turiddu rejects his former girlfriend's pleas to take her back. Add a drinking song, and Sicilian codes of honour, and the result is a powerful show which should appeal to all ages.

Some 60 voices of chorus and soloists, Maleny Singers plus The Inspiration Project choir, will bring this wonderful work to local audiences. Maleny Performing Arts 25-piece orchestra will back the singers - all to be conducted by the exuberant Kim Kirkman. Singers' Wendy Gleeson along with Kim, have rehearsed the choruses, with dramatic direction by Margaret Taylor, who will also sing Mama Lucia (Turiddu's mother).

► Tickets are \$ 35, \$30 and \$ 15 to be purchased from [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com), Maleny Information Centre or at the door. All four performances are matinees at 3pm.

## Mapleton Choir celebrates our lost Australian legends

WITH the passing last year of three icons of Australian music - Archie Roach, Judith Durham and Olivia Newton-John - Mapleton Choir decided to present a concert featuring their music and that of other Australian legends.

Included in the program is The River, a suite of 5 songs about our Maroochy River by John Taylor. It was top of the list for the choir's favourite songs in a concert we presented in 2015. John has composed and arranged numerous music for the choir over his 38 years as our accompanist. He is definitely an Australian legend!

Other songs include You're the Voice, Cool Change and an arrangement of True Blue specially written for us by Helen Porter (a former choir member).

► The concerts are at Kureelpa Hall on Friday 2 June at 7.30pm and Sunday 4 June at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the concerts. Book with choir members or Ailsa 5478 6079.



"I love doing art, but it's also my therapy" ... Billie Baxter is this year's featured artist.

## St Luke's festival boasts free art workshops, family fun day

BOLD, swirling mandalas mark Billie Baxter's artwork as one not to miss during this year's annual Graceville Art Festival.

Held at St Luke's Lutheran Church in Nambour between June 23-25, the festival is a celebration of diversity and inclusion with art displayed in St Luke's church. Ms Baxter is this year's featured artist.

Local artists as well as people with a disability and/or mental health concern will be selling and displaying their works at the festival, as well as being a weekend packed with workshops and family activities.

Graceville Centre in Nambour is part of Lutheran Services and offers mental health and disability support, as well as onsite Supported Independent Living.

Ms Baxter loves to paint on recycled items such as surfboards and old records and CDs.

Two major health incidents have dictated the way she paints. A brain haemorrhage in her 20s and spinal cord damage more recently mean she had to re-learn how to draw twice.

"I moved to painting dot mandalas, the small movements and precision is actually really well suited to my limited range of movement," she said.

Mandalas - symbolic shapes used in medita-



tion practice - are a recurring motif.

She uses a compass, a protractor and lots of maths to map out the location of the shapes.

"Mandala painting really gives you peace of mind because it is repetitive you get into a meditative state. It's good for your mind. The world is such a busy, stressful place that it's really calming for your mind," she said. "I love doing art, but it's also my therapy."

► Graceville Art Festival, 23-25 June will be held at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 10 Sydney St, Nambour. Ms Baxter will hold a rock painting/mini mandala workshop on Friday June 23, 9-10.30am. To find out more or to book a workshop, visit [www.gracevilleartfestival.org.au](http://www.gracevilleartfestival.org.au).

## Photographers to showcase creative talents at TAFE Graduation Exhibition

THE Old Ambulance Station Nambour is proud to present an extraordinary exhibition featuring the works of seven talented graduates from the esteemed Diploma of Photography - TAFE Queensland Nambour.

The exhibition opens June 8 and promises a captivating display of artistic vision and technical prowess. The graduates, hailing from diverse backgrounds, ages, and experiences, have honed their skills for photography through an intensive program of study. Each brings a unique perspective, ensuring a thought-provoking collection of images that will captivate and inspire viewers.

The Old Ambulance Station Nambour serves as the perfect backdrop for the showcase, providing an industrial-chic setting that complements the creativity and ingenuity of the photographers' works.

Visitors can expect to be transported through a visual journey that explores various genres, techniques, and conceptual themes.

The exhibition celebrates the culmination

of the graduates' hard work and dedication, marking the beginning of their professional careers in photography.

► The exhibition opens at The Old Ambulance Station Gallery in Nambour from 6-8pm on June 9.

## Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

HERE'S what's showing now at Majestic Cinemas: Now Showing: Fast X (Vin Diesel, Jason Momoa); Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3; John Farnham Finding the Voice; Love Again (Romantic Comedy); Book Club the Next Chapter and from May 25 The Little Mermaid (live action remake); Maybe I Do (Romantic Comedy with Diane Keaton) and Renfield (Horror/comedy with Nicolas Cage).

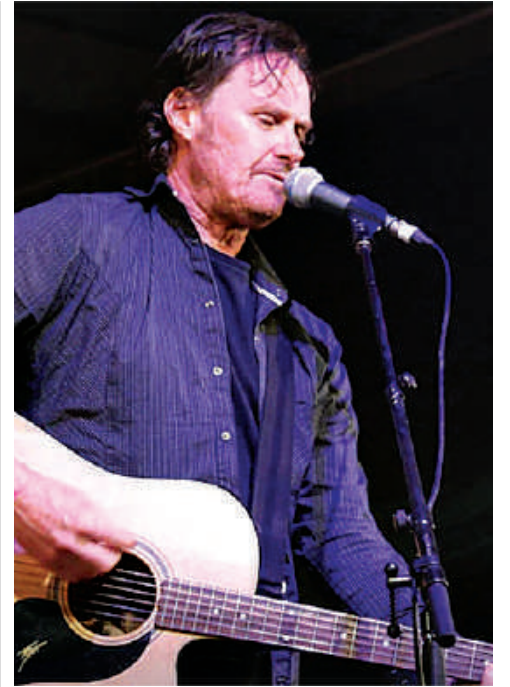
► For more information on session times please visit [www.majesticcinemas.com.au](http://www.majesticcinemas.com.au) or phone 5441 2954.

## Kim Kirkman's Celtic Dreaming at St George's

BEAUTIFUL songs and tunes from the Celtic lands will float out of St George's Anglican Church, 2 Walkers Drive, Maleny on May 28 at 2pm.

Popular performer of voice, harp and violin, Kim Kirkman, brings together *Abakus Trio*. Kim with Amy Jansen on flute, whistle, and mandolin, along with guitarist Bernard O'Scanail will present an amazing experience of Celtic music.

► The \$20 tickets are available at the door or from [www.trybooking.com/CHUZA](http://www.trybooking.com/CHUZA).



Neil Murray "sings from the heart of the country" and he'll be singing at Diddillibah Hall on June 10.

## Neil Murray's new album to light up Diddillibah Hall

GET ready for an unforgettable evening as acclaimed Australian singer-songwriter Neil Murray takes the stage at Diddillibah Hall to celebrate the release of his latest album, "The Telling."

With an illustrious career spanning four decades, including his time with the Warumpi Band, Murray's new solo album showcases his unmatched talent and profound storytelling.

"We're so lucky to have Neil back again to play at Diddillibah Hall," said Diddillibah Hall committee member Sally Lawrence. His last concert at the Hall was packed to the rafters, at the Black Cockatoo Retreat he sold out and this year's concert back at the Hall is sure to be one special night."

Recorded in Melbourne by Roger Bergodaz and mixed in Sydney by Ted Howard, "The Telling" features some of Murray's most powerful and emotionally charged songs to date. Delving into themes of injustice, loss, and resilience, the album presents a compelling journey through historic and recent narratives. From the gripping opening tracks "Broken Land," "No Justice," and "Tears of Wybalenna" to the poignant reflections on environmental challenges in "The Murrumbidgee" and "Rainbow Serpent and a Mine", Murray's lyrics resonate deeply with listeners.

The album also pays tribute to love, departed souls, and Indigenous culture, culminating in a diverse and captivating musical experience.

Join Neil and his band at Diddillibah Hall on Saturday, June 10, for an extraordinary evening of music. The doors will open at 6pm, allowing you to bring your own drinks and enjoy the delicious offerings from the Harri Dumpling Food van, available for food purchases starting at 5:00pm. With a cozy fire pit to add to the ambiance, the stage will come alive with the soul-stirring performances of Neil Murray accompanied by Craig Kelly on bass and Peter Hudson on drums.

► The concert is on Saturday, June 10, at Diddillibah Hall. Tickets via TryBooking.



## Discover the meditation & health benefits of tai chi

THE ancient art of tai chi involves a sequence of slow continuous movements which improve balance, flexibility, and well-being. Tai chi works as a moving meditation that helps body and mind to become supple and strong.

Introductory courses will take place at Nambour Uniting Church Hall from 9am Wednesday 28 June subject to places being available. The first session is obligation free, and sessions continue weekly thereafter. The sessions are designed for brand new beginners and offered by the Taoist Tai Chi Society.

## Plan to help beautify local Shopfronts

**David Law**  
Division 10 Councillor  
david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au



Funding is now available to help Nambour businesses create a powerful first impression on their shopfronts and attract more customers. The move is aimed at boosting businesses and improving the experience for shoppers at Nambour. Improvements that could be made range from a fresh coat of paint to eye-catching signage, well-lit displays, vibrant greenery or better accessibility. As a commitment in investing in the Nambour business district, Council will support matched funding up to a maximum contribution of \$5000. It's a challenging time for many local businesses so I encourage businesses to apply now for a grant to help increase footfall and patronage with customers. For more information on the application criteria, go to: [iamnambour.com.au/nambour-shopfront-improvement-program/](http://iamnambour.com.au/nambour-shopfront-improvement-program/)

### Major Grants

One hundred local community organisations, all striving to improve lives in the region, have gained support through Council's latest Major Grants round. They will receive a share of almost \$600,000 to deliver a range of top-notch community initiatives. The range of events, projects and activities receiving funding is testament to the vibrant and diverse region we live in. Several local community groups reaping the benefits include Nambour Blue Demons Hockey Club Inc. receiving \$7500 towards the development of a club strategic plan and Nambour & District Historical Museum Association Inc. receiving \$7203 toward conservation activities to preserve a recently donated collection of fire brigade memorabilia including a brass fireman's helmet from the early years of the Nambour Volunteer Fire Brigade.

### National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week kicks off on May 27 and is a time for us to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Visit Council's website for more information and to download the full program.

## Locals honoured at Governor's Ceremony

**Andrew Powell**  
State Member for Glass House  
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Last week I had the opportunity to share in a wonderful morning at Government House with 24 extraordinary Australians as each received their Order of Australia medals ... including Maleny's own Mrs Florence Woods.

It was also a pleasant surprise as my former Principal at Grace Lutheran College, Mr Fred Stolz, was honoured at the same ceremony. Congratulations to Mrs Woods, and each of the recipients, and thank you for your service.

### Youth Crime

Almost every day lately, I am getting phone calls and emails about crime. Particularly youth crime. In Glass House, locals are sick of hooning, teenagers engaging in ganglike behaviour particularly around shopping centres and generally feeling unsafe when they go out.

The police have asked me to ask you to make official reports on any crime or antisocial behaviour you see. They cannot act on instances that are not officially reported so please, help them help us.

The local police are doing the best they can with the resources they have, but the Palaszczuk Labor Government must do more to keep Queenslanders safe. It's not good enough to feel unsafe in your own home or in the community.

### Steve Irwin Way Roadworks

The Department of Transport and Main Roads have advised works to realign a one-kilometre section of Steve Irwin Way between Nursery Road and Moffatt Road at Glass House Mountains are almost complete. Final tie-in works are required to enable traffic to be switched over from the existing Steve Irwin Way to the new alignment. It is anticipated the tie-in works will take approximately three months to complete, commencing early May 2023.

These works will involve reduced speed limits and temporary road shoulder and single lane closures on Steve Irwin Way. The pedestrian path on the western side of Steve Irwin Way will remain open during works.

## Investing in student wellbeing

**Rob Skelton**  
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We're investing more in the health of our schoolchildren.

The Palaszczuk Government will be investing \$106.7 million over three years for the Student Wellbeing Package, which ensures every student, in every primary and secondary state school in Queensland, has access to a health and well-being professional at their school.

Under the package, 50 Queensland state schools – including a total of thirteen schools in the Nicklin electorate – will participate in the GPs in Schools Pilot program, and up to 464 additional wellbeing professionals will be employed to provide extra support for student mental health and wellbeing.

I am proud to be part of a government that understands how important it is to invest in the next generation of workers and leaders. Our local schools will benefit immensely from professionals such as psychologists, social workers and guidance officers, supporting students and teachers alike.

Public consultation on manufactured homes The Palaszczuk Government has listened to home owners' concerns about the sale of manufactured homes and site rent within residential parks and has committed to review and address these issues.

Consultation is now open, and you are invited to give feedback on what changes are needed. Have your say at [qld.gov.au/manufacturedhomesfeedback](http://qld.gov.au/manufacturedhomesfeedback). Submissions close 5pm, 26 June 2023.

### International Nurses Day

Happy International Nurses Day! We all know how important our healthcare workers are, especially after seeing the effects of the pandemic. Queensland's nurses are the backbone of our health system, often playing the role of patient advocate and counselling patients' families during difficult times.

I hope everyone has had a chance to thank a nurse for everything they do for our community. Some of the most caring and committed people I know are nurses, and we owe it to them to recognise their service.

## B2N promises off the rails

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



Sometimes information comes to me in unexpected ways, like when I received a copy of the meeting minutes for the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade. The document, from March 2 2023, titled Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (B2N) Environmental Matters Update, provides a detailed overview of the project, including what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done.

One interesting point raised is why certain works have not yet been completed.

As regular readers may recall, I have previously discussed concerns regarding the budget allocation for this project since its announcement in June 2018. In an op-ed published in the Sunshine Valley Gazette on 23 June 2021 titled 'What they budget is NOT what they spend,' I highlighted this issue.

The March 2023 document focuses on the environmental aspects of the project. It mentions that several ecological assessments have been conducted within the proposed corridor between 2005 and 2022. Additionally, surveys were carried out to assess fish and aquatic habitats, as well as targeted studies of frogs, including the Giant Barred Frog and the Wallum Sedge Frog. Koala surveys were also conducted, although no koalas were found.

The minutes indicate that various approvals have already been obtained, including those under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC), as well as permits for protected plants and the High-Risk Species Management Program (SMP). Furthermore, no Threatened Environmental Communities were identified within the project area.

Water quality monitoring has been ongoing for the past 12 months at intersecting waterways. Although the minutes primarily discuss the Beerburrum to Beerwah rail project, it mentions that water quality can also be monitored at Nambour and Landsborough as part of the early works.



The minutes refer to the detailed design for stage 1 funded B2N works, in future tense.

This is no surprise as it was acknowledged in the 14 April 'non-released to the public' Media Release (damn those trucks).

It acknowledges that detailed designs for stage 1 works are not completed, despite almost five years having passed since saying it was go!

Further, it notes that the concept design for the unfunded stage 2 works has not yet commenced due to a lack of funding.

This delay might be a blessing in disguise since the originally proposed stage 2 would lock in the twisted alignment for decades.

According to the 2011 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) drawings, the rail corridor to Nambour has the capacity to accommodate four tracks (another story involving trucks and mishaps), but let's not digress.

The impasse we face is due to the Queensland government's refusal to fund more than 30% of the downgraded project, which means that duplicated track falls short by 4km of reaching Landsborough (at Beerwah). Consequently, a new bus interchange and a 300-bay park'n'ride expansion (due to open June 2023) will have to await the arrival of a second track. My point being that these grand new improvements only serve the single track. It's absurd planning.

The timing of this development now rests with the state government since the change in federal government has left them with no one else to blame for the lack of funding.

Given the history of broken promises regarding rail infrastructure and Annastacia's refusal to properly fund our infrastructure, it's possible that the opposition after 2024 may well fit back into a Tarago... again.



**Council's Natural Areas Officer Steven Milner.**

## How hi-tech tree homes will help save precious wildlife

AN Australian-first research project will trial a solution to provide cosy homes for the hinterland's tree loving wildlife.

In the peaceful Baroon Pocket Environment Reserve, in Mapleton, 77 hardwood nest boxes have been installed amongst the tree canopy to mimic hollows that would otherwise take hundreds of years to develop naturally.

These are hoped to create safehouses for precious creatures, including the powerful owl, cockatoos, squirrel glider, greater glider, possum, micro bats and antechinus – a small mouse-like native marsupial – and help us learn more about their secret world.

Sunshine Coast Council's Natural Areas Officer Steven Milner said biodiversity within a reserve relied on a plentiful supply of suitable habitat for wildlife.

"On the Sunshine Coast there is a lack of natural hollows for birds such as the powerful owl, or marsupials, like the antechinus, to live in," Mr Milner said.

"This is because it can take up to 150 to 200 years for trees to age, go into decline and hollows to form. Very few trees here are that old due to past successive logging. Nest boxes are bridging the gap – fast forwarding time to create instant habitat for our wildlife today. This greatly benefits our region's biodiversity and supports the survival of these species for generations and generations to come."

## Seniors Forum looks into cyber security

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My 2023 Seniors Forum was held recently where we discussed cyber security.

Online safety continues to be a priority issue and it was great to hear from the experts - NBN Australia, IDCARE and CAPA Services.

Preventing scammers from reaching our information was the number one message, and below are the top three points taken from the presentations on the day:

1. Pause - if you receive unsolicited contact from someone (phone call or email), pause and cease contact to verify what they are saying. Contact the organisation directly using publicly available contact points;
2. Never allow anyone remote access to your computer unless YOU have initiated it; and
3. Consider using a password manager and multi-factor authorisation apps for added layers of security.

Thank you to Living Choice Twin Waters for hosting the Forum.

If you or a loved one thinks they may have been scammed, contact iDCare on 1800 595 160 or [www.idcare.org](http://www.idcare.org).

### Community Pharmacies raise concerns about new dispensing policy

A number of community pharmacies on the Sunshine Coast are under threat due to Labor's new policy on dispensing medicines.

My Coalition colleagues and I have called for the government to guarantee that its new policy will NOT:

- harm the viability of community pharmacies;
- adversely affect medicine supplies; and
- increase medicine stockpiling and wastage.

If you're visiting a community pharmacy, please be conscious of the pressure they're under.

Some pharmacists are worried about the sustainability of their business model and many staff worry about the future of their jobs.

## Building a Wildlife-friendly Biosphere on the Coast

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

THIS week WILVO representatives were invited to a meeting to discuss the Sunshine Coast Council's Macropod Conservation Plan. Some years in the making, WILVOS have attended each meeting, as one of the key stakeholders.

We were fortunate to hear Dr Bev Brunton's update on the University of the Sunshine Coast's Eastern Grey Kangaroo genetics project. It was interesting to hear more about their local diversity. Through development this diversity is affected by structures such as roads and buildings blocking movement. Suburban and small rural blocks often use fencing methods that block pathways that had previously been traversed by native animals.

Jacqueline, the Council's Senior Natural Areas Planner, presented the draft and I was struck by the practicality of it.

Our depleting wildlife numbers are a community problem, not only an issue for Council and Government. Residents do need to co-exist with native animals as we choose to live in what hopefully will be a wildlife friendly biosphere. Planning in years past did not reflect the present concern for the future of our wildlife.

Such rapid development would not have been anticipated and the knowledge of wildlife in a suburban landscape was limited.

Many practical solutions are offered in this Macropod Conservation Plan. I'd love to see everyone read this Plan and mark on the map where macropods are seen. There is a comments section as feedback to the draft plan. We need to let the Council know we care about our macropods and their future.

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/draft-macropod-conservation-plan>

It is not easy organizing the day in between animal feeds to attend a meeting but this was well worth the effort!







## Zonta plant stall grows on Maleny

ZONTA Club of Blackall Range's latest plant stall at the Maleny Kiosk on 10 May was a great success. Once again the green fingers of Club members were busy potting and cultivating garden plants, with a focus on natives, as well as pretty pots of flowers for Mothers' Day presents.

This fund raising effort helps support all Zonta's valuable work at home and also abroad. This includes birthing kits, tertiary scholarships for women, local support services for young mothers and those with eating disorders, refugee packs, Afghani girls' education and also goes to a Zonta Club in the Ukraine to assist with the work they do there.

If you are interested in joining these Zonta Club of Blackall Range, call Margy on 0412 206 305. We get together monthly on a Tuesday night for a dinner meeting. New members welcome. See you in September for our Spring plant stall.

## Mapleton man beats cancer with the help of Wishlist Centre

MAPLETON local Bill Gemmell is quite simply, resilience personified. In the past 10 years Bill has survived a heart attack, stroke, and more recently - fought a volatile form of prostate cancer.

Last year on a routine GP visit, Bill's doctor discovered something alarming - his prostate specific antigen count was rising exponentially.

"I got referred to a specialist at the hospital and the specialist informed me that I had an aggressive cancer in my prostate," Mr Gemmell said.

"I've been progressively experiencing health problems in my senior years, and this was another one that I couldn't ignore.

"I was seriously concerned that this could be my time up and I immediately thought of my five children."

The 75-year-old was advised to seek immediate treatment at Adem Crosby Centre located in Sunshine Coast University Hospital, but he had a logistical dilemma.

Combined with a rigorous treatment schedule, his family sprawled across the country, and living 50 kilometres away from hospital, Wishlist were able to accommodate Bill directly across the road at their recently opened Wishlist Centre.

"Wishlist Centre is a fantastic facility. It's modern, it's clean, it's more than a home away from home. The volunteers are very wel-



Rural Fire Brigade volunteers received helicopter briefings & inspections at the training day.

## Firefighting crew training hones skills, teamwork

AROUND 75 Rural Fire Brigade volunteers from across the region participated in joint training exercises on the weekend to hone their skills and get to know neighbouring crews.

"The training day involved bringing together the 11 brigades within the Maroochy South group, as many crew as we can get from those brigades," said Nigel Kemp, Group Officer of Maroochy South.

"It's a day of working with each other, a team building exercise, learning what your neighbouring brigade can do, who the people are in those brigades, what the trucks are capable of doing, and we had a good day and a bit of fun doing it. It's tasks we would do daily on the fire ground, just in a less-pressure, less-intense, friendlier environment. It gives you time to think about what you're doing rather than when you're on the fire ground when the pressure is on."

The exercises included: reversing a fire truck blindfolded while being guided only by a colleague's radioed directions, pumping water

from a dam to refill the fire truck, towing a bogged truck, using hoes to dig a small fire break, four wheel driving along rugged bush tracks, fun team-building activities, all combined with practiced radio communications with Incident Control.

The exercises were hosted by Kureelipa Rural Fire Brigade. Crews that attended were from Bli Bli, Eudlo, Ilkley, Kiel Mountain, Kureelipa, Mapleton, Montville, Obi Obi, and Palmwoods. Mr Kemp has noted that high rainfall over recent years will potentially lead to high fuel loads on Sunshine Coast bushland areas, so crews need to be extra vigilant for upcoming fire seasons.

"Thanks to events like this, when we see a neighbouring truck pull up beside us at a major fire event, we know who they are, what they can do, we know what their truck can do. We all get to work together and learn each other's talents and capabilities, so we know that when the fire season ramps up, we're right to go."

## You're invited to experience the gentle joy of croquet

NAMBOUR Croquet Club, situated next to the Nambour Bowls Club on Coronation Drive, is gearing up to introduce newcomers to the sport. They have announced three upcoming "Come and Try Croquet" days on Saturday, May 27th, June 24th, and July 22nd, beginning at 9am. Attendees will be treated to a morning tea.

The club's members extend a warm welcome to people of all ages. Croquet offers a moderate form of exercise, with games lasting between 30 to 45 minutes.

Don't worry about equipment - everything needed for a game is provided. All you need is a pair of soft-soled shoes. Age is not a barrier at Nambour Croquet Club, as they boast players over 90 years old. In fact, the club even trains juniors in Grade 11, fostering the love for the game from an early age.

"Beyond the physical activity and fitness benefits, croquet is known for its enjoyable and social nature. It presents an opportunity to forge new friendships while having a great time," said club spokesperson Patrick Farrell.

If you're unable to attend the designated "come and try" days the club welcomes newcomers every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, with activities starting at 8.45am.

For those seeking further information about Nambour Croquet Club and its offerings, Patrick can be reached at 5472 7287 or [berpat@bigpond.com](mailto:berpat@bigpond.com). You can also contact the club directly at 5441 7020. Embrace the world of croquet and discover the joys of this engaging sport in the heart of Nambour.



## Captivating film highlights giant struggle

THE Greens in Maleny invites everyone to a special event featuring an extraordinary cinematic portrait of environmental activist Bob Brown and his 50 years of activism.

Join them on Friday, June 30, at the Maleny Community Centre for a captivating film that highlights Brown's fight to protect ancient forests across Australia.

Cameras rigged high in the tree canopy and immersive point cloud animation bring to life the hidden world of these fragile and threatened forests, creating a visually stunning

experience.

Sponsored by the Maleny Greens, tickets for the movie are priced at \$12, and a delicious dinner option is available for \$10. Secure your tickets now at [www.defendthegiants.org/event/the-giants-maleny-qld/](http://www.defendthegiants.org/event/the-giants-maleny-qld/) and be part of this inspiring evening that combines entertainment, education, and environmental conservation. Don't miss the opportunity to contribute to a worthy cause while immersing yourself in the beauty of nature on the big screen. Join us for "The Giants" in Maleny.



Bill Gemmell from Mapleton with daughter Liz Gemmell who hopes to raise \$500 for Wishlist.

coming," he said. "It took me only six minutes to walk to my treatment every day and I couldn't ask for anything more.

"Without the support of donors, I'd be driving 100 kilometres every day, and I couldn't manage that for a second, so thank you, sincerely."

Bill is pleased to report he is in great health and good spirits again, and back soaking up the clean air and picturesque views of the hinterland.

► To find out how Wishlist can support you and your family during a health crisis, visit [Wishlist.org.au](http://Wishlist.org.au).

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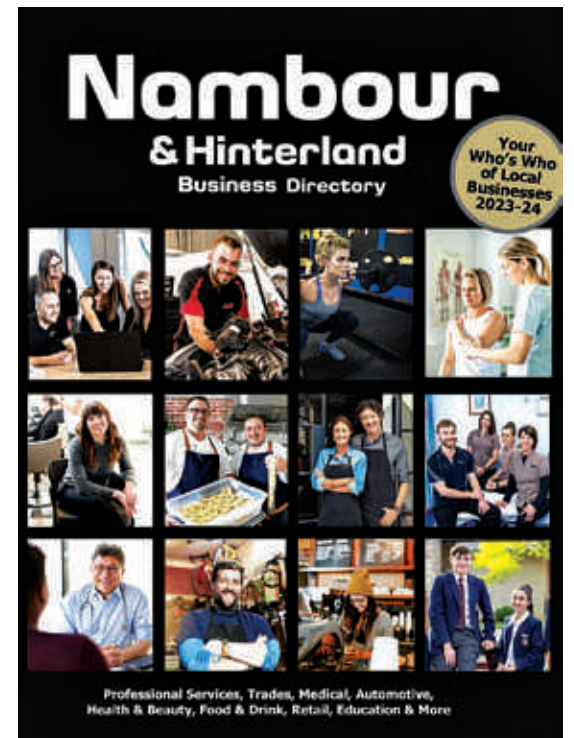
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## Dual living in Maleny ... walk to town

1/11 Sunnyside Court, Maleny.

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This home at 1/11 Sunnyside Court offers the opportunity for extended family or separate tenancies (Air BnB) to have their own level entry with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms upstairs, and a 1 bedroom fully self-contained space with a separate garage and private deck downstairs.

This is a quality home with high-end appliances, solar electricity, heat pump hot water system, a water tank, plus town water and sewerage. A rental appraisal is available upon request for each level or as one. The property offers a potential return of about \$900 a week separately tenanted or potentially more as an Air BnB.

It is air-conditioned, and there are fans throughout and a fireplace.

The double remote controlled garage has a dividing wall that can be removed.

This is a freehold dwelling and the neighbour behind shares the cost (approximately \$350 per year each), of concrete driveway public liability insurance.

► Call Vanessa Brunton of VB Real Estate on 0467 448 850 for details or inspection.



## Immaculate elevated property, with views

60 Altitude Drive, Burnside.

THIS beautiful 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom house is sure to impress. It is situated on a generous 630 sqm block and features a spacious double garage with ample storage space.

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

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

The outdoor area is perfect for those who love to entertain, with a large covered alfresco area and a beautiful landscaped garden. There is plenty of room for a pool or shed. This property is perfect for families or those who love to entertain.

The Burnside home is close to all amenities including schools, shops, and public transport. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to secure your dream home. An auction will be held on site on Thursday the 15th of June at 4pm.

► Contact Dani Parés of Ray White Nambour on 0468 918 856 for open home times.



Established trees and shrubs create privacy; the grounds are easy to care for and there's heaps of room for the kids and pets to play outdoors and soak up the sun.

## Family home in quiet location

AGENT'S CHOICE: 18 Snowwood Avenue, Maleny. Price by negotiation.

PERFECTLY positioned at the end of a whisper quiet street, in the sought-after Cloudwalk Estate, sits this contemporary DJ Sommers-built home. Set on a lovely 906m2 block, this property offers the growing family everything they need; space, modern appliances, storage, and easy access to all the amenities and unique experiences Maleny has to offer.

Offering effortless single level living, the home comprises four bedrooms, two bathrooms and two separate living areas. The light-filled kitchen boasts a lovely verdant vista and the covered timber deck at the rear of the home is perfect for alfresco entertaining and relaxing at the end of the day.

A fantastic, family friendly layout is on offer and a host of features deliver a modern home;

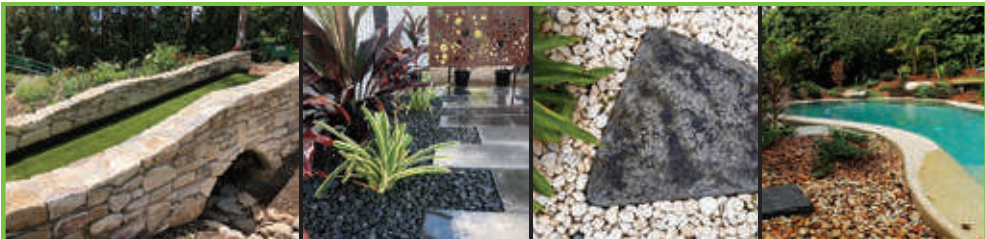
stone benchtops, stainless steel appliances, gas cooktop, separate bath and shower in the main bathroom and sliding partition doors to the formal lounge/media room.

Established trees and shrubs create privacy; the grounds are easy to care for and there's heaps of room for the kids and pets to play outdoors and soak up the sun.

Just a 2 minute drive to the heart of Maleny and a 500-metre walk to the boardwalk, this lovely home is a picturesque stroll through parkland and alongside Obi Obi Creek to reach the township.

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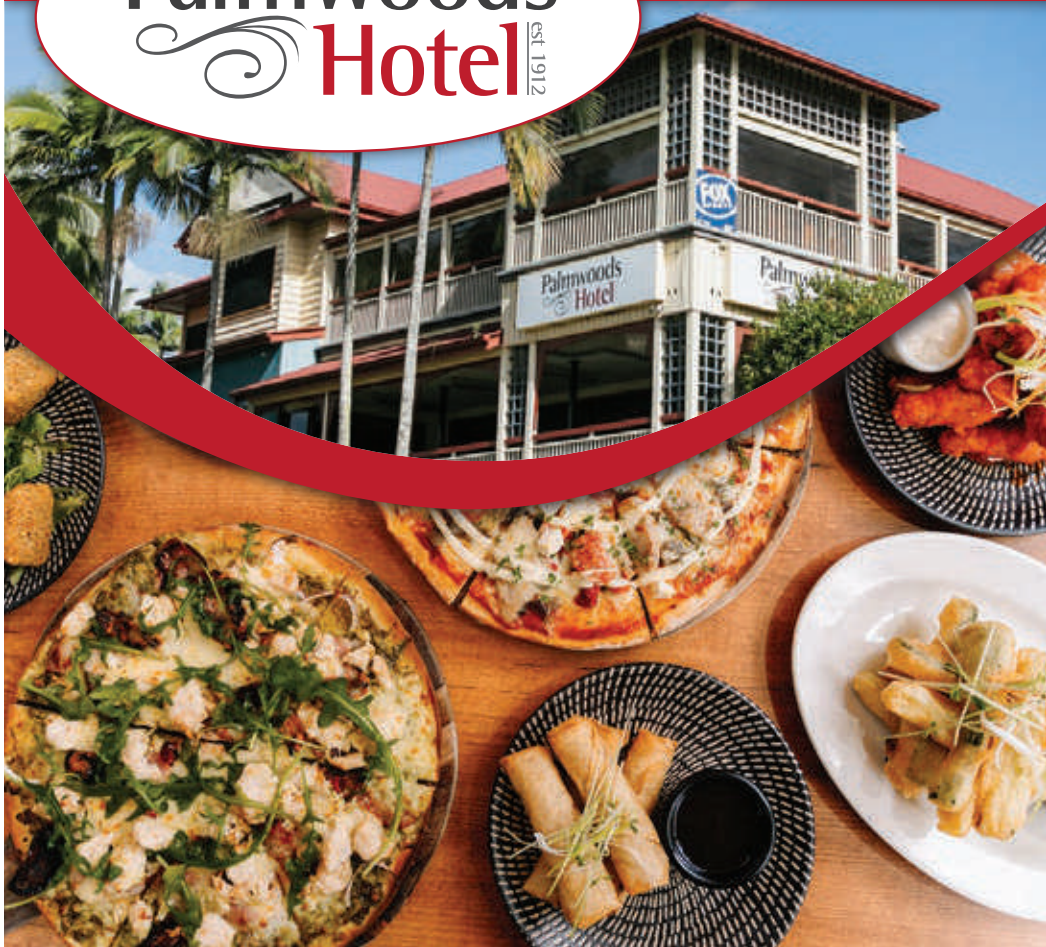
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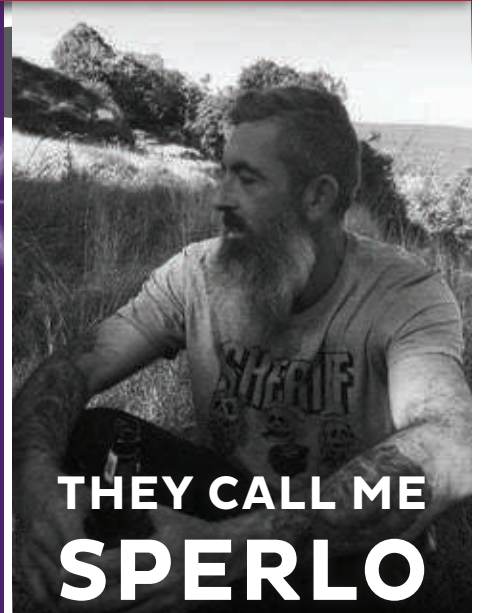
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