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Nambour's Gemfest 2023: Bigger and better than ever

by Tanya Outridge

NAMBOUR Lapidary Club's Gemfest is shaping up to be bigger than previous years with a record number of applications for trader sites.

"We expect a huge range of goods to be on offer at this year's Gemfest," said Nambour Lapidary Club President Keith Millington.

The event is happening Saturday, October 14 at the Nambour Showgrounds from 8am to 4pm.

"There will be everything from gemstones, crystals, fossils, silver jewellery, fossicking equipment and more. We were blown away by the popularity of this event last year and this year will be a must for gem lovers," he said.

Interest in gemstones, crystals and jewellery making has enjoyed a massive upsurge in recent years amongst people of all ages and from all walks of life.

"Obviously, this is very exciting for our Club," Mr Millington said.

"This year, we will have our resident club geologists Matt and Maree in attendance to answer questions people may have about rocks they collected. And information about learning how to polish stones and create beautiful jewellery from silver will be on hand from the Nambour Lapidary Club in the rotunda."

A range of food and coffee vans will be on site and Nambour Rotary will open their food outlet.



To Page 2 From left, Lapidary Club President Keith Millington, Matt Houston and Gail Parker inspect the first prize in the club raffle.

Museum to mark anniversaries

20 years since mill closed, 30 since museum opened

by Janine Hill

A NEW display will be opened at the Nambour museum to coincide with two important anniversaries.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Moreton Mill closure and 30 years since the formation of the Nambour and District Historical Museum Association.

A new display featuring the pulley wheels from the lift span bridge over the Maroochy River near Dunethin Rock will be opened at a combined celebration at the museum on 14 October. The mechanism was used to lift a span of the bridge so boats could pass under.

The 100-year-old heritage listed bridge which provided a crossing for the cane trains during the Coast's sugar industry days was destroyed

in the February 2022 flood.

Museum president Clive Plater said that wheels from the bridge's lifting mechanism were saved prior to the flood.

"In June 2020 the state government removed the lift span section of the bridge. It was in danger of dropping into the river," he said.

"The bits and pieces were stored by the state government. We got the option of doing

something with them after the flood destroyed the bridge."

The museum took the six pulley wheels that were used to lift the span and the handrailing from the structure along with some of the timber and has turned the pieces into a display.

Clive said the wheels, which would likely

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School mourns loss of former student

THE Burnside State School community is grappling with the loss of Dawlon Smith-Saunders, a former student who passed away following an accident at Bli Bli.

Despite fighting for 14 days in hospital, after the accident on Sunday 3 September, Dawlon could not recover from his injuries. He was riding his scooter along David Low Way when he was hit by a vehicle.

Principal Lisa Cutter said Dawlon was renowned for his energising smile and love for sports. Dawlon graduated from Year 6 at Burnside State School at the end of 2022.

"His passing leaves a void among staff and students alike," she said on Facebook.

"Our thoughts and condolences are with Sukai (mum), Dawlon's siblings and extended family as they mourn such a tragic loss.

"The news of Dawlon's passing is a deep hurt for all staff who worked with him during his enrolment at Burnside State School.

"Many of our current students (particularly in Years 4-6) have connections to Dawlon and memories of their happy interactions with him."

Ms Cutter said the school's Guidance Officer was available for students needing emotional support. A funeral service to celebrate Dawlon's life will be held on Thursday 12 October 2023, at 12pm at Gregson & Weight Nambour (34 National Park Road Nambour). Service attendees are asked to wear red, black or broncos smart/casual clothing.

School staff and students are invited to wear maroon clothing or Broncos attire to school on Thursday 12 October in remembrance of Dawlon.



Dawlon Smith-Saunders .



Museum President Clive Plater at the new bridge lift display.

Event marks 20 years since mill closure

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have been made in England over 100 years ago, were in remarkably good condition considering no maintenance had been carried out for 20 years.

"The wheels and their mounting brackets are really heavy so we needed to take them apart to handle them but they all came apart and we put some new grease in there and they're as good as new," he said.

Clive hopes that those previously associated with the sugar industry will check out the exhibit and make the most of the chance to have a reunion on 14 October for the first time since the a reunion 10 years after the mill closure. "Hopefully, we'll get a few of the old cane farmers and mill workers coming in. That's what happened 10 years ago. There's still a few around," he said.

Sunshine Brass will be providing musical entertainment during the day.

Crystals on offer as Gemfest gate prize

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The Nambour Lapidary Club will have their favourite fossicking cart in operation as well as lucky dip and semi-precious stone sales. Raffle prizes include a couple of beautiful crystal clusters and a baby Webber BBQ kindly donated by Club Patron, Rob Skelton MP.

"We have kept our admission to five dollars with children under twelve free," said Mr Millington. "We also have a lovely collection of crystals as our gate prize. This year we anticipate a bigger attendance so we are opening the Bli Bli Road entrance as well as the Coronation drive entrances to the Showgrounds."

Parking fee is two dollars, with the takings going to the Palmwoods Scouts.

As interest into this fascinating field has grown, so too has the calibre of traders at Gemfest.

"At the Australian Gemboree held in Dayboro at Easter this year, some traders commented that our Gemfest was the best gem show in Queensland," said Mr Millington.

"We certainly aim to uphold this reputation this weekend."

Looking ahead, Nambour will be hosting the prestigious Australian Gemboree at Easter in 2026.

▶ The Gemfest is Saturday, October 14 at the Nambour Showgrounds from 8am to 4pm.



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Paul Russell eyes his pride and joy, a 500kg red gum slab, which is also to be made into a table.

From storm-damaged tree to half-tonne tables...

The 50 year journey of a gigantic timber slabs

by Janine Hill

TIMBER slabs do not come much bigger than the half-tonne monster which recently found its way to The Slab Warehouse.

The massive piece of timber, measuring about 5m by 1.4m by 100mm thick was a huge talking point at the Yandina business.

Paul Russell, who owns The Slab Warehouse with Rick Turbille and Peter Huitema, said the slab was the largest of 10 cut from a fallen red gum in a paddock at Moree in northern New South Wales.

"It came down in the '60s. The farmer was living there as a child. He couldn't remember what year but he could remember it coming down in a big storm in the '60s when he was a child," Paul said.

"He inherited the farm years later and had tried to burn it a few times. It was too hard to move and it was in the way so he'd had a couple of goes at trying to burn it and it wouldn't burn.

"Around 2010, they wanted to build a shed where the tree was and they were going to try and have another go at burning it.

"Our sawmilling contractors saw it. I think they were working in the area and they heard about it.

"It would have been hard and slow to cut into slabs. They would have cut two slabs a day if they were lucky."

Paul said that although the tree had been dead for 50 years, the slab still needed to be kiln dried for six months at The Slab Ware-



Picture: Ben Lockens, Just Photography.



A slab takes pride of place in its new home.

house to remove moisture locked inside the dry exterior and to kill any living organisms, such as borers. It was also machined flat and rough edges tidied up.

The slab was recently made into a table with steel legs for a Coes Creek couple who had visited the business for a slab top for a kitchen island bench and realised it would be perfect for their home.

"It took 10 people to move, and then, only just," Paul said.

The table can seat 18 people all up, with seven on each side and two at each end.

"I wouldn't even have that many friends," he joked.

The sale meant the Warehouse had room to get the second of the 10 slabs in, which Paul said were similar in size.

A friend of the couple who bought the first slab is keen on a table, too, but Paul said there were eight more left for anyone else who wanted a piece.



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Vince Carbery, Judy Berlak, Anne Minter and Liz Caffery are seeking information about the history of Maleny's Sacred Heart Catholic Church for the Centenary.

Centenary Celebrations in Maleny:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church seeks help to uncover history

by Janine Hill

BUILDING Maleny's Sacred Heart Catholic church almost 100 years ago was a community effort and parishioners hope the same community will help them mark the church's centenary.

Anne Minter, one of four volunteers trying to compile the history of Sacred Heart, hopes Maleny residents past and present and their descendants can help them piece together stories of the church.

The Sacred Heart opened and was blessed on 4 February, 1924, and a booklet on its history will be released for its centenary next year.

Anne said Father Leo Hayes, the parish priest at Caboolture, got the ball rolling for a Catholic church to serve the growing community of Maleny.

"A lot of it was a community project. The land was donated by a parishioner at the time, Patrick Daley," she said.

"The stumps for the church were donated by a community member, John Grigor."

Measuring 61 feet long, including the vestry and porch, the timber and tin building cost 860 pounds to build.

A feature was a stained glass window, designed by Fr Hayes, featuring a cross and a boomerang rising from a waratah representing timber-getters many of whom came from New South Wales and wattle for Queensland.

Anne said Archbishop James Duhig travelled from Brisbane to officiate at the opening, which was marked by three Masses with Fr Hayes and Fr Albert J Wright, of Nambour.

Anne said the first wedding at the church was that of Lorna Jane Cartmill, of Maleny, to James Norman Lane, a fruitgrower, of Pomona,



Measuring 61 feet long, including the vestry and porch, the timber and tin building cost 860 pounds to build.

in 1926.

The original wooden church was replaced with a larger brick building in 1974, and some timber later recycled in other buildings in Maleny.

Locals George Cowie and Patsy Lusk were the first couple married in the new building, she said.

She has trawled through the Catholic church archives in Brisbane and Caboolture in her hunt for information about 100 years of the Sacred Heart church and has searched old newspapers on Trove.

However, there are still a lot of blanks before a booklet to mark the centenary can be produced and she is keen to hear any stories from locals and find photos from those early weddings.

"What we're trying to do is do the same thing they did at the start. We're going to the community," Anne said. "We want to find out if the local people in the local community have any memories - photos or stories - particularly for the period from 1924 to 1974."

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'Only one in ten make it':
Family's battle with brain cancer spurs local generosity

by **Janine Hill**

WHEN a call went out to frame a footy jersey for charity, Yandina Art and Framing answered.

The business framed a signed Brisbane Broncos jersey for auction at a fundraising ball for the Brainchild Foundation, which went at auction for \$3500.

The foundation provides emotional, financial and educational support for children with brain and spinal tumours and allocates funding for research into causes and treatments.

Shirley Scott, an occupational therapist, of Palmview, got the jersey signed by hitting up her boss, Rachel Ownsworth, partner of Broncos hooker Billy Walters.

Shirley and her daughter, Maggie, 19, have been supporters of the Brainchild Foundation after Maggie fought and beat brain tumours eight years ago.

At 11, Maggie was diagnosed with an ependymoma, a cancerous tumour, and a ganglioglioma, which was benign, after 12 months of headaches that doctors had said were migraines.

Maggie was admitted to the Royal Children's Hospital within 24 hours of eventually undergoing an MRI scan but the odds were not on her side.

"We were told she'd be blind. We were told she probably wouldn't survive. Only one in 10 make it," Shirley said.

Maggie underwent six rounds of surgery plus radiation and not only survived but was fortunate to retain her vision, although she still lives with some after-effects.



From left, Yandina Art and Framing's Bill Gissane with the Broncos jersey framed for auction and brain tumour survivor Maggie Scott and mum Shirley.

Her oncologist, neurosurgeon, clinic nurse and theatre nurse were involved with Brainchild so she and her mum have made it their mission to support the organisation as a way of giving back.

After hustling the signed Bronco's jersey, Maggie rang 92.7 MIX FM seeking help to frame the jersey.

Framer extraordinaire Charmaine Temple-Smith heard the call over the radio and hit up her boss, Bill Gissane, at Yandina Art and Framing, who agreed they should do it.

At the same time, listener Gayle Jones, of Caloundra, offered to pay for the framing, so the job was done at cost price.

"We've just happy to be able to offer our support in a positive way," Bill said.

Eyeing off the finished product on Friday, Broncos fan Maggie was keen to bid for it herself but said she would not mind if it was out of her price range. "I would be happy if it goes for a lot. That would be amazing. The Brainchild Foundation is amazing."

Update: Jersey sells at the live auction for \$3500

Fittingly it was Maggie's neurosurgeon, Dr Gert Tolleson, pictured below with Maggie, who made the winning bid on the weekend.

"We had a beautiful night with lots of tears and happiness," said Shirley.



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Volunteers needed at Nambour op shop to keep kids smiling

by Janine Hill

MOST OF us do not have the skills to repair children born with cleft lips or cleft palates but there is a way for people to help if they have time on their hands.

Helping Children Smile needs volunteers to help in its Nambour op shop, which raises money for the organisation's life-changing work.

Every year, the organisation sends a team of doctors and nurses to the Philippines to perform corrective surgery on children with cleft lips and palates.

Cleft lips and cleft palates are birth defects that occur when babies' lips or mouths do not form properly before they are born.

Malika Burke, a nurse and shop coordinator for Helping Children Smile, said cleft lips and palates meant physical and emotional difficulties for children.

"They often wear masks because they're so embarrassed but it's not just that. Yes, they can have trouble talking and eating, they can dribble, their teeth grow crooked because you need your lips to keep them in, but they're also at increased risk of choking and chest infections," she said.

Helping Children Smile began in 1996 and has sent a medical team to the Philippines almost every year since to perform corrective surgeries on about 1000 children so far.

Malika has done five trips and said being part of the life-changing work was addictive.



Jenny Grant, shop coordinator Malika Burke and Lyn Nielsen are part of the team that helps fund a team of doctors and nurses in the Philippines.

"As the ward nurse, I'll take the parents while their children are having the surgery. They are often excited because this is the last time they will see their children like that," she said.

"They love their children, no matter what, but when they see their children after surgery, they're crying, everybody's crying. There's a lot of tears of joy."

Malika said each trip cost about \$40,000-\$50,000 to send a team of about a dozen doctors, nurses and anaesthetics, plus their gear, to the Philippines for about 10-14 days.

The work is funded by the op shop, donations, and sponsorships.

Malika said help in the op shop was welcome at any time but the shop was currently short on Tuesdays all day and Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 3pm.

Donations of good quality clothing, home-wares and bric-a-brac are welcome and can be dropped off at the shop in Currie Street. Cash donations and sponsorships can be arranged

Mapleton residents gather monthly for MADCA meets

The Mapleton and District Community Association (MADCA) is keeping community spirit alive with its monthly meetings held every first Wednesday, excluding January.

As a not-for-profit organisation, MADCA plays an essential role in preserving the heritage and natural beauty of the Mapleton hinterland and its surrounding district.

Comprised of local residents, the association serves as a critical forum for voicing community concerns to various levels of government and other organisations.

By participating in these meetings, community members have a unique opportunity to influence the future of their village.

► For more information, reach out to madca@gmail.com.au | madca.com.au.

Mapleton State School Auction for Chaplaincy

MAPLETON State School is hosting a special event that combines the joy of gift-giving with community support.

On October 22, from 2pm to 4pm, the school's hall will be filled with the spirit of early Christmas during a silent auction featuring an array of gifts, live music, and afternoon tea for sale.

All proceeds will go directly to the Mapleton State School Chaplaincy Service.

This is a perfect opportunity for the community to come together to not only enjoy some early holiday shopping but also to contribute to an important cause that benefits the students and the school community. For more information, phone 5456 3333.

Woman pleads not guilty over Woombye deaths

A Warana woman has pleaded not guilty to killing two young bus mechanics at Woombye while allegedly driving under the influence. Kelly Renee Liddicoat, 44, was charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death while adversely affected. Her trial started in Maroochydore District Court on Monday, October 9.



An example of the corrective surgery on children with cleft lips and palates.

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Father keeps the lights on, hoping for son's return

by Janine Hill

OWEN Bennedick's son is missing and he does not know what else to do so he is doing what he normally does. Owen is keeping the Wappa Falls Observatory, at Yandina, open six-and-a-half days out of seven and hoping Jonothan will rejoin him soon.

"He's always helped me with the place so it might be good for him to see it's open in a story like this," Owen said.

Jonathan, 35, left Yandina on Saturday, 2 September, and was last seen at Tin Can Bay on Saturday, 9 September.

Police believe him to be with his vehicle, a silver-coloured Hyundai Accent with Queensland Registration 050 JX.

Owen said Jonothan, who had lived with him for the past 20 years, had been having a rough time of late and he wondered if his son would ever come home.

"He was in a pretty bad frame of mind when he left," he said.

He said this was the third time Jonothan had left but the longest he had been away.

"He had a bit of a breakdown. Too much of a breakdown. He went to Mt Morgan and came back and took off again."

He said Jonothan had not touched his bank accounts since he left this time and could be living off other funds but his phone was not on and attempts to pinpoint its location had so far been unsuccessful.



Jonathan Bennedick is missing.



Jonathon is believed to be with his vehicle, a silver-coloured Hyundai.

Owen hopes Jonothan will be home soon but is trying to carry on with the observatory in the meantime.

"You wake up in the morning and you're still breathing and you stumble out of bed and find something to do," he said. "I have a dream and a passion to try and encourage people and that's what gets me out of bed."

▶ Jonothan is described as 175cm tall, of solid build, caucasian, with dark brown hair. Anyone with information is asked to contact police quoting QP2301532912.

Maleny mourns the loss of community dynamo Gail Denver

by Janine Hill

MALENY might be well known for its sense of community but Gail Denver was one of the people who put that spirit into the town.

Sport, the arts, agriculture, history, fundraising – Gail was involved in more community organisations and activities than most.

The community dynamo with the seemingly boundless energy will be dearly missed by many after passing away on 28 September.

Gail has been a part of the Maleny for nearly 50 years. She and her siblings, Simon and Jane, moved there with their mother, Jo, in the mid-1970s.

The family had moved to Australia from England only six months earlier and were holidaying at Currimundi when Jo discovered Maleny and bought a house there on 8ha.

"We were the only non-farming people in Maleny but we were close enough to have everything, an hour to Brisbane, an hour to the beach," said Simon.

After finishing school, Gail went on to study fine arts in Brisbane but her studies were interrupted when she was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease.

"They didn't think she would survive but she did," Simon said.



Gail loved Maleny and always found time to get involved in good causes.

While Simon and Jane both enjoyed acting and performance, Gail was not one for the stage and instead ran the family business, Maverick Musicals and Plays, publishing musical and play scripts.

But act she could, the cricket fan once talking her way into the members' pavilion at the 'Gabba during an Ashes test on the pretence of being England bowler Graham Dilley's wife.

"We sat there all day drinking gin and tonics," said Simon, who posed as a reporter from the Yorkshire Post in the same escapade.

While Simon's career involved a lot of travel in Australia and south-east Queensland, and Jane travelled overseas, Gail made her home in Maleny with her partner, Jim Cossins, and their son, Tom, born 30 years ago.

Gail was president of the Friends of Pattermore House, president of the Maleny Players for nearly a decade, was a committee member of the Maleny and District Sport and Rec Club, was heavily involved with the Fairview Cow Bails restoration project, the Maleny Selectors Green development committee, and was a beef cattle steward at the Maleny Show for more than 30 years.

She was also instrumental in organising the Mighty Maleny Maulers, a rag-tag local cricket team which took on local MP Andrew Powell's 11 once a year in a charity match.

Simon said his sister loved Maleny and always found time to get involved in things.

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Dedication Ceremony marks new chapter for Op Shop

Bishop commends Parish's move back to Church

THE St Augustine Anglican Op Shop in Palmwoods celebrated its move from 22 Main Street to 13 Hill Street with a dedication ceremony on Saturday, October 7.

The event welcomed Regional Bishop and newly-appointed Archbishop-elect, Bishop Jeremy Greaves, casting a spotlight on the Op Shop's integral role within the broader community.

Coordinator Anne Leach emphasised the importance of the event. "The ceremony is not merely a dedication but a celebration of community spirit, unity, and the embodiment of service that our Op Shop represents," she said.

Anne also paid tribute to the new volunteers who are adding a range of expertise to the operation and outreach to the community.

"The op shop was originally opened in the existing hall 10 years ago by Bev Scholz and the Rev Ann Shepperton and a few of the volunteers who were with us then are still here today."

Bishop Jeremy extended his congratulations to the St Augustine Parish for the major expansion within the Palmwoods Anglican Church precinct.

Bishop Jeremy underscored the urgent need for churches to recalibrate and reinvent their operational modalities and societal roles in changing times.

He noted that relying solely on the benevolence and giving of parishioners, a practice



A Future That's Bigger than the Past: Bishop Jeremy Greaves, Parish Priest Deborah Bird, Op Shop Coordinator Anne Leach, volunteers and parishioners at the opening.



Bishop Greaves conducts the dedication ceremony.

that sustained churches for centuries, is increasingly becoming unsustainable.

Drawing inspiration from Samuel Wells, an insightful English priest and author of the book titled, "A Future That's Bigger than the Past", Bishop Jeremy highlighted the imperatives of innovation and commercial incorporation as outlined by Wells.

The book strongly advocates for congregations to be not only spiritual sanctuaries but also hubs of compassionate service, cultural

engagement, and commercial venture, summarily described as the 'four Cs': Compassion, Culture, Congregation, and Commerce.

The Bishop emphasised that these guiding principles should not be seen as a departure from the sacred mission of the church but rather as essential additives for bolstering the church's relevance and sustainability in a world that is rapidly evolving.

Commending the St Augustine Parish's initiative, Bishop Jeremy expressed his delight and approval of the bold, strategic expansion of the Palmwoods Op Shop.

"This move is not just a mere commercial venture but a thoughtful integration of service and sustenance that intertwines the Op Shop's operation intimately with the life and activities of the church," he said.

The Parish's initiative, he believes, reflects a broader understanding of ministry and service, incorporating the necessary commercial elements without losing sight of the church's primary spiritual and community-focused mission.

► For information about the Op Shop or to volunteer contact AnneLeach101@gmail.com



Hub helps residents prepare for weather and bushfire events

SUNSHINE Coast residents are being urged to check out Sunshine Coast Council's Disaster Hub as severe weather looms.

This comes as Get Ready Queensland Week (October 9-15) encourages residents to be prepared. While the warmer months always bring a higher chance of intense storms, this season also may bring an elevated risk of bushfires.

Council's Disaster Management Lead Wayne Sunderland says now is the time for residents to familiarise themselves with Council's Disaster Hub and understand how to protect their family and property.

"It's important to prepare now before the next severe weather event, so you're best placed to handle whatever Mother Nature throws at us," Mr Sunderland says. "Council's updated Disaster Hub makes it easier for residents and visitors to prepare before, during and after a disaster or emergency."

"The Hub has important, up-to-date information and links to key emergency services in one location, including weather warnings, road closures, evacuation centres, airport updates, traffic cameras, flood mapping, as well as Council's news updates and social media posts."

Simple safety steps

There are a few simple steps you can take to Get Ready.

- Step one: Understand your risk
- Step two: Prepare a household emergency plan
- Step three: Pack an emergency kit.

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Tommy's hair is now long enough to fulfil his promise.

Tommy's mission a tribute to his cousin's memory

AT just 11 years old, Nambour's Tommy Banks has been on a journey inspired by the memory of his cousin.

Dylan Smith, a young warrior, fought t-cell lymphoma and acute myeloid leukaemia valiantly until he was 13. His passing on 16 August 2021 inspired Tommy to grow his hair to fundraise for cancer research and to gift his majestic locks to 'Wigs for Kids'.

Tommy's hair is now long enough to fulfil this promise, and he's inviting Gazette readers to back his efforts.

With the full support of Nambour State College, Tommy will be stepping up on 20 October 2023, in front of his peers, to get his haircut.

The event isn't just a haircut it's a celebration of Tommy's dedication and a beacon to shine a light on a good cause.

Tommy said he was proud to honour his cousin's memory and do his bit to find a cure for cancer. "We always joked about my messy hair, and knew if I grew it long enough, we could make a wig to share," Tommy said.

You can see a link to Dylan Smith's story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXc-nITTPJjk>. To support Tommy and Donate go to fundraise.acrf.com.au and search "Tommy".

Sad farewell to beloved figure in Nambour and lawn bowls

Vale Nambour Identity - Mavis Balkin

MANY within the Nambour and lawn bowls communities were saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs Mavis Balkin on September 5, aged 95 years.

Mavis, pictured, and her late husband Harry operated the popular Royal George Hotel for many years. Harry's brothers Reg and George established the iconic Balkins Menswear store just a few metres along Currie Street.

Mavis was introduced to lawn bowls at Mapleton in the 1950s when her non-bowling father Percy Melville gave her a set of bowls. She then joined the Nambour Ladies Bowling Club and served as President in 1966, a position she held four times between 1966 and 1992.

Such was her enthusiasm and commitment to the sport that Mavis served as President of the Nambour District Ladies Bowls Association in 1978.

Following the Nambour District's amalgamation with the Sunshine Coast, she continued her service in many roles and she was an integral member of the Match Committee.

Mavis had been awarded Life Membership of both Nambour Club and Sunshine Coast District Ladies Association.

As a testament to Mavis's dedication to Lawn Bowls, more than four decades later in 2022 she served as President of the Sunshine Coast District Ladies Bowls Association before the amalgamation of the Mens and Ladies associations.

Mavis was once described in the media as a work soldier for bowls and a true legend of the game.

Fishing on Fraser Island was a favourite and relaxing pastime which she enjoyed outside



Mavis and her late husband Harry operated the popular Royal George Hotel for many years.

of bowls, an activity which was an integral component of her birthday celebrations each year. Mavis was a huge Brisbane Broncos fan and member and continued to travel to all of their home games and she even had thoughts of travelling to Sydney to watch her team in the recent Grand Final if they made it.

She would have been so proud of her footy team too even though they fell just short of premiership glory.

Lilian Mavis Balkin, Life Member and Patroness of Nambour Bowls Club, will be forever remembered by family, friends and the local community for her service, friendship and contribution to the Nambour and district community.

If you have lost a loved one or know of a community member who has recently passed, consider submitting an obituary to honour their memory. Your words can provide comfort to others and ensure that their legacy is not forgotten. Contact editor@svgazette.com.au.

Mapleton Choir celebrates 40 years, farewells director

MEMBERSHIP has varied over the years but in all that time there has only been two musical directors of the renowned Mapleton Choir.

Geoff Welsh (a local music teacher) founded the community choir in 1983 and when he retired in 2006 Ailsa Morehen became musical director.

Ailsa will be retiring at the end of this year after 17 years of concerts, local events and visits to various aged care facilities.

Ailsa has arranged a varied program to show the versatility of the choir over the years ranging from two Glorias (hence the title A Glorious Occasion) to Bohemian Rhapsody, Send in the Clowns, Danny Boy and Two South African Folk songs sung in Zulu - just to name a few.

Two former choir members will be making a cameo appearance - one on piano and one on flute - and we will also welcome our favourite piper Gordon Ferguson who plays for our Celtic concerts.

Our talented accompanist John has been with the choir for 37 years and has written and arranged numerous pieces of music for the choir to sing over the years.

The celebration concerts (with special cake for afternoon tea) are on the last weekend of this month - Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 October both at 2.30pm at Kureelpa hall.

Book with choir members or Ailsa on 5478 6079 and \$20 seats will also be available at the door.

Trial begins over 2017 death of Nambour butcher

THE trial of a woman at the centre of the alleged murder of a Nambour butcher and disposal of his body in a woodchipper has begun.

Sharon Graham, 61, was charged along with two men over the death of Nambour butcher Bruce Saunders at a rural Goomborian property, about 20km northeast of Gympie, in November 2017.

Ms Graham pleaded not guilty to the charge.



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Sunshine Coast Friendship Force

THE Sunshine Coast Friendship Force welcomed 10 ambassadors from Saitama, Japan, in October for a week of activities to show them our beautiful and diverse area.

The Japanese members were home-hosted with Sunshine Coast members which is the best way to learn about different cultures.

Each day was planned for different experiences such as a day in the scenic hinterland visiting the Mary Cairncross Reserve and a tour of the beautiful townships of Maleny, Montville and Mapleton, cruising on the Noosa River, lorikeet feeding at Caloundra, a Surf Life Saving presentation at Mooloolaba beach, a visit to Wildlife HQ and, of course, time for shopping. Our cultural journeys continue next year with a week being home-hosted by two German clubs and our club will host members from Manitoba and Nagasaki.

► For further information about Friendship Force, contact Jenny on 0448866141 or info@ffsunshinecoast.org.au

Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

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

Now Showing: Expendables 4; A Haunting in Venice (Mystery/Crime); The Creator (sci fi); Retribution (action, Liam Neeson); The Exorcist Believer (horror); Climate Changers (documentary with recorded Q+A) and from October 13 the live concert The Eras Tour by Taylor Swift on the big screen.

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

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Bruce Morcombe, BOQ Maroochydore owner/manager Nicholas Barker and Denise Morcombe are encouraging everyone to participate in the Walk for Daniel on October 27.

19th Annual Walk for Daniel to bring focus to child safety

IT'S a very local event but one that resonates with families across Australia.

The Walk for Daniel, organized by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and supported by BOQ Maroochydore, will take place on Friday, October 27.

The 19th annual event aims to honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe while raising awareness about child safety and marking the launch of Day for Daniel, the Foundation's flagship child safety campaign.

Participants will gather at Suncoast Christian College in Woombye from 6am and make their way to Briggs Park.

In doing so, they finish a poignant 4km walk that symbolises the journey Daniel could not

complete himself.

The walk is expected to conclude by 9am. Free shuttle buses will operate from 5.45am. Parking will be available at Palmwoods Warriors Football Club.

The event is family-friendly and welcomes pets, although dogs will not be allowed on the shuttle buses.

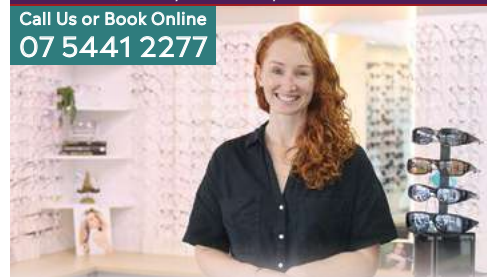
Participants are encouraged to wear walking-appropriate attire and add a splash of red to their outfit.

Refreshments, including coffee and food will be available to walkers.

Community members are invited to come together to honour Daniel's legacy and contribute to the important cause of child safety.

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Nambour RSL invites locals to Remembrance Day

ON 11 November, Nambour RSL Sub Branch warmly invites all community members to gather at Quota Memorial Park at 10.30am to commemorate Remembrance Day.

This day serves as a solemn reminder of the service and sacrifice of Australian and allied servicemen and women who lost their lives in wars and conflicts worldwide.

Originally known as Armistice Day, Remembrance Day was renamed after World War 2 and is observed every 11th of November. Australians unite for a minute's silence at the 11th hour, fulfilling the nation's promise made in 1918 never to forget the over 60,000 who died and the 416,000 who enlisted in service (about one in five died). "We have kept this promise and will continue to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice," said Kim Symmons, President of Nambour RSL Sub Branch. Your presence will contribute to the continuing promise of remembrance for these brave souls.

► For more details, contact Kim Symmons at 0400 763 167.

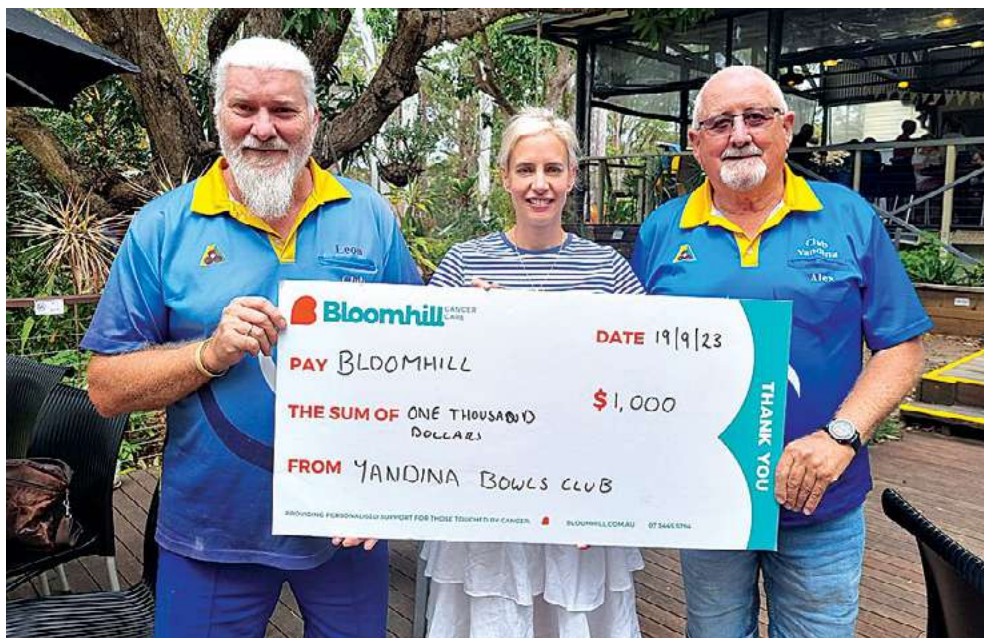
Outspoken presents David Marr in conversation

WHEN esteemed journalist David Marr set out to research the life of his great-grandmother the last thing he expected to find was a photograph of her father, dressed in the uniform of the Native Police.

"I was appalled and curious," he wrote. "I have been writing about the politics of race all my career. I know what side I'm on. Yet that afternoon I found, in the lower branches of my family tree, Sub-Inspector Reginald Uhr, a professional killer of Aborigines ... and his brother D'arcy ... also in the massacre business."

That curiosity led David to study of early New South Wales politics and the way land was apportioned to the squatters, and from there to the activities of the Native Police. Out of this has come his extraordinary new book, *Killing For Country*.

► Outspoken presents David Marr in conversation at the Maleny Community Centre on Tuesday October 24 at 6pm. Tickets are \$25 and \$18 for students. Introducing author will be Mirandi Riwoe.



Club Yandina Chairman Leon Granzien, Bloomhill Donations and Fundraising Manager Tessa Biddles and Club Yandina Secretary Alex Blake.

Bowled over with kindness

Annual Memorial Day raises \$1000 for Bloomhill Care

CLUB Yandina (Yandina Bowls Club) members feel there is no better way to honour the lives of members who have passed, especially those who suffered from cancer, than to hold a fun Memorial Day to raise money for cancer care.

As 2023 is the Club's 70th Anniversary, this year the fun included dressing up for a Retro Memorial Day with bowlers turning out in the fashion of yesteryear; all whites or funky 70's gear. It was a fantastic day, with over 40 people attending to raise \$1,000 to be donated to Bloomhill.

"This is our second year holding our Memorial Day to raise monies for Bloomhill," said Chairman Leon Granzien. "And we will be doing it all again next year as part of our annual calendar of events."

Bloomhill Donations and Fundraising Manager, Tessa Biddles thanked Club Yandina. "This level of donation makes a huge difference to actually being able to deliver the care services that we provide to people," Tess said. "This is a very meaningful contribution."

Joe, an assistant with Bloomhill, and a cancer survivor, said some of the activities Bloomhill provided were only possible because of such donations. "During my cancer recovery, I was cared for by Bloomhill and have a first-hand appreciation of what they provide and how important the activities are in the cancer recovery process", Joe said.

"On average it costs in excess of \$1400 a year to provide subsidised care and support for a client," he said. "The \$1,000 is a significant amount in providing subsidised support through those months of treatment and will make a difference."

"When we talk about it being meaningful, that's what we mean," Tess said.

► Bloomhill provides personalised cancer care that brings together many health modalities under one roof. Bloomhill has helped many thousands of people adjust to life after cancer since it was founded in 1997 by breast cancer survivor & palliative care nurse, Margaret Garan.

A must-read becomes must-watch: 'lessons in chemistry'

Woombye Community Library News
by Cathy Cash

TWELVE months ago I wrote in this column about my excitement at the news that one of my favourite books *Boy Swallows Universe* by Queensland author Trent Dalton was being made into an eight part series to screen on Netflix.

No release date has yet been announced but hopefully it will be very soon.

In the meantime, I've just found out that another of my very favourite reads this year – *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, will be hitting the small screen too!

An instant best seller, Garmus's book has gained almost cult status worldwide with its clever razor sharp dialogue and brilliantly drawn characters, including the super canine aptly named "Six-Thirty".

This debut novel remained on the New York Times bestsellers list for more than a year and has been translated into 40 languages.

Apple TV+ will premiere the series on October 13 (so stock up on TV snacks now) with Oscar winner Brie Larson wearing the lab coat in the lead role.

For those who haven't yet had the pleasure, the story revolves around a 1950's female chemist who starts a side hustle as a TV cooking show host when her scientific career is put on pause due to workplace misogyny.

The "sit up and take notice" heroine Elizabeth Zott becomes a reluctant screen star in her 6pm TV slot and ends up a role model for women's liberation.

Those who have read the book will look forward to hearing Elizabeth utter those memorable words "Children, set the table. Your mother needs a moment to herself".

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Brockhurst Road Delays Pile Up:

Bridge repair work extended beyond original timeline

by Janine Hill

A NAMBOUR road closed for rail bridge works since April is now expected to re-open in November, five months after the original forecast.

Repairs to the Brockhurst Road rail bridge have been an ongoing saga since damage to the bridge was detected during a routine inspection on March 26.

The bridge was closed for repairs and buses used to ferry rail passengers between Nambour and Yandina.

At the time, Queensland Rail said Brockhurst Road would be temporarily closed for three months to allow the bridge structure to be repaired while rail traffic resumed at normal speed on the bridge.

But three months has turned into more than six as the bridge works have dragged out.

Work on the Brockhurst road rail bridge that were supposed to take place in August have now been scheduled for the weekend of 14 and 15 October.

In a statement, QR's acting head of south-east Queensland Neil Backer said the work had not proceeded as planned due to employee availability.

The statement did not outline why employees were unavailable during a planned track closure although there was speculation on social media that engineers had been on strike.

"Work can only be undertaken during a track closure when no trains are operating," Mr Backer said.

"Queensland Rail apologises for the delay to these works and appreciates

the community's continued patience while this important work is carried out.

"The works will now take place on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October, during a planned track closure.

"The road is expected to reopen to the public in November 2023, subject to the completion of finalisation works, weather conditions and operational requirements."

The road closure has been a nightmare for those living in the residential pocket between National Park Road and Tuckers Creek Drive.

Traffic which normally would have run along Zealey and Brockhurst Roads to Duhs Road has been diverted along Spring Myrtle and Vincent Drive, and at times ended up in Pollys Place, a cul-de-sac.

QR has undertaken to update the community as soon as a date to reopen Brockhurst Road has been confirmed.

Mr Backer said the damage to the bridge was likely caused by an over-height vehicle striking the 4.7m high rail bridge.

"We want to remind drivers to please plan your route in advance and know your trucking height," he said.

Anyone who is involved in or witnesses a bridge strike should immediately report it to QR by calling the phone number on the identification plate fixed to the bridge or by calling Emergency Network Control on 1800 079 303.

Motorists who damage rail infrastructure can be fined up to \$1238 and four demerit points or face fines of up to \$12,384 if the matter goes to court.

From grief to inspiration: A nature-based, colour technique to overcome depression

by Janine Hill

A NAMBOUR couple who find optimism through nature have released the latest in a series of books in a quest to share their technique for staying positive.

Lorraine Roberts' latest book, *Colour in Nature: And the positive messages and words that come to mind*, is a colouring book aimed at primary school children.

The book explains the Roberts' Balance with Colour technique, which they developed themselves while learning to cope with day-to-day negativity that came on top of their personal trauma and grief.

The technique involves choosing daily a colour from nature, matching it with an object in nature, associating a positive action word with it, and finding a way to incorporate that word in their activities for the day.

"Lorraine discovered the technique in 2019 after the death of our son, James, a Sydney-based artist, working at the Opera House, who was cycling to the station, fell off his bike and hit his head and never recovered," said Bob. "James loved the colours of the natural world and we have made it our mission to share the technique with the community on his behalf.

Knowing James loved colours and nature, Lorraine one day was looking out to our garden, when she

suddenly described to me the message that was coming to her from just looking at colour in nature. And so, the Balance with Colour concept and technique were born. 'Nature is giving us the inspiration, because colour is there for a reason, and it costs nothing,' Lorraine told me," Bob said.

The Roberts published their first book, *Balance With Colour to avoid sliding into depression*, in 2019.

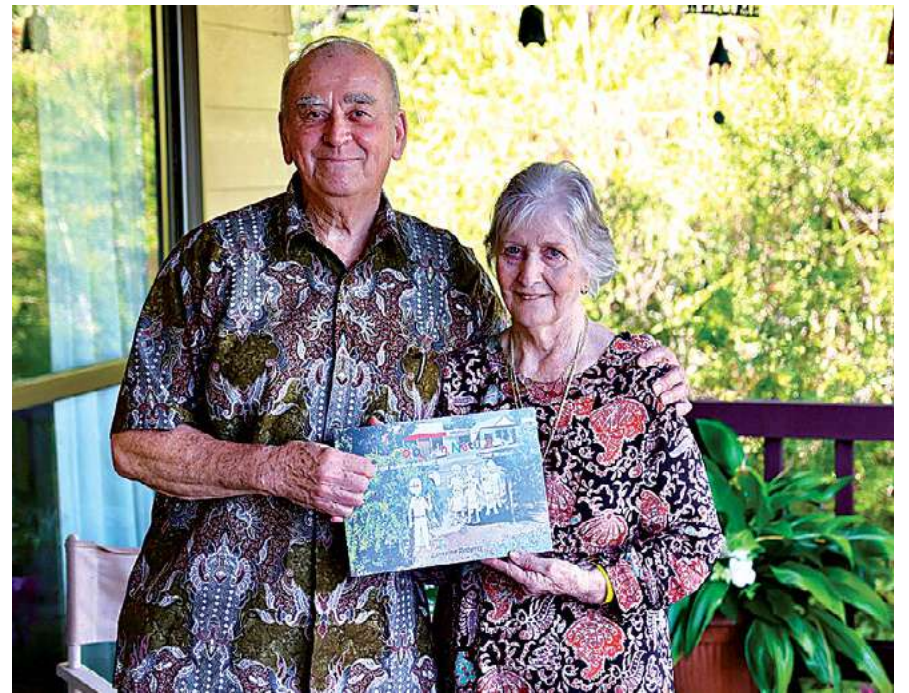
The Balance With Colour technique is simple and easy to learn and can be practised every day to quickly become a habit.

Lorraine authors the books, which Bob, a retired educator/ editor, edits. They sell their books

and other materials, that are teaching and learning aids, to cover the cost of spreading their message worldwide because they want to help others avoid sliding into depression and to calmly cope with the barrage of negativity thrown at all people in everyday life. These aids enable them and others to share the concept and technique.

There is a video of the same title available on YouTube to go with this latest book. They would like to see the technique used in the homes and taught in our schools.

► For information or to order a book, go to <https://www.balance-withcolour.com>.



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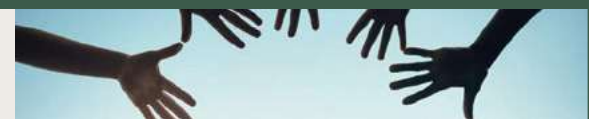
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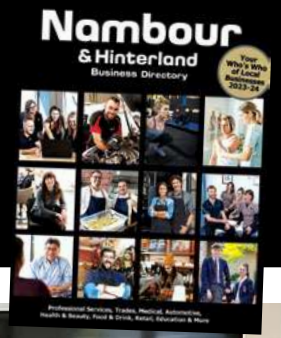
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Nambour & Hinterland Business Directory



Gym builds bodies, strengthens community in Nambour

by Janine Hill

KATIJA Wilkinson could not find a gym where she could take her kids and feel a sense of community. So she opened her own.

Fit Kat Bootcamp began in a shed at Katija's home at West Woombye has grown so popular that it moved into new premises at Price Street, Nambour, on 15 September.

The move has allowed Katija to double the size of her gym space and double the size of the kids' room, which is as important to the mother-of-two as the exercise space.

"I struggled for a long time to find a place where I fitted in before I created my own," she said. "I took my kids to a gym and they had this tiny kids' space where I didn't feel comfortable leaving my kids while I trained."

"It was such a struggle but I needed to do it for my mental health. Hubby goes away to work and I'm busy with the kids."

"Every time I moved gyms, there was no community. I'm from Croatia and a long way from home. I didn't know anybody."

Katija is proud of the culture at Fit Kat,



Katija Wilkinson: "I struggled for a long time to find a place where I fitted in before I created my own."

where the focus is not only on building women who have fit and strong bodies, minds, hearts and friendships.

"I make them work really hard but next weekend, we're doing paint and sip together," she said.

"There's two ladies classes in the morning and another at 5.30pm so they don't necessarily see each other so we'll get together and have a chat for an hour and a few drinks, and the weekend after that, we might do a climb up Mt Cooloom."

The sense of community saw many members chip in to help Katija relocate the gym.

"We had the best class on a Friday morning,

and everybody from the gym, all the girls rallied their husbands and moved everything from 10am to 3.30pm when I went to pick the kids up from school," Katija said.

"It's such a beautiful community we've got."

Fit Kat offers weights, bootcamp sessions, yoga, plus occasional workshops on health matters such as nutrition and hormones.

While Katija also offers one-on-one personal training, most of her women pick and choose from a menu of classes at \$50 a week.

► Fit Kat Boot Camp is at 34 Price Street Nambour. Phone 0435 500 452 or email kat@fitkat.info.



Partner Peter Griffin, Director Jacob Corbett and Associate Director Bridie Edwards.

Nambour firm makes finals of 'Women in Law' Awards

FOR the second consecutive year Bradley & Bray Lawyers has secured a finalist position for "Innovator of the Year - Firm" in the prestigious Women in Law Awards 2023.

Chosen from a pool of 276 high-achieving professionals across 29 different categories, the firm's inclusion reinforces its reputation for innovation, excellence and diversity.

"This program truly celebrates the remarkable achievements of women in the legal profession, and we're honoured to be part of it," the firm's Facebook page said.

Bakery places fifth in nation for signature sausage rolls

By Janine Hill

A NAMBOUR small business has set bakeries throughout Australia on notice with its result in a national contest.

The Gourmet Storr in Currie Street placed fifth in the Great Aussie Pie Competition with its plain sausage roll, which was awarded a silver medal in a three-tier, bronze-silver-gold, recognition scheme.

Proprietor Chris Storr, who has put in long hours since opening the store in Currie Street, was very happy with the result.

"It's only our first year in the competition. We'll find ways again to make some improvements and grow our product and get a placing next year," he said.

Chris said making a good sausage roll started with using good quality ingredients.

"We make our own pastry. We don't buy it in. It's all made here," he said.

"A lot of sausage rolls are made with a lot of breadcrumbs. We do have breadcrumbs but we don't load them with breadcrumbs."

"Most of ours is meat. It's meat that has the priority. And then you have onions, carrot, and a few spices to give it that extra flavour."

The bakery's entry was made on site and then couriered to Sydney for the contest,



From left, Chris and Mel Storr and the team provide 'old school baking at its best' in Nambour.

where products were judged both cold and hot. The Gourmet Storr has only been open as a retail bakery for about eight months.

Chris has been a baker for 24 years. He was head baker at the Hyatt Regency Cooloom in the resort's hey-day.

About three years ago, he went out on his own, baking wholesale goods in a hired commercial kitchen.

The business grew to the point that he needed to find a more permanent arrangement, hence the move to Nambour and an

unplanned switch from wholesale to retail.

"People kept asking us when we were going to open so we put out some trestle tables with what we had on a Saturday," he said.

"Then people kept asking when we were going to open every day."

Chris employs a baker, a senior staffer, and several juniors. The Gourmet Storr was open seven days a week but with bakers hard to find, Chris has pulled back to six days a week to cope with the workload.



Women from Active Range Studio during their Squatober initiative last year, to help prevent Osteoporosis.

Studio champions bone health for Osteoporosis Day

WITH Osteoporosis Day approaching on October 20, Flaxton's Active Range Studio is keen to highlight the success stories of local women who are bucking the trend.

"Too many women believe there's no turning back from weak bones. But at our studio, we're demonstrating the opposite," says Active Range Founder Stephanie Allen, an accredited Exercise Physiologist. "Ladies in their 40s, 50s, and 60s are not only halting bone density loss but are also increasing it, thanks to our bone-boosting exercises and nutritional guidance."

Stephanie is driven by the alarming statistic that 1 in 2 women face the risk of developing Osteoporosis, especially post 50.

At Active Range Studio, even ladies diagnosed with Osteoporosis are encouraged to continue exercising, particularly with weights.

"We hope to inspire women to start nurturing their bones to prevent this silent disease," said Stephanie. "Some of our ladies are living with Osteoporosis but are still lifting weights, this is important to know because so many women live in fear and stop exercising."

► Contact Active Range Studio via www.activerange.au.



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ribs, crispy chicken wings, homemade onion rings or their new cheesy toast.

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Helping Hands: Secrets on the Lake joins forces with The Shack for a worthy cause

GEORGE and Aldy Johnston of Secrets on the Lake in Montville are joining forces with The Shack in Nambour over the coming month to raise money for the homeless in our community.

"Since we opened our restaurant, George and I have turned our thoughts to helping out others in the community," said Aldy.

"For the next few weeks our focus will be on raising funds for the homeless, in collaboration with The Shack Community Centre at Nambour."

Run by Dale and Donna Dowler, The Shack provides support for the homeless around Nambour and the Sunshine Coast, from basic food, meals and facilities, to emotional support.

"We are very aware that there are many more in this situation including families with young children," Aldy said.

"It is very apparent that support from Government is extremely slow and ineffective, so the community itself needs to help in any way they can. We are appealing to you to purchase tickets, or help sell tickets in our Helping Hands raffle.

"Tickets are available now at Secrets on the Lake, The Shack, Soothe Hairdressing in Montville, and Mapleton Pharmacy."

The raffle will be drawn on November 9 at an Early Bird Morning Tea valued at \$35.

Prizes include a one and two-nights stay in a luxury Secrets Treehouse, two \$100 vouchers for Dining on the Deck, and jewellery.

Lucky door prizes include a night's accom-



George and Aldy Johnston have launched a raffle to help homeless people. Prizes include one and two nights stays at Secrets.

modation, a cafe voucher, bottles of wine and other goodies. Tickets are \$5 each.

"There may even be those who would like to donate directly, and this would be wonderful and very welcome," Aldy said.

"With homelessness on the rise in our area, it is a practical way we can all show our support to those in need."



Tracey Hill's hobby has grown so much she is looking for more places to donate flowers.

Floral hobby blossoms into a giving initiative

FOUR sunflowers became dozens of zinnias which have become more flowers than Tracey Hill has room for in her garden and in her house.

The Palmwoods gardener has begun giving away her excess flowers to the Cittamani hospice service but is looking for other organisations that might appreciate some free floral cheer.

Tracey's love of flowers is something that has grown over the past three or four years.

"It was a happy accident, that's become another accident and another accident," she said.

Tracey planted about 20 sunflowers in a row about three years ago.

"The rats got to them and chewed them up to get to the seed and only four survived. They took ages to flower but when they flowered, the flowers were as big as hub caps," she said.

The sunflowers' tenacity and the magnificent show enthused Tracey enough that she put in some zinnias last year.

Tracey had more flowers than she knew what to do with so she started selling them for

50 cents a stem to pay for more fertiliser.

This year, she has planted about 30 sorts of flowers, including carnations, strawflowers, stock, delphinium, foxgloves, calendula and sweet peas.

"Last year, I realised I could grow flowers. I love them. I love it. I did more this year and it ended up being wildly successful and I have far too many," she said.

Tracey picks flowers every day to encourage more flowers and stem growth suitable for cut blooms, something she learned in a workshop with Gail Farlow, of Farlow's Floriculture.

She works with her husband, Matt, in Hill Built Joinery, and they have two boys, aged 12 and 14, but has discovered a hobby for the first time in her life and loves it.

"It's the very best thing. It's really exciting for me to have a hobby for the first time in 34 years and that makes me happy, and that makes everyone else happy."

► If you know an organisation that would be happy to accept some of Tracey's excess flowers, contact her at Hill Built Joinery on 0431 520 343.

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The arts and crafts activities are always popular at the River School Spring Fair.

Experience family fun at Annual River School Spring Fair

THERE'LL be fun for all ages at Maleny's annual River School Spring Fair this Saturday, 28 October from 10am to 2pm.

The popular local event offers a delightful array of family-friendly activities, live entertainment, and scrumptious food in the chilled River School surroundings.

You can make a mask or colourful necklace, paint a mural, get your face painted, play with bubbles, or expend some energy on the jumping castle.

Activity bands are just \$10, and raffle tickets are \$4 each (or 3 for \$10). EFTPOS facilities can be unreliable so it's best to bring cash.

"The Spring Fair is our biggest annual fundraiser and we really strive to provide a fun and affordable day out for the whole family," says Nyssa. Parking at the school is limited, so grab a shuttle bus from the Maleny Showgrounds or the Palm Street Depot, running from 9.45am for a gold coin donation.

What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

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

OCTOBER

October 13-15: Buderim Garden Festival: Enjoy a weekend of gardening delights at Buderim War Memorial Hall. Twilight plant market, flower show, open gardens, sculpture exhibition, and more. Visit www.buderimgardenclub.com for details.

October 14: Nambour Lapidary Club's Gemfest at Nambour Showgrounds, 8am - 4pm. Gemstones, crystals, fossils, jewellery, and more. Admission \$5, kids under 12 free.

October 14: Nambour Museum Open Day commemorating 20 years since Sugar Mill closure and 30 years of museum association. 10am-3pm, 18 Mitchell Street, Nambour. Performances, new display, special oration. Contact Clive Plater at 0408 713 093.

Oct 15: Plant-Based Cooking Demonstration: Explore delicious plant-based cuisine with Margaret Owens. Three international courses highlighting taste and health benefits. Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, 1-4pm. Book 0410 069 200.

Oct 15: 'Come & Try Day' with Oktoberfest Theme at Club Yandina. Join a fun day of lawn bowls starting at noon. German hotdogs, pretzels, and beers available for sale. Social barefoot bowls from 1pm. No cost to bowlers. contact the Club at 5446 7126.

Oct 15: Join QCWA Maleny and Maple Street Co-op on International Rural Women's Day. Embrace nutritious, local, sustainable food. Maple Street Co-op, 9am onwards. Contact malenybranch@qcwa.org.au for details.

October 15: Cooloolabin Hall Country Market. Travel back in time at Cooloolabin Hall. 9am-3pm. Fresh produce, crafts, live music, vintage cars. Contact Dee at 0459 207 453 for busker inquiries.

Until October 28: Australian art, craft, and pottery at the Gingertown Creative Hub, Ginger Factory. Wed-Sat, 10am-2pm. Enjoy tea, coffee, and scones in the Piazza.

October 18: Si Turner's "The Connection Game" thriller unveiling at Little Book Nook, Palmwoods, 5.30pm-7pm. Tickets \$15, call 0431 750 033 or visit Eventbrite.

October 18: Montville Village Association's Monthly General Meeting, 5pm for 5.30pm start - AGM and General Meeting - Cr Winston Johnston is chairing the AGM.

October 21 & 22, 28 & 29: "The Shakespeare Project" at the Maleny Playhouse. Uncover Shakespeare's mysteries. Tickets at trybooking.com/CLJPU or malenyplayers.org.

October 21: Festival of Small Halls Spring Tour, 7pm Mapleton Hall. Monique Clare and Canadian Shane Pendergast with support musicians "Shaky Razor". Foods & bar available. Tickets via www.festivalofsmallhalls.com.

October 21: Festuri Multicultural Festival from 10am to 8pm at Beerwah Sportsground, 32 Sportsground Drive. Free family-friendly festival featuring live multicultural music and dance, international food, and cultural workshops. Register at www.festuri.org.au.

October 22: Mapleton State School Silent Auction for Chaplaincy 2-4pm at the school hall. Early Christmas shopping, live music, afternoon tea. Proceeds support Chaplaincy Service.

October 27: Join the Walk for Daniel at Suncoast Christian College in Woombye, honouring Daniel Morcombe and promoting child safety. Starts at 6am. Free shuttle buses available. Wear red attire. Refreshments provided.

Oct 28: Writing Family Stories with Genealogy Sunshine Coast. Join Lee Goleby for tips on researching and writing up your personal diary or journal. For more info or to attend, contact 5329 2315 or genealogysc@gmail.com. Location: Petrie Park Road, Nambour.

October 28 & 29: Mapleton Choir 40th Anniversary Concerts, both at 2.30pm at Kureelpa Hall. Book with choir members or Ailsa on 5478 6079 or \$20 seats available at the door.

October 29: Shakuha master Riley Lee returns for a concert at St Georges Anglican Church, Walker Drive. 2pm. Tickets at www.trybooking.com or call Susan on 54943062. Cost: \$25, includes refreshments.

October 31-November 8: Michele Retschlag's 'Miles of Moments' watercolor exhibition. 25% of proceeds to Maleny Neighbourhood Centre. Studio open 10am-4pm, 3 Obi Lane North Maleny.

Local Australian art, craft and pottery (and scones)

HERE'S your chance to meet and talk to Australian original artists, crafters and potters offering their traditional crochet, needlework, knitted gifts, art and pottery. Visit the Ginger Factory's, Gingertown Creative Hub. It's also an opportunity to purchase that unique Christmas gift for that special someone. The Hub is open only for a limited period between Wednesday's & Saturday's 10am and 2pm until Saturday 28th October. It's also a chance to relax in the Piazza with tea, coffee and the famous Ginger Factory Scones.

Come & Try portraiture

YOU can try your hand at portraiture when the Buderim Craft Cottage holds its 'Full of Life' Life drawing and Portraiture exhibition on the first weekend in November (November 3 - 5).

Visitors will be invited to draw their own portraits of a live model on the Saturday and Sunday morning of the exhibition (November 4 and 5). No experience is necessary. Materials will be supplied and members of the Life Drawing and Portraiture group will be on hand to help all budding artists.

The exhibition will feature portraits and life drawings by local artists, including award-winning pastellists, Christine Clark and Dee Roy. Artworks will be available for sale.

Buderim Craft Cottage is a not-for-profit community association dedicated to the study and promotion of art and crafts. For more information on the exhibition, please contact curator, Kay Weber, on 0409 488 975.

Local author unveils thriller

MARK your calendars for October 18 as acclaimed local author Si Turner presents his latest work, "The Connection Game," from 5.30pm to 7pm at the Little Book Nook, Palmwoods. The psychological thriller delves into the human condition and recently won the 2023 Chrysalis Brew Project New Book Award. Fans of Turner's previous hit, "Secrets of a River Swimmer," will find his new offering to be profound, humorous, and Hitchcockian. Tickets are \$15, including a complimentary drink and nibbles. Phone 0431 750 033 or through Eventbrite.

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Reviving old time music hall

Music Hall Daze Produced by Anne Grant

NAMBOUR Lind Lane theatre is presenting something a little different to follow up their hugely popular retelling of Twelfth Night. Gather your friends together for this great way to round off 2023.

Buderim based 3bCreative and The Lind are coming together to revive the wonderful old theatre tradition of the Music Hall in November.

The Music Hall was a form of popular entertainment from the early 19th century up until the 1920s. A Music Hall programme involved a mixture of popular songs, comedy, speciality acts, and variety entertainment, and this production aims to do just that.

With local theatre whiz Anne Grant at the helm, audiences can be assured of dazzling costumes, a characterful set, and a lively show. Popular Sunny Coast personality Errol Morrison will act as Master of Ceremonies. Lind audiences will be familiar with Errol's wonderful voice, via the "Welcome to the Lind..." announcement before each production.

It's even rumoured that this will be a Command Performance attended by Her Majesty Queen Victoria herself. She will be amused, and so will you!

Music Hall Daze is suitable for all ages. Regulars know that the Lind provides a good social occasion for all, with the bar open before the show and at interval offering a great choice of cold and hot beverage options, and tasty snacks. The Lind is airconditioned and wheelchair accessible.

► Music Hall Daze runs for four performances only from 3 to 5 November. Book via Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1099198. For more information, check www.lindlane.com.au or phone 1300 732 764.



Your host Errol Morrison knows a good time when he sees it. Photo: Chris Grealy

Return Maleny concert for Shakuhachi master

RILEY Lee's reputation has gone from strength to strength since he took part in the first Maleny Folk Festival, the origin of the internationally regarded Woodford Folk Festival where he played the Shakuhachi many times.



Later, he became the first non-Japanese master of the Shakuhachi flute in the world, and he returns to Maleny direct from the Sydney Opera House, where he will be playing in a concert with Taikoz, an international ensemble including Japanese drums he helped establish in 1997.

Riley Lee is returning to present a concert at St Georges Anglican Church Walker Drive, on October 29 at 2pm, the third in this year's regular concert series. Tickets may be obtained at www.trybooking.com, by phoning Susan on 5494 3062 or may be purchased at the door where there is eftpos available. Cost is \$25 & includes light refreshments after the concert.

The Shakuhachi is a Japanese bamboo woodwind derived from the Chinese thirteen centuries ago, and only a 'master' can play it with real authority. His international concerts include with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Berlind Theatre Princeton, as well as in Australia with the Melbourne and Sydney Symphony Orchestras.

Riley Lee has a PhD in ethnomusicology from Sydney University and has taught courses at Princeton University. Born in the USA and spending teenage years in Hawaii, Riley now lives with his wife, Patricia, in Sydney.

Concert committee Chair Michele Rechtslag is delighted he can spare the time to return to St Georges for this concert.

"Riley has a very busy international schedule, and it says a great deal that he enjoyed playing to our niche audience so much last year that he can spare the time to present a special concert Musical Musings for us.

"The program will include traditional 16th century Japanese melodies, contemporary international pieces as well as his own interpretations of the music of Hildegard von Bingen the 12th century Benedictine abbess whose beautiful plainsong melodies are very popular today," said Michele.

Art for a cause:

Exhibition to benefit Neighbourhood Centre

RENOWNED artist Michele Retschlag will showcase her luminous watercolors in an upcoming exhibition, 'Miles of Moments,' with 25 percent of proceeds benefiting the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre.

The exhibition will take place at her home studio in North Maleny in early November.

The watercolours draw on Michele's travels throughout Australia and abroad.

Whether capturing the ripples on a Venetian canal or the sinuous lines of the Australian landscape, Michele's virtuosity will take your breath away.

When introduced to watercolour in her late 20s, she felt she had finally come home.

The versatility of the medium intrigued her.

"If you spread a thick layer of opaque paint across a wet surface, the colour just explodes!" she explains.

"You can't fully control it, so you experience these serendipitous moments that just blow you away."

Michele's career as a prize-winning artist and art teacher spans four decades. She finds as much joy in teaching others as she does in painting itself.

"I love seeing the light go on in the students' minds, as they realise what watercolour can do. And I love seeing them do it."

Motivated by her concern for the homeless and underprivileged, Michele has generously decided to donate a quarter of the proceeds to the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre.

"I often take surplus fruit down to the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre.

"One day I was chatting with the front desk volunteers. I was so impressed by their enthusiasm, I decided to go local and make the MNC the beneficiary."

► 'Miles of Moments' is showing at 3 Obi Lane North Maleny from Monday 31 October to Wednesday 8 November. Michele's studio will be open from 10am to 4pm daily.



Michele Retschlag is holding an exhibition at her home studio in North Maleny.



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Woody weeds replacement along the creek

Petrie Creek BushCare News
with Norm Morwood

LAST month we had the major clearing of woody weeds (read huge trees) beside Petrie Creek at our BushCare site at Gulung Gung (near Quota Park), and this month will be big with the initial planting out of the cleared space with 400 appropriate local native plants.

Two sessions, the regular one shown below and an extra one for the planting on Sat 28 Oct with the Helping Hands Team of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints. If you'd like to help in creating and improving native animal habitat, the next opportunities to join us are as follows.

- Namba Creek on Saturday 21 October 2023 starting at 7am. (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour)

- Gulung Gung on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 starting at 7am. (Parking is available in the NE part of Aldi Carpark in Howard St Nambour and then walk down to the creek by following the rough track that skirts the north of the carpark. Alternatively walk across the new park from Quota Park off Matthew St)

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then at around 9am we'll finish with a well-deserved cuppa.

► For more info and to check starting time etc of events that may change with the weather, see the FB Page facebook.com/PetrieCreek-CatchmentCareGroupInc/ and for additional info www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com.

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Your local guide to self-sufficiency

Welcome to 'Hinterland Homesteading' column

Hinterland Homesteading
with Racheal Pascoe

WELCOME to our very first Hinterland Homesteading column! Homesteading itself isn't a new idea, but there is a groundswell of interest in people wanting to learn more about growing their own foods and living a healthier life. As the cost of living increases, we can all be doing a little bit more to help manage our household resources better and minimise our impact on the environment.

Join me as we cover many different topics – from making sauerkraut and keeping chickens, to growing veggies and sharing recipes. The more we can grow and do for ourselves, the less transport kilometres we are contributing, and you know harmful sprays haven't been used on your food. It is very rewarding to eat your own fresh food and even more fun to swap surplus with friends and family.

This week we are talking about Rosellas. The strangely shaped bright red fruit is made into a deliciously tangy jam. As a bonus, rosella jam always fetches a healthy price.

Grow your own rosellas and create delicious jam

Let's make rosella jam together!

Firstly, we need to grow the fruit. This is the perfect time of year to get your rosella seedlings in the ground, so let's get planting.

Rosellas are easy to grow and they are a hardy plant. Pests don't usually seem to bother with them and they aren't too fussy about the



Hinterland Homesteading will cover various topics drawing on Racheal's personal experiences.



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soil either. They do like to be well watered and mulched though. Rosellas are a cousin of the hibiscus. They will need a sunny spot and the bush itself gets quite large and round, so it will need space to grow. Each bush will yield many kilos of fruit. Many of the nurseries will sell rosella seedlings now. After your rosella seedlings are in the ground, start collecting jars for your jam. You will also need sugar, so



Racheal Pascoe with some home made rosella jam.

when you are at the shops, occasionally buy a 2kg sugar. This way you will have all you need in a few months when we start picking fruit and making the jam. Look after your seedlings, keep them damp and watch them grow. After Christmas they will start to get tiny fruit on them and I will share with you my jam recipe so you can enjoy your own yummy jam.

If planting rosellas this week is your first gardening experience or maybe you have been growing them for years already, I am sure we can all learn from each other. The beauty about life is to share what you know, pass on tips and tricks, how to save etc. That way we all get the best outcome.



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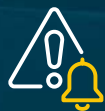
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Know your risk



STEP TWO

Have an emergency plan



STEP THREE

Pack your emergency and evacuation kits

Introducing 'This Old House':

New series traces Blackall Range's architectural legacy

EVERY house tells a story, and Montville's architectural gems have a rich tapestry of tales to share. Stepping into the world of "This Old House", readers are invited on a journey through time, exploring Montville's historical homes.

From the 1880s on Montville's first white settlers were selectors and the very first buildings were crude bark huts reflecting the extreme hardship in building a farming community from virgin scrub.

However, as the area prospered, the settlers built to reflect this prosperity and substantial family homes dating from 1896 through to the early 1920s were established.

In contrast, later homes were modest in the war years and the depression years between the wars.

Many of these old houses

still exist and are homes well lived-in. Some offer insight into life during the first 50 years of settlement. Some capture the farming community of the second 50 years. Others reflect the commercial adaptability of homes to accommodate tourism and an aging demographic.

In some cases, old houses have been extended, remodelled, renovated or even demolished and replaced. Their histories are unique and intriguing and in every case, each old house deserves to be remembered.

In this series, Gazette readers are receiving a 'first-in' read about some of the houses that will be featured in Book 10 of the Montville Book Series by Montville History Group. To pre-order "Montville Buildings" contact Cate Patterson cate.patterson@jayb.com.au.

Chermside House: A stunning landmark of Flaxton's rich past

by G Plowman **Montville Historical Group**

THIS old house stands majestically at 11 Flaxton Mill Road on the corner of what used to be Mill Road and Flaxton Drive.

It has been there for over one hundred years and along with the bamboo clump opposite, has acted as the landmark to guide many unfamiliar travellers to their destinations.

It is the place where Flaxton residents once met to thrash out the important decisions which would ultimately affect their futures.

During the early 1900s, 'Dixon's Place' was the hub of the community and much of Flaxton's history is inexorably tied to this architecturally attractive edifice and its pleasant garden surrounds.

Pioneer settler of Buderim, Joseph Chapman Dixon, selected 784 acres (317ha.) of land at Flaxton in 1881 and began by harvesting the cedar and beech trees and clearing the virgin forests.

He planted citrus and bananas and built up a herd of dairy cows. Isolated and with no mod-cons, the family did not take up residence there until 1905.

In 1908, they moved from their original pit-sawn house to the comfort of their newly constructed house which they named Chermside.

Building a house in this remote place serviced by nothing more than bush

tracks was in no way an easy task.

Fortunately, pit sawyers were working in the vicinity and were able to supply some of the sawn timber including the beech-wood flooring. According to Pugh's Almanac, C.J. Wyer was already operating a sawmill at Flaxton in 1900, and so the builders had another local source of supply.

Built for coolness

Like most Queensland colonial style houses, Chermside was built for coolness which meant high ceilings and spacious verandahs.

The wide front verandah affords views across to the coastal towns of Caloundra and Mooloolaba.

Before the Flaxton Provisional State School opened in 1922, Dixon's verandahs often became the venue for dances and social evenings.

The house was frequently made available to host meetings and special events and ladies of the CWA met there on numerous occasions.

Chermside was surrounded by superb gardens of trees shrubs and flowers, the handiwork of Alice Dixon.

When Alice died in 1927, the Nambour Chronicle paid tribute to her work in creating this beautiful oasis.

The article also mentioned the Dixon's hospitality in providing for many distinguished visitors which included State Governors, past and present.

When J.C. Dixon Snr. died in 1929, his son Joseph Jnr. took



ABOVE: Historic Chermside, set amongst gardens and trees (2021). BELOW: A welcoming light and airy interior with wide planked floors, high ceilings, wide hallway, classical moulded doors, transom windows, Victorian timber architraves, archways for architectural detail (2021).



New owners Matthew and Sarah Clarke at what was Tanderra House but which they renamed Chermside, as it was originally known.



over the farm and he and his family moved into Chermside.

They maintained the house, gardens and out-buildings for many years.

After the Dixon era, the house was converted into a bed and breakfast and renamed Tanderra, purportedly an aboriginal word meaning restful.

Some additions and modifications were carried out, but the house still retains most of its original colonial appearance and charm.

Beautiful gardens

The gardens, once overgrown are now restored and the camphor laurels, palms, bunyas and frangipani remain as reminders of times long past.

In more recent times Tanderra was purchased by Joseph and Alice Dixon's great, great grandson and his wife.

As a tribute to the Dixon families, they changed the name of this historic home back to Chermside and are proud to be part of its story.

Players present *The Shakespeare Project*

2023 is the 400-year anniversary of the printing of the First Folio of Shakespeare's Plays – Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies. *The Shakespeare Project* has been written to celebrate this significant work. Written and directed by Andrew Robjohns, *The Shakespeare Project* follows the struggle of a young woman completing her master's thesis on the production of the First Folio.

We also witness insights that she is given into revelatory scenes that show not only who wanted the plays produced, but also who did not.

There are many questions about the works

of William Shakespeare which have puzzled scholars through the ages. Come along to the Playhouse, Maleny Showgrounds, and decide for yourself what the answers might be.

▶ Performances will be at the Maleny Playhouse on Saturday October 21 at 7pm; Sunday 22nd at 2pm and the following weekend: Saturday 28th at 7pm and Sunday the 29th at 2pm. Tickets \$30 or \$25 for group bookings of ten or more, available trybooking.com/CLJPU or malenyplayers.org and cash sales at Maleny Art Direct, Maple Street Maleny.



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Help support local First Nations businesses

Sunshine Coast's First Nations Supplier Day is back for its third year. Help celebrate Indigenous Business Month at The Met in Maroochydore on 27 October. There will be entertainment, food and drinks, as well as heaps of products and services for purchase. Visit Council's website for more details.

Community grants: apply now

Does your community organisation need funding to help make something great happen? Minor Grants of up to \$2000 are available for community groups to deliver projects, events and activities that provide community benefit. Visit Council's website to apply online.

One for the calendar: Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers – 26 October at 9am.

The ultimate free dog day out for pooches and their paw-rents!

DogFest is being held at Nambour Showgrounds on 21 October. It is set to be a canine wonderland; complete with food trucks, dog-friendly stalls, live entertainment, training demonstrations and workshops. Book your free ticket at eventbrite.com.au.

Find out what happens to your recycling

Come along for an interactive workshop and guided tour of a Resource Recovery Centre. Learn recycling tips and discover how landfills are transforming. Travel by bus for a behind-the-scenes look at the day-to-day operations as part of National Recycling Week. Book a tour now on Sunshine Coast Libraries website from Caloundra or Nambour on 9 or 10 November.

Join in BiosPHERO Day Celebrations

Everyone's invited to celebrate people and nature in our Sunshine Coast Biosphere on Sunday 5 November at The MET Maroochydore in a free event from 10am-3pm. Check out live performances, food trucks, Repair Café, crafty activities and much more. Visit events.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to find out more and register for a workshop.

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Live Local Real Estate

What features are high on buyers' priority list? What are people looking for in a home?

Real Estate Column
with RE/MAX Principal
Tristan Brown



IT'S important to note that buyers' preferences for features in a house can vary widely depending on their individual needs, tastes, and priorities.

However, some features are generally considered desirable by many homebuyers. Here are some of the best features that buyers commonly look for in a house:

• **Location:** A desirable neighbourhood with good schools, proximity to amenities and minimal traffic (e.g. cul de sac position) is often a top priority for buyers.

• **Second bathroom:** Over the years this has become almost a non-negotiable for many buyers. One bathroom, whether the home contains 3 or 4 bedrooms will severely hamper the price and buyer interest.

• **Size and layout:** A well-designed layout that maximizes space and flow is important. A second living area is now high on the list as many buyers wish to have several areas to retreat for entertainment or relaxation. Ample storage is also desirable.

• **Landscaping / street appeal:** The exterior appearance of the home, including landscaping can make a significant impression on buyers. First impressions count and really set the tone for the inspection.

• **Upgraded kitchen and bathrooms:** Updated kitchens and bathrooms with modern appliances, fixtures, and finishes are often highly desired. The cost to renovate these spaces has increased significantly over the past three years

and buyers now greatly appreciate not having to outlay that expense or suffer the delays currently experienced in the building industry.

• **Natural light:** Homes with abundant natural light are attractive to many buyers. Large windows and well-placed skylights can enhance this feature.

• **Side access / shed:** While pools remain popular, the Aussie shed now far outstrips demand for buyers. Sheds are like gold! We're not talking about a garden shed but a proper double bay shed. The side access to get vehicles, such as trailers, caravans etc into the backyard really help seal the deal.

• **Home office space:** With the rise of remote work, a dedicated home office or a flexible space that can be used as an office is increasingly important to many buyers.

• **Air conditioning:** It seems like a simple one, but you'd be surprised how many homes still lack sufficient air conditioning. Most buyers expect each bedroom & living space to now have its own split system or for their to be zoned ducted air conditioning in place.

Remember that individual preferences can vary, so what one buyer values highly may not be as important to another.

If your home doesn't have some of the above features that is ok.

Focus on the features you do have and highlight these.

Where you can add certain features without a large outlay then speak with your agent to discuss whether you should possibly add this to your home.

As a seller, remember to always take a step back, try to remain objective and put yourself in the buyer's shoes.

This will help you decide on what to focus on when listing your home for sale.



This home is in a highly sought-after area, just minutes' to the Nambour Heights shops.

Stylish family oasis, Nambour

AGENT'S CHOICE: 4 Barwood Court, Nambour.
Offers over \$899,000.

THIS immaculate family home is nestled on an 809m² parcel of land on the Nambour Heights side of Burnside.

With four generous bedrooms, a media room and two modern bathrooms (including a luxurious master ensuite with double showers), the home offers family comfort.

Recent renovations have introduced a contemporary kitchen, a new ensuite, updated bathrooms, polished timber floors and pristine floor tiles to name a few.

The upgraded, covered rear patio offers a

captivating space for entertaining, complete with a fire pit and a wood-fired barbecue. At the highest point of the property, a gazebo overlooks the valley, offering an idyllic retreat.

This property is situated in a quiet no-through street and has been upgraded with five new air-conditioning units installed throughout.

There is a 4.2-kilowatt solar panel system and a fully fenced backyard, perfect for pets and children. There is also a secure double lock-up garage.

► To arrange an inspection contact selling agent Garren Reisinger on 0476 950 007.

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Built in 1996, the home has been meticulously maintained by current owners and presentation is ultra neat and tidy.

Views, versatility, value in Coes Creek

AGENT'S CHOICE: 31A Mundoo Street, Coes Creek. Offers above \$980,000 considered.

THIS solid brick home on a fenced 4767m² block offers privacy, dual living potential and northerly views to Mount Ninderry.

Tucked away at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, the home has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, sunroom, three separate living areas, kitchen plus kitchenette, full length north facing upper balcony, separate laundry, and double lock up garage.

Built in 1996, features include double brick construction on the lower level, stunning yellow box timber flooring in the sunroom and lounge, gas cooktop, security screens, split system air-conditioning, tinted windows, separate bath and shower in the family bathroom, solar hot water, and solar power.

The property includes a powered double bay shed with extra height on one side, a garden shed, greenhouse, septic system, electric gate, full

boundary fencing, and two rainwater tanks. The home can run independently of town services, so you can embrace the benefits of eco-friendly, off-grid acreage living. There's even an established vegetable garden providing fresh produce.

With over an acre of land and a huge backyard, there is so much room to utilise – put in a pool or tennis court and there'd still be space left over. You may even be able to build a second dwelling onsite (subject to Council approval).

This is an investment not just in lifestyle, but also a significant parcel of land in a popular family-friendly locale just six minutes to town, close to local schools, and within walking distance to Burnside Shopping Village.

Buyers seeking privacy, versatility, and a rock solid, quality-built family home with room for everyone and everything – should put this top of the list.

► Contact selling agents Richard Krausz on 0422 997 810 or Stephanie Black on 0401 977 230 to inspect.

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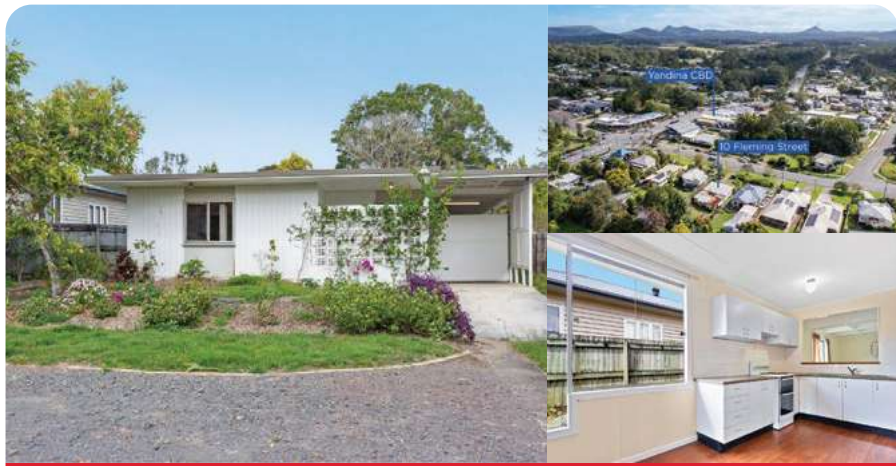


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75/23 Macadamia Drive **MALENY**



Situated in Maleny Living Gems, an over 50's Lifestyle Resort, this much-loved spacious home is ready for its new owners to move in and appreciate the easy living Maleny has to offer.

- Master bedroom with generous walk-in robe and en suite and access to the front porch
- Open plan kitchen, dining and living with a neutral palette throughout
- Reverse cycle air conditioning in the living area and gas fireplace
- Front verandah
- Low maintenance gardens

Conveniently designed for single level living, this delightful home offers a spacious open plan living, dining and kitchen area with convenient access to the front porch so you can enjoy the sun throughout the day.

FOR SALE
\$585,000

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1055 Landsborough Maleny Road **MALENY**



Only a 5-minute drive to the charming township of Maleny sits this lowset 3-bedroom, 1 bathroom brick home. Cleverly planted mature trees at the front of the property create a privacy screen whilst still allowing for plenty of natural light throughout the day.

- Stylish kitchen with ample bench space
- Near level 2138m² land parcel
- 2 x 5000 Gallon tanks for plenty of water storage
- North facing home
- Spacious covered patio

Don't miss your chance to inspect this entry level offering before it's gone!

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51 Engle Road **REESVILLE**



Offering 13 acres of useable land, this Reesville property offers a rare opportunity to secure your ultimate weekender or forever home. With views over the property and gorgeous valley views, now is the time to create your new lifestyle on the Hinterland.

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- Just 10 minutes to Maleny
- Views from every room

Recently renovated throughout, classic features like the hardwood floors and beams in the vaulted ceilings have been retained and shine against a neutral background.

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138 Geraghty Lane **WOOTHA**



Set down a quiet country lane on top of the ridge, you'll find this beautifully presented luxury home, perfectly positioned to take in the 100-acre allotment and panoramic valley views to the North.

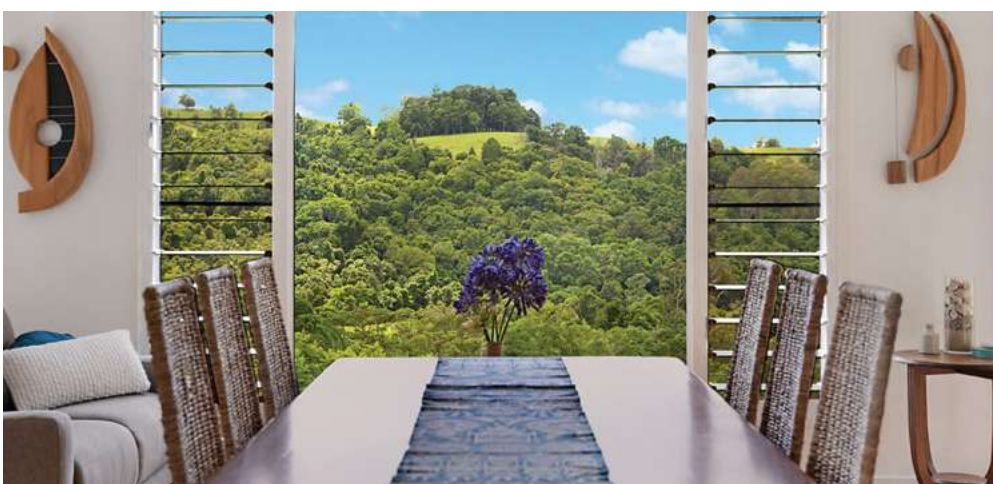
- 100 acres of mixed grazing and bushland
- Spacious colonial style home with superb views
- Country style kitchen, timber floors and extra high ceilings
- Inground pool directly off the entertaining area
- Magnificent valley views protected forever!

This property is truly unique, private and peaceful, and ideally suits an escape to the country with all the luxury comforts!

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756 Bald Knob Road **BALD KNOB**



Designed to sit perfectly within its landscape with a truly amazing outlook, this is one unique offering.

- Cleverly designed home; picture windows take in the amazing views
- Sleek, modern styling throughout, bamboo flooring and quality carpets
- Outdoor entertaining area to the North and East perfect for large gatherings
- Stunning rocky creek running through the property, two spring fed dams
- The 13.5 acres (5.5ha) would suit cattle or horses

Whether you're looking for the forever home with room for animals, or the lock up and leave weekend retreat, you'll be supremely impressed with what's on offer.

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1/20 Avocado Lane **MALENY**



Nestled in highly sought-after Avocado Lane, this perfect family home offers privacy and amazing space; it boasts a very attractive open plan layout, great connection to the outside and beautiful park-like grounds.

- Quiet, private, fully fenced 4622m² block
- Kitchen boasts new Smeg appliances- including an induction cooktop
- Separate, fully lined workshop
- Covered entertaining area
- Beautiful birdlife; Black Cockatoos, Kookaburras, Galahs, King Parrots & Rosellas

This much loved and well-maintained home offers everything your move to the Hinterland could need.

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\$1,475,000

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Well appointed, easy-living, Maleny gem

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Conveniently designed for single level living, this delightful home offers a spacious open plan living, dining and kitchen area, and with access off the open plan space to the front porch you can enjoy the sun throughout the day.

With three generously sized bedrooms, the master is complete with a walk-in robe and en suite. The additional bedrooms create the perfect arts and crafts or home office space, along with plenty of room for visitors.

The master bedroom has a generous walk-in robe and en suite and access to the front porch and the two additional guest bedrooms have built-in robes.

The main bathroom is conveniently located off the living area and the open plan kitchen, dining and living areas have a neutral palette.

The home features reverse cycle air conditioning in the living area and a gas fireplace for the cooler months.

The laundry offers external access to the private courtyard and the verandah across the front of the home overlooks a neat, low maintenance garden which has space to create raised beds.

A single lock-up garage is remote control operated and gives access to the front porch and rear of the property.

This neat and comfortable home is located within walking distance to the centre of Maleny.

This home is located in Maleny Living Gems which is a lifestyle resort community, boasting all the facilities you would expect, including a heated swimming pool, spa, country club with barbecue pavilion, bowling green, cinema, gymnasium, workshop, grand ballroom with theatre stage, library, an art and crafts room and workshop onsite. The resort is also pet friendly.

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Tristan Brown and Karl Rademeyer. Mr Brown has just acquired Karl and Lindi Rademeyer's Caloundra real estate office.

Nambour real estate agent expands reach to Caloundra

NAMBOUR real estate agent Tristan Brown has expanded his footprint by acquiring a Caloundra office, RE/MAX First.

Effective from October 1, the merger combines the strengths of Mr Brown's Nambour-based RE/MAX Property Sales with the successful operation run by Karl and Lindi Rademeyer.

Mr Brown, who took over the Nambour office in February 2021, is renowned for his progressive leadership and rapid team growth.

Already established as a top performing husband and wife team, the Rademeyers opened RE/MAX First in August 2015 after many successful years in real estate sales.

Their office quickly became a leading office in the RE/MAX Australia network and in 2020 the broker owners received the prestigious Eagle Award, RE/MAX Australia's ultimate honour.

As Team Rademeyer, the couple established themselves as one of the network's highest achieving sales units, and they will remain in the Caloundra office in this capacity.

Mr Brown is recognised as one of the Sunshine Coast's leading agents.

"We approached Tristan because of what we'd seen him accomplish in his business in just 24 months, including growing the team from eight to 23," said Mr Rademeyer.

"We saw his energy and passion, his business acumen and leadership, and believed Tristan's were the best hands in which to place our successful and established business. That we are working with him is testament to the confidence we have in him taking the business forward and we are very excited to be on his team, along with the rest of the RE/MAX First team."

Focus on growth

Mr Brown says his focus has always been on a business growth strategy.

"I have been actively planning expansion from day one of taking over RE/MAX Property Sales," he said. "In truth, it has come earlier than expected, but what an amazing opportunity to service the Sunshine Coast from two highly respected and successful offices and such stronghold locations - Nambour and Caloundra."

"With two offices comes an even greater team of experienced and skilled agents, greater resources and greater buying power with suppliers and so on, which will benefit our clients."

Tristan says he will focus on growth in Caloundra, where he intends to recruit more top agents and expand the service offering.

Top 5 ambitions

"Together, the two offices represent the highest number of sales in the past rolling 12-month period, with less agents (23 + 6) than our competitors.

"RE/MAX Property Sales will clearly be in the top five operators on the Sunshine Coast," he said.

Lindi Rademeyer said opening a real estate office had been a five-year plan when they first came to the Sunshine Coast.

"We got there two and a half years sooner because the opportunity arose. Being with RE/MAX as conjunctional agents, we were able to make the commitment to being a business unit, a business within a business already.

"We wanted to remain RE/MAX because of the culture and what the brand stands for, and we've improved our business exponentially by sharing ideas with other high performers within RE/MAX.

"I said back then that we believed we were in charge of our own destiny, that RE/MAX would be our support, but we steer the vehicle. We'll continue to be both a 'life' team and a sales team.

"We motivate each other and have 100 per cent passion and investment in what we are doing, and we've handed the steering wheel to Tristan."

► RE/MAX Property Sales-Caloundra is at Suite 4/51-55, Bulcock Street, Caloundra. The Nambour office is at 50 Lowe Street, Nambour.

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Spring into health with these activities

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A range of low-cost holistic activities are in full swing this spring thanks to Council's popular health and wellbeing program. Three Healthy Sunshine Coast activities are on offer in Nambour, including:

- Aqua Aerobics on Tuesdays at 5.15pm and Thursdays at 8am with Belgravia Leisure at the Nambour Aquatic Centre.
- Kangatraining on Thursdays at 10am with Brooke Marie at Dance Art etc Studio in Nambour.
- Jazzercise on Mondays at 9.15am and Fridays at 5pm with Leanne Paix at the Jazzercise Nambour Studio in Nambour.

The program is all about creating a happier, healthier, more connected and resilient Sunshine Coast community.

Visit Council's website and search 'Healthy Sunshine Coast' to register and find out more today - registration is free.

All activities cost \$10 or \$5 with a Health Care/Pensioners card.

First Nations Supplier Day

The Sunshine Coast First Nations Supplier Day is a platform to showcase local First Nations businesses and their ongoing contributions to the economic sustainability of the Sunshine Coast region.

The 3rd Sunshine Coast First Nations Supplier Day 2023 will be held at The Metropolitan (MET) in Maroochydore on Friday, 27 October 2023 from 5pm - 7pm.

There will be entertainment, food and drinks, as well as heaps of products and services for purchase.

Whether you're a business looking to work with First Nations people, or you're just looking for yourself come along and connect.

Mark this date in your calendar! For more information, please visit Council's website.

Contact me

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

Boyle Park historical sign completed

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I am happy to advise that the new Historical Tourist sign located at Boyle Park, Conondale has been completed. This is a great addition to the area and will be eye catching for locals and visitors stopping by to learn more about our beautiful region.

Maleny half pipe

Works have started on the Maleny Skate Park Half Pipe upgrade. The old half pipe was demolished and now a new half pipe ramp is being constructed opposite the main concrete skate park. We estimate works will take approximately 8-9 weeks to complete, weather permitting. It should be a great addition for the Christmas school holidays.

Pet rego due for the furry and famous

Annual pet registration renewals have been sent out, either by post or email, to owners of the 66,132 cats and dogs registered on the Sunshine Coast.

If you haven't received a renewal notice, your pet's details have changed or you no longer own your pet, please contact council as soon as possible to update your details and avoid receiving an infringement. Renewal of pet registration is due by September 30.

Join the Garage Sale Trail

Cash in or bag a bargain when the Garage Sale Trail, Australia's festival of pre-loved stuff, comes to the Sunshine Coast this Spring. It's a great way to de-clutter, make money and meet local people. This year sees two weekends of garage sales held simultaneously around the nation on 11-12 or 18-19 November, with more sales and more bargains than ever before.

With free registration, how-to guides, promotional resources and touch-free PayPal QR code payments, its garage sales made easy over two big weekends.

It's perfect for households, community groups, schools, charities wanting to declutter and make some money, and for everyone else to shop epic stuff at retro prices. Register today at www.garagesaletrail.com.au/SunshineCoast



WILVOS egg incubator working overtime

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

IT'S been a very hectic week in the egg incubator. WILVOS have had a number of calls about nests that have been abandoned for some reason, in one case with a dead parent found nearby.

WILVOS are the only wildlife organization on the Sunshine Coast to have offered a 24 hour Hotline for so many years. Others try, but it is not easy maintaining a roster and all the work that goes with it. But we have wonderful, willing volunteers who want to have training in Hotline duty, transport or learning how to care for our native animals.

Back to the incubator. There was an odd noise coming from somewhere when I was getting food ready for the little orphaned wallaby, possum and feathered glider. I looked in the egg incubator and there was the little lone lorikeet egg, all hatched.

I was glad that it had hatched first as the other occupants were all much larger and could have trampled the little egg. A week later this little one is tiny but thriving.

Six days later it sounded like there was an elephant in the egg incubator. This time one of the four plovers had hatched. More plovers! This was closely followed by his sibling and within 24 hours, all four eggs had hatched. I am just thankful they learn to self feed very quickly, as they do with their parents.

Now there are just 11 wood duck eggs. They will be a handful if all hatch.

Thank you as always to people who are so observant of wildlife in their backyard.

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Hatha Yoga Pilates is held at the Woombye Hall: Sat 9am & Wed 9.30am. Beginners & Seniors welcome. Cost \$10. Call Christine: 5441 6285 (Cert. in Pilates matwork; Dip. IYTA: Yoga Instructor; USC Sport & Exercise minor: Ex. Prescrip. for Health & Rehab.)

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Marquees proving popular

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Have you seen any local community or sporting groups with fresh new marquees lately? I've just started delivering another round of free personalised marquees in the community and they're all very bright and colourful. Keep an eye out for these new marquees when you're out and about:

- Erowal Maleny
- Festuri Festival
- Mooloolah Valley Community Association
- Range United Soccer Club
- Maleny State High Flexi School
- Maleny Historical and Cultural Society
- Maleny State High School Chaplaincy
- Zero Positive for Schools

I've previously given away dozens of marquees so if your group needs some shade, be sure to let my office know and I can add you to the next round of marquee orders.

Thank You Furies

How good are our amazing volunteers from the rural fire brigades across the region, including Glasshouse Mountains, Beerwah, Peachester, Eudlo, Landsborough and Maleny? In talking with them since the recent fires, there's a sense of pride and achievement at keeping our communities safe. But there's also a wariness. And concern. Each fire is taxing on their personal and team stamina and resources. I love how the community has stepped up to support them with free coffees and non-perishable items. But we need to also make sure they have enough fellow volunteers. So if you've ever considered, but never acted on, joining the rural fire brigades now might be the time. Or wait till this season is over and join and train in time for the next.

volunteer Awards

I will again be hosting my volunteer awards morning tea this year to celebrate and recognise all the wonderful volunteers and volunteer run/reliant organisations in the Glass House electorate. Keep an eye out for further details coming soon, but for now, save the date for the morning tea - Friday November 17!

Referendum voting locations

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On Saturday, October 14, citizens will cast their votes in the referendum on the Prime Minister's Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Referendums are a significant decision with the potential to create permanent changes to our Constitution. Once the Constitution has been changed, it cannot be undone. Therefore, I encourage voters to make an educated decision they believe in and vote accordingly.

Sunshine Valley Fairfax Voting Booths for October 14th are listed below:

- Bli Bli State School - 12-38 School Rd
- Bli Bli Uniting Church - 10 Lefoes Rd
- Nambour Heights Bowls Club - 54 Isabella Avenue
- Nambour State College - 1 Carroll St
- Yandina School of Arts Hall - 11 Farrell St
- Woombye State School - 95 Pine Grove Rd
- Mapleton State School - 24 Flaxton Dr
- Sunshine Coast Grammar School - 372 Mons Rd, Forest Glen

Bli Bli Bridge

The Transport and Main Roads Department has begun important renovations on Bli Bli Bridge. The works commenced October 8th and are expected to run for eight weeks. The bridge is closed to westbound traffic (heading towards Bli Bli).

This development is part of Queensland Government's road improvement project, which has invested \$3.1 billion in road and infrastructure upgrades on the Sunshine Coast. In our fast-growing community, such investments will greatly improve network capacity, safety, and active transport.

You can read more about the Queensland Government's Road Improvement project at <https://bit.ly/bliblibridge>.

Local Sporting Champions

As part of local sporting champion grants, I recently had the pleasure to approve funding for many aspiring athletes in the hinterland. From hockey to football, swimming to netball, it's inspiring to see such a diverse range of sports. Congratulations to all recipients!

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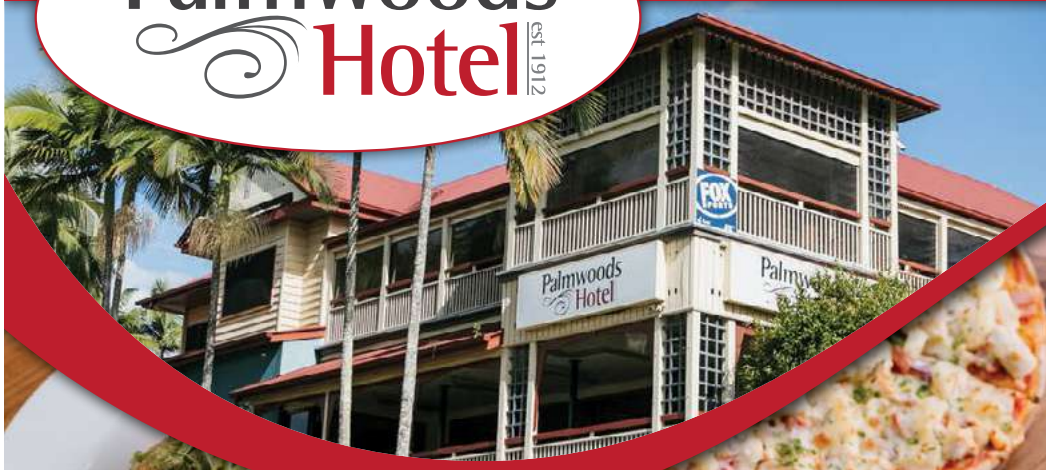
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