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A safer CBD for Nambour

Petition calls for action on drug abuse, violence, youth crime, vagrancy and menacing behaviour

RENOWNED lawyer and Reimagine Nambour Chairman Peter Boyce says he is determined to keep the issue of CBD safety high on the radar of authorities.

His comments follow the launch of an online "Petition for a Safer Town" seeking State Government action to quell drug and alcohol abuse, in-street violence, youth crime, vagrancy and menacing behaviour in Nambour.

Mr Boyce said the problems were having a demoralising effect on Nam-

bour, causing residents to feel unsafe and businesses to suffer with shoppers reluctant to walk the streets.

"The trauma that's experienced by businesses and people in that area is unacceptable," he said. "We're desperate to make sure that this issue, the safety aspect, stays well and truly high on the agenda and doesn't go away."

"We're all happy that our own health and wellbeing and safety is not an issue. But I really feel for a lot of those people

who are trying to run a business in the CBD.

"Because they shouldn't be subjected to that sort of conduct.

"And I can tell you, when I've been to some meetings, and heard the first-hand experiences of some of those people, I have been shell-shocked by how bad it's been at times.

"And I realize every larger community has some issues about people's conduct, and the way they behave. But there's got

to be a better way.

"And why should anyone be subjected to this type of conduct from a tiny minority of people? Especially when, at the same time, we're trying to say, 'Come to Nambour. Come and enjoy our beautiful town?'"

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Peter Boyce

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News of 'donation tin' patrols shocks Shadow Police Minister

SHADOW Police Minister Dale Last said it was shocking that Nambour business leaders felt they needed to "hand around the donation tin" in order to keep their streets safe.

The statement follows Reimagine Nambour's open letter gauging interest from local businesspeople about paying for extra police patrols in the Nambour CBD.

The open letter comes amid safety concerns and seeks donations to fund two police officers to patrol the Nambour CBD.

Mr Last said the move represented a "shocking development in the Queensland crime crisis".

"The Labor State Government's crime crisis is so out of control, locals are now considering paying for basic policing services that everyone should be entitled to," Mr Last said.

"Under Labor, if you are a business owner in Nambour you will get more police; but only if you pay for it.

"Labor is more concerned with how things look, than how they are.

"Just three months ago the Premier opened the new Nambour Police Station, yet here



Nicklin MP Rob Skelton



Shadow Police Minister Dale Last

we have locals being requested to pay for police.

"The former LNP Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt fought hard for dedicated police on the beat in Nambour and even negotiated a free office space donated by a local landlord to be used as a police beat.

"A petition to the Parliament signed by over 2000 people in Nambour (in 2019) called for action by this Government which fell on deaf ears.

"After three terms in office the State Government has given up on listening.

"Nambour locals deserve better."

Member for Nicklin responds

MEMBER for Nicklin Rob Skelton said he was always open to people who had a valuable contribution to make.

"Unfortunately, the only track record the LNP have on crime is cutting senior police by a third and forcing police to buy their own equipment when last in government.

"Publicly available statistics show a continuing downward trend of crime in Nambour, in tandem with the rest of Queensland.

"We all need to work together to keep our community safe. Unproductive yelling from the sidelines does nothing to help our community.

"That's why we're continuing to invest in front line services and will continue to work with police and local small businesses to keep our community safe."



Threatening, unruly, bizarre behaviour commonplace

SHOPKEEPERS in Nambour CBD have to deal with regular and consistent threatening, unruly and bizarre behaviour, in addition to criminal activity and violence, as the town copes with the knock-on effects of mental health and addiction issues.

Several people, who did not wish to be named for fear of an online backlash or damage to their premises, said a drug subculture was thriving in the town.

The sub-culture, including trafficking, has developed around services such as needle exchange and availability of opioid replacement therapies like methadone.

Shopkeepers say drug deals in broad daylight are an everyday occurrence.

Many know who the dealers are. One even positioned her stock to obstruct part of her window so she would not have to witness the regular criminal activity as it took place.

Another said it was common to see people "off their face melting down" on drugs.

"... they walk up the street, ranting and raving, swearing, spitting on the ground," she said.

"You never know if they are off their chops and what they are capable of. It's very confronting and scary.

"And just because we get a little bit used to it over time, doesn't mean it should be happening here, all the time."

One female shopkeeper said a fairly major incident happened every week.

While they always felt secure in their shop, she and a staff member had a "plan B escape route" prepared just in case.

Other retailers have told of bizarre behaviour where people come in to their shops and knock over stock in aggressive and outlandish raids where the end objective appears to be to create havoc while shoplifting at the same time.

"This is a State Government issue and they need to clean up the situation they created," said another shop owner. "It's not nice to feel unsafe in your own town."

Most businesses agreed regular, visible police patrols in Nambour CBD would improve the situation.

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Meth clinic needs to go back to hospitals: business owner

Customers terrified of certain areas of Nambour CBD

A clearly frustrated local business owner says the Nambour CBD business community is suffering under a pattern of intimidating and anti-social behaviour on a regular basis.

The person, who did not want to be named, said she understood that it was important to take care of vulnerable people.

But Nambour, and the CBD in particular, was coping with more than its fair share.

"It's affecting our business because some customers are terrified of walking through certain areas to come in and see us.

"So we have to try and direct them to where they can approach safely. They can't use those car parks out the back because if they have to walk through the town square (in Short Street) and walk past the element that hangs out there, they're scared.

"And I've had to, on some occasions, walk back with my customers to their car.

"And it's not necessarily the homeless, it's just some of the unruly behaviour that's going on. That's the sad thing, I suppose.

"And they're not local to Nambour. They are coming, probably off the train, and they're

coming through town to use the methadone clinic.

"And what really needs to happen is that clinic needs to go. Now! Back to the hospital, back to Sunshine Coast University Hospital. Pretty please!

"The authorities think that they can just send them here to Nambour. I think Nambour is totally duped by the council and the State Government and it's disgusting.

"Sorry. I can't stand any more. I keep thinking to myself, 'Why are we still here in business in Nambour?' Because it's not how it was when we first started years ago. People would all come down and be friendly and have a chat. Now I think they're terrified and they don't tend to linger."

The business person pointed to a disturbance across the street.

"Even right now ... with just having this element here and they're screaming and they're ranting up and down. That's what the problem is. And it's affecting everyone. No-one should have to put up with this regular, awful, threatening and intimidating behaviour."

'Operation Lucent' to address property crime & good order offences in Nambour

Queensland Police Service issued the following statement in relation to our coverage, in the last edition, of Reimagine Nambour's initiative to gauge interest in paying for extra police patrols in the Nambour CBD.

"In July this year the new \$8.3 million Nambour Police Station was officially opened by the Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk. The station is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and allows the Sunshine Coast District capability to redeploy further policing resources to meet calls for service.

"The Sunshine Coast District is also able to leverage capacity from specialist commands such as the Highway Patrol Group, Forensic Crash Unit, Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection Investigation Unit and the District Intelligence Unit which are all housed in the new facility.

"Nambour Police Station is staffed with 30 sworn police officers and resourced with six marked police vehicles, two unmarked crime services vehicles and two forensic crash vehicles with drone capability.

"The facility was built fit for purpose and delivers professional, comprehensive policing services and capability to meet the complex demands of the Nambour community.

"Police are currently undertaking *Operation Lucent* in Nambour to address property crime and good order offences with the deployment of resources from across the district.

"In addition, a School Based Police Officer (SBPO) regularly patrols the Central Business District and precinct in relation to youth crime.

"District Police Liaison Officers (PLOs) have also provided a presence in the CBD through



Nambour Police Station

foot patrols and the "Coffee with a Cop" initiative in Nambour Plaza.

"The Queensland Police Service remains committed to enhancing public safety in the Nambour CBD and will continue to liaise with community stakeholders in relation to any concerns."

► Eds note: it should be noted that police had already launched these initiatives, including *Operation Lucent*, before the *Gazette's* coverage of law and order concerns in the last edition.



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Nambour Jewellers closing down after history of break-ins

NAMBOUR Jewellers owner Keira Fiorenza, who was the victim of several break-ins and two armed hold-ups is closing her shop for good, largely because of the toll the incidents have taken on her.

Keira suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from the armed robberies.

She says only the support of the townspeople had kept her in her business this long.



Keira Fiorenza, right, and her mother Nina Holmes run the jewellery store together ... "the support from this town has helped me through so much. Which has made it super hard for me to leave this shop," says Keira.



"Anyone in town, who's had any incident like that happen to them, they will say the same thing ... the community support. Oh, my goodness, I have goosebumps. It's just so precious. This town, they really get behind you. There's a true community spirit.

"I would really like just to thank the community for all of their ongoing support over the many years.

"I've worked here for 18 years, but I've owned the shop for about eight years. And the support from this town has helped me through so much.

"But the new landlords want to renovate the shop. So I thought, 'Well, I can relocate or I can try something new in life'. And I opted for change. I'm going to be a support worker."

Keira said the first robbery happened seven years ago. "He was running toward the shop and I thought he had a gun. He was covered from head to toe. Anyway, he had a hammer, but I thought it was a gun, which was pretty terrifying.

"And I had a few other robberies, smashed windows and stolen goods. The majority of the

people involved have not been from Nambour." Keira said she launched a petition in 2019 campaigning for a Police Beat in town to deal with crime issues.

The petition highlighted the issue and raised media and political attention for a while. But nothing has changed since, she said.

"It went to Parliament, but nothing happened. The idea was to get a Police Beat in Nambour. It was mentioned in Parliament.

"And then (former Nicklin MP) Marty Hunt came back to report to me that they were actually removing all Police Beats.

"He said it wasn't even going to be a thing

anymore. Instead they were going to introduce mobile Police Beats from vans. But I've never even seen anything like that around Nambour."

Two petitions and 16 years later the problems are the same

Ironically, while organising the 2019 petition - which went to Parliament and was signed by over 2000 people - an older petition came to light, one that gained thousands of followers. It was organised in 2006.

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Town walks fine line between helping the vulnerable and enabling a drug sub-culture

A local real estate agent says Nambour was struggling to balance the responsibility of sharing the burden when it came to helping vulnerable people and not becoming a honey pot for illegal activity.

Day & Grimes Principal Ian Black said drugs, alcohol and mental health issues were a worldwide problem. And Nambour certainly did its fair share when it came to social issues.

“Unfortunately, we are seeing now, Australia-wide, worldwide, a lot of people who, for whatever their circumstances have brought them to that level, are really now struggling to survive,” he said.

“And as a result of that, their survival story brings with it a lot of things which ... a lot would regard as being socially unacceptable. And they really don't want them as part of our community.

“And that's understandable. But I think at the end of the day, what we need to do is focus more on opportunities for them to improve their lives rather than just move them on to somewhere else.”

Mr Black said Nambour needed to pull its weight but not encourage and support a permanent area where criminal activity, like drug dealing and drug use, would proliferate.

“Nambour provides a lot of help in the area of social responsibility for people who are finding things difficult,” he said.

“And I think in that sense, this is where Nambour has become a favourite for a lot of these people where they can get meals, they can get showers, they can get some counselling.

“But of course, there are those who are not looking to help themselves for whatever reason.

“And these are the ones that – and they're in a



Ian Black: “We have to have an understanding that they are part of society and we need to try and help them somehow”.

minority – these are the ones that are giving us the trouble we have.

“And because some of them are unsightly because of the way they dress and their general appearance, people feel a little unsafe, particularly the females in our community.

“And a lot of them do speak very loudly. They use profanities.

“All these things are not helpful whatsoever to the image of Nambour. But we have to have an understanding that they are part of society and we need to try and help them somehow.”

‘Everyone should feel safe when in our town’

Member For Nicklin Rob Skelton MP provided the following Letter to the Editor in response to our story in the last edition outlining Reimagine Nambour's proposal to gauge interest in paying for extra police patrols in the Nambour CBD.

I write in response to the article from Peter Boyce of Reimagine Nambour published in your last edition (SVG, October 19).

I want to thank all the community groups, small businesses and families who I have been speaking with for their commitment to community safety.

Everyone should feel safe when in our town.

That's why I have already written to the Police Minister to discuss these issues that have been raised with me by local businesses.

Our local police do a fantastic job and work hard every day to make our community safer. Operation Lucent is already operating locally out of the new Nambour Police Station focusing on property crime and public nuisance offences through October to November.

I look forward to working with the Queensland Police Service, council, and all members of the community to continue to protect and invest in our town.

There is always more to be done to make sure our community is thriving, and my door is always open to anybody who has a valuable contribution to make.

You can always contact my office on 5406 4100, at nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au, or in person at 3/51 Currie St Nambour if you would like to get in touch with me.

– **Rob Skelton MP, Member For Nicklin**



‘I can't believe how traumatized people are’: Peter Boyce

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Precinct develops and promotes further investment in Nambour.

“It's the investment in Nambour that we're trying to make sure happens. But we don't want to be hamstrung by conduct that's not accept-

able by any standards. I can't believe how traumatized some people are. It's just awful.”

Mr Boyce's comments follow Reimagine Nambour's open letter in the last *Gazette* calling for interest from local businesses in the idea of paying for extra police patrols in the CBD.

Reimagine Nambour will also investigate

appointing “Community Police Officers” who may not have all of the powers of police officers but have powers to move on and arrest people for conduct that is unbecoming or criminal in certain circumstances.

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Build it and they will come

Palmwoods gardens a tribute to vision, hard work

A former orchard farm in Palmwoods has been transformed into a popular garden oasis and tourist destination thanks to 35 years' work by its owners.

Max Carmichael and a silent partner bought the property in 1987 and Max has been living in the original homestead for 22 years nurturing the former citrus orchard into a botanical gardens set out in eight unique, hand-manicured areas. A stunning cafe and bar overlook serene ponds. They named it Stonebridge Gardens after the hand-laid stone bridges that adorn the property.

Max said he'd been through 1000 ton of rocks, three cement mixers and six hospitalisations (back, ankles, knees) in realising the dream.

"They say that you should build it and they will come," Max said. "I didn't know who would come, or when they'd come, or even if they'd come. But it was all about 'just do it'. So you put your faith in the amount of work you do and have faith that people will appreciate what you've done just as much as you appreciate it yourself."

And now, looking back on his achievement, it was all worthwhile.

"It's a lifetime's work," said Max. "If, at the end of it all, you're not pleased with what you've done, it'd be a terrible disappointment. But it's highly successful at the moment because of numbers of people that are coming here. The car park's full just about every day that we're open and the place is booked out. You can't ask for better than that!"

"It's about management from here on and it's about having people use the gardens as we originally designed them as we open them up for weddings and functions and grand occasions."

The property used to be a citrus orchard and



Max and his faithful German Shepherd, Digby, in one of the eight garden zones... "I simply wanted to replicate something wonderful that I enjoyed totally". Below: the cafe and the lake view.



in 1987 Max and his business partner wanted to open a nursery but the plan evolved as that industry declined.

"The old lemon trees were something like 20 to 25 years old and they'd had it. So, I pulled them out with the old tractor.

"We cleaned up for two years just getting rid of all the rubbish around the dams, so you could actually see water," he said.

Max did most of the maintenance work on the gardens until 12 months ago. "Now we have two gardeners working for us, contractors, because of all the hedging. You can start one end and by the time you get around to it again, it all needs doing again. So, it's an impossible task. Plus mowing the place takes two days alone."



"There's spaces here for 20 metre marquees, all the way down to little areas where there's a rock table, or whatever, for half a dozen people. And huge walkways where five people can walk abreast. Grand sets of stairs, where I've seen these things in Europe and America. And I wanted to replicate something wonderful that I enjoyed totally. It's just something you don't see in Australia. If you did, it's probably gone and turned into a development somewhere."

► Stonebridge Gardens is at 20 Rifle Range Road Palmwoods and is open Wednesday to Sunday 9am-3pm but you should ring to book a table and avoid disappointment on 0473 161 413.



Teagan Banyan described the event as "a wellness day full of fun for everyone".

Explore wellness, try a treatment, at the Chi Hub's big family fun day

EVERYONE is invited to a *Family Fun Wellness Day* for charity at The Chi Hub Nambour on Sunday November 20.

Chi Hub owner Teagan Banyan described the event as "a wellness day full of fun for everyone". She said a successful Open Day last October inspired her to bring a similar event to the community.

"This is a free event for anyone wanting to enjoy a family fun day and at the same time learn more about health and wellness," she said.

"Bring a picnic rug and settle in with your family and friends for a fun afternoon exploring wellness in all ways."

On the day there will be mini-sessions available from The Chi Hub therapists, wellness talks, live music, a bellydance workshop, a nature walk and plant talks, kids activities, healthy drinks, vegan treats and a raffle with prize packs worth over \$5500.

All money raised goes to Nambour Community Centre.

"My intention is to bring the community together to support local wellness businesses whilst raising money for a good cause and giving back to the community with a fun Free event and raffle prizes."

• *Family Fun Wellness Day* is on Sunday November 20 at 2pm through to 6pm at 54-56 Blackall Terrace. Bring cash on the day. Parking is available behind The Village Pickle 100 metres away or on the street. Tickets: www.events.humanitix.com/the-chi-hub-family-fun-wellness-day or email hello@thechihub.com.au



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Nambour-based op shop chain cares for more than 5000 orphaned, trafficked and vulnerable children

JOHN and Jesma O'Hara started the first Neighbours Aid op shop 20 years ago in Nambour committed to making a difference to the lives of some of the world's needy children.

"We got a group together in 2002 and started our first Op Shop in Currie Street and the funds went to supporting children and their communities," said John. "So now, we're looking after over 5000 kids and their communities."

These days Neighbours Aid has eight shops and has donated more than \$7 million for children's homes, education, farms, medical clinics and other services for children in poor rural and urban slum communities in third-world countries.

They have 21 people on wages in Australia and about 130 people on wages in third world countries. "We change lives now," said John. "That's the bottom line."

"We've been going to Africa for 17 years from basically very, very small beginnings. We were over in Malawi and we saw people starving. So we bought four acres and gave them a few dollars just to try and keep them going. And then we built a school there and provided work that would support that community. So it's just gone from very small beginnings to actually quite a reasonable sort of impact."

John and Jesma recently arrived back in Australia after visiting their African projects. In Malawi Neighbours Aid funds two primary schools, a high school, a medical clinic and farming initiatives. Leaders there have completed university degrees and the wellbeing of



Founders Jesma and John O'Hara's eight Neighbours Aid Op Shops have donated more than \$7 million for children.

the community has improved.

"When we first went there, particularly to Africa, there were people who were struggling to look after the orphaned and sick kids. So we built a home for them. This was a few years ago. AIDS was pretty prevalent and these kids were left without family."

"In Kenya 500,000 people were displaced because of tribal wars following elections. There were heaps of kids just left behind. So we established good systems, looking at accommodation, social workers, family connections and schooling."

Despite the many positive outcomes, John said some of the situations were tragic and entrenched.

"So, in Kenya in particular, we've got a number of kids there, young girls with babies as a result of incest, rape, and other bad situations. And so we look after them and keep them safe."

"Our guys work with the Child Welfare Department who send the children for us to care for. And we don't just take on the children, we try to support the extended family so they



Some of the many Neighbours Aid Nambour volunteers.

with children, with jobs, doing well. It's just amazing to see.

"One guy, he hadn't been to school. He was at least 12, 13 years old when we first met him. And he was destitute. He was starving. And so our people were feeding him. And I had a nurse with me when we were visiting. And this little bloke had broken his leg, and it was infected. So we took him straight away to the hospital, got him fixed up."

"That little guy is a school teacher now. We put him through our school. He's very good with sport and very good with kids, so we put him through teacher's training college. But then, he's also running for the local parliament!"

The organisation also funds two projects in Israel supporting children with mental health issues and providing scholarships for the children of Ethiopian immigrants.

Still much to do

"We're no spring chickens, Jesma and I, now. We're coming up to 20 years and so it's very, very important to get the next generation continuing our work. And that's my job here as well ... to try and keep things on the boil. Also, my job is looking for other locations to open another shop and get another group of supporters there. Because the op shops bring in about 75 percent of our finances. We've got about 420 volunteers now."

"So it's just amazing. It's so exciting to see this happen. I mean, obviously, they're not all success stories, but in saying that, our people, our leaders there, they're the champions. They're the guys that are boots on the ground. They're the ones that are looking after the kids and have done for years and now we see the fruits of that coming through. It's very exciting. I love it."

► Neighbours Aid op shops include Howard Street Nambour, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore, Caloundra, Hervey Bay, Gympie, Lawnton and Morayfield. Nambour is the biggest. Neighbours Aid's 20th Birthday sale is coming up November 7-11. Head Office is 36 Howard Street, Nambour. Phone: 5476 2383. Email: admin@neighboursaid.org. To volunteer or donate go to www.neighboursaid.org.

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Palmwoods traffic safety upgrade now complete

WORKS to improve pedestrian safety at Palmwoods, including installing a new wombat crossing and better lighting, are now complete. Improvements in the centre of Palmwoods-Montville Road (locally known as Margaret Street) delivered wider parking bays, raised the pedestrian crossing and resurfacing throughout the project area.

A speed management treatment was installed at the western approach to Margaret Street, as well as improved streetlighting and additional warning signs to bolster compliance with the road's 40km/h speed limits.

"These improvements have created a safer environment for both motorists and pedestrians in Palmwoods," said Nicklin MP Robert Skelton. "With improved lighting, a new speed management treatment and a realignment to centre parking now delivered, we expect to see greater speed limit compliance and safer driver behaviour."

Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Carol Brown said improvements would make Margaret Street safer for all users, while maintaining the charming town centre.

Assistant Minister for Regional Development Anthony Chisholm said Palmwoods' residents would now see the benefit of safer pedestrian access. "Projects like this highlight the ongoing commitment of the Albanese Government to deliver the infrastructure and services that communities need, regardless of where they are located."

The \$1 million project was funded under the Australian Government's Road Safety Program, with the Australian Government contributing \$800,000 and the Queensland Government contributing \$200,000.

► For more information about the Palmwoods Township Treatments project, go to www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/palmwoods-safety-treatments.

Trees of Hope aims to deliver nine tons of Christmas kindness

THE need is greater than ever but so is the generosity. Organisers of the Trees of Hope Christmas charity drive hope to hand out nine tons or more of food and other goods to homeless people and needy individuals and families this year.

The Shack Nambour launched the appeal yesterday (November 1) at their Price Street premises.

"We've seen an incredible rise in need just in the last three months and we think that's going to have a knock-on effect into Christmas for sure," said Pastor Dale Dowler from The Shack.

"It's quite an anomaly at the moment because there's still plenty of work around. There seems to be disposable cash around, but I think the penny is dropping now, especially after the Budget, that things are going to be tighter.

"We're seeing families that would normally probably be coping okay, having to come in and get top-ups. They've maybe been able to pay their electricity bill or their insurance or their rego, but it's left them short of simple things like breakfast cereals and stuff for children's lunches."

Dale's daughter Imogene Dowler said it was great to see the community jumping back on board this year. "It has been incredible," she said. "We were worried that maybe this year it was going to be a bit harder because of the cost of living going up, but people have been wanting to help straight away. We've had people, schools and community groups calling us in the last two weeks. It's been incredible to know that people still want to give for Christmas time despite the hard times."

Under the program people are encouraged to pick up a Trees of Hope bag from participating outlets and fill the bags with groceries and items, according to the "shopping lists"



From left, Heritage Bank Nambour's Sandy McCulloch, Imogene Dowler, Dale Dowler, Donna Dowler and Heritage Bank area manager Jules Preston at the launch.

provided.

"We've got nice bright green bags this year," said Imogene. "And we're going to be doing 'Christmas Eve Eve' again on December 23. We're putting on a marketplace at The Shack so people can help themselves to free goodies and some gifts. You'll be donating gifts for kids again this year, which is just incredible. So we're very fortunate that all these businesses still want to be on board. Because you never

know from year to year whether groups want to be involved again."

► To take part all you have to do is collect Trees of Hope hamper bags or boxes from Coast Heritage branches, Mitre 10 stores, The Barn Flaxton or from The Shack. Then fill them with the items indicated on the list provided and drop them back for collection. For information please email Imogene at admin@theshacknambour.org.au.

Book worms rejoice

WOOMBYE Library's bi-annual Big Balcony Book Sale is on again on Saturday 26 November from 8am to 1pm at the School of Arts Hall on Blackall St, Woombye.

Come and grab some bargains for just a gold coin or two and help support the library. We'll be launching our popular Christmas hamper raffle too!

Book 'worm' of a different sort visits local business

NAMBOUR Book Exchange's Darren Bailey was surprised by a slippery visitor last Friday afternoon, when he heard an unusual noise coming from the kids corner.

"I actually stood on his tail and fortunately, he wriggled away from me at top speed," Darren said.

"I rang Snake Man Dan who located the vis-

itor under my work bench, eyeing off my stash of chocolates. Once Dan arrived, he quickly and efficiently assessed the situation and located 'Mr Brown', who was not especially happy to be captured and placed in a bag! He put up a bit of a struggle but Dan was able to gently contain the snake and relocate him to a safe place. It certainly livened up my afternoon!"



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Nambour bank grows beyond expectations

BOQ Nambour & Hinterland's Matt Wall is celebrating his first year owning the branch.

"It has been an amazing year and we have grown beyond our expectations," Matt said. "And we had the pleasure of increasing the size of the team to cope with the demand – a great problem to have," he said.

"I will again be looking to expand and will likely be advertising in the near future for another team member to keep up with the growth – we have never seen our branch so busy!"

"In the age of bank branch closures by some other banks we have seen the value in the "old fashioned" face to face local connection and I believe our customers agree," Matt said.

"I would like to thank all of our customers, both long term BOQer's and those who made the leap of faith and joined us within the last year – we appreciate your business and will work hard to keep you happy in the long term. I am incredibly lucky to lead a team of eight local staff who get amazing customer feedback every day."

Although the Branch is based in Nambour, it services a large area, stretching out to Kenilworth and surrounds.

"This is one of the reasons we immediately changed the name to BOQ Nambour & Hinterland," said Matt.

"Because people are busier than ever, we are happy to come to them and can even help with virtual appointments for home lending."

While banking has changed dramatically



BOQ Nambour & Hinterland's Matt Wall: "We have never seen our branch so busy!"

over the years, what hasn't changed is the role a supportive banking team can play at critical moments in people's lives.

"From buying your first home or car, upgrading property, or starting and growing your business, we've got your back," Matt said.

"Likewise, it's a privilege to be there to help people going through tough times, like financial difficulties and estate processes."

Matt has been in banking for over 12 years, previously managing one of the big four banks. He and his team are proud supporters of many local teams including the Nambour Piranhas Swimming Club and the Nambour Cricket Club. Additionally Matt supports the Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra and the Music & Arts Depts of

St John's College. Matt is a board member of the Nambour Chamber of Commerce and assists as Treasurer for the Nambour Tramway.

"The Nambour community has been amazingly supportive, and it makes me proud to see how hard the community works to ensure Nambour is a great place to live and work," he said. "We love to be a part of it."

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Suitable items include: breakfast cereals, pasta, rice and instant noodles, canned fish or meat, spreads (peanut butter, honey, jam), baked beans and spaghetti.

Customers can donate in-store at Maleny and Nambour from 2 November until 15 November.



From left, Donna Klease, Member for Nicklin Robert Skelton MP and Paula Wright.

Mapleton Country Markets unveil new banners

THE Mapleton Country Markets were successful in obtaining much needed funding for two new banners from MP Robert Skelton recently.

Held at the historic 1916 Mapleton Hall and three-acre Sportsground the hall has provided for over a century a meeting place for fairs, dances, weddings, fancy dress balls, card games, christenings, birthdays, church services and pictures.

Groups like the CWA, RSL, Red Cross and Mapleton Branch of the Comforts Fund held social evenings with games, dancing and music for WW2 soldiers.

The Sportsgrounds held many games of football, cricket, soccer and tennis as well as many reunions for the pioneering families and ex residents of Mapleton and surrounds.

The Country Markets are run by volunteers and provide much needed funds for the upkeep and maintenance of this historic jewel. Stall holders are invited to attend the next market held on Saturday 26th November from 8am to midday.

We proudly are members of the newly formed Hinterland Market Trail and welcome all stall holders especially any fruit and vege, cakes, biscuits, eggs etc.

• Email us: countrymarket.mapleton@gmail.com or call Paula on 0419 726 603 and like our Facebook Page.

Local Community Food Drive at Woolworths

WOOLWORTHS Maleny and Nambour are organising a Local Community Food Drive to help deliver high priority food relief to those experiencing hardship in the lead-up to Christmas.

The initiative will commence on 2 November with hinterland customers encouraged to donate non-perishable food items into the specially marked Local Community Food Drive trolley, found in-store.

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Map plots Nambour's vintage & retro trail

NAMBOUR has a flourishing retro and vintage scene to explore and now 17 of the popular destinations are laid out for shoppers on a handy map.

The Nambour "Vintage and Retro Op Shop Hip Hop Map" is a joint project of the Nambour Retailers Group, ReImagine Nambour, Nambour Chamber of Commerce and Nambour Tram Co. who all recognised the Vintage and Retro resurgence in the hinterland town.

"Nambour is the perfect place to discover original items and treasures from times past," said organiser Rhonda Billett.

The map is sure to get massive exposure thanks to Sunshine Coast social media influencer Brooke Styles (Brooke Styles official) who assisted the launch yesterday (November 1).

Brooke has over 200,000 followers on Instagram and a million on Tik Tok and will be promoting the Nambour map initiative as a part of her regular 'Thrift Thursday' series.

"Being a Sunny Coast local, and then growing up here, I thrifted a lot in Nambour," said Brooke. "My mum introduced me to thrifting, and then that's where the passion grew."

"But I got my crafty side from my grandma, so they kind of just mixed in, and then that's how I blossomed into who I am today."

"And we used to thrift in Nambour all the time. And it's just like boom, the scene here. It's been incredible!"

"I noticed every time we came into Nambour there would be more and more op shops, and it's really affordable in this area."

"And I think the biggest thing is that when people are donating, they're also being responsible and recycling. And I feel like everyone here in Nambour donates really well."

"I think, especially here with Crafters Heart, how they started the cafe side of it, it's just become way more urban and cool and funky. So I think the retro and vintage scene is becoming a real big thing here."

"Nambour has gained quite the reputation



for all things vintage and retro," said Rhonda. "With customers travelling from Brisbane and beyond to experience the cool cafe and vintage shopping scene that has evolved."

Rhonda worked with Sunshine Coast Council and hinterland Graphic Designer Katie Buckley

to bring the map to life for Nambour.

Footpath Market Day coming soon

"We are also currently working towards a regular Footpath Market Day in Nambour with a strong focus on supporting all businesses, including the Vintage and Retro shopping scene," she said.

The map also lists four local Vintage/Retro events including Nambour's famous Collectorama and The new Nambour Rummager's Market.

"There is something for everyone to enjoy," said Rhonda.

The maps are available at this stage online at www.nambour.com and www.iamnambour.com.au or find one in store at one of our 17 Nambour Op Shop/Vintage shopping locations.



Andrea Kirwin stages second Tracy Chapman Tribute Show

ANDREA Kirwin and band, pictured, have added a second and final Tracy Chapman Tribute Show for Nambour following a successful tour and a sell-out concert in Eudlo.

The second show will be at the Black Box Theatre, Nambour on Thursday November 24. Doors open at 6.30pm and the show starts at 7.15pm, all ages welcome.

The second performance comes in the wake of an east coast tour of the two-hour tribute show. The show features songs from Chapman's eight studio albums.

Tracy Chapman is one of the music industry's greatest singer-songwriter success stories, capturing a global audience in 1988 with her self titled debut album and her voice and guitar.

She won two Grammy Awards for Album of the year and Best contemporary folk Album. Tracy's music has stood the test of time with 'Fast Car' and 'Give Me One Reason' being two songs which have made their way into many singer-songwriters setlists over the years.

Andrea's two-hour concert features some of Tracy's lesser known songs.

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'Back to the Future' proposal to fix Currie Street traffic and parking woes

SOME things were just better in the old days. One of them was Nambour's parking and traffic layout. That's according to former Maroochy Shire Council Deputy Mayor Trevor Thompson.

And he seems to have a lot of support. Mr Thompson, who is also raising the prospect of forming a hinterland shire (see separate story), says the authorities only have to look to the past to fix decades-long parking and traffic flow issues in the town's struggling main street, Currie Street.

Mr Thompson posted a picture, above, on Facebook, which received rave reviews for its ample parking and bustling streets.

"That picture shows what it was like back in the days when I was a young fellow," he said. "Nambour was the place to be and it was the place to shop."

"I know they'll probably grab the 2022 handbook and say 'it can't be done'. They always say that. They'll be trying to impose 2022 standards on a town that's over 100 years old."

"What I learned in Council was they always say no on the first ask, but you have to keep going back to them. There's always a way to get around the guys reading out of manuals rather than looking at it logically."

The photo was taken when the Bruce Highway went through town, so traffic flow would have been significant.

Mr Thompson said he had great sympathy for the traders in Currie Street competing with satellite shopping centres.

"Sadly, satellite shopping centres are detrimental to CBDs. So we have to entice people back into the main street. And if people are able to park in town then that certainly helps the shopkeepers."

Mr Thompson said centre-parking would also help to calm traffic flow. "If we have to take a little bit longer to get through town then so be it."

But he admitted the issue was complicated by Currie Street being a state-controlled road. "And the Council can't do a thing unless they get State Government approval," he said.

Transport Minister Mark Bailey told the *Gazette* earlier this year his Department would investigate parking and traffic flow issues in Currie Street. The issue was raised by local businesswoman Deb Lawson who also organised a 1000-strong petition to Council on the matter.

A Transport and Main Roads spokesperson said recently: "We are in the early stages of investigating improvements to Currie Street in Nambour, including consideration for car parking and pedestrian connectivity options."

"We are continuing to work with Sunshine Coast Council while undertaking these investigations, as part of Council's longer-term Nambour place revitalisation project."

Breakaway shire proposal gathers support from locals

PUBLIC reaction to a proposal for a "hinterland shire" west of the Bruce Highway, has been so encouraging that a petition and initial public meeting is now on the table.

The man behind the breakaway shire idea, former Maroochy Shire Council Deputy Mayor Trevor Thompson, raised the issue last month.

"I feel like the feedback has been incredibly positive," he said. "People can see the benefit. It's just that it will be a huge, drawn-out process. I was just trying to find out the level of support and it's been very good."

Last issue Mr Thompson called for a breakaway shire so hinterland residents could run their own local government, possibly from the Fred De Vere building in Currie Street.

He said it was about time people west of the Bruce were listened to by a Council that was often criticised for being out of touch with the grass roots needs of hinterland ratepayers.

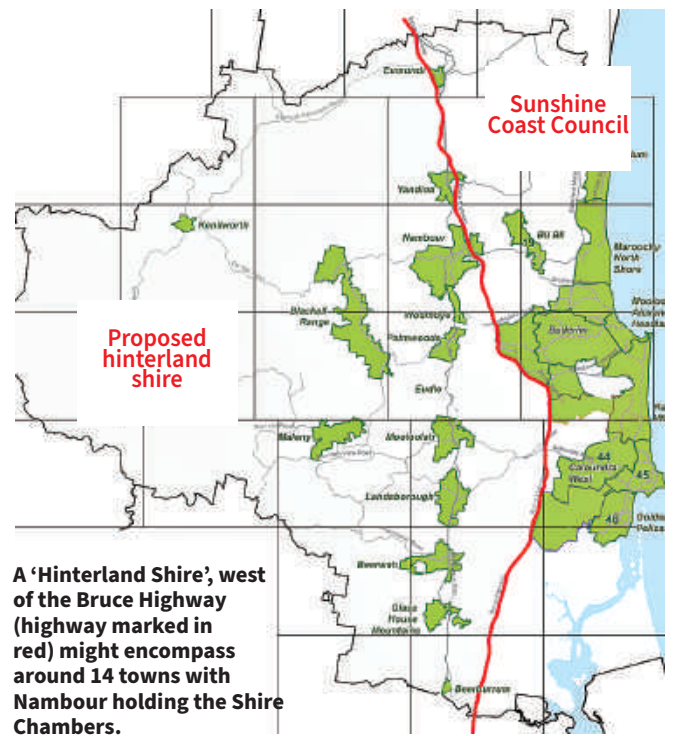
Support for Mr Thompson's proposal gathered momentum on Facebook last week from residents, businesses and organisations.

"Hopefully we can get some like-minded people together," Mr Thompson said. "All I want to do is to try and do something positive. We can whinge all we want but it's no good unless you can come up with an alternative."

He said a hinterland shire of about 55,000 residents would be eminently viable.

"It's fine to say that they've been matching rates gathered in the hinterland with money spent in the hinterland but they have to factor in infrastructure charges on developments."

"What they'll try and do is compare rates collected in the hinterland to money spent in the hinterland. That's one fair way of doing it. What they won't tell you is that there have been, and continue to be, millions of infrastructure



A 'Hinterland Shire', west of the Bruce Highway (highway marked in red) might encompass around 14 towns with Nambour holding the Shire Chambers.

charges paid to council from hinterland developments that are not spent in the hinterland. For every block of land on the Sunshine Coast - I think it's between \$18,000 and \$20,000. And that has to be factored into the equation. And there is a lot of development potential in the hinterland.

"When I was in council I moved that any infrastructure charges collected from a developer in a certain area must be used in that area."

"That never came about and the hinterland has never, ever been getting a fair slice of the action from infrastructure charges from developers."

"All I'm doing is throwing up fresh ideas. We have to have constructive conversations. And you can disagree or we can agree. But at least you have to have a conversation to try and invoke change."

► Mr Thompson said anyone interested in assisting him to convene a meeting or raise a petition should contact him on 0447 110 177.

Hinterland shire would be a 'no-goer': insider

A person with extensive local government experience has cast doubts on the hinterland shire proposal.

The idea for a breakaway shire was put forward by former Maroochy Shire Council Deputy Mayor Trevor Thompson. His idea, to investigate forming a hinterland shire west of the Bruce Highway, has received strong support on social media. Mr Thompson said a hinterland shire would have a similar population to other Queensland Councils and would be eminently viable.

However, the insider, who did not want to be named, said a hinterland council would not have the economies of scale to work in practice.

"The reality of the situation is that you can't compare, say, Noosa Shire to a proposed hinterland shire because the hinterland just doesn't have the high value properties to raise the high value rates."

"The hinterland doesn't have the big shopping centres, we don't have the tourist resorts, we don't have the high rises, we don't have the density."

The person said the State Government was more interested in merging councils than breaking them up, because there were already a number of councils in Queensland which were struggling to be viable.

"The hinterland needs the rate base and the development potential of the Coast to prop it up, not the other way around."

"You would need a new CEO and all the bureaucracy that goes with a new council. You need at least six councillors. And all the infrastructure. It just doesn't work."

"In any case the whole local authority (not just the hinterland) would have to broadly agree (with the breakaway) because it will have an impact on the Coast as well."

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Regulated dog inspection program

Sunshine Coast Council will be undertaking a regulated dog inspection program between 1 November 2022 and 31 October 2023.

The purpose of this program is to conduct a compliance audit at premises within the region where dogs that have been regulated under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* are being kept. The Act requires local governments to manage regulated dogs within their boundaries. The program will work to ensure animal owners are adhering to the mandatory conditions for keeping a regulated dog to reduce the risk posed by these animals. A copy of the program is available on council's website.

For more information contact council on 07 5475 7272 or mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

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The wild story of survival behind Woombye's zoo

IT'S the zoo that grew out of desperation. Now Woombye's Wildlife HQ is looking at taking on more land at the Big Pineapple, expanding its animal collection and doing night safaris.

"We really are the zoo that should never have been," said Zoo CEO Jarrod Schenk.

"The owner of the old Alma Park Zoo sold us for a housing development eight years ago. He gave us just six months to move out over 200 animals before the developers moved in.

"There was going to be no home for any of our animals and it was the most devastating experience of our lives."

Out of desperation to save the zoo and fear of what might happen to the animals Jarrod, who was the Sun Bear keeper, and his boss at the time, Julie Seabrook, stepped in and took on ownership of the animals.

"We committed ourselves to building them a new home at the Big Pineapple," said Jarrod. "A forever home. Through saving the zoo, and keeping our dream alive, we have formed an unbreakable relationship."

Jarrod said the new zoo family extends to the incredible keeper team who help care for the animals seven days a week.

"It has been an incredible zoo journey so far and we have always been there to support each other on such a huge responsibility as taking on all of these zoo animals' lives. The weight of it can be so heavy at times that we have to be there for each other."

As further validation for their decision the zoo has just been announced as a finalist in the Sunshine Coast Business Awards.

"In the beginning so many people told us our



Zoo CEO Jarrod Schenk feeds the meerkats ... "There was going to be no home for any of our animals and it was the most devastating experience of our lives."

RIGHT: Julie Seabrook with Mr Schenk.



zoo would not survive on the Sunshine Coast.

"They said there was already a huge globally successful zoo and we would not last 12 months. It felt a lot like David going up against Goliath. But we couldn't think about that and we just had to make the zoo survive, somehow. And now it feels incredible to think how far we have come since our early struggles.

"Being recognized as a finalist in the Sunshine Coast Business Awards was very emotional for our team," said Julie.

"It just further validated our hard work and achievement of not only moving and saving the zoo but turning it into a very successful and popular visitor destination on the coast.

"It was a challenging yet rewarding application process and I think sometimes we underestimate the power of the incredible story behind our zoo. One of the judges said our survival story gave her goosebumps. It felt so incredible to see our story and what we have achieved with our zoo have such an impact on these people.



Spring music features at St Georges in the Hills concert

MANDOLINS in Brisbane mandolin and guitar ensemble will be returning to Maleny on Sunday November 13 at 3pm with an inspiring concert to celebrate flowers and Spring.

It will be held in St Georges Anglican church on the corner of Tallowwood Street and Walker Drive Maleny.

Considered Queensland's foremost mandolin and guitar ensembles, Mandolins in Brisbane (MIB) has a varied repertoire from renaissance to contemporary. The company, under the direction of guitarist Joel Woods continue a well-established tradition of mandolin music founded in Italy, but includes classical, folk, bluegrass and popular music from across the globe.

Priest in charge at St Georges, Revd Deborah Bird, is also a musician and is particularly excited about this concert.

"I love the plucked instruments and play guitar myself, so I am pleased to welcome MIB to our church. To have this ensemble celebrating Spring and the joy of re-birth especially resonates with me, but the music is secular and will appeal to all tastes, so my advice is to book early, this concert will be popular."

Joel Woods is an accomplished and versatile Brisbane guitarist. The program ranges from Violetta, from Verdi's La Traviata, Tchaikovsky's Waltz of the Flowers, through to the gentle In an old English Garden by Eileen Packenham, contemporary Japanese composer Rie Muto and top of the charts, Sting's Desert Rose," he said.

► This will be the second last in the St Georges in the Hills series for this year. Tickets are available now and can be purchased from www.malenyanglican.com.au/concerts, or from Susan Myring on 5499 9130.

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Doctor-developers see healthy future in Nambour

TWO doctors have opened a medical centre within their own development in Nambour amid high hopes the town is set for a resurgence.

Drs Rod Parnian and Sebastien LaFlamme went 50-50 on the multi-million dollar building opposite Coles. Mill Lane Medical Centre opened in the complex two weeks ago.

"We had a dream to build something nice and clean and modern for Nambour because we believe Nambour is the future of Sunshine Coast," said Dr Parnian, who will practice at the clinic. "I found the block and I bought it, then I called Seb and Seb said 'Yeah, I'm happy to get on board!'"

The doctors said Nambour was underestimated and set for major growth, especially in the build-up to the Olympics. "It is still a bit more affordable than the Coast so I think there'll be a growth and a change in demographics there," said Dr LaFlamme. "A lot of new families will settle around the area. I think it's a town that is up-and-coming. It might have been difficult for Nambour in the past decades but I think it's going to change drastically in the next decade or so."

Dr Parnian said Nambour had been dealt significant blows with the sugar mill closure and council headquarters moving to Maroochydore but he predicted things were about to change.

"I think it's a good time to get in. It's about to rise."

In fact, he had plans to develop residential/commercial projects in Price and Currie Streets.

He said the recent purchase of C-Square by Sandran Property Group and news of Rod Rod Constantinides' \$50 million plans for 60 apartments and commercial tenancies on the corner of Currie and Bury Street were clear signs investors were once more eyeing the former sugar town as a sweet investment.

Dr Parnian said only investment would overcome perceptions about Nambour which was being let down by Currie Street's empty shops.

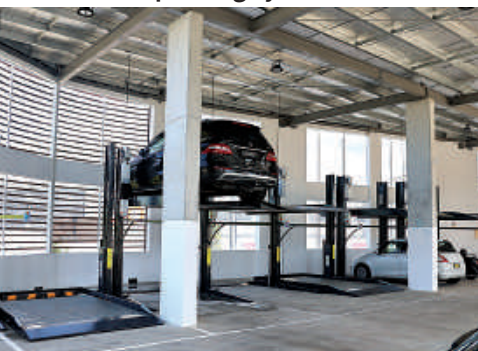
"Currie Street is a very sad, depressed street and when people see it now, it gives the wrong impression. It puts them off," he said.



Dr Rod Parnian pictured at the Mill Street development, has high hopes for Nambour.

"And it attracts a lot of the wrong crowd around that area. But if development happens it will change the face of the whole town."

Elevator car parking system



Due to the irregular shape of the site, on-site parking is offered on the first-storey via an up-ramp and elevator car parking system, pictured. Elevators lift tenants' and employees' cars into the void of the building to free up valuable floor space.

"I was in Japan a few years ago and I saw the stacked car-parking concept," said Dr Parnian. "And I thought we have to bring this to Sunshine Coast where car parking is a problem."

"Council wasn't very welcoming. They had a lot of concerns but we got through."

"We engaged an Australian company which uses the German technology and we installed them for around \$32,000 each."

Pathology, psychology and cosmetic services

The building features a steel, horizontal screen with natural finish which pays homage to the crushing wheel used in the original sugar cane mill which was demolished at the site 18 years ago.

As well as the medical centre the practice will offer pathology, psychology and other allied health services, including a range of cosmetic services through the associated Venusia Clinic.

► The mixed-billing clinic is the fourth medical centre on the Coast under the Better Family Health brand. Phone 5228 0903.

Historic House celebrates 'Bird Week' with exhibition

YANDINA Historic House celebrated "Bird Week" with 'Birds of Sunshine Coast Art Exhibition'.

Curator Toni Bielby has the walls adorned with Bird Life created by our skilful local artists.

Congratulations to Erica Evans for winning the volunteers "Packing Room" prize for her stunning artwork "Raiding the Banksias".



Erica Evans' 'Raiding the Banksias'

Bielby Pottery won the 3D People's Choice Award for "Hanging About" by capturing the funny characteristics of magpies in our backyards and Dorothy Peall's "Rainbow Rooster" took out the 2D People's Choice Award.

These pieces and many others are on display and for sale in Yandina Historic House until November 15 2022.

Yandina Historic House & grounds offered a splendid venue for the recent opening day of activities. Guest Speaker Ken Cross from Backyards for Diversity SEQ provided simple tips and offered the free download book available online www.backyardsforbiodiversity.org/resources

Meanwhile, Kristy Duffy delighted attendees with her bird stories and artwork.

Luna, a 10-months-old Macaw bird, supported by Jill & Warren from Jetts Gym Nambour, entertained us and left us all in awe of her presence and beauty and skill in delighting children and adults.

Yandina & District Historical Society Inc volunteers served Devonshire Teas and Light Lunches through the day. Thank you to our Volunteers, local artists and the Public who attended the Event.

► The exhibition continues until November 15. Yandina Historic House is open Monday-Saturday 9.30am-2.30pm & the Museum, Mon-Sat 10am-1pm. Located at 3 Pioneer Road Yandina.



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Nesting box hobby becomes a business

MAPLETON'S Hank Wade has been providing nesting boxes for local feathered and furry residents for 18 months and has turned what started out as a hobby, into a business.

"I am 89 years old, so I am not going full tilt, but it is very rewarding and a nice bit of pocket money as well," he said.

"The first boxes I made were like Austrian chalets, and I sold them at the Eumundi markets," he said.

"They were very decorative and pretty, but I realised they were probably not entirely appropriate for our native wildlife," Hank said.

"I could see there was a need for boxes for birds, possums and microbats because our local forests are too young to provide enough natural hollows - they can take 100 years to form. Nesting boxes fill a real need in our environment," Hank explained.

"So I did some research and thanks to a number of wildlife organisations such as WIRES, The Department of Wildlife & Conservation, Wildlife Rescue South Coast, Birds in Backyards, Birdlife Australia and others who were willing to provide plans and ideas, I have come up with a number of templates for 'made for purpose' nesting boxes.

"I use waterproof structural ply, usually oiled with linseed oil and turps," he said. "But water-based paints are also acceptable to most



Mapleton's Hank Wade could see there was a need for boxes for birds, possums and microbats. He is pictured with a kookaburra box.

also provide wriggly suspension wires for support on trees, but this is optional."

Each of Hank's nesting boxes is custom made to order, according to the species the customer wishes to attract.

"I always tell people that hanging a nesting box is a bit like fishing," said Hank. "Putting up a nesting box in the right place, the right height and facing North East, does not guarantee that the creature you would like to inhabit it, will be the creature that moves in."

"With nesting boxes, you have to remove lizards, bees, Noisy Mynahs and Magpies before your desired species moves in."

► To contact Hank about the right type of nesting box for your property, call 0400 262 214 or email cwade1@bigpond.net.au.

Genealogy Workshops

GENEALOGY Sunshine Coast will be holding workshops on 26th November at their premises in Petrie Park Rd., Nambour (opposite the swimming pool).

The workshops consist of Roots Magic 8 and Familysearch from 9:30am till 12 noon groups, and increase the life of the boxes. I can

and Trove from 1-3:30pm. Come along and search for your missing relatives and increase your skills using the latest technology. \$8 per workshop or \$15 for both. Book in by email to genealogysc@gmail.com or phone 07-5329-2315. Lunch and morning tea will be available to purchase.

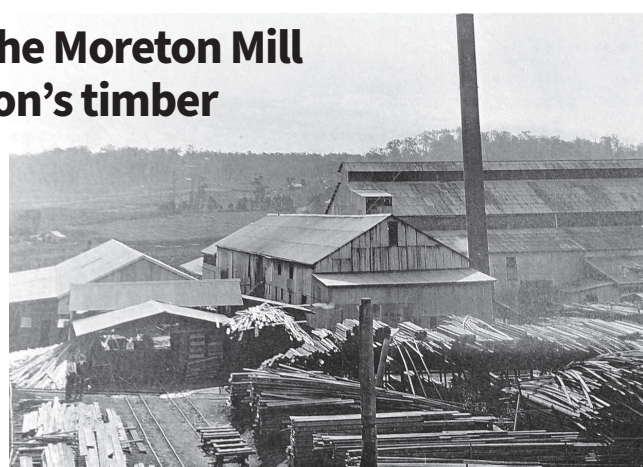
Back in the day, the Moreton Mill supplied the region's timber

HISTORY

ORIGINALLY Mill Lane was not a through-road connecting Mitchell Street with Arundell Avenue. It serviced the sawmills there, one of which was the Moreton Central Sugar Mill Sawmill which operated from 1912 to 1928. It supplied timber, joinery, ironmongery and plumbing at the 'lowest possible price'.

One of its employees was Harry Mellor who learnt his trade from a Canadian. At the mill, the huge saw blades from Canada would buckle with the heat of cutting through the giant logs and it was Harry's job to hammer them flat.

On 6 March 1928, the sawmill joined other mills in the area, blowing its whistle to alert



Moreton Mill Sawmill operated from 1912 to 1928 (photo: Nambour Museum)

Nambour residents that the aviator, Lieutenant Bert Hinkler, was about to fly over town.

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Gallery an enterprising addition to Yandina's thriving art scene

THE doors of the Stevens Street Gallery in Yandina have been open for 12 months now and the space has played host to, and supported over 120 local artists, and generated \$150,000 in sales in its inaugural year.

This has been achieved through a busy calendar of exhibitions, an artisan store, workshops and gallery events, according to Gallery Directors Toni Eggleston & Alicia Mireille.

"By collaborating with our artist community we have been challenged to dream up ideas that provide opportunities to showcase the incredible talent we have in our region. The gallery is all about supporting artists, creatives & designers to build and maintain not only sustainable but thriving careers," said Toni.

Blank Canvas is an entity that has been designed to further support and promote artists. Toni & Alicia are excited about seeing these ideas unfold over the next 12 months. "There is so much possibility in a blank canvas, so it seemed a fitting name for our new venture," Alicia said.

"Blank Canvas will be generating and creating new and exciting platforms and events to provide much needed exposure and attention for the visual arts community. We want to facilitate the growth and wealth of our artists and also inspire artists in our region.

"Art has the extraordinary power to create connections, enrich lives



Gallery Directors Alicia Mireille and Toni Eggleston ... "Art has the extraordinary power to create connections, enrich lives and inspire change."

and inspire change," said Toni. "And these fundamental beliefs underpin the operations of Blank Canvas.

"Buying local art supports the economy that supports all of us. It sustains the creative and cultural fabric of the Sunshine Coast," said Alicia.

"Advocating for artists and the community to come together ensures the arts are part of everyday life. By delivering innovative spaces, initiating engaging arts programs, events and an arts advisory service, we work across the region with over 150 artists in all media and are here to connect them with both the business and local communities."

Of particular note is the Blank Canvas Arts Advisory Service.

"Our Arts Advisory Service for corporate businesses and pop-up exhibitions has already been launched," Toni said. "It is the most amazing win-win-win concept which brings in the corporate sector to display original art. This not only supports local artists, but it also creates more beautiful spaces for staff & customers in client based & corporate spaces."

Blank Canvas also has plans for arts based events, programs and initiatives in the coming 12 months. "Through mutual benefit we can continue to grow and raise the local art sector in a collaborative and collective way."

► To learn more about the Stevens Street Gallery or Blank Canvas, visit www.stevensstreetgallery.com.au.

Ray Grace Community Award honours Woombye businessman

WHEN Sunshine Coast businessman Ray Grace passed away in 2019, the staff and board members from the Woombye Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank wanted to find a way to both remember and honour his legacy in the Woombye community.

"Ray really was the driving force behind the launch of the Woombye Community Bank Branch," said Branch Director, Stephen Marshall.

"He was a larger-than-life character with a heart of gold, and nothing gave him more pleasure than being able to use his influence to help improve other people's lives," he said.

"From serving on the Sunshine Coast Show Society, to being a member of Apex, and raising funds for a variety of charities - including to build a local swimming pool, Ray loved to come up with fun and new ways to draw attention to a cause."

The Ray Grace Community Award was devised three years ago and was open to Year 6 students at Woombye State School who are asked to research Mr Grace's impact on the community, and to describe why it is so important that citizens have a heart for their community.

In his submission, the winner of this year's award, Justin Whitaker, acknowledged Mr Grace's community mindedness and his understanding of how this, coupled with a spirit of cooperation, leads to the strengthening of the community for the benefit of all its members.



Stephen Marshall, Justin Whitaker and Cheryl Jaynes.

The Award was presented to Justin by Stephen Marshall and Mr Grace's long time partner, Cheryl Jaynes at Woombye State School on the 27th of October.

Ms Jaynes reminisced about Mr Grace and described the way he would constantly be looking for new ways to contribute to the community.

"Ray was incredibly energetic and community minded," she said. "I remember how he used to lie awake at night, thinking of things that needed to be done and how he could get those projects off the ground."

"He just loved helping others and he always said that when everyone got in together to get things done, everyone would benefit."

Justin was awarded with \$250 cash and a further \$150 was donated to the organisation of his choice, that being the Woombye Soccer Club.



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DOG lovers can now buy freshly baked goodies for their four legged family from the newly opened Barkalot Bakery in Montville.

"I have been in the pet industry for 22 years and although I have dipped in and out of other industries, I always end up being drawn back to animals," said owner Carolyn Pietzner.

"I can't help myself, it's where my heart lies." Although she started out as a pet shop owner, and then a dog groomer, and pet crematorium owner, Carolyn saw a market for healthy, high quality treats for dogs and started her first dog treat bakery in 2013.

"After a few curve balls and life changes, I decided to go back into making dog treats and I am really excited to bring this range to my customers," she said.

"We make a range of different treats which contain all natural ingredients, and there are no additives or preservatives in the biscuit base and cakes," she said. "Popular ingredients include yoghurt and carob, fruit, liver, sweet potato, coconut, peanut butter, oats, honey, apple, chicken, beef and tuna, carrot, berries and melon."

"The icing does have preservatives, and if your doggie has allergies, let us know and we may be able to customise the recipe to suit," she said. "We also offer grain and gluten free goodies."

"Because we generally don't use preservatives, the shelf life is a little shorter, but our products can last up to a couple of months if they are stored correctly," she said.

"They need to be placed in a dry cool place out of direct sunlight and cakes can be placed in the freezer for up to 3 months."

The Barkalot range includes sweet and savoury cookies and tidbits, 'pupcakes', birthday cakes, sweet treats, dehydrated chew treats, party supplies, storage containers and holiday inspired cakes and cookies.



Owner Carolyn Pietzner ... "We make a range of different treats which contain all natural ingredients."

"The holiday themed goodies always go over really well and I know that people love to have fresh, healthy treats for their furbabies around Christmas time," said Carolyn. "It is a time when people come together to enjoy food, but unfortunately there are a lot of Christmas foods that are particularly unhealthy, or straight up dangerous for dogs. Our products are a wonderful alternative. I am working on pudding, snow balls, cookies and cranberry and coconut white Christmas."

And if you think the cakes and cookies are good enough for people to eat, you'd be right.

"All of our products are made from human grade ingredients and are absolutely safe and nutritious for people to enjoy as well," Carolyn said. "I would not personally eat a liver cupcake, but the pineapple and banana based cakes are delicious!"

You can visit Barkalot at 2A/ 130 Main St, Montville or go online to browse the range and order your dog treats at www.barkalotbakery.com.au. You can collect your orders from the shop or a delivery service is also available.

Economist to address after-effects of Covid

POPULAR Australian economist Gigi Foster (PhD), will be speaking at the Northshore Community Centre in Mudjimba on November 22.

The Professor of Economics at the University of New South Wales works in diverse fields including education, social influence, time use, lab experiments, behavioural economics, and Australian policy.

"We are so excited to have the opportunity to hear Professor Foster speak to a local Sunshine Coast audience," said event organiser, Abby Begeta. "She is much sought-after as a speaker, all around the country."

Named 2019 Young Economist of the Year by the Economic Society of Australia, Professor Foster publishes in both specialised and cross-disciplinary outlets, and her innovative teaching was awarded a 2017 Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT) Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning.

Professor Foster has filled numerous roles of service to the profession and engages heavily on economic matters with the Australian community as one of Australia's leading economics communicators. Her regular media appearances include co-hosting The Economists, a national economics talk-radio program and podcast series, on ABC Radio National.

She is an author most recently of "The Great

Covid Panic" (Brownstone Institute 2021, with Paul Frijters and Michael Baker) and "Do Lockdowns and Border Closures Serve the 'Greater Good?'" (Connor Court 2022, with Sanjeev Sabhlok).

"A limited number of copies of her books will be available for purchase at the event," Ms Begeta said.

"There will be a Q&A session after the event, to help explore the options available to us moving forward, and some of the topics that will be covered include national debt incurred due to mandates and lockdowns, the impact of inflation, future economic security and many more."

Doors will open from 6.45pm for a 7.15 pm start and there will be no late admissions.

The venue is the Northshore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba. The entry fee is \$7 per person, non-refundable, as this covers the cost of event outlays.

Places are limited and there is free parking available onsite. We invite you to bring your own water/refreshments - this is an alcohol free event, and we respectfully request that there are no children under 16 years old at the event.

► To find out more or to purchase a ticket to attend this event, please contact team@mfwdsc.com or go to www.tickettailor.com/events/movingforwardsunshinecoast.



Economist Gigi Foster

Warm Earth Exhibition in Maleny features clay work

CLAY Workers from the Maleny Arts and Crafts Group will be holding their Warm Earth Exhibition on Saturday 12 November and Sunday 13th, between 9am and 4pm daily.

"This very special exhibition is an opportunity for our members to present their very best work, in a studio environment," said Publicity Officer June Godkin.

"This year, the show will be held in conjunction with Opens Studios Sunshine Coast, enabling visitors to explore some of our working facilities and equipment.

"Anyone looking for unique and beautiful pre-

sents for Christmas, or something to enhance their own décor, will be richly rewarded by the range of items on sale," she said.

Country Music Club

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their November Concert on Sunday 13th, Commencing at 12 noon. Entry fee is \$8, with free, tea and coffee.

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What's On in the Hinterland

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

- Until November 5: Entertaining Angels by Richard Everett plays at the Lind Lane Theatre. Friday November 4 at 7.30pm, Saturday November 5 at 2pm, Saturday November 5 at 7.30pm. Until November 15: Yandina Historic House 'Birds of Sunshine Coast Art Exhibition'.
- November 3: Compass Institute mini-market, Fresh Produce, Food, Gifts and more C-Square, Nambour, from 9am.
- November 5: Collectorama. Open to the public 7am to 2pm event at Nambour Showgrounds.
- November 5: Somewhere in the Light will be held at Eudlo Hall, Rosebed St, Eudlo from 7pm-9pm. Bookings www.events.humanitix.com/somewhere-in-the-light
- November 5: Nambour Orchid Society will be staging a one-day Orchid Species Show at the Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim 8am-4pm.
- November 5 and 6: Sunshine Coast Arts & Crafts Christmas Fair at Montville Village Hall. Go to www.facebook.com/SunshineCoastArtsandCrafts/
- November 4: Twilight Dinner at Maleny Lane featuring extraordinary vocalist, singer-songwriter Barry Charles along with a wonderful selection of World Street Food from 6pm.
- November 6: Maroochy Pony Club event at Nambour Showgrounds.
- November 7-11: Neighbours Aid op shop in Howard Street Nambour 20th Birthday Sale.
- November 10: Nambour Chamber of Commerce Networking event, at the Zinc Bar, Nambour RSL from 5.30pm-7.30pm.
- Friday November 11: St Joseph's Christmas Carnival.
- November 12 & 13: Clay Workers from the Maleny Arts and Crafts Group's Warm Earth Exhibition between 9am and 4pm daily.
- November 13: Northcoast Active Riders (equestrian event) event at Nambour Showgrounds.
- Tuesday 15 November: Turn Up Sunshine

- Coast Music Industry Conference 5.30pm-9pm The Lind Theatre, Mitchell St, Nambour.
- Wednesday 16 November: Turn up for QMusic Connect Workshop: APRA, career planning 5.30pm-9pm at Peace Run Records and Agency, 14 Queen Street, Nambour.
- Thursday 17 November: Turn Up for QMusic Connect Workshop: Social media, digital marketing and collaboration 5.30pm-9pm at Peace Run Records and Agency, 14 Queen Street, Nambour.
- Friday 18 November: Turn Up Workshop: Are You Grant Ready 1pm-3.30pm at Peace Run Records and Agency, 14 Queen Street, Nambour.
- Friday 18 November: Turn Up To The Forecourt Live Music Showcase 4pm-8.30pm in The Council Forecourt, Bury St, Nambour.
- Sunday November 20: Family Fun Wellness Day is on at 2pm through to 6pm at the Chi Hub, 54-56 Blackall Terrace.
- November 22: Popular Australian economist Gigi Foster (PhD), will be speaking at the Northshore Community Centre in Mudjimba. www.tickettailor.com/events/movingforward-sunshinecoast.
- Thursday November 24: Sunshine Coast Tracy Chapman Tribute show at Black Box Theatre, Nambour. Tickets \$40 + booking fee and doors open 6.30pm for 7.15 start.
- Sat 26 November 8am - 1pm Big Balcony Book Sale at Woombye Community Library on Blackall St. Adult and children's titles for a gold coin or two.
- November 26 and 27: The Blackall Range Woodies are holding their annual Santa Shop at which a huge display of beautiful handmade woodcraft will be on sale to the public at very reasonable prices.
- November 27: Sunshine Coast Show-jumping and Equestrian event at Nambour Showgrounds.

Wilde Book Launch

COME along and join us for the launch of Rhiannon Wilde's latest book "Where You Left Us" on Friday November 4 at 5.30pm at the Little Book Nook, Palmwoods. Come and hear Rhiannon talk and enjoy a drink and nibbles. Cost is \$15, RSVP appreciated. Bookings via Eventbrite or pay on the night.

Live music event turns to Nambour for exposure

A music industry conference has announced its return to a live-event format to be held in Nambour next month to highlight the activation of the Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct.

Now in its ninth year the Turn Up Sunshine Coast Music Industry Conference moved online during the pandemic following a sold-out 2019 conference.

On Tuesday 15 November at the Lind Theatre, Nambour there will be an evening of celebration and education including a keynote from Woodford Folk Festival Director Bill Hauritz, showcase acts, music industry panel and live Q and A with leading music industry achievers including Nambour's Andrea Kirwin.

"After attending some international music conferences recently in Canada and Portugal I'm excited to be a part of our very own Music conference Turn Up right here in Nambour," said Andrea.

"We have so much musical talent in our region and it's great that we can showcase some of our local artists and work together to create a platform worthy of national attention. I see big things for Turn Up, and Nambour, in the future, with the right creative elements and funding it could become a destination for agents and managers looking to connect with our vibrant scene of independent artists and bands and have a fantastic holiday as well."

Evening workshops will be held at Peace Run Records & Agency, Nambour on Wednesday and Thursday 16 & 17 November. Curated by QMusic, the workshops will explore copyright, career planning, social media, digital mar-



Nambour's Andrea Kirwin

keting and collaboration opportunities. Turn Up's Creative Director Andrea Smith will unlock the secrets of preparing for successful arts grants at a workshop on Friday 18 November.

Finally, in the evening, the Fins, Anna and Jordan, Dan Horne and the Karen Law Duo will play at the Nambour Forecourt Live Event.

► Tickets: ww.linktr.ee/turnupevent.

Nambour Chamber of Commerce AGM

MEMBERS and non-members are invited to the next Nambour Chamber of Commerce Networking event, to be held on Thursday November 10 at the Zinc Bar, Nambour RSL from 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Members can arrive from 5pm to listen to or participate in the AGM.

Drinks will feature live entertainment, provided by well known local musician and

member Stu White, thanks to sponsor Ken Mills Toyota.

Enjoy delicious nibbles, great company and the opportunity to connect and reconnect with like minded business professionals.

Please register now to attend this event by clicking here. It's free!

We look forward to seeing you at our 2nd last evening networking event for the year!



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A protein rich tomato based soup made with quinoa, fresh veggies, hearty beans, fresh herbs & seasonings.

Single Serve - \$7.00



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Single serve

\$10.00

2. Crispy skinned lemon and herb roast chicken - GF DF

Served with roasted vegetables & gravy.

\$10.00

3. Tender roast pork loin - GF DF

Served with apples, roasted vegetables & gravy.

\$10.00

4. Beef lasagne

Lean beef bolognese layered with bechamel, pasta & cheese.

\$10.00

5. Lamb rogan josh - GF DF

Mildly spiced tomato curry with aromatic spices, served with rice.

\$10.00

6. Braised beef and bacon casserole - GF DF

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\$10.00

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\$10.00

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Lean beef & vegetables sautéed in gravy & baked with creamy mash potato & seasonal vegetables.

\$10.00

9. Malaysian satay chicken - GF DF

Mild creamy curry served with rice.

\$10.00

10. Stir fried chicken and hokkien noodles - DF

Stir fried in Asian sauce with peanuts.

\$10.00

11. Creamy coconut Indian veggie and chickpea curry - GF DF VEG

Mild, served with rice.

\$10.00

12. Vegetable fried rice - GF DF VEG

Sautéed Asian vegetables, tossed with soy sauce, rice, omelette and fried shallots.

\$10.00

13. Spinach and ricotta cannelloni pasta - VEG

With napoletana sauce, baked with cheese.

\$10.00

14. Creamy garlic prawns - GF

Australian prawns marinated in garlic and fresh herbs, sautéed in butter, white wine and cream, and finished with parmesan. Served with rice.

\$10.00

SOUPS

15. Hearty beef, pearl barley and vegetable soup - DF

Tender beef cooked with aromatic vegetables, pearl barley and beans in a seasoned beef broth.

\$7.00

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Clockwise from left:

- The 2nd Light Horse Regiment - Woombye Troop staged the annual Beersheba Day Parade marking the 105th Anniversary of the famous 1917 mounted charge.
- Lieutenant Colonel Craig Malcolm.
- Red Cross nurses in period uniform accompanied the parade.
- Light Horse Drummers from Brisbane's Queensland Services Heritage Band led the riders.



THE 2nd Light Horse Regiment - Woombye Troop staged the annual Beersheba Day Parade on Sunday which marked the 105th Anniversary of the famous 1917 mounted charge.

Following is the address by Lieutenant Colonel Craig Malcolm from the 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Qld Mounted infantry) based at Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera.

"This year marks the 105th anniversary of the famous charge of the Australian Light Horse at Beersheba. Each year, here, at this memorial, the community gathers to remember the charge of two regiments, the 4th and the 12th.

"The Battle of Beersheba took place on the 31st October 1917, as part of a wider British offensive, known as the Battle for Gaza. The final phase of this all-day battle was the famous mounted charge by the 4th Light Horse Brigade.

"General Edmund Allenby, the newly arrived British commander of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, planned to attack Beersheba using mounted troops of the Desert Mounted Corps, under Australian commander, Lieutenant-General Harry Chauvel, and with British troops of the 20th Corps, mostly infantry. The greatest problem for Chauvel was to find sufficient water in the Beersheba area for his mounted troops. Allenby had insisted that Beersheba must be captured on the first day of operations. On the night of the 30th of October, 40,000 Allied troops moved towards Beersheba by night over 40 kilometers.

"One soldier, Private Hunter, wrote in his diary, 'The dust was terrible. One could not see

Light Horse Troop honours Beersheba mounted charge

beyond his horse's head. Those horses braved the journey, which was about 36 miles. I walked at my horse's head for about 10 miles of flat ground, giving him a rest'.

"The horses were carrying heavy packs, on average, about 120 kilograms, and their riders knew there was little water available until Beersheba. On the 31st of October, British horses attacked the Turkish positions, supported by sustained artillery bombardment by over 100 artillery pieces.

'Use your bayonets as swords. I wish you the best of luck.'

"By one o'clock, they'd driven the Turks from their offensive position, to the west and southwest of Beersheba. However, the wells were still in the hands of the Turkish forces. The wells of Beersheba were vital for the welfare of the Desert Mounted Corps, many of whom's horses hadn't had water for days.

The enemy resistance to Tel El Saba, three kilometers to the east, had been stronger than expected. And after stiff fighting by the New Zealanders and Australians, they captured the strong fortifications protecting Beersheba's eastern flank.

"It is said that with only a few hours of daylight remaining, Chauvel decided to send the 4th Light Horse Brigade straight at the remaining enemy trenches. Chauvel knew that the town must be taken before dark in order to secure the wells for the remaining forces.

"It was said that Colonel William Grant gave the order personally to the 12th Light Horse... 'Men, you're fighting for water. There's no water between this side of Beersheba and Esani. Use your bayonets as swords. I wish you the best of luck'.

"The charge was made across bare ground with the day's light fading. The advancing regiments soon closed on the main positions and engaged in fierce hand to hand fighting.

"Trooper Edward Dengate would say, 'we got mounted, cantered for about a quarter of a mile up a bit of a rise lined up along the brow of a hill and paused for a moment. And then we went at 'em, the ground was none too smooth, which caused our lines to get twisted a bit... Captain Davies let out a yell at the top of his voice... that started them all... we spurred our horses... the bullets got thicker... three or four horses came down, others with no riders kept going, the saddles splashed with blood, here and there a man went running toward a dead

horse for cover. The Turks' trenches were about 50 yards on my right. I could see the Turks' heads over the edge of the trenches squinting along their rifles, a lot of the fellows dismounted at that point thinking we were able to take the trenches, but most of us kept straight on'.

'I could see the Turks' heads over the edge of the trenches squinting along their rifles'

"31 light horsemen were killed in the charge, and 36 were wounded. Some originals of the brigade who had enlisted in 1914 included Edward Cleaver, and Albert Tibby Cotter, a famous Australian cricketer. At least 70 horses died in the charge. However, they continued on with Beersheba and most of its wells intact. The brigade took over 1100 prisoners, capturing four machine guns, and nine field guns.

"It also set the conditions for British forces to commence an offensive, which ultimately resulted in the defeat of Ottoman forces by combined British and Arab armies.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the rest is now history. The charge of Beersheba 105 years ago has gone down in military folklore. However, the spirit of these troopers remains ever present within the regiment I have the privilege to command. Although the horses have been replaced with tanks and armored fighting vehicles, the spirit, tenacity, and resilience of the Light Horse is unchanged. I thank you all for your attendance today... lest we forget."

Woombye Scouts mark remarkable 100-year milestone

WOOMBYE Scouts celebrated 100 years since its formation on Saturday (October 22) making it one of only eight scout troops in Queensland to reach the century milestone.

The Woombye Community & Business Association (WCBA) was on hand to donate \$100 to the Scout Group. "Woombye Scouts have a wonderful connection to Woombye and the surrounding district," said Vice President Grant Palethorpe. "Reaching 100 years is an amazing achievement. The WCBA is pleased to be in a financial position where we can support our local community groups and sporting clubs."

An Open Day with Scouting activities organised by Assistant Scout Leader Georgia Frost and a display of historical photographs and memorabilia was organised by long time Woombye scouts Marion and William 'Bill' Haselden.

The Woombye scout group meets on a Monday night from 6pm to 8pm, ages 11 - 14.5, with cubs from 5:30 - 7pm on Mondays (ages 8-11). Scouts is an amazing organisation for all young people, teaching them skills they will use for life and giving them experiences like no other. As a scout I have been to Sydney for a 12-day camp with scouts from all over Australia, been on 30km hikes from Carnarvon Gorge to Mount Tamborine. Next year we have 11 scouts going to Switzerland for their 100 years of scouting in the Swiss Alps. Scouting provides young Australians, of all ages, gender and ability, with challenging and adventurous opportunities so they may grow and develop in the five areas of personal growth outlined in the Purpose of Scouting.

► For more information about Scouts please contact Georgia at 201649@scoutsqld.com.au. To discover more about Scouting in your community or to find your local Scout Group contact: 1800 Scouts or www.scoutsqld.com.au.



Bill Haselden, Nicklin MP Rob Skelton, Jeff Bailey and Former Woombye Scout and Woombye Community and Business Association Vice President Grant Palethorpe.



From left, Rover Advisor Kylie Aalbers, Branch Advisor Cycling Simon Aalbers and Chief Commissioner Daryl Scott.



From left, Assistant Regional Commissioner Jenny Grant, Nambour District Treasurer Marion Haselden, Assistant Scout Leader Georgia Frost, Nambour District Leader William 'Bill' Haselden, Assistant District Commissioner Olivia Frost and Patrol Leader Aidan Gleeson.

Blackall Range Zonta Club turns 25

ON Tuesday October 18, the Zonta Club of Blackall Range held a low-key celebration of its 25th Birthday.

Members and invited guests acknowledged three women for their outstanding service and 25 year membership as well as one of our members who had served Zonta for 38 years.

Zonta is an international organisation and was founded more than 100 years ago to empower women and girls through service and advocacy.

Notable members, some honorary, have been Amelia Earhart (USA), Helen Clark (NZ), Leneen Forde (Qld), Quentin Bryce (Qld), Dr Catherine Hamlin (Aus) and Dr Fiona Stanley (Aus).

"I am so proud of all we have achieved over this quarter of a century," said Ann Koenig, the current President of the branch, and a 25 year veteran. I acknowledge my fellow foundation members Barb Inwood and Tricia Steer. I also wish to acknowledge Judi Ross-Smith, who has been a Zontian for 38 years and who has contributed to Zonta's work locally, nationally and internationally."

Ann outlined the achievements of the club which included the book 'Sweet Sisters', two annual tertiary scholarships, a celebration of International Women's Day, Women in Art, packing birthing kits, a local business directory for the northern end of the Range, breast cushions for cancer survivors, refuge packs for women, and participation and support for Speak Up Now, a domestic and family violence awareness organisation.

Petra Ladwig, the Lieutenant Governor, stepped forward with congratulations and presented the certificates of service. Other invited guests included representatives from Rotary, The Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, Speak Up Now, previous Zonta Club members and fellow Zontians from Caloundra.



Judi Ross-Smith celebrates Zonta Club of Blackall Range's 25th birthday.



Petra Ladwig congratulates Ann Koenig, Tricia Steer and Barb Inwood on 25 years membership.

WCBA initiates membership levels to drive engagement

WOOMBYE Community Business Association (WCBA) Treasurer Nathan Major is encouraging businesses to become members of the Association as we head into 2023.

"We have been doing a lot of work on our website to make it easy for people to become members," Nathan said.

"We are very fortunate in Woombye, to have such an engaged and active business association because it allows us to make a valuable contribution to our community."

These Memberships support the objectives of the Association which are to provide a forum for lobbying of the three tiers of government, maintain and encourage appropriate development whilst preserving rural and heritage identities, raise monies for projects which will benefit the community of Woombye, engage in the sponsorship of local schools, sporting clubs, community groups and events, and be a truly representative body for the community of Woombye.

"We have introduced new levels of membership to the WCBA alongside the existing Gold and Platinum levels," Nathan said.

"The WCBA felt it was important to offer these new levels to consolidate financial resources and not be reliant on grants to cover expenditure," he said.

"Despite having a strong and stable membership base of around 120 members, even the cost of the Public Liability insurance of over \$2,900 per year isn't being covered by the annual fee of \$20.

"The introduction of these membership classes will reduce the financial burden on the Association and allow the WCBA to increase its contribution back to the local community groups and sporting clubs."

Last year, the WCBA contributed \$150 for a Woombye State School Bursary, \$75 for the Beersheba Parade wreath and \$100 towards the



From left, WCBA Vice President Grant Palethorpe congratulates Richard Law from Thrill Hill Amusements and Nathan Major from Intersect Bookkeeping on their Platinum (\$2,500), and Gold (\$1000) Memberships, respectively.

Bowls Club ANZAC breakfast.

"In the last few months we have also supported the Woombye Bowls Club Social Bowls Competition, another \$80 for this year's Beersheba Parade wreath, and \$750 for the Woombye Primary School Colour Fun Run.

"Essentially we are hopeful for the continued support of our current members and that they understand the increase for Ordinary and Business membership fees will help strengthen the Association for the benefit of Woombye.

"We are presently working on a benefits list that will set out what our members also receive. Thrill Hill Amusements has come on board as a Platinum Member (\$2,500), and Intersect Bookkeeping Services is a Gold Member (\$1,000).

"Membership and activities are not just limited to businesses, we are working hard to create community events that also promote networking across the broader community.

"The long term involvement of business in the community is vital. If you only have people, you have a suburb. If you only have businesses,

you have an industrial park. Bringing it all together is what creates a vibrant, thriving, independent community.

"Having a strong association assists with engagement with all levels of government and having funds in the kitty helps to 'future proof' the WCBA, to a degree," he said.

"But it is also not all about cash in the bank. We have allowed for a 50% in-kind payment for skilled contributions to the WCBA's operations and projects. This is a wonderful way to utilize the skills and energy of our community and facilitate their contribution to Woombye."

► To find out more about the WCBA, go to www.woombye.com.au or email woombyecomunity@gmail.com

AGM November 23

In other WCBA news, the AGM will be held on Wednesday the 23rd of November from 6pm at Thrill Hill and catering will be supplied by Marguerita Pizza. There will be calls for nominations for positions at the meeting.

Orchid Species Show



IT will be a festival of colour as the Nambour Orchid Society presents its Orchid Species Show at Buderim Uniting Church on Saturday November 5.

Benched species orchids will be on display and the event will feature orchid & foliage plant sales and \$1 Raffles.

Main vendors include Robertson Orchids, Orchid Mania, Red Fox Orchids and Orchidaceous Supplies.

The Show runs from 8am-4pm at Buderim Uniting Church in Gloucester Road.

Petrie Creek Bushcare

PETRIE Creek Bushcare still has a few more events to go before they break for a month over the Christmas period. It's a good time to come to one of the events and find out what creating habitat for native animals is all about.

BushCare bees will be starting at 7am to try to catch a bit of the cool morning.

Next opportunities to join us in these BushCare events on Petrie Ck will be at

- Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 05 November starting at 7am (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 19 November starting at 7am (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour).

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided.

► For more info see the FB Page www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCare-GroupInc/ and www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com

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**SATURDAY
NOV 5
8AM - 4PM**



Renewal works set for grandstand

David Law
Division 10 Councillor
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I am happy to advise that the Nambour Showgrounds JD Grimes Grandstand Renewal Works will commence next week. This project is a much-needed upgrade to the access stairs and balustrade along the main grandstand. The project is scheduled to be completed prior to the Christmas break.

Retaining Wall Construction – Bade Street, Nambour

Residents of Bade Street will notice construction commencing this month on the street's retaining wall. While construction is underway, Bade Street will continue to operate under a single lane, one-way direction until the retaining wall construction has been completed, which is expected by mid-December, weather and site conditions dependent.

Have Your Say to re-think volunteering

Council and the University of the Sunshine Coast are exploring ideas around volunteering and calling on everyone in our community to take part in a research project.

Researchers wanted to hear from current volunteers as well as people who don't volunteer. Our residents are very generous and often gift their time in our local communities. We want to understand motivations, the barriers and what needs to change to enable more volunteering opportunities. We are calling on all residents, including those involved in community organisations, to complete the online survey before November 15 on Council's Have Your Say website.

Healthy Sunshine Coast

Registrations are now open for you to hop, skip and jump into a variety of activities on offer when Healthy Sunshine Coast kicks off shortly. Registration is free, but essential. Once signed up, local residents will be notified directly when a range of low-cost activities around the region become available.

Classes are entry-level, low-to-medium impact fitness and wellbeing activities and designed for all ages and abilities. Register your interest by visiting Council's website and search 'Healthy Sunshine Coast'.

Day for Daniel a time to reflect

Ted O'Brien
Federal Member for Fairfax
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It was Day for Daniel recently. Day for Daniel is a time to reflect on the important issue of child safety and our collective responsibility to keep children safe.

Bruce and Denise Morcombe have turned an unimaginable tragedy into a message of hope and their Foundation is impacting the lives of families and children across the country.

While I was unable to join everyone for the Day for Daniel walk back home, I did my own Day for Daniel walk at Parliament House.



Generation Innovation:

The Generation Innovation program is a challenge for young people to unleash their innovative genius and develop their very own business.

This youth program, which I founded and Chair, recently held its final pitch night to decide the ultimate winner of the 2022 program.

Congratulations to Josie Pacey, Founder of Keola Surf Wax and winner of Generation Innovation's 2022 "GI Challenge".

There was an incredible pool of talented entrepreneurs this year, including runners up Bailey Page, Founder of Zip Zap Chargers, and Eliza Blumke, Founder of SpeechPal.

Congratulations all!

Annual report:

Have you received my Fairfax Annual Report Summary in the mail yet? If not, it should be arriving shortly.

The 2021/22 Financial Year saw continued record investment in infrastructure from the (former) Coalition Federal Government and support for businesses recovering from the pandemic and widespread flooding.

Asphalt looks great at Palmwoods AFL

Winston Johnston
Division 5 Councillor
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Great to see that asphalt works behind the Palmwoods AFL and Cricket Clubhouse are now complete. It looks fantastic! Many thanks to our contractors and council's internal construction team. Head on over to my Facebook to see the improvement works.

Do you gift your time? Then let us know!

Council and the University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) are exploring new ideas around volunteering and calling on everyone in our community to take part in a research project to understand their views and experiences.

The research initiative is being run through the Sunshine Coast Community Co-Lab program. I encourage you to have your say by visiting council's Have Your Say page.

All you ever wanted to know about septic systems!

Septic systems can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater if they are properly designed and maintained. However, it's important to consider how the management of the system might impact on the health of the household, neighbours, and our environment.

I have a great pamphlet with handy maintenance tips and tricks to keep your septic system healthy and improve performance. If you would like to know more, please email my office division5@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au and we will post you a copy or you can pick one up.

The long and short of increased rainfall

We're in for another wet spring and summer across our region. Increased rain and warmer soil conditions make for favourable grass growing conditions. While this keeps the kangaroos and grasshoppers happy, it can make for overgrown and difficult mowing conditions.

Our Parks and Gardens team has increased its mowing roster to stay ahead of the growth.

However, the wet weather often means many sites are too damp for our heavy mowers to access without doing considerable damage.

We appreciate that you are our eyes and ears on the ground and thank you for your patience.

Office goes mobile to meet and greet

Andrew Powell
State Member for Glass House
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I recently held a round of 'mobile offices' across the electorate, popping up in Flaxton, Mount Mee and seventeen locations in between.

After seven years of providing shelter while I've done these, my car awning gave up the ghost on a windy Witta day! Thank you again to everyone who took the time to come and visit, chat and discuss your concerns with me. I always say this, but I truly love my job. It really is an honour to represent you all in the Queensland Parliament.

Nominate for the Volunteer Awards

If you're part of a community organisation with a standout volunteer, now is the time to let them know just how appreciated they are. Without volunteers Glass House organisations and sporting groups just wouldn't exist. The Volunteer Awards are my opportunity to show them how much we appreciate their help.

The nomination process is as easy as ever. Just send me an email at glass.house@parliament.qld.gov.au and let me know who you'd like to nominate and what organisation they're from. There will be a morning tea held at the Maleny Community Centre on Friday 18th November at 10:00am for all nominated volunteers and representatives from their organisations.

Tickets are free for anyone who's been nominated as well as the person who nominated them. Extra tickets are just \$10 per head.

The morning tea will be catered by the wonderful ladies of the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary, so it's sure to be delicious.

Please take the time to send in a nomination for an outstanding volunteer in your life and RSVP for the morning tea before 4 November.

Translink Smart Ticketing

The days of needing a Translink 'go card' to jump on the train are numbered. Now, as part of a trial, you can use your Visa, Mastercard or American Express debit or credit card, smartphone or smart watch to pay for your public transport trip! Please note it only applies to adult fares and make sure you swipe on and off, just like a "go card".

State College wins Buy Smart Award

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



I am proud to congratulate James Ehrat, an outstanding student from Nambour State College, for winning first place in this year's Buy Smart Competition.

His presentation on choosing the right mobile phone plan was informative and certainly got the recognition it deserved.

The Buy Smart competition involves students identifying a consumer issue, researching it, and presenting what they have learned in a creative way.

In winning first place, James has won not only \$2,000 for his school, but also \$500 for himself.

I'm confident James will have no trouble at all deciding what mobile plan to put his prize money towards.

Congratulations James!

Day for Daniel walk

Last week, my wife and I participated in the 18th annual Walk for Daniel.

This walk, from Suncoast Christian College to the Briggs Park in Palmwoods was the same walk that Daniel Morcombe never got to finish.

It was a privilege to complete this walk in Daniel's honour, and to see our communities come together in solidarity, both locally and nationally.

It was also a great privilege to be able to deliver a message on behalf of Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk.

In addition to this, a congratulations is in order for the Morcombe Foundation – this year's Walk for Daniel saw a record 6,100 schools across the country participating in either the Walk or awareness training.

This smashed last year's record by 500 schools.

This is testament to the tireless work that Bruce, Denise, and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation have put in over the years.

We are eternally grateful for their unwavering commitment to child safety in Australia.

• As always, if you need to get in touch with me, contact my office on 5406 4100 or at nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au

Hot change takes toll on wildlife

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

THE hot weather is a shock to all – humans and animals.

The WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline is receiving a number of calls pertaining to the change in weather.

Some people are concerned about the spots where possums decide to curl up and sleep for the day.

When they settle in before sunup they may be unaware that the metal roof is going to get very warm.

Lack of housing is often a bigger problem than lack of food in many areas. Every tree matters!

A couple of years ago a wonderful man in Nambour put an insulated box on a shelf under the hot metal roof of his shed, where a possum daily slept.

The resident possum was most appreciative. She still loves returning there after her nocturnal adventures. No stomping around on the roof looking for a home!

We can all help our wildlife by putting out fresh water each day – up high if there are domestic pets or roaming neighbourhood cats.

We hear many sad stories from people who make their back garden a wildlife haven, only to have local cats come in, killing so many birds, gliders, possums, and little reptiles.

In this case you can phone Customer Service at your local Council and borrow a cat trap. Australian native animals are disappearing at an alarming rate and we all have to take responsibility in minimizing this devastation.

When an animal is picked up in this weather the first inclination is to give it water.

This is not a good idea. As with humans in a debilitated state it is not always possible for the animal to swallow, so the water goes directly into the lungs causing aspiration pneumonia.

This is a major cause of death in baby birds and marsupials, as well as with injured adult animals. If distance prevents immediate veterinary attention, then an eye dropper can be used to administer a drop of water even just every five minutes. Holding a bowl up and tilting it like a killer!

Feds honour rail commitment – for now

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



At least it wasn't cut, and for that I'm grateful, especially since Queensland lost just over \$1 billion in Federal Budget cuts.

Thankfully, Federal Labor has honoured the Coalition's \$1.6 billion rail commitment. It starts in the final year of the forward estimates (2026).

I'm not sure they can build 37km of rail and 700m of tunnel in that remaining timeframe, before the Olympics. But at least it's there. Here's what happened...

The Budget tale of two tweets

Australian Treasurer Jim Chalmers handed down the first Labor budget since 2013.

In summary, we are in for hard times. His words, not mine.

The promise of a \$275 reduction in our electricity bills, made repeatedly by (now) Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has vaporised.

It's been replaced by the admission that electricity prices will increase 56% over the next eighteen months.

Gas prices are expected to increase by around 50% in just the next year.

In good news, there are indexed increases to pensions, extra paid parental leave and additional childcare subsidies.

On the day before the October 25 budget I reissued a Twitter message I first sent on 31 May as a thank you to the new Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister, Catherine King, MP for Ballarat.

'Thank you for honouring the \$1.6 billion federal commitment for 37km CAMCOS rail from Beerwah to Maroochydhore. Sincerely appreciated.'

I didn't receive a response when it was first tweeted in May, so, given that it was the day before the budget I thought I would send a gentle reminder.

It started on the eve of the May 21 federal election when the MP had stated that an incoming Labor government would honour the Coalition's promise of \$1.6 billion, being 50% of the cost of the 37km Beerwah to Maroochydhore (formerly known as CAMCOS) rail project.

I wanted to honour her for being true to her word.

Within a few minutes of my tweet being reissued, it was liked by the Minister's Twitter account.

I read into this that the \$1.6 billion would be in the budget as committed and went onto ABC Sunshine Coast radio's Drive program hosted by Annie Gaffney, to let the world know on Monday afternoon.

Come Tuesday night, budget night and I rushed home from looking for the local Paynters Creek platypus, to witness the infrastructure announcements by the Treasurer.

As 7:30pm came and went, so did the budget speech but without the words I expected to hear.

I downloaded all the budget documents, and there's a plethora of them, searching for the words that would confirm the Minister's like.

I didn't find any.

Not one.

So, at 9:43pm on Tuesday 25 October I tweeted.

'Dear Minister, The #SunshineCoast region is wondering where the \$1.6 billion for the 37km Beerwah to Maroochydhore #rail project is?

No mention of it in tonight's budget speech.

No mention of it in budget papers.

Has it been consigned to beyond forward estimates?'

When I awoke the next morning I had my answer, with the Minister replying at 5:58am.

'The money remains in the budget. First appears in last year of forwards as realistically it will take time to do.

We will work with the QLD a state Government on business case and actual costs of the project.'

Subsequent information reported \$50 million towards this project listed in the final year of the forward estimates, 2026.

With the Olympics Games due in 2032, the race is on.

Five-bedroom country home on 1.5 acres offers room for living in Yandina

AGENTS CHOICE: 96 Wappa Road, Yandina. \$1.1 million

96 Wappa Falls Road Yandina is a solid family country home that has five oversized bedrooms, two recently renovated bathrooms and with two separate living areas, it offers plenty of room and opportunity for dual living.

It is positioned for privacy on one and a half acres and features a huge double powered shed, making it ideal to work from home.

The home is connected to town water.

A covered verandah runs the full length of the home, and there is a saltwater pool to cool off in, and for the family to enjoy whilst entertaining.

This family home is high and dry, with town water, a dam in the front paddock and surrounded by nature and birdlife that the family have enjoyed for over 30 years at the property.

Yandina is a sought after location which offers easy access to the Highway and local schools



High and dry, with town water, a dam in the front paddock and surrounded by nature.

and shops are only minutes away.

This home is 15 minutes to the best beaches on the Sunshine Coast, and 7 minutes to the Nambour Hospital and train station.

- ▶ Contact Vanessa Brunton from VB Real Estate on 0467 448 850 to inspect this property.
- ▶ See Live Local Real Estate Pages 24-29.

Chamber Players present 'Baroque Brilliance'

PACIFIC Chamber Players final concert series for 2022 is their ever-popular Baroque Brilliance.

The program features Purcell's majestic Trumpet Sonata in D and Corelli's peaceful and uplifting Christmas Concerto. With variety an integral ingredient, the Players will also be performing Geminiani's Oboe Sonata and the delightful Platti Flute Sonata, along with Telemann Paris Quartet No 12 and the quirky Zelenka Trio Sonata No 3.

Concerts are 2.30pm Saturday 19 November at Eudlo Hall and Sunday 20 November at Cooroy Memorial Hall. Audiences are very fortunate to experience such high-quality chamber music live, including hearing a harpsichord in action played by Janet Brewer.

▶ Tickets are \$30 Adult, \$28 Concession, and \$10 School Students. These are available online at www.pacificchamberplayers.com or cash at the door.

Warriors' announce football initiative

WITH the Women's Football World Cup hosted by Australia and New Zealand happening in 2023 it's a great time to Celebrate Women in sport.

On that note, Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association and Palmwoods Warriors Football Club are proud and excited to announce a new all girls division for females born in 2015 and 2016 for season 2023.

If you are interested in an affordable fun sport that promotes teamwork, fitness and life-long friendships contact the family friendly Palmwoods Warriors Football Club at secretary@palmwoodswarriors.com.au or 0497 777 176. We will put you in contact with one of our passionate and experienced female coaches.

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Neville and Joyce Killip on October 21 this year at their 72nd wedding celebration.

Probus helps couple celebrate 72 years of marriage

NAMBOUR Probus Club members include a very dear and elderly couple in their 90s, Neville and Joyce Killip.

On Friday October 21 at 11am they enjoyed a get together in the Uniting Church Hall in Coronation Avenue Nambour to celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary.

Neville is 97 years old. They live at Hillcrest Avenue Nambour and are lifetime residents of this area.

They are a dear old couple and 72 years is a great milestone.

Letter to the Editor

Bring on the breakaway shire

I fully support Mr Thompson's suggestion of a breakaway shire for towns west of the Bruce Highway.

Sunshine Coast Shire has grown enormously over the past few years and for this reason I feel is unable to understand the specific and diverse needs of smaller towns west of the highway.

Back to basics sounds like a great suggestion. - Ann Rignault, Maleny

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Get excited for festive lights experience!

The Festive Garden, Council's walk-through lights experience, is back and this year it's going to be brighter than ever. Free tickets will be released 23 November, so follow Council's Facebook page, subscribe to OurSC or visit Sunshine Coast Events to be first in line. For now, mark 16 to 20 December, Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, on your calendar.

Do you gift your time?

Council and the University of the Sunshine Coast are exploring new ideas around volunteering and calling on everyone in our community to take part in a research project to understand your views and experiences. Researchers want to hear from current volunteers as well as people who don't volunteer. Head to Council's Have Your Say website and complete the survey before 15 November.

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Heritage Calendar out now

The 2023 Sunshine Coast Heritage Calendar is out now, making the perfect gift for friends and loved ones. At just \$6, the calendar features all our favourite ways of travelling on the Sunshine Coast from days gone by. Images contributed by locals and sourced from Council's Picture Sunshine Coast library, will delight with each turn of the page. Buy yours at Council customer contact centres and libraries.

One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online - Thursday 17 November at 9am.

Last chance to nominate a local hero

What do sausage sizzle super stars, volunteer grounds keepers and community mentors have in common? They're all worthy recipients of a Sunshine Coast Australia Day Award. Say thank you to those people making a big difference in the local community. Nominating is easy via Council's website. Nominations close 18 November.

Did you know that turtle nesting season is here?

From November to May, look out for turtle tracks, new nests and emerging hatchlings. If you do see signs of turtles on our beaches, please watch your step and contact the TurtleCare volunteers via Council's website.

Not-to-be-missed Libraries author event

Crooks, crime and corruption all revealed in a Night with author Gary Jubelin. Join the award-winning author and host of the top-rating podcast 'I Catch Killers' on Thursday 8 December at Venue 114 for this special author event. Brought to you by Sunshine Coast Libraries. Tickets are on sale now at venue114.com.au.

Cool Homes free online course

Are you buying, building or renovating a home on the Sunshine Coast? Learn how to make your home comfortable without relying on costly air-conditioning in summer and heating in winter; achieve an enviable indoor/outdoor lifestyle; and create a home that will likely increase in value over time! Check out the free online Cool Homes course on Council's website for easy-to-follow guidance.

Fun day at the beach for everyone

Head along to an 'all access' day at Mooloolaba Beach on Friday 2 December from 2 to 6.30pm - where everyone can have fun! There'll be all-abilities activities, including seated Bocce, access mats, beach wheelchairs, sand and water play, great entertainment, a sensory tent, afternoon barbeque and much more. Make sure you pencil this in your diaries - and don't miss this afternoon of free family fun!

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815 Landsborough Maleny Road **BALD KNOB**



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- North facing, low set contemporary home
- Separate studio with power
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- Landscaped, flat block with mature trees

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Perfectly positioned on its gorgeous block, there is so much to appreciate at this entertainer's delight; beautifully landscaped, the grounds on this 7170m² block boasts an inground pool, firepit, landscaped gardens and a generous outdoor entertaining area.

- Open plan kitchen with generous storage, induction cooktop and double oven
- High vaulted ceilings
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- Lovely view and rural atmosphere
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First time offered to the market, this immaculate colonial style property is positioned on a generous 3000m² parcel of lush rainforest surrounds and offers an enviable lifestyle in a premium Hinterland location.

Situated just down the road from the famous Maleny landmark - McCarthy's Lookout, this property illustrates the convenience of a low set family home with a versatile design creating harmony and functionality throughout.

This home is designed to make the most of its relaxing setting. Located only minutes to Maleny township, in a sought after and rarely available address; be quick and inspect today!

- North facing, low set contemporary home
- Separate studio with power
- 9ft ceilings and hardwood floors
- Wood burning fireplace
- Landscaped, flat block with mature trees

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Family-friendly home features quality design

AGENT'S CHOICE: 18 Retreat Crescent, Yandina.
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OFFERING family-friendly living of the highest calibre in a quiet, residential enclave, is this Plantation-built home on a 700m² block, with many quality, customised features and extras, that truly boost value, comfort and appeal.

Across a single level with a well-designed floor plan facilitating excellent separation of living, the home comprises four bedrooms, two bathrooms plus powder room, children's retreat, media/office, open plan living and dining flowing out to an east facing timber alfresco deck, a premium kitchen with butler's pantry, separate laundry with storage, and a double lock up garage, plus gated side access to bring in boat/caravan.

9-Foot ceilings, zoned ducted reverse cycle air-conditioning, ducted vacuum, 40mm stone benches in the kitchen, granite benches in the bathrooms, a 5-burner gas stove top, 2-drawer dishwasher, integrated microwave, timber stacker doors with retractable insect screens to the deck, ceiling fans, timber look flooring and plush carpets, solar hot water, 5kW solar power with newly installed battery backup system, and a large lock-up garden shed are among the home's many features of note.

The established gardens are easy-care and there is a full irrigation system in place. The yard is fully fenced at the



Original owners since this home was built in late 2014 have loved living here, and it shows.



sides and rear, making it suitable for children and pets to play securely and safely, and plenty of room for a pool.

This home is located on the outskirts of the historic village of Yandina, just a few minutes' drive to the IGA, town centre, iconic pub, and rail to Brisbane.

It is 10 minutes to Nambour, 13 minutes to

Eumundi, 20 minutes to Coolum Beach and the Sunshine Coast Airport. Yandina has a wonderful community spirit and offers a slower pace of life, without sacrificing access to major amenities.

► For more details, contact Remax Nambour's selling agent Frederic Tober on 0402 001 179.



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The home is 272m² across a single level with a well-designed floor plan to facilitate both good separation as well as integrated indoor/outdoor living.

It has four bedrooms, two fully tiled bathrooms, a study nook, media room, open plan living and dining, premium kitchen with walk-in pantry, expansive covered terrace plus all-weather pool-side patio with vergola style roof, full laundry with linen press, oversized double garage with storage in the roof, plus additional single lock up garage/workshop/shed.

High 2.7m ceilings and 2.4m doorways, ducted zoned air-conditioning, quality flooring,

ceiling fans, stone benches, gas cooktop, soft close cabinetry, window splashback, servery to terrace, security camera system, sundrenched inground pool, crimsafe screens, solar power and rainwater tank are just some of the home's many features.

The block has colourbond fencing which provides a safe secure space for children and pets to play, and concrete paths around the house perimeter.

Built in 2019, there is nothing to be spent and everything has been thought of and included.

This home is less than a five-minute drive into town and rail and within 5-10 minutes to several schools including state primary schools (Palmwoods and Woombye), Nambour and Suncoast Christian Colleges, and Sunshine Coast Grammar School. It's also an easy 20 minutes to beaches and the airport, and Blackall Range.

► To learn more about this property, contact Remax Nambour's Jason Stock on 0499 562 675.



Buyers could reap the benefits here with the studio's potential use as a second dwelling.

Charming home with separate studio

AGENT'S CHOICE: 815 Landsborough Maleny Road, Bald Knob. Offers over \$1,035,000.

SET atop the mountainous Sunshine Coast Hinterland, on just under half an acre, is this charming low set contemporary home.

Only 6 minutes from Maleny township, this property features a main house with 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom; the property also boasts a separate studio with power connected. Buyers could reap the benefits here with the studio's potential use as a second dwelling for family, guests, tenants or a B&B. With iconic Mary Cairncross Park, cafes and a variety of other top-quality restaurants within walking distance, you'll always have somewhere to impress friends, family and guests.

The gardens have been well looked after and furthermore present the keen gardener an opportunity to create their dream landscape. Additionally, the property has an abundance of fruit trees including Macadamia, Lemon,

Custard Apple, Cherry Guava, Peach and the list goes on. There is also coveted, usable flat lawn surrounding the house and plenty of space for car parking at the front of the house and in the shed.

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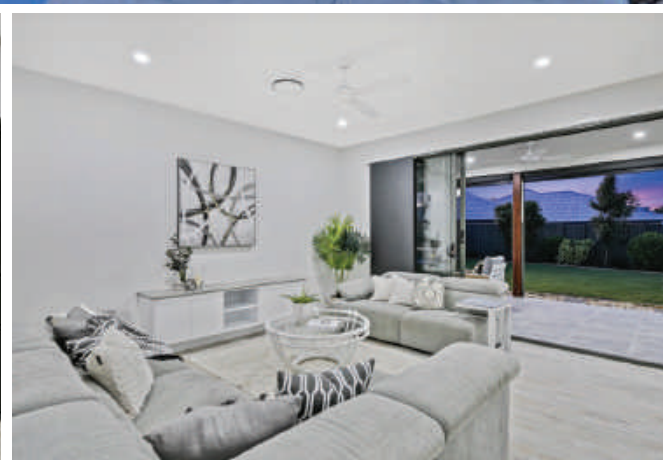
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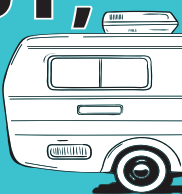
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