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Sculpture on the Edge is at Flaxton Gardens until December 4.

Still time to see Coast's biggest free arts exhibition at Flaxton Gardens

THE Sunshine Coast's biggest sculpture festival is open, free to the public, until December 4 at Flaxton Gardens.

Sculpture on the Edge is celebrating its 12th year as a major competition with a first prize of \$10,000 donated by local business and this year's exhibition host Flaxton Gardens.

The event attracts over 7000 visitors annually and one lucky art lover will also win a weekend escape locally, just for nominating their favourite sculpture.

This year the event has 140 works on display throughout the scenic gardens and grounds, entered by 80 artists from throughout Australia and as far away as Spain.

The annual event is run by volunteers of local group Arts Connect Inc, and this year the event has expanded to include artist

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Project aims to revitalise Hinterland 'heart'

SUNSHINE Coast Council has secured a design consultant to lead a project that will help revitalise the region's historic hub of Nambour.

The Nambour Place Revitalisation Project aims to develop a precinct-wide strategy for Nambour's town centre to consolidate its growing reputation as a creative and welcoming place. Division 10 Councillor David Law said he was pleased to announce the appointment of a principal consultant to lead the draft concept design. "This project is part of creating a vibrant hinterland heart that will meet the needs of our whole community."

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Rock on! **TramFest** is back ...

THE Nambour Tramway Company (TNTCo), is running a free, Christmas Tramfest event this Saturday December 3, with

great bands from 4pm til late! Tramfest used to be held in Howard Street but has moved to the new TNTCo Western Terminus in Mill Street.

Follow the heritage tracks to great food, excellent live music with three bands, kicking off with local group Lazy Guns, pictured.

Lazy Guns is a family band and includes, from left, Dad Richard Smith, lead singer Jack, Sam on bass and Ryan, drums. Organiser Mark Higgins from Shake It Up Music is holding the poster. "We play 2000s Rock n Roll," said Jack. "Kind of like the Von Trapp family meets *Jet.* "We're looking forward to

coming out and rocking the hinterland and playing some good honest rock music from 4pm to 5pm. We're going to melt some hinterland faces!"

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'More police patrols please!'

A frustrated Nambour Real Estate agent says the solution to unlawful and anti-social behaviour in Nambour CBD is obvious.

RE/MAX Property Sales Nambour Principal Tristan Brown cited recent police activity in town, connected with Nambour Police's "Operation Lucent", as proof that the answer was regular, boots-on-the-ground police patrols.

The patrols up and down our main street have definitely made a marked difference; a significant improvement," he said. "But the concern is: are the patrols going to be ongoing? Probably not. And then, slowly, we'll see a

return to how it has been."

Mr Brown purchased RE/MAX in February last year and employs 20 people from his Lowe Street office. He said his staff had to put up with "constant abusive, inappropriate language being screamed from the street"

Pressed on what he meant by "constant" he said: "It would be several times a day that we would encounter behaviour that is completely inappropriate in a public setting and completely inappropriate in front of young female staff, let alone the elderly, or kids and mothers with prams trying to do the shopping."

He felt anti-social behaviour had increased since last year. "Everyone knows we need to care for all the community but, at the same time, we're becoming very frustrated with what we are expected to tolerate. And there's no doubt the situation right now is unacceptable.

"Regardless of the reasonings as to why we're faced with these circumstances, at the end of the day it's unacceptable that small-business owners and the public are having to deal with this on a daily basis."

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Glass artist Tina Cooper and Flaxton Gardens owner Alan Thompson on opening night.

Sculpture on the Edge at Flaxton Gardens

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talks, hands-on workshops, and an inaugural Sculpted Dinner event of wearable art.

President of Arts Connect Inc, Gretchen Keelty, said this year's program expansion is due to its popularity and feedback from the thousands of visitors it attracts to our region each year.

"People love to see the micro to huge sculptures on site and this year they will feature indoors and in the open air, with the incredible backdrop of the lush hinterland and views to the coastline," she said.

Winning artists were announced at the opening night (Saturday 19 November) at a ticketed event. The People's Choice Award will be announced at the Closing Party on Sunday 4 December.

"And in between, the free exhibition will open to the public to visit from 9am to 3pm every day," Gretchen said.

"We know that this free event ultimately has a huge impact for local artists but also for local businesses throughout the region as people come to see the art and enjoy our beautiful area, so it really is a win-win for everyone that Sculpture on the Edge keeps growing," she said.

▶ For more information see www.sculptureontheedge.com.au

Minister provides statement

MINISTER for Police Mark Ryan issued the following statement in response to a number of questions put to him by the Gazette regarding CBD Safety issues.

Among other questions, the Gazette asked the Minister whether he thought crime statistics for the Nambour District as a whole were reflective of the on-the-ground situation in Nambour CBD, in particular, and whether regular patrols in the hotspots might improve the situation.

"Any instance of crime is one too many, and my thoughts remain with victims of crime of any nature," the Police Minister said.

"The Palaszczuk Government, along with the Queensland Police Service, is committed to eradicating crime in all areas of the state, including Nambour.

"That is why the Palaszczuk Government invested \$8.3 million to build the newly opened 24/7 Nambour Police Station, which is staffed by 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 Sunshine Coast, including Nambour, is one of more than a dozen districts throughout the state that will be provided new Mobile Police Beats, to boost police resources and ensure police are best-placed to respond to incidents anywhere, at anytime.

"There will always be more police in Queensland, and more police resources under the Palaszczuk Government.

"QPS will continue to listen to community concerns and work with businesses and individuals. Victims of crime should have the confidence to know police will take all matters seriously."

Asked when Nambour might expect to see any of the new Mobile Police Beat (MPB) vehicles, the Minister's office said they would be rolled out around Queensland by 2027. This would be in addition to two MPB vehicles that are currently servicing the Sunshine Coast.

Broad stats do not reflect intensity of CBD experiences: Reimagine Nambour Chair

RENOWNED lawyer and Reimagine Nambour Chairman Peter Boyce said district-wide police statistics did not necessarily reflect the on-theground intensity facing Nambour CBD business owners and shoppers.

"The real issue here is that there are many people who are traumatised by what is occur-ring in the streets and who have effectively given up on making complaints because of the following

1. It takes so long to get through to make a complaint to Police and/or Council.

2. That those complaints take such a long time to be actioned in some cases and are sometimes never actioned.

3. They are also concerned about reprisal actions from the perpetrators of this very unruly conduct within the town.

"We realise this is an issue, but those who want to rely on statistics might choose to do so to suit their purpose. However, the fact is that if you interview people who are at the 'coalface' they are extremely traumatised and concerned for their safety and wellbeing.

"They are also concerned for others and they are simply not 'game' to place themselves in a situation where they might become, not only a victim of what is occurring, but a victim themselves of physical attack.

"Statistics do not tell you those things and this is why the safety issue needs urgent attention. "This issue will not go away until we have pos-

itive action.'

CBD Safety came to a head recently when Reimagine Nambour launched 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 (www.facebook.com/iamnambour).

Mr Boyce remains determined to keep the issue of CBD safety high on the radar of authorities. He says the problems are having a demoralising effect on Nambour, causing residents to feel unsafe and businesses to suffer with shoppers reluctant to walk the streets.

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From left, RE/MAX Principal Tristan Brown, centre, with some of his team, including, from left, Scott Walters, Jody Chatillon, Mr Brown, Ella Blackmore, Georgia Politanski and John Tobin.

'The situation is becoming untenable': CBD businessman

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Mr Brown said that he was passionate about Nambour and even more so when selling the "wonderful positives of our community" to potential home buyers. "However, when buyers attend our office we are concerned about the behaviour they may encounter when walking along Lowe street.

"I might be on the phone, out on the footpath, making calls, trying to encourage someone to invest in Nambour and at the same time I'm dealing with people yelling and screaming abusive language across the street, and this could be several times daily. Sometimes it's between themselves and other times it's directed at members of the public."

Mr Brown said there was reluctance from other business owners to speak up because they might be targeted or accused of being unsympathetic to the plight of addicts, alcoholics and other disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

"I feel people are not speaking up also out of concern for the general wellbeing of their business. I guess this is the hard thing. Everybody has compassion for people in light of these

social challenges, but at the end of the day businesspeople have invested into businesses and into Nambour, and we're proud of Nambour, and it just saddens me that this sort of behaviour is impacting our town.

"There's clearly an issue here ... the challenge is how best to move forward and improve the situation.

"There are lots of good suggestions and varying thoughts on how to approach it all. There needs to be a win-win for small business and the vulnerable. Having either suffer doesn't help anyone.'

Mr Brown said statistics that showed crime rates in Nambour District falling were not reflective of CBD business owners' experiences on the ground.

"Look, we all know statistics don't always tell the whole story," he said. "My concern is that the statistics showing a decrease may relate more to the lack of resources that police have at the moment rather than a reduction in crime.

"The situation is becoming untenable. With a staff of 20 I have a responsibility to them. We all feel strongly that the current response is inadequate.

Statements backed: 'dangerous work space'

ANOTHER Nambour real estate agent, who did not wish to be named, supported \mbox{RE}/\mbox{MAX} Property Sales Nambour Principal Tristan Brown's comments, above.

The other agent said many businesses and staff in town employed strategies to avoid problem areas and help ensure safety. "My employee, when she goes to the post office, will drive there rather than walk. Because she's afraid to walk past the town square," he said.

"Other employees in town, when they turn up to work, they've got to have three of them in the carpark before they're technically allowed out of their cars (by order of management). Because it's classed as a dangerous work space.'

The agent said Nambour was being judged on the appearance of empty shops in the CBD, as well as safety concerns, and this was also having a detrimental effect on the potential of housing prices.

"When you look at the wealth around Nam-

- you look at Dulong, Kureelpa, Bli Bli, bour places like Rosemount. You're not going to get into those suburbs for less than \$1,000,000 at entry and many of those people shop outside of Nambour rather than in Nambour because they don't feel safe.

"And you've got all those estates out at Burnside which are thriving with families and they're beautiful little areas but the residents all work on the Coast.

"So they go 'I don't want to go into Nambour I'll do my shopping at Sunshine Plaza' or 'I'll do my shopping at Buderim'. It's such a crying shame because if we clean up the CBD, our town will shine and those guys will go into town to shop."

Other shoppers, particularly women and the elderly, have complained of being approached for money around the ATMs in Lowe Street.

Meanwhile, a businessperson said he had noticed two banks in town have recently engaged security guards.

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Smash and grab: Thieves used a crowbar to pry open the cigarette draw at Woolworths Maleny Supermarket.

Professional burglars target two Maleny supermarkets

DETECTIVES have released CCTV footage as part of investigations into a series of burglaries in the Maleny and Landsborough areas early Sunday morning (November 20).

Between 2am and 3am, five people forced their way into three separate businesses in two stolen vehicles, a black 2011 BMW 120i with Queensland registration 269BG5 and a white 2018 Mitsubishi Outlander with Queensland registration 142EP5 and forced entry at the addresses before stealing various property.

Around 2.04am they attended Maleny IGA, Maple Street, Maleny where they stole cash and cigarettes.

Then around 2.12am they attended Woolworths Supermarket, Bunya Street, Maleny where mobile telephones and cigarettes were stolen.

At 2.30am they then attended a business on Railway Street, Landsborough and stole cash and cigarettes.

Investigators are appealing for information from the public and have released vision of the suspects who are believed to be connected to these series of offences.

The BMW used in these offences was taken from a Norval Street address in Salisbury late last week. It has since been recovered by police. The BMW is believed to also be linked to further property offences committed across Runcorn and Springwood, these matters also remain under investigation.

The Mitsubishi used in these offences was taken from a Burrigan Street address in Woodridge.

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Device helps clear meridians and lymph points, increase blood flow, regulate endocrine

Business Writeup: Cocoon Healing

WITH more people seeking natural and non-invasive treatments for a range of different health concerns, Adelle Gauci of Cocoon Healing in Yandina has expanded her service offerings to include iTera treatments.

"This device is actually complementary to the energy healing I offer," Adelle explained. "While I don't generally have confidence in 'gadgets' in this field, I did a great deal of research into this technology and after experiencing it for myself, I knew how effective it could be because it basically assists in unblocking 'stuck' energy. It helps to unblock the meridians and chakras & allows life force energy to flow freely through the body to assist the body to self-heal."

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"This device uses Terahertz Quantum Light Wave Energy to help clear meridians and lymph points, activate dormant cells, cleanse blood impurities and increase blood flow, regulate endocrine glands and protect our organs," said Adelle. "The TGA has approved this technology as a Physiotherapy Device but in practice, it is being used to treat a very broad range of health concerns. It is certified safe to use on infants, children and the elderly and it does not emit EMFs."

Some of the most common health issues which respond very well to iTera therapy include muscular and joint issues, arthritis, migraines and other headaches, sciatica, frozen shoulder, gastrointestinal problems, thyroid issues, hormonal issues and insomnia. "People who have experienced this tech-



Adelle is offering a free 20 minute demonstration of the iTera technology to new clients.

nology report that they are generally enjoying increased energy, clearer thinking and that they are feeling better rested after sleep, as well as alleviating their presenting concerns," Adelle said.

iTera technology also has applications in anti ageing and beauty protocols and Adelle is now incorporating the iTera healing wand in her skin rejuvenation treatments.

"As we age and lose collagen, our skin can become saggy and wrinkled," said Adelle. "This technology helps to improve skin

integrity, structure and firmness. It is also very effective to treat varicose and spider veins." Adelle is offering a free 20 minute demon-

stration of the iTera technology to new clients. "This allows people to experience terahertz

therapy for themselves, the healing benefits after one short treatment and to get a feel for whether it might be beneficial to them," she said. "There are plenty of fake devices claiming to offer these benefits for purchase online but I would encourage people to make sure they only purchase through a registered distributor.

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Nambour Aus Living Support volunteer Marg Hotz prepares stock for disp-lay.

Here's an opportunity to support homeless people

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"Supporting us through our stores means you are supporting your local communities across the Sunshine Coast," said Fundraising Director Leanne Harrison.

"If you are looking for an Op Shop which is well stocked, great prices and unique pieces we are the Op Shop for you. By shopping with us in turn you are giving back. Our funds only support our local families from Caloundra to Gympie, so your money stays right here on the Coast.

Attention Lego collectors

If you are a Lego collector, come and check out the Charity Bricks Room at Nambour Aus

Living Support Op shop. It's open Tuesdays and Saturdays. "If you need that certain Lego piece you are

sure to find it here." "This Christmas season is going to be

especially tough for our local families that are at high risk of becoming homeless through no fault of their own, we are seeing a large number of families in need.

"There are many reasons homelessness occurs but with the support of our Sunshine Coast residents we can make this Christmas season special for many families by keeping them from sleeping in their cars.'

▶ To make a donation go to www.auslivingsupport.org.au and support the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. Aus Living Support is at 102 Howard Street Nambour and 3/27 Evans Street Maroochydore. Phone 0401 720 082.

Nambour groups continue activation push

LOCAL business woman Rhonda Billett is filled with optimism about the direction Nambour is taking. The vivacious

owner of Uptown Hair Studios set about this year to unite local groups and businesses under the same banner with a common cause. At the same

time she has garnered support

from Sunshine Coast Council

to implement a Nambour Activation Plan to reactivate and energise the CBD.

The loosely affiliated organisations hold monthly meetings with Council aimed at growing the local economy.

Nambour Chamber of Commerce, Reimagine Nambour, Tram Co and Nambour Retailers Group work alongside Div 10 Cr David Law, Mayor Mark Jamieson, key council staff and relevant businesses and groups

The aim is to help ensure everything they do aligns with Council's vision for Nambour with a particular focus on the Nambour CBD revitalisation.

Rhonda said she was thrilled with the progress made so far.

"As groups, we are all working towards the same goals for Nambour, we want to see the streets look visually enhanced, we want to see the empty shops tenanted, we want people to feel safe when doing things in the Nambour CBD.

"It is by no means an easy task to navigate solutions to these community driven goals and at times the climb can feel steep in achieving things for the better of Nambour's CBD. However, many hands do make for lighter work and with us all working together, we will get this done for Nambour, our groups are determined and its very encouraging.

"We have some absolutely amazing things



Rhonda Billett ... "we should all be really, really excited about what is coming Nambour's way in 2023".

on the radar for Nambour for 2023 that include more family-type events, more live music, as well as the long-awaited Sunshine Coast Council Placemaking roll-out.

"The planned Nambour placemaking projects will visually enhance areas of our town that need some freshening up. The community have wanted this for a long time now and in 2023 those plans will become a reality for Nambour. Its very exciting for the community and we should all be really, really excited about what is coming Nambour's way in 2023.

"Our vintage shopping map is going well and creating lots of interest. In other great news Small Change Espresso are expanding into the Town Square in Lowe Street in the coming months delivering some much-anticipated activation.

"This is a real turning point for the zone in Nambour and a big congratulations to all who were involved in this outcome. We must support this new business, so be sure to drop in once it is up and going and tell your friends to give it a go too.

"Also, Red Boss video production company have been given the green light to go ahead with our Nambour video series creation. Once filmed these videos will also be accessible to all groups and businesses for the fresh, renewed Nambour look and feel in keeping with the town.'

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Local business owners or managers who are not yet members are also welcome (\$20/ticket). There will be delicious nibbles provided and a cash bar with craft beers, ciders and more. Don't forget your business cards, cash for our Xmas raffle.

Sunshine Coast Pinball is a family friendly retro arcade with 30+ pinball games and a licensed bar. It is located on the Top Floor of C-Square Nambour alongside Majestic Cinemas. Guests can enjoy free parking and direct access via the Mill Street multi-story carpark. Book your ticket at www.nambourchamber. com.au/community/nambour/events

On the same night as the Chamber Christmas Party is Nambour Forecourt Live, so be sure to pop in and say hi before the Chamber event.

Sunshine Coast City Hall

SUNSHINE Coast residents are invited to celebrate the official opening of the new Sunshine Coast City Hall building on Saturday, December 10.

Registrations to visit the new landmark greenstar building and attend the opening celebration activities are now open. Everyone is welcome, but registration is essential so they can safely manage tour groups throughout the day. For more information, visit council's website.

Maroochy River Country Music Club

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their Christmas Concert on Sunday December 11, commencing 12 noon. The entry fee is \$8 and tea and coffee is free.

The venue is the Country Hall of Fame on Steggalls Road, Yandina. Raffles are available. Inquiries phone Darryl on 0458 671 568.



Anyone for boxing? Lyn Mills is struggling to find anyone within her age range to fight her, so she spars with a younger crowd at Oneheart Gym.

Age no barrier to Lyn's fighting spirit

NAMBOUR'S Lyn Mills is living proof that age is just a state of mind. Earlier this month the 70-year-old climbed into the boxing ring for the first time in her life at the PanPac Masters Games on the Gold Coast.

"It ended up being an exhibition match because they couldn't find someone within my age range (60 to 80 years old) to fight me," Lyn laughed. "I ended up fighting someone in their 50s and it was a great experience."

While Lyn has previously enjoyed gym work and boxercise, learning to box for competition was a completely new experience for her.

"About three years ago, I had become quite unfit and wanted to challenge myself with something a bit different," Lyn said.

"I happened to be walking past Oneheart Gym in C-Square Nambour and thought I would go in and see if it would be a good fit for me. After speaking with the owner, Charlie Wetere, I decided to give it a go. And I haven't looked back.

"Charlie always challenges and pushes me," she said. "He certainly doesn't treat me as though I can't do things because of my age.

"When I first started, I could only do two sit ups, and now I can do 100. In between training, I run 5kms."

Lyn progressed quickly, and it wasn't long before she was looking for a bigger challenge. "In the beginning I just wanted to get fit, but

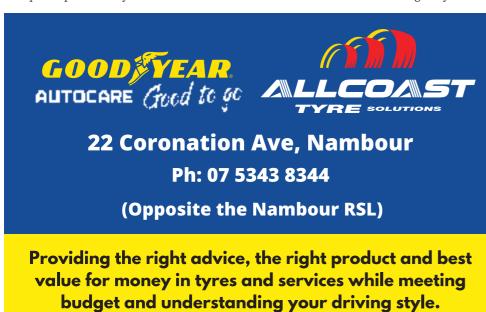
then I got the idea in my head that I wanted to climb into the ring and have a go," said Lyn. "Charlie supported me every step of the way.

It was an amazing experience.' Many Nambour locals would know Lyn from the Bloomhill Op Shop, opposite the Nambour

Hospital. "I still work full time and every day I have people telling me about all the things they can't do any more, because of their age," said Lyn.

"I would love people to know that it's only your mind that tells you you are too old, but you are never too old to do anything.

"I think it is really important to get out there into life and enjoy every bit of it.'



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The mighty helpful team at Mitre 10 Nambour includes, from left, Brontye, Drew, Michelle and Sarah

Christmas has arrived at Sunshine Mitre 10

SUNSHINE Mitre 10 Nambour's Adventure Kings Christmas catalogue is out now and with fantastic bargains, they have everything you need to explore the great outdoors this festive season.

"We have a dedicated Adventure Kings section in store, with expert staff who can help vou with everything from solar blankets, light bars, winch's, swags, gazebos, air compressors and even stand-up paddle boards for the kids," said store Manager, Melina Nichols.

"Ask for Shane the Adventure Kings expert to help set you up for your next adventure. He knows the products inside and out and can help you get set up with exactly what you need to have a fantastic time."

The Nambour store is looking festive and is decked out ready for Christmas.

"We have a terrific range of Christmas lights and decorations, along with giftware and tableware," said Melina.

"For the sweet tooth in your life, we have a large range of Cadbury Christmas confectionery, including stockings, gift packs and advent calendars. And we have the Yeti fans in the family covered with a wide range including the popular new charcoal colour. The new charcoal range is limited stock only, so don't miss out!"

The onsite nursery is a popular destination for all green thumbs, and there is everything from plants, pots, mulch, soil, fertilizer, and everything you need to give your neighbours garden envy.

"Our nursery expert, Wade, works hard at sourcing new plants weekly and always has

some new and interesting greenery on display," Melina said. "People love to get their gardens ready for Christmas and the family and friends that flock to the area at this time," she said. "And plants make wonderful gifts.

"On that note, from the 1st of December there will be a free gift-wrapping service on every purchase for a gold coin donation to raise money for our local charities (terms & conditions apply)."

Sunshine Mitre 10 is open over the Christmas period, check out their website for opening hours, and let The Other Hardware store make shopping easy this Christmas.

Sunshine Mitre 10 is located at 980 Nambour Connection Rd, Nambour. Phone 5441 9900

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.

December Events

• December 1, 8, 15 & 22: Enjoy Nambour Museum's 'Christmas at the Museum' from 6pm to 7.30pm. The all new Christmas light display at the Nambour Museum will be brightening Bury Street throughout December. Bring the family.

• Until December 3: Nambour State College Year 7-12 Art Exhibition at the Old Ambo.

• Saturday December 3: Nambour Christmas Tram Fest, 4pm til late, 28 Mill Street Nambour.

• Thursday 8 December to Sunday 11 December: Open for Christmas Musical. (6.30pm - 8.15pm every night) Sunday 11 December (1pm – 2.45pm). Suncoast Events Centre, Cnr Keil Mountain & Schubert Roads, Woombye. Register through www.eventbrite. com.au

· Friday 9 December: Nambour Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party at Sunshine Coast Pinball from 5pm.

• Sunday December 11: Forecourt Live Event, 4-8pm, Cnr Currie and Bury St Nambour.

 Sunday December 11: Burnside Community Carols and Twilight Markets. Bring a picnic rug and enjoy food, music and markets with your community. Free jumping castle, live music, carols from 6.30pm plus food trucks and more than 30 market stalls. 86 Windsor Rd, Burnside.

· Tuesday December 13: Woombye Community & Business Association Christmas Party at Sunshine & Sons from 5.30pm.

 December 14: Nambour Community Festive Fair, 4-7pm, 2 Shearer St Nambour.

 December 14: Nambour Region's Combined Churches Christmas Carols 5pm, Sanctuary Park Church property, 22 National Park Road Nambour. Contact: Sanctuary Park Office 5441 2833.

 December 17: Nambour Region's Combined Churches Christmas Carols. 5pm at Sanctuary Park Church property, 22 National Park Road Nambour. Contact: Sanctuary Park Office 5441 2833.





SEASONAL SET MENU

Choice of two courses 44 Choice of three courses 59

*When ordering 3 course option, enjoy a complimentary glass of: Flaxton Grove – White. Red or Brut (or a soft drink or standard coffee) *Must order 3 courses at the same time

NIBBLES

FG CHEESY GARLIC BREAD 8

STARTERS

TAMARIND BEEF with lychee & ginger salad gf, df

GRILLED ORGANIC VEGETABLES with falafel & quinoa gf, vg

CRUMBED CALAMARI with pomegranate salad

MAINS

FRESH TEMPURA MOOLOOLABA PRAWNS with mango & macadamia salsa gf, df

PUMPKIN & PINENUT ARANCINI with pumpkin puree & cashew parmesan gf, vg "CHRISTMAS TURKEY"

with gravy, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables & condiments gf, df

PAN ROASTED CRISPY SKIN SALMON with gnocchi, kale & cauliflower puree gf

& sweet potato wedges gf

MORETON BAY BUG & CRAB FRITTATA with pea puree & herb mint salad gf

POTTED RICH CHICKEN LIVER & TRUFFLE PARFAIT with fig chutney & brioche

KIDS MENU

All kids meals 12.50 FISH & CHIPS served with seasonal steamed veg & tomato ketchup

CHICKEN & CHIPS served with seasonal steamed veg & tomato ketchup

> VEGETARIAN OPTION ON REQUEST please ask your server for today's dish

SIICF with chorizo & truffle mash gf

DESSERTS

CITRUS CURD TART with coconut CoYo ice cream gf RICH HANDMADE CHOCOLATE BROWNIE with berries & raspberry sorbet gf df vg "SUNSHINE & SONS AFFOGATO" gf FLAXTON CHRISTMAS PUDDING Steamed Christmas pudding with brandy custard & vanilla bean ice cream gf LOCAL HINTERLAND CHEESE BOARD FLAXTON SPECIALITY 'RASPBERRY SOUFFLE' topped with vanilla bean ice cream & raspberry coulis gf, (df option available) (baked fresh to order, please allow 20 mins)

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Suncoast Church is proud to present a Christmas theatrical production, *Open for Christmas* at the Events Centre, Woombye.

Open for Christmas features 70 talented locals. And it's free

THE Sunshine Coast's only Christmas musical is back again for 2022! With a cast and crew of over 70 talented Sunshine Coast locals, *Open for Christmas* is a community event that will have even the most hardened of Grinches looking forward to Christmas with free admission.

The production follows the story that spans over four Christmases and explores love, loss, missed opportunities and how the gift of hope, the story of Christmas, can always be found.

With over 3000 Sunshine Coast locals attending last year's Christmas production, shows have been increased to five shows at the Suncoast Events Centre.

Admission is free but as the show does sell out, please book your tickets. Food vendors will be onsite prior to the show for essential last-minute snacks.

The musical is on from Thursday 8

December – Sunday 11 December (6.30pm – 8.15pm every night) plus Sunday 11 December (1pm – 2.45pm).

Where: Suncoast Events Centre, Cnr Keil Mountain & Schubert Roads, Woombye.

Tickets: Free Admission, but please register through www.eventbrite.com.au and search "open for Christmas".





Village performers present songs of broadway

ON Thursday November 10, RangeCare clients and carers enjoyed a free 'Songs of Broadway' concert presented by Palmwoods Little Village Choir and Little Village Theatre at the Palmwoods Guide Hut, sponsored by Heritage Community Branch Palmwoods.

Lunch was served following the concert with everyone present appreciating the opportunity to broaden community connections in a pleasant and friendly environment.

Little Village Choir and Theatre look forward to presenting further community concerts in the early part of 2023 and gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support from Heritage Community Branch Palmwoods which makes so many of their events possible.

Meanwhile the joyous connection between music and community continues, as this happy little band of choristers has been rehearsing a festive Christmas programme for the family movie night to be held in the Homegrown gardens on Friday, December 2. Lyric booklets will be available for those who'd like to sing along.

Musical Director Marji Murray said: "Our resident elves are busily packing little gift bags for Santa to distribute to the children. These bags have also been sponsored by our wonderful Heritage Palmwoods Community Branch."

Secure tickets to your free festive experience

MULTI-COLOURED lights, roving entertainment, story time and The Grinch are set to excite at this year's Festive Garden.

The free event, now in its second year at the Maroochy Botanic Gardens, will be held 5-9pm from December 16-20 and with more lights and more entertainment, the festive celebration is going to be brighter than ever.

Tickets and information for the free event are now available at www.events.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/thefestivegarden. Bookings are essential.

Sunshine Coast Council community portfolio councillor David Law said that last year the event was a huge success.

the Village

Santa's Gift Bags have been Sponsored by Heritage Palmwoods "This year, we're expecting the experience to be better than ever and a great way to get into the Christmas spirit," Cr Law said.

"We'll have a diverse range of food trucks and a free park and ride service to and from the event included with your ticket."

Sunshine Coast Council Events Team Leader Kerrie Alterator said this year's experience would showcase the beauty of the Maroochy Bushland Botanic Garden.

Buses will run continuously between the UniSC Transit Centre and the Botanic Garden from 5pm, with the last bus returning at 9pm each evening.

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Nambour Tram: 'It's going to be better than TNTCo expected'

"WHEN is the Tram coming?" TNTCo Chairman Greg Rogerson can't tell us how often he and his fellow TNTCo Board Directors have been asked that question.

And now he's more than a little relieved to say that after 12 arduous years, Nambour's Tram is gaining traction on the build.

"We've got the bogeys (the four-axle rolling supports that the tram chassis and superstructure are mounted on) nearing sign off," Mr Rogerson said.

This follows the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator's (ONRSR's) first Inspection of the tram's bogey design and documentation on November 16.

Rolling stock specialists from Brisbane and Sydney spent four hours inspecting the design, general engineering, technical drawings and the Finite Element Analysis (FEA) of the bogeys. The work had been prepared by TNTCo's Consulting Engineer Stephen Braiden from Covey Associates.

"Everyone from TNTCo's perspective were mentally drained, but overwhelmed with pride and satisfaction knowing the bogey build start date is now only a few weeks and a couple of upgraded documents away," said Mr Rogerson.

The bogey frame material of 40mm thickness will be laser cut by BHP Steel and transported to specialised rail and rolling stock manufacturer Bradken, based in Innisfail.

While the actual manufacture of the tram hasn't commenced yet, pending ONRSR endorsement, two 11KW, 48 volt AC motors and two SEW transmissions have been purchased.

Additional equipment including a host of horns, air conditioners and artistic equipment such as lighting and electrical equipment, has also been purchased.

The Tram's bespoke timber bench seating has also been cut. "While adhering to ONRSR's strict engineering and safety requirements, Russell Anderson and TNTCo's Consulting Mechanical Engineer, Stephen Braiden, have been extremely busy behind the scene, ensuring a safe, quality tram that should be operational with commissioning work on the actual tracks, starting around Christmas 2023," said Mr Rogerson. A key question for TNTCo has been what form of electrical storage devices would ultimately power the tram?

Various forms of batteries were investigated, including conventional, lead acid batteries and lead acid gel batteries, right through to lithi-

um-ion and lithium iron phosphate batteries. "The very best available lithium iron phosphate pouch batteries, while having a much better cycle life of approximately 7000 cycles, compared with lead acid gel life cycles of somewhere between 3000 to 5000 cycles, still necessitated our most meticulous investigation due to the fact that some forms of lithium-based batteries come with an inherent safety risk if exposed to fire," said Mr Rogerson. "You don't have to Google too hard to discover some story or actual video footage of what's referred to as 'thermal runaway reaction."

Hence their investigations led them to opt for 'supercapacitor' technology.

"Pure supercapacitors act in much the same way as any conventional or lithium based battery. They store electricity and have great lifecycle, quoted at 1 million cycles, but they don't have anywhere near the storage 'capacity' or 'density' of either the lead acid or lithium batteries"

"Absolute latest technology in supercapacitors is to 'dope' the base film with a very small amount of lithium, thus enhancing and multiplying the electrical storage capacity approximately 60 times



From left, Covey Associates' Mechanical Engineer Stephen Braiden, Designer /Facilitator Russell Anderson, TNTCo Chairman Greg Rogerson and ONRSR Tech representatives Danielle McFarlane, Sohanjit Kochhar and Michael Howard at the recent inspection. Inset: an artist's impression of the tram.

that of base, pure supercapacitors.

"But the downside of using these 'super', supercapacitors is that their lifecycle ability is approximately halved to 500,000 cycles. That's still excellent, compared with the life cycles of either conventional or lithium based battery storage and the great thing about these supercapacitors is they are extremely safe."

TNTCo's intention is to use both pure superca-

pacitors and 'super', supercapacitors in parallel for their Nambour Tram.

This would necessitate more frequent charging of the supercapacitors, at every second or third trip end, but it would also mean that the initial lot of supercapacitors would last for at least 30 years, thereby giving Nambour an extremely efficient, safe Tram, that will ultimately stand the test of time.

TramFest is back on December 3 at Tramco Terminus

The Nambour Tramway Company (TNTCo), is running a free, Christmas Tramfest event on December 3, from 4pm until late!

The venue for Tramfest has changed from Howard Street to the new TNTCo Western Terminus in Mill Street.

Just follow the heritage tracks to great food, excellent live music with three bands, and Santa is popping in to give a small, free gift to the kids.

This is the Community's ideal opportunity

to speak directly with TNTCo Board Members and get all the latest news and information regarding Nambour's long awaited 'Tram' and to see first hand, their new Western Terminus.

"Come one, come all and demonstrate your support for the Nambour Tram, while having a cracker of a family night out," Mr Rogerson said.

Tramfest is generously sponsored by SC Council and the BOQ, Nambour Branch.



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Spiral into fun at thrilling hinterland playground

From Sunshine Coast Council

SLIDING off the back of a vibrant new splash park, the thrills just keep on coming with a soaring new hinterland playground attraction.

The next stage of Nambour's Quota Memorial Park improvements started in August and is generating a lot of excitement for some of our region's littlest residents.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Councillor David Law said the upgrades to the junior and toddler play space were very impressive and complemented the Coast's newest community water park.

"Both the Nambour Aquatic Centre Splash Park, which offers more than 580 square metres of active water play, and the new adventure playground at Quota Memorial Park provide hours of family fun and are attracting even more visitors to the region's hinterland heart," Cr Law said.

"There's a huge seven metres high 'Spire Gear Tower', contoured rock wall, climbing rope net, banister slide, internal climbers with various levels of challenge, a rope elevator, and a huge spiral slide – it's the energy boost this park needed.

"The park's refresh complements the new 1.7-hectare open space park extension which was part of Stage 1 works completed in January 2022.



Beau Kelly 10, Oliver Kelly 7, and Vera Knight 9, checking out Quota Memorial Park.

"This popular park is great for families with varying aged children and has been redesigned so the layout is accessible for all and includes rubber soft fall in and around all the play elements.

"Make sure you point out the various sized 'gears' on the outside of the tower to your children and the skate park's cog from the mill – the park has a meaningful connection to 1894 Moreton Central Sugar Mill which was a big part of Nambour's history.

"I've been watching the works take place and I'm really pleased with the transformation and am sure the community will enjoy seeing the space turned into a green, family-friendly area for everyone to enjoy."

The view lines between the Youth Activity Precinct and the junior and toddler play spaces have been improved by replacing the picket-style fence with a pool-style fence. The tower's bubble windows, hole panels, and rope elevator also allow parents and carers to see into the tower for supervision.

The park is boasting a green injection with an additional four shade trees planted around the playground, and an additional shade sail has also been installed.

This project is part of the Petrie Creek Parklands Open Space Master Plan which was endorsed by council in late 2017 and delivers on council's Environment and Liveability Strategy to provide long-term direction to guide growth and shape the future of our region.

For a list of Sunshine Coast Council's parks and playgrounds visit council's Beaches and Parks Directory.

Woombye Lantern Parade brings joy to tight-knit town

FOR the past 10 years, Woombye residents of all ages have enjoyed the annual Christmas Lantern Parade.

"It has always been geared towards the little ones but I think everyone loves to get together in the Christmas and community spirit for the lantern parade around our lovely town," said Woombye Community Business Association (WCBA) Vice President, Grant Palethorpe.

"We generally have around 80 people walking in the parade and it is fantastic to see new faces each year."

The event is sponsored by the Community Bank Woombye and the WCBA. "The bank provides a delicious cake for the kids and the WCBA takes care of the event permit and insurance," Grant said.

The parade will commence from the front of St Margaret's Anglican Church at 16 Blackall Street with a Nativity play starting at 5.30pm and the lantern parade will make its way to Wakefield Street and then continue on to Kiel Street, turn into Park Street, back onto Blackall Street and pass past St Margarets for a treat. The parade will cross over and head to the front of the Bendigo Bank where the cake will be served and there will be carols by Singspire.

"The kindergarten originally started the event and the little ones make their own lanterns to carry," said Grant.

"Anyone is welcome to make their own and use a battery tea light to make it glow. As soon as it is dark enough, the Christmas lights will be turned on. It would be great to see residents of the streets we walk past come out and give the kids a wave. They love it and it really adds to the festive atmosphere."

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Slope stabilisation works to start on Maleny-Kenilworth Road

WORKS are starting on Maleny-Kenilworth Road near Bakers Road at Elaman Creek to stabilise the rock-fill embankment on the eastbound lane.

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said that this \$5.7 million investment would provide a safer road surface and reduce the likelihood of future

land slips on this section.

"Maleny-Kenilworth Road is a key hinterland road linking the townships of Maleny, Conondale and Kenilworth and these works are critical to ensuring safer road conditions on this section of the network," Mr Skelton said.

"With wet weather forecast over summer, we

want to reduce the risk of damage to the road that can be caused by persistent wet weather.

"From 28 November, crews will begin slope stabilisation works on a 60-metre section of the rock-fill embankment near Bakers Road."

Works are expected to take six months to complete.

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Sunshine Coast Council has secured a design consultant to lead a project to help revive the region's historic hub of Nambour.

Hinterland 'heart' to beat strong as project advances

from Sunshine Coast Council

REVITALISATION plans for a town renowned as "the heart of the hinterland" have taken a huge step forward.

Sunshine Coast Council has secured a design consultant to lead a project that will help revive the region's historic hub of Nambour.

The Nambour (Namba) Place Revitalisation Project aims to develop a precinct-wide strategy for Nambour's town centre to consolidate its growing reputation as a creative and welcoming place.

This approach will ensure that designs for the town's public realm will respond to the values and needs of the community, as well as align with, and inform, on-going strategic planning for the town

Division 10 Councillor David Law said he was pleased to announce the appointment of a principal consultant to lead the draft concept

design. "This project is part of creating a vibrant hinterland heart that will meet the needs of our whole community. It will also ensure we are servicing the business, entertainment, cultural, health and education needs of the town and the surrounding communities," Cr Law said.

"Council will continue to lead the design and community engagement for this revitalisation and is now meeting with a wide range of stakeholders, including the First Nations community.

"One of the discussions we've had is around connection to country through the place name. Namba is derived from the First Nations word, referring to the flowering tea-tree.

"We are also working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding the future of the centre's traffic network and getting the balance right between promoting walkability and pedestrian safety along the main street while still maintaining traffic flow."

By improving pedestrian experience and introducing features that encourage footfall and interaction we are aiming to create a more active main street where people feel comfortable walking through town just as they would through a major shopping centre.

Sunshine Coast Council has appointed Brisbane based and leading Australian design firm T.C.L as the principal consultant to lead the draft precinct-wide concept designs and 10-year implementation plan.

making strategy which is part of Nambour Centre Activation Project - focussed on invigorating this major hinterland centre over the next 10 years.

T.C.L Studio Principal Deb Robbins said the team was delighted to be part of the Nambour (Namba) Place Revitalisation Project.

"This project represents an intertwining of community, history, environment, and public space," Ms Robbins said. "These are issues we love to delve into, con-

sult with and gain feedback from community and stakeholders and resolve via inspiring, place specific responses.

"The project will be delivered in collaboration with council and the community to revitalise the precinct to once again become a bustling hub of activity that attracts local business and community back into its heart."

The consultant project team will be led by T.C.L with Wilson Architects, Aurecon, UAP and Turner Townsend.

POMO Design Director Stephen Burton said the team looked forward to working on a local project that hits close to home.

"Nambour is a unique community which is unlike any on the Sunshine Coast with a special history and enormous potential," Mr Burton said. "By starting with a deep understanding of this, the design process will get off on the right track and stay true to the values of the community and the place."

Once the concept design has been completed this year, further feedback and collaboration with the community will occur.

Community Consultation coming to life

MEMBER for Nicklin, Rob Skelton MP said he was excited to see the results of the ongoing community consultation begin to come to life.

"With the region currently experiencing substantial investment through the \$86 million Nambour General Hospital redevelopment, the new \$9 million Police Station, as well as hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of housing developments, and with increasing interest in the Special Entertainment Precinct, now is the time to ensure we get it right in the CBD," Mr Skelton said.

"With a potential venue for the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic games right on our doorstop in the Parklands Mountain Bike trails, these works will help show off our town and make it easier to get around for the thousands of international visitors expected to visit over the next decade. "I look forward to working with the community, Council, and TMR to ensure the best outcome for our local residents, businesses and tourists, and I encourage everyone get involved and have their say. These are exciting times for Nambour!" If you would like to stay in the loop on how the project progresses, please register your contact details (name, address, email address and phone number if applicable) to placemaking@ sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. For more information about the Nambour Centre Activation Project go to www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au and search "Nambour Centre Activation Project". For more information about Nambour (Namba) Place Revitalisation go to www.sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au and search and search "Nambour place revitalisation".



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The company has worked on similar largescale masterplan revitalisations in Yeppoon, Melbourne and Brisbane.

"The basis for the concept design will provide a clear and detailed understanding of how the town centre will look and function, how much it will cost, and provide a roadmap for when each stage of construction can occur," Cr Law said. "Council has also engaged local specialists, including Nambour-based design firm POMO,

to assist with the process and bring a place-specific understanding to the project.

"The project will draw inspiration and direction from previous community engagement and planning with community groups and council, which outlined a vision for Nambour's future." Council recognises the importance of Nambour as one of the region's key service centres and the work being undertaken will help create a sense of place for the future of Nambour and hinterland communities.

Council undertook a robust procurement process to secure the consultants for this place-

If you love to dress up, you'll love The Folly

Business Writeup: The Folly, Yandina

DURING the late 18th and early 19th Centuries, architectural 'follies' gained popularity throughout England. They were also called eyecatchers. They were erected to enhance a natural landscape.

Now Yandina has its own 'folly' at 4A Stevens Street, in the form of a pop-up shop.

The labour of love for Stay Wild Collective's Cindy Lidington is bursting with unique, fun and whimsical fashions that have been sourced from around the world. "The Folly is my own interpretation of

the original definition," said Cindy. "These are clothes for people who love

clothes, who want to 'play' at dressing up in beautiful things and appreciate their quality and the love with which they were designed and made. It is a wonderful way to showcase these brands and it is pure fun.'

The clothing available at The Folly is not "everyday fashion" but has been made to wear every day.

"All the fabrics are gorgeous, cool to wear natural linens, silks and cottons,' Cindy said. "They have been ethically sourced, and to me, they are the embodiment of the notion that you should never 'keep your good for good'. Every day is a blessing and I love to see my customers get excited about getting dressed every day. These pieces are living works of art and I envisage my customers passing them down to their daughters."

Brands such as Ewa I Walla from Sweden, Lesours from France, and Australian brand, Lazy Bones are well represented.

"These designers have cleverly made the old world modern, pretty and feminine," said Cindy. "Texan brand, Magnolia Pearl, is a real



Cindy Lidington: "These pieces are living works of art and I envisage my customers passing them down to their daughters".

favourite of mine. It is extremely theatrical, and every item is so soft, you can feel the love that has gone into each piece. Plus, all of our brands are inclusive, with gorgeous pieces available over size 14.'

"The people who shop with us are people who generally don't love shopping, per se, but they love to 'dress up'. We encourage people to come in and play. We don't pressure anyone to buy anything and it is wonderful to see people enjoying the process of experimenting with clothing and walking away with well thought out purchases.

"I always try to choose what my customers will like, and I think that when you combine that with the integrity of these fabulous brands, you can't go too far wrong.'

▶ The Folly is at 4A Stevens Street, Yandina.

World class perfomers come to hinterland

LUCAS Parklands will host the final concert for the year this Sunday December 4.

'We have enjoyed some incredibly beautiful music during this past year, performed by the world's best musicians," said Ian Lucas.

"We are honoured to bring world class performers to the Hinterland in a venue that allows the audience a very unique 'close up and personal experience'.

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"Being able to present the greatest music ever composed, interpreted by the best musicians in the world in our intimate concert room is both a pleasure and privilege. I am continuously flattered that these artists choose to visit LP and play for us all, and humbled by our audience's genuine enthusiasm towards them," Ian said.

"Our final concert for the year will cap off an outstanding year of music for our guests.

In what will be return performances for Daniel Le and Allie Wang, the December 4 concert will feature an impressive repertoire which will include Mozart's Piano Concerto no 21 with Allie Wang as soloist and Daniel Le playing piano 2, Ravel's Piano Concerto with Allie Wang as soloist and Daniel Le playing piano 2.

Daniel Le will then perform Liszt's Mephisto Waltz, Ravel's Ondine and Gershwin/Wild's Virtuosic etudes on Gershwin's songs.

"Allie Wang is a Steinway pianist, visiting from New York where she works as accompanist to leading string players specializing in the violin repertoire," said Ian.

"Daniel Le is one of Australia's finest young pianists who also worked in New York and has returned to Australia. We are extremely excited for our guests to experience these exceptionally



The December 4 concert will feature an impressive repertoire from Daniel Le, above, and Allie Wang, below.



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A dignified funeral doesn't have to cost the earth

Business Writeup: Cherish Funerals

WHEN Kim Normand left her corporate life behind she decided her 'second career' would be dedicated to business conducted from the heart.

After spending her early years travelling the world as a chartered accountant she now runs Nambour's Cherish Funerals in Coronation Drive.

"I am grateful that corporate life has set me up very well to run my own business," Kim said. "But I have been drawn towards this industry for a very long time and I firmly believe it is where I can make a meaningful contribution to both the deceased, and those they leave behind."

Cherish Funerals, formerly known as Cremations Direct, was founded by Esther Swanborough six years ago. "This particular model was built on the belief that there was a need in the market for a comprehensive service that provided the highest level of care and support to people at a time of grief and loss, at a more affordable price point," explained Kim.

"When I first met with Esther it was immediately apparent that we shared the belief that it is simply not okay to take advantage of people when they are grieving and vulnerable."

"Not everyone can, or wants to spend a huge amount of money on a funeral and it is wonderful that there are so many ways that people can remember, grieve and celebrate their loved ones.

"Dignity shouldn't cost the earth. From the onset, the core values Esther and I shared were a very good indication that we were a good fit to be in business together. She has been an incredible mentor to me."

Cremations Direct opened in Nambour in July 2021 and rebranded to Cherish Funerals this September.

"After a great deal of feedback from our clients, we made the decision to change the name because we all felt it better reflected how we operate and what we do," said Kim.

"Although our primary clients are the families of those who have passed, our care of their



Kim Normand aims to provide the highest level of care and support to people at a time of grief and loss, at a more affordable price point.

loved ones is an aspect of our service that we treat with the greatest reverence.

"Having a family hand over someone who was beloved to them, is an absolute honour for us. That vessel once held a much-loved person who continues to be worthy of dignity and respect," she said.

"We take the time to learn as much as we can about each person from their families so that we can care for them in death, as we would have in life. Part of that care involves washing and dressing them, and these things we do in acknowledgement of who they were in life. We don't treat everyone the same in life, and so it is in death. Sometimes there are extremely sad moments but there is great comfort in knowing you have done right by the family, and supported them in their grief." Cherish Funerals offers a full range of options from cremations and burials, with or without services.

"We can look after ashes and interments, basically anything the family wants, including eco friendly alternatives," said Kim

"During my travels I was interested in how other cultures handle death, which in many countries is very different to the West. We tend not to be terribly well prepared for it and it is something of a frightening or taboo subject for many. I like to think that we are able to ease families through their loss and at the same time, treat their deceased loved ones with the most respectful and caring experience possible during their last time on earth."

• Cherish Funerals is located at 27 Coronation Ave, Nambour. Phone 1300 854 363.



Christmas at the Nambour Museum. Meet Santa

ENJOY Nambour Museum's Christmas gift to Nambour. The all new Christmas light display at the Nambour Museum will be brightening Bury Street throughout December.

Bring along your family on Thursday evenings on December 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 6pm to 7.30pm. Please use the Bury Street entrance. Santa Claus will be waiting to listen to your children's Christmas wish list.

With the background of the decorated 'Eudlo' locomotive, a photo of Santa and your children will make a beautiful present for Grandma and Grandad.

Children of all ages can enjoy the paper Christmas crafts. Children are free, but adults are asked for a gold coin donation.

Now Showing at the Majestic Cinemas

Here's what's showing now at Majestic Cinemas in Nambour.

Now Showing: Black Panther Wakanda Forever; The Menu; Seriously Red; She Said; Everybody Hates Johan (Norwegian film) and, from December 1: Violent Night and The Angels Kickin Down the Door.

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Yandina Lodge helps fund hearing tests for kids

LAST Thursday the Yandina Masonic Centre, which comprises the Lodges Maroochy and Rosslyn, presented a cheque for \$942.50 to Deputy Principal of the Yandina State School, Omen Facto.

The funds will be used for hearing tests for 29 students at the school.

"The testing was conducted by Hear & Say and we are very grateful for this contribution because we all understand how important this is as the first line of defence to ensure young children are able to fully participate in learning," said Mr Facto.

This donation is a continuance of donations from 2021, when the Yandina Masonic Centre presented reading book sets to the value of \$9,519 and class dictionaries valued at \$90 to the school.

"Again, having the types of reading materials that interest and engage very young children makes a huge difference to their learning experience," Mr Facto said. "It unlocks reading for



From left, Master of Lodge Maroochy Steve Kitney, Yandina State School Deputy Principal Omen Facto and Master of Lodge Rosslyn Noel Brown at the handover of the cheque.

kids and when kids love to read, it makes an enormous impact throughout their lives."

"The monies have been raised through raffles and Saturday Yandina Market car park donations," said Secretary of Lodge Maroochy, John Nichols.

"We are very happy to make these contributions and know that we are assisting the next generation to have a positive experience of school that will carry them through into adulthood



The Village Green will come alive with the popular Larrikin Puppets Christmas Show.

Bands, musicians and entertainers join Montville's Christmas countdown

MONTVILLE is finding its festive vibe early in readiness to welcome the season of goodwill.

"Our bright banners are breezing and soon the fairy lights will be flickering. The Christmas Countdown has begun," said Montville Chamber of Commerce President, Shiralee Cooper.

The Montville Festive Tree Event has been a highlight of the calendar for more than 10 years.

"However, in 2020 we had to reimagine our event to avoid crowded spaces," Shiralee explained. "We spread out the event from the Village Green to all along Main Street. Against the odds, with most Christmas events cancelled, the show carried on! This street party was so much fun, we have continued the Street Fair.

"Funding for our community event from the Sunshine Coast Council has enabled us to bring in bands, musicians and entertainers to make this a wonderful event for the entire family."

While the Montville Chamber is the organiser of the event, they are supported by many local groups including the Blackall Range Lions, Montville Village Association, Montville State School P and C, Mapleton Choir, Blackall Range Horseless Carriages, Sunshine Chimes and Montville Rural Fire Service.

The entertainment starts at 4pm on Saturday December 10 at The Village Green with the popular Larrikin Puppets Christmas Show. There will be music and a balloon artist at the Pottery Building from 3.30pm. The Pantastic Steel Band will entertain at the Village Green and carollers will be singing along Main Street.

"Hand Chimes, the Harp Duo, juggling elves, face painting, a Christmas Fairy, Christmas craft, a sausage sizzle and the most wonderful Santa will all be there on the evening to entertain," Shiralee said.

"The Tree lighting will happen at 7pm so bring your Christmas shopping lists as many shops will be open."

▶ This is a free event and everyone is welcome. In case of wet weather, the event will be moved to the Montville Village Hall.

Enjoy Churches Christmas Carols in the park SANCTUARY Park Church property has Highlights include, the Salvation Army's been chosen to host the Nambour Region's band accompanying the carol singing. Guest singing artists include the highly appreciated Combined Churches Christmas Carols for Rex Eggmolesse and the very talented big whoever may wish to attend. voice of Mia Clarke, year 9 Nambour Chris-Thirteen acres of sub-tropical valleved parklands provide an excellent outdoor settian College. Bring you own chair, blanket and don't ting for the carols event, with plenty of open space for the kids to kick a ball and to run off forget to bring the mosquito spray. Free of charge refreshments and Lions an overabundance of energy. Christmas cake will be served at the conclu-A fenced soft-fall shaded playground is sion of the carols for further opportunity also available for the younger children. to catch up with old and new community friends as well as more play time for the Looking For kids. Keeping young families and elderly in A mature, kind, intelligent man mind, the Carols service will commence at who would like to spend time exploring 5pm. Extra carparking is available within the the Sunshine Coast with an active, adjacent property of Gregson and Weight fun-loving woman. Funerals. ▶ Details: December 17, 5pm at Sanctuary Please contact Merrie at: Park Church property, 22 National Park Road merrie_steventon@hotmail.com Nambour, Contact: Sanctuary Park Office 5441 2833 or Pastor Mark 0456 789 294.

Petrie Creek Catchment **Care Group news**

THE next opportunities to join the Petrie Creek Catchment Care team in their BushCare events on Petrie Creek will be at:

 Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 3 December 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 21 January 2023 starting at 7am. (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour).

▶ For more info see www.facebook.com/ PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc/ and www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare or email normmorwood@gmail.com.





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on the way to school

ACTIVE transport is being encouraged by all levels of government but Yandina families are reluctant to walk their children to school because the footpath under the rail bridge on Ninderry Road is dangerous.

"It is narrow and uneven due to tree roots and there is no protective barrier between the path and the road on the corner of a downhill gradient," said Yandina and District Community Association president Marie Reeve

YADCA knew sections of footpath in the heart of town and leading to school were poorly maintained or missing but it only became aware of how serious the situation was when it started collecting data to identify black spots in the footpath network.

Two parents reported similar accidents where their child had gone off the edge of the uneven footpath to school and fallen onto the road. One mother had a baby in a pram and twins on bikes when one fell down the embankment into the path of on-coming traffic. "It was a very scary situation," said Marie.

Council was made aware of the potential danger over a year ago. "I can't believe nothing has been done. This is a real safety concern. Council can't claim ignorance if a tragic accident occurs.'

In a report to YADCA's November meeting Div 10 Councillor David Law said "the path to the north of the school under the rail line has been a focus for more than 12 months after a conversation with a parent at one of my drop in sessions. I have provided feedback including photos and video that I made of the path to the relevant council team and I am trying to get the renovation of this path brought forward in the planned maintenance/renewal program. The path is partially fenced and I appreciate the concerns".

Marie said Yandina was experiencing rapid growth but it was still a compact, walkable town. "Many of the footpaths in the older part of town are grass or non existent which makes it difficult for parents with prams, children on bikes/ scooters and people with a mobility device.

"The town needs a connected network of priority footpaths which support and encourage



Yandina parents have reported incidents where their child has gone off the edge of the uneven footpath and fallen onto the road.

active transport."

She said parking at the school was already difficult and there were State Government plans to build a new administration block and six more class rooms to accommodate the growth.

"Why wouldn't the Council and State Government be doing everything in their power to encourage families to walk or ride to school and reduce the traffic congestion and pressure on parking at school drop-off and pick-up times?"

In the Gubbie Gubbie language Yandina means "to go on foot". "However the going is currently not easy or safe, particularly if you have a wheeled device," said Marie.

 To report unsafe or non existent footpaths in Yandina send your comments and photos to: secretary@yadca.org

Yandina parents fear for kids | Founded on the need for at-home palliative care and support for local loved ones

ESTABLISHED in 1996, Cittamani Hospice in Palmwoods has supported thousands of patients at the end of their life, and their families. Cittamani is a Sanskrit word meaning 'Compassion' and compassion has been the bedrock of services provided by the staff and volunteers for over 25 years.

Foundation member and Director Alex Moore said Cittamani was originally founded by a group of local people who saw the need for at-home palliative care and support for local patients and their loved ones.

"The aim was to support and empower people at the end of their own life or of someone close to them, to live their life on their own terms and in a way most meaningful to them," Ms Moore said.

"In the beginning we had one nurse and a large group of volunteers and the service has grown exponentially from there."

The service provided by Cittamani balances professional care with a holistic approach and community involvement.

"As a not for profit organisation, what we do is only possible because of the support we receive from many quarters including Queensland Health and local businesses such as the Heritage Palmwoods Community Branch," she said.

"Our caring staff and volunteers work tirelessly to help us realise our founding vision to provide high quality, professional palliative services and to nurture a healthy community for the dying and bereaved.

"It is gratifying that we are able to offer our services free of charge, because in those precious final moments, money should be the last thing people are worried about."

Cittamani operates in a way that is unique and all services are tailored to clients.

People who choose to die at home are able to access specialist palliative care nursing with 24 hour contact, specialist loan equipment, coun-



From left Cittimani Business Manager Melanie Bruhn and Foundation member and Director Alex Moore.

selling, and spiritual support.

Families and carers are also offered in-home respite and bereavement support.

"Around 40% of our funding comes from our generous community and towards the end of each year we hold a Christmas appeal, the funds from which allow us to continue providing our services," said Business Manager, Melanie Bruhn. "We are always incredibly grateful for donations of any size.'

▶ To make a donation to the Cittamani Christmas Appeal go to www.cittamanihospice. com.au and click on 'donate now'. You can learn more about Cittamani at www.cittamanihospice.com.au/cittamani-vision



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Summer holiday fun in Nambour

David Law

Division 10 Councillor david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Nambour is an ideal place to spend the holidays with your kids this summer, with not only the new splash park (which opened in September), but also the new adventure playground at Quota Memorial Park which is now open for families to spend hours of fun in the region's hinterland.

The Quota Park adventure playground includes a huge seven-metres high 'Spire Gear Tower', contoured rock wall, climbing rope net, banister slide, internal climbers with various levels of challenge, a rope elevator and a huge spiral slide. The park is great for families with varying aged children and has been redesigned so the layout is accessible for all and includes rubber soft-fall in and around all the play elements.

The Nambour Aquatic Centre Splash Park offers more than 580 square metres of healthy and active water play and two huge water slides were thrill-seekers of all ages can take the plunge.

Nambour – Have Your Say

Council is asking residents to provide their feedback on various streets within the Nambour Town Centre for the Nambour Place Revitalisation Project. You can complete a Place Experience Assessment survey by scanning a QR code across Nambour on Currie Street, Bury Street, Howard Street, Lowe Street and Ann Street. Be sure to have your say before December 11.

The information will feed into previous community engagement and planning with community groups and Council to outline a vision for Nambour's future. Information from this work will provide baseline data which will inform future designs and important insights on how the town centre will look and function.

Nambour Place Revitalisation Project is part of the Nambour Centre Activation Project (NCAP) which is focussed on invigorating the major hinterland centre over the next 10 to 15 years.

 Don't forget if you have any questions, please contact me at david.law@sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au and follow my Facebook page @DavidLawDivision10 for regular updates.

Delivering a new Warriors clubhouse Winston Johnston

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

We are kicking goals for Palmwood's new soccer clubhouse this month. I'm pleased to advise that works have started on the Warriors Soccer Clubhouse to improve access, canteen facilities, improve storage, benches and fixtures and give the overall interior a complete refurbish. You can view the extend of works on my Facebook page.

Internal building works are expected to be complete by the end of January 2023. The external works including the new deck are scheduled to be completed the following month, depending on the weather and supply chain availability.

Chevallum Road Upgrade

In order to continue to deliver road safety for drivers and pedestrians across Division 5 we will be undertaking works on Chevallum Road. We need to widen the shoulders of the road to allow vehicles to queue to enter the school. This will alleviate vehicles travelling over double centre lines over a crest and reduce the possibility of a head-on crash. Council understands the impacts these works will have on parents and carers accessing the school, so we have planned for the majority of these work to happen within the holidays. Works will pause before Christmas and resume around 7 January 2023.

Sealed roads

Many roads across our division have been sprayed and sealed as part of Council's \$23.5 million Road Reseal and Rehabilitation Program for this financial year.

Some of the roads completed this month include Witta, Cooke, Middleton, and Tesch roads, along with Curramore Road, Attunga Court, Berganns Road and Freeman Court in Witta. Moving to Maleny, Obi Vale Road, Vale End and Rosella Road will be completed as well as Curramore Road, Curramore.

It's our commitment to provide and maintain the necessary infrastructure to service the needs of our region. Thank you for your patience while we deliver safe, efficient and high-quality services to ensure the long-term sustainability and value of community assets.

Mapleton Men's Shed gets a new roof

Rob Skelton

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

I am pleased to announce the Mapleton Men's shed has been awarded \$20,000 in grant money from round 113 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

The funds have been used to install a brand-new roof, helping keep the elements outside where they belong.

I would like to thank Gavin for showing me around the Shed and introducing me to a few of the amazing people behind this inspiring group.

The Mapleton Men's Shed has a rich history, starting out as an army barracks, and now it stands as an irreplaceable part of the Mapleton community, thanks in no small part to the efforts of the dedicated men who run it.

Nicklin Community Support Forum

On Tuesday the 22nd of November, we hosted the Nicklin Community Support Forum.

The forum represented one of many steps that my office and various community organisations are taking to address the challenges facing the disadvantaged members of our community.

On behalf of the Palaszczuk Government, I would like to extend a warm thankyou to all who attended.

The passion, drive, and commitment that many of the forum's attendees brought to the table never ceases to inspire me.

The community is indebted to you all for your service.

I look forward to working towards making Nambour and the wider Nicklin community a safe and prosperous place for all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As the holidays are upon us, my office will be closed from the 19th of December and will reopen on Tuesday the 3rd of January. From myself, my wife Aggy, and the team at

the Nicklin Electorate Office, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous new year.

I look forward to working hard to represent our community in the new year.

Volunteers honoured at MP's awards

recently thanked volunteers of the Glass House electorate with a special morning tea awards ceremony in Maleny.

for a while, but I used to hold an annual volunteer awards morning tea," said Mr Powell. "It felt right to bring it back now and these awards are a special highlight in my calendar."

A total of 25 nominations were received,

• Wayne's nomination read as follows: 'I would like to nominate Wayne Parcell for the Volunteer award. It would be really great for him to be acknowledged for almost single handedly rescuing the Montville tennis club, being the MVA VP and of course, being the coolest, most hardest working and economically contributing legend of all when it comes to being Festival Director of The Rangebow Festival.'

Another standout volunteer was June



June Robson is a member of the Zonta Club of Blackall Range and is head of the Service Committee. Below, Montville's Wayne Purcell was honoured for his volunteer work on the Range.



It's time to up the infrastructure spending

by Jeffrey Addison, Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate

There's been a lot of talk and angst about the infrastructure spend for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As this point in time, less than 10 years out, there's no definitive list of what these Games will deliver in terms of rail connectivity or legacy.

We can only hope for an Olympic-sized, short-distance dash to the infrastructure finish line.

A federal/state funded \$6 million investment planning study is currently underway for the 37km Beerwah to Maroochydore rail project. It's not expected to be completed until the end of 2023.

There's also a \$6.25 million study into full rail duplication from Beerburrum to Nambour.

This was funded \$5 million from the federal government and \$1.25 million from the state. It's not expected to be completed until mid-2024.

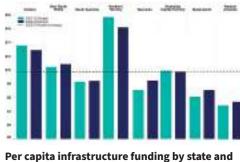
The local government advocacy group, the SEQ Council of Mayors had proudly championed the case for Fast rail connectivity from the Gold Coast, Ipswich, Toowoomba and the Sunshine Coast, to Brisbane.

The Federally advocated SEQ City Deal proposal also raised the bar on Fast rail initially but ended up delivering absolutely nothing for us in the way of transport.

From where I'm sitting, it's not looking good for rail expenditure.

That brings me to the latest report by Infrastructure Partnerships Australia.

It's called the Australian Infrastructure Budget Monitor 2022-23 and it compares every state and territory in the nation according



territory.

to their percent share of the 2022-23 budget expended on infrastructure, and ranks them accordingly.

Budget periods are four years from 2022-23 to 2025-26 financial year.

In number one spot was Victoria.

Its share on infrastructure expenditure was 22.7% of budget or \$85.3 billion, a reduction from last year's budget of \$4.9 billion.

That said, their net debt (by 2025-26) is reported to be more than NSW, Queensland and Tasmania's combined.

Second place was NSW with 17.9% infrastructure expenditure equalling \$88.4 billion, an increase from last year of \$2.8 billion.

Third came South Australia at 14.3% and totalling \$15.3 billion, an increase of \$0.6 billion.

In fourth place is the Northern Territory with 13.8% expenditure and a \$4.1 billion outlay, a decrease of \$0.3 billion.

Fifth place was Tasmania with a 13.5% share its budget and a \$1 billion increase from the

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ciency is needed, and this project encourages the community to let the Government know how to 'get it right'.

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Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day this month, I came straight from Parliament to the Glasshouse Country RSL Sub Branch to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives for our democracy. I have the opportunity to serve because you have. I have the privilege to represent our region because you have sacrificed. And we have freedom because you fought. Thank you! We will remember them. Lest we forget.



Andrew Powell

State Member for Glass House

Many of you have come to me with frustra-

Here's another opportunity for you to have

It's been clear for years now that a new approach towards public transport and its effi-



MEMBER for Glass House Andrew Powell

"COVID stopped me from doing these

including a quirky but heartfelt nomination for Wayne Parcell of the Montville Tennis Club and Rangebow Festival.

"I know Wayne personally and he's an all-around terrific bloke, so I was stoked to see a nomination come through for him."

Congratulations Graduates of 2022!

It's been another stellar year for the senior school students at Glasshouse Christian College (GCC) and Maleny State High School.

I was privileged to attend the GCC award ceremony and acknowledge their achievements.

Unfortunately, a delayed flight prevented me from presenting at the Maleny awards, but Principal Deb Stewart stepped in on my behalf.

Special mention of the 2023 GCC School Captains Lize and Arno - I have no doubt you'll do a fabulous job of leading the school next year.

Congratulations also to Dimity Bucciarelli, the Year 11 Dux at Maleny State High.

Robson from the Zonta Club of Blackall Range.

June's nomination read as follows:

June is a member of the Zonta Club of Blackall Range and is head of the Service Committee. June organises our yearly directory which advertises businesses on the northern end of the range.

She also organises the annual packing of birthing kits, the packs we put together for womens' refuges, helps out on our garden stalls, and with food for our annual Dusk on the Deck celebration of International Women's Day and the Woman of Achievement Award."

The celebratory morning tea was held at the Maleny Community Centre and catered for by the lovely ladies of the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary, who provided a delicious cake, sandwiches, finger foods, tea and coffee.

"Someone told me they might come back again next year just for the food!" Mr Powell joked.

"It also feels important to note that the

women from the Hospital Auxiliary team are volunteers as well, as all proceeds raised go towards the Hospital.

"I shared a quote at the morning tea that I believe touches on the essence of what it means to be a volunteer which I'd like to share here too.

"Elizabeth Andrew once said that volunteers do not necessarily have the time - they have the heart," said Mr Powell.

"They truly push their 24 hours of the day beyond what many of us feel able to and they do it all with love and a smile on their faces. Thank vou."

last budget.

Coming in sixth was the Australian Capital Territory with a 12.8% share and a \$0.2 billion increase.

In penultimate place, but at the wooden spoon end, came home-side Queensland. Its share was 11.6% of budget or \$37.6 billion, being an increase in this budget of \$5.7 billion.

And for the geography aficionados, not so lucky last was Western Australia with an infrastructure share of 9.9%, at \$14.9 billion being an increase this budget of \$4.4 billion - but not enough to get it out of last place.

Of course it wouldn't be fair to assess these without making 'per capita' population comparisons.

The page 7 graph in the report shows Queensland's ranking as second last, even on a per capita basis.

It's time to up the expenditure.

FRIDELLE STANYER

Letters to the Editor

Do you have an opinion to share? A range of viewpoints leads to better debate and better outcomes. Submit your Letter to the Editor with your name and suburb to: editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au. Please understand there is a strict 300-words limit.

Sunshine Coast rail 'fiasco' and a question on cost

THE proposed railway from Beerwah to Maroochydore has had millions of dollars spent in "studies" for over 35 years – yes more than 35 years – resulting in nothing.

Where did those dollars go?

Even if the funding were fully approved tomorrow and work commenced immediately there is no way this State Government can construct this railway by 2032.

If the railway could be built by 2032 it would have to be built by the Chinese government who have the expertise.

The Chinese are building railways all over the world from narrow gauge to Fast Rail. Let me explain the technical aspects.

In Queensland our railways are 3' 6" gauge. Meanwhile, globally, "standard gauge" is 4' 8 1/2" and Fast Rail requires a standard gauge dedicated track that is only used by "Fast Rail" trains.

Gauge is the inner distance between the rails. Generally speaking, we are decades behind the times when it comes to railways.

The USA is investing US\$108 billion in rail by 2027.

Egypt is rebuilding its rail network. Morocco has upgraded and has Fast Rail!Even South America is building railways to connect the Pacific and the Atlantic.

So if the Chinese were to build the line they could also provide modern rolling stock and I would suggest the trains could be operated by Virgin Trains or the National Express Group.

We could have most trains picking up passengers all stations to Beerwah and then express to

Eagle Junction for the airport connection and then on into the city.

Thus have our trains treated as "interurban minimum stops".

For too long the Sunshine Coast residents have put up with Translink's crazy timetables with most trains stopping at all stations to Petrie, then semi-fast to Brisbane, with journey time taking forever to get to Brisbane.

The fares are expensive for most people.

So when you combine slow trains (with only one toilet every three carriages!) and high fares, then the obvious result is empty trains. Of course people will opt for the alternative of

Of course people will opt for the alternative of driving their cars!

Can our local politician tell readers what the cost to taxpayers is of the buses that run empty, every day, all day between Nambour and all rail stations to Caboolture? A total waste.

– Ken Coulter, Ilkley

I'm new to town. Where are the good fishing spots?

I am new to the area and am currently living with my son and avidly try and collect local knowledge.

I have started following the Sunshine Valley Gazette. I would love to see a fishing column.

I live in Coes Creek and would very much appreciate any information regarding creeks, rivers, ponds and dams as far as freshwater fishing is concerned. I'm also interested in fishing for red claw, yabbies and crabs.

If anyone can help, would they mind emailing me at freewattertwins@gmail.com?

Thanking you for your time and trouble. – Patrick O'Dea, Coes Creek

Ed: Great idea Patrick. I don't know how much of a fishing scene there is in the hinterland, but let's see what feedback you get and we would certainly consider a story, at least, if not a regular fishing column.

Penny drops on Gazette's scare campaign

OH, the penny dropped. In the last edition's Facebook Feedback: "It felt like walking through a ghetto."

Some closing remarks clarified the situation in Nambour: "These guys are just part of a mis-

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information and scare campaign being conjured up by local conservative lobbying groups and state/federal Liberal MPs."

Having previously lived in Nambour, for nearly two decades, a casual visitor nowadays of friends and sometime shopper, I have been concerned about the articles bagging Nambour.

Cr David Law said: "Nambour has had a reduction in crime over the last five years and specifically the past 18 months.

The local Queensland Police Service along with other police units have played a significant role in this reduction of crime in Nambour."

Do these people pushing the unsafe Nambour barrow really care about the reputation of Nambour?

Or is it just being used as a political football? If so, shame on them.

– Robyn Deane, Bli Bli

Nambour/Palmwoods Kindness

I was a recent visitor to this area. My husband, mum and I lunched at Ricks Garage (fabulous). My mum popped into a local dress shop across the street. Here she began to feel very unwell, eventually passing out.

To cut a long story short, the lady at the shop was fabulous, a passing doctor aided us, the ambulance people were amazing and Nambour Hospital was wonderful.

All staff were kind, courteous, and sensitive to mum.

I just want to thank everyone involved. – Anne Franklin

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The open plan living, kitchen and dining spill out onto the entertainer's deck with indoor/outdoor bar which overlooks the inground saltwater swimming pool.

Architect-designed Perwillowen gem. First time seller

AGENT'S CHOICE: 32 Briggs Road, Perwillowen. Contact Agent for price.

A rare opportunity exists to own this architecturally designed slice of paradise in the magnificent Sunshine Coast hinterland.

The property features 10.4 acres of beautiful low maintenance established gardens with spectacular views across the rolling pastures. The resort style property insures seclusion, yet is still only a short drive to Woombye and Nambour CBD'S.

Featuring inground saltwater pool, huge 9mx18m shed this property ticks all the boxes

for a growing family.

Rendered and freshly painted inside and out, the 4-bedroom split level home comprises of expansive living over 4 levels.

With the extended family in mind the first level of the home consists of 3 generous size bedrooms plus a large family/ media room and main bathroom. Enter the second level and you will be wowed by the beautiful timber floors, raked ceilings, and floor to ceiling windows. The open plan living, kitchen and dining spill out onto the entertainer's deck with indoor/ outdoor bar which overlooks the inground saltwater swimming pool. A fireplace, ducted air-conditioning, front and back decks make this home a dream to live in.

The top level of the home features master bedroom, ensuite, study and 2 walk-in robes with glimpses of the ocean. New carpet and window coverings throughout.

With the abundance of large windows and by-fold doors the home boasts plenty of natural light and views from every angle.

At ground level is a 2-car garage. This property boasts a 9m x 18m y

This property boasts a $9m \times 18m$ shed, 3 phase power to both shed and house, 11 kw

of solar power plus solar hot water. There is a spring fed creek, an abundance of fruit trees and fenced paddocks.

3-minute drive to St Johns

All this is only a 3-minute drive to St Johns College, and a short 6-minute drive to major rail and CBD. The jewel in the crown is the 120-year-old Native Fig tree that shades the deck on those warm afternoons.

► Contact selling agent Toni Hinds of Terry Hinds Real Estate on 0423 328 138 to arrange your inspection.





As you approach the home, you will appreciate the sense of serenity with the surrounding bushland, established gardens, and natural beauty.

Chalet style home on a third of an acre

AGENT'S CHOICE: 39 City View Terrace, Nambour. The kitchen and dining area flows directly

Offers over \$599,000 considered.

THIS charming property offers an unparalleled lifestyle amongst nature with a gorgeous chalet style home complete with timber features, loft, and soaring ceilings set on a 1,693m2 parcel of land that backs onto the Ferntree Creek National Park and is just around the corner from Nambour Golf Club.

Featuring two bedrooms, one bathroom, double carport, two decks, double brick and timber construction, internal laundry, air conditioning, NBN and storage space under the house, everything has been thought of here to maximise comfort.

As you approach the home, you will appreciate the sense of serenity with the surrounding bushland, established gardens, and natural beauty. The entrance with leadlight windows leads you into the open plan living area with high cathedral ceilings, plenty of natural light, and timber flooring making the space warm and welcoming. out to the rear covered deck. There are no neighbours to the rear as the home backs onto the national park offering ultimate privacy.

Spacious and light-filled, the main bedroom is truly a sanctuary with high ceilings, built in robes, access to the deck, and a charming bay window where you can relax and take in treetop views. Upstairs, the loft could be used as a second bedroom or large living area, study, TV room or art studio.

The bathroom has a full-sized bathtub and shower, raked ceilings, unique vanity, leadlight window, and separate toilet. The home also has an internal laundry with exterior access for convenience.

You have the best of both worlds as you can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the area, while shops, cafes, the general hospital and schools are close by, and the centre of Nambour is only a six minute drive away.

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- Four bedrooms; huge main with en suite and patio access
- Spacious kitchen with ample storage and bench space, walk-in pantry
- Huge covered outdoor area plus verandah
- 7m x 15m colorbond shed with lights, power and caravan accessible section

Genuine country feel and family lifestyle are perfectly united in this delightful lowset home; nestled in a quiet cul-de-sac on almost 1 acre (3807m²) and only 5 mins from Maleny township

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38 Hakea Avenue MALENY

Positioned high in Hakea Avenue to capture the breeze and light, is this low maintenance, much loved home

- Low maintenance, lowset brick home
- Four bedrooms; main with en suite and walk-in robe
- Fantastic storage throughout
- · Ceiling fans in each room
- Lock up garage with internal access

Just a gentle fifteen-minute walk along nature tracks and leafy streets is the vibrant main street of Maleny and all its amenities; public transport connections, schools, hospital, shopping, cafés, medical services and more.

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8 Wittaberg Drive WITTA

Nestled in a whisper quiet cul-de-sac in Witta is this huge 4-bedroom home; the space on offer to grow is enviable. With a lovely street appeal, this home offers a landscaped and fully usable 3148m² block.

- Tassie Oak kitchen
- Wood burning fireplace
- Covered entertaining area with connection to the inside
- · Established, landscaped gardens with numerous fruit trees
- Huge shed with power and parking for a caravan or trailer

Beautifully maintained and cared for by its current owners, here is the opportunity to create your forever family home



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108/23 Macadamia Drive 'Living Gems' MALENY

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A garden oasis and low maintenance living awaits you at this property; simply move in and start enjoying all the Hinterland has to offer. Located in an over 50's lifestyle resort, it offers great connection to the gorgeous township of Maleny via walking paths packed with nature.

• Neutral palette throughout

- · Front porch oasis for afternoon drinks
- · Rear deck just perfect for BBQ's and entertaining
- Extra side parking space for a caravan or trailer
- Established landscaped gardens with room to grow veggies and herbs

Everything is here; simply move in and enjoy!

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580 Mountain View Road MALENY

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

- · Neutral colour palette, high ceilings and bay windows
- Natural timber flooring
- · Modern kitchen with stone benchtops, quality appliances, gas cooking and ample storage
- Ducted A/C and fireplace
- Wraparound covered verandahs

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!

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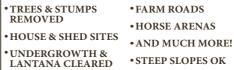
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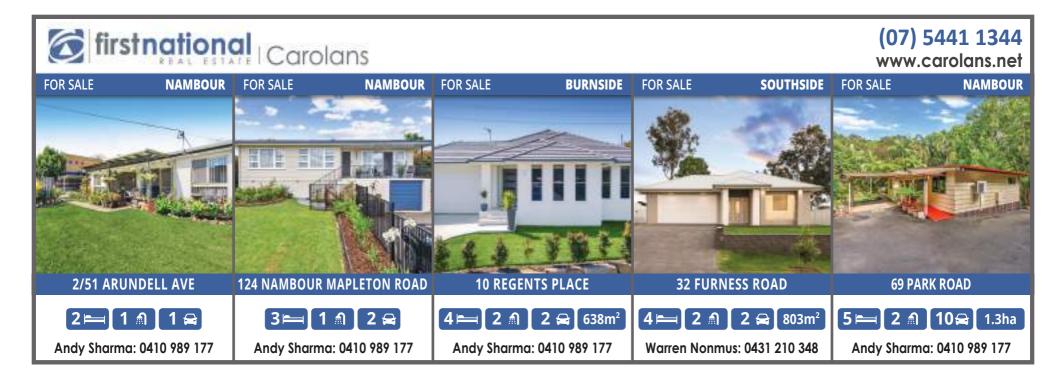


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