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Nambour's Mega Market Sunday

A combined giant market is happening in Nambour on Sunday April 21 from 9am to noon across two locations. Pictured, from left, Rhonda Billett from I Am Nambour and Aaron Borg from Bad Habit Records are joining forces for the Mega Market day. Steve Hadlow, right, will also be there with his stunning 1965 Ford Falcon.

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New era for Council

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Snakes v Reds this weekend

THIS Saturday, April 20, sees the annual local derby football match between arch rivals Woombye Snakes and Nambour Yandina United.

The Jade's Memorial Round games include Under 23s who start at 4pm with Premier Men's kicking off at 6pm at Woombye Football Fields.

Snakes President David Gaskin says it should be a fun day with a TV Dress Up theme and full bar and canteen open as usual. Woombye are first on the table with the Reds in fifth place.

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Mayor Natoli pledges open and accountable Council

by Janine Hill

THE Sunshine Coast Council's new mayor, Rosanna Natoli, has promised to put Sunshine Coast residents first and make them proud.

In a speech at the council's post-election meeting on 11 April, Ms Natoli gave a pledge to the people of the region.

"During the election campaign, I promised I would bring a fresh new style of leadership, (and) to work with my councillor colleagues, and our state and federal members, to secure the infrastructure the Sunshine Coast so desperately needs," she said.

"I developed a 10-point plan. I promised to be open and accountable, available, accessible. Most of all I promised to listen. This is an exciting time in our region's story. We're facing enormous growth, which brings challenges but also tremendous opportunities, the chance to make the Sunshine Coast a better place for us all and for future generations. These are the pledges I make to you today. I will work every day to represent our community. I will always do my best to serve you and put the people of the Sunshine Coast first."

Ms Natoli thanked the "warrior women" of her campaign committee, her supporters, volunteers, and her family for believing in her, and most of all, her husband, division four councillor Joe Natoli, for his "unwavering support".

She hoped that her late parents, Enrico and Delfina, who left Italy in search of a better life for them and their family, would be proud.

"They cut sugar cane in Bundaberg, grew tobacco and grew crops, all the while reminding their three children that here in this country anything is possible, that you can make your own opportunities, that hard work actually gets you places, that it is okay to dare



Sunshine Coast mayor Rosanna Natoli, centre, with councillors, from left, Tim Burns, Christian Dickson, Winston Johnston, Jenny Broderick, Joe Natoli, Ted Hungerford, Maria Suarez, Terry Landsberg, David Law & Taylor Bunnag.

to dream it," she said.

"Fast forward to 2024 and here I stand before you as mayor of the Sunshine Coast. I'm passionate, determined, hardworking and strong and I fight for what I believe in."

The mayor described the eight days since she and her fellow councillors had been sworn in as a "whirlwind".

"It has been briefings, meetings, late night emails, early morning interviews, and I can honestly say I have loved every minute.

"I know as they say it's early days but I've been imagining this for some time and I'm just so proud to be here today as your mayor."

Ms Natoli is the Sunshine Coast's first female mayor, although Alison Grosse was mayor of Maroochy Shire before amalgamation with Caloundra City created the Sunshine Coast Council.

The council now has an all-female team at the top. Returned Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez was elected by councillors as deputy mayor ahead of division seven representative Ted Hungerford, who has 20 years' experience as a councillor. The CEO is also a woman, Emma Thomas.

'We built the Coast':

Cr Johnston pushes for a fair go on funding for hinterland

by Janine Hill

RE-ELECTED Division 5 Councillor Winston Johnston has used his first speech in the new term of council to urge coastal residents to support the hinterland.

At the post-election meeting on 11 April, Cr Johnston pointed out that Nambour was once the hub of the Sunshine Coast.

"That was where you went to do your banking or see the solicitor or go to government departments and basically, the major shops were there, too," he said.

"In those days, the people in the hinterland supported the fishing villages along the coast which are now the major part of the city, to receive basic facilities.

"For instance, in Landsborough Shire, Maleny was actually larger than Caloundra back in the '50s and '60s. Maleny got the first water supply before Caloundra.

"Things have changed, and I'd just like the people in the coastal strip to realise that they have a duty to ensure that the hinterland is looked after. And that in the past, probably before most of them came here, the hinterland people actually looked after the coast and helped build it."

Cr Johnston said making a difference in Landsborough and Maleny during his years as a councillor on Landsborough Shire and Caloundra City councils - prior to his election to the Sunshine Coast Council - had inspired him to keep going.

"Those two towns had less than about 200 or 300 metres of curb channel in the whole town, and at the end of my term they were almost, if not totally, completely curb and channelled. (We had) drainage put in and streets



Cr Johnston urged fellow councillors to support the hinterland which, historically, had helped build the Coast.

bitumen, widened and in some cases, new streets constructed. And it was things like that that really has given me the impetus to want to continue to serve my community," he said.

"I want the community that I serve to be a better place for my having served it.

"We can't always do what everybody wants. There's just not enough money to do it.

"But I have made significant commitments to my community in the areas of building community, improving my community, looking after the environment etcetera, etcetera.

"And I'm pleased - in fact, I'm quite thrilled - to be re-elected for a second term on this council."

Cr Johnston rated the recent election campaign as his "toughest" against two strong opponents. He said some difficult issues had been "lobbed" onto his plate but was grateful to have the support of the voters.

He thanked his wife, family and people who had been supportive of him.

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Community commitment:

Cr Law vows to champion arts & environmental initiatives

by **Janine hill**

DIVISION 10 Councillor David Law has emphasised his support for the environment and the arts during this term of council.

In a speech at the Sunshine Coast Council's post-election meeting, Cr Law said he looked forward to working with the community to drive positive change for the hinterland and northern Blackall Range for the next four years.

"We will continue to work together to improve and enhance our environment through Bushcare, through Catchment Care, tree planting and bush regeneration," he said.

"We will reduce emissions pollution and landfill. We will continue to work together to make sure that the hinterland gets its fair share and we all benefit from the strength of the Sunshine Coast economy, and no one is left behind.

"We will help each other, and in particular, those who have no-one else to help them at all, and ensure no-one is left behind.

"We will continue to grow and develop the space and opportunities for the musicians, the creatives, and the artists who are vital for us all.

"The arts brings communities together and this is very true right now in Nambour.

"The arts will be a significant part of Nambour's future and the whole Sunshine Coast.

"We will work together with compassion and kindness for our community, and no one will be left behind."

Cr Law paid his respects to the First Nations people of the Sunshine Coast "and the care that they have showed this place for many thousands of years, and the care that's now entrusted to us to continue that to the future".

He expressed his gratitude to those who put



Cr David Law: "The arts brings communities together and this is very true right now in Nambour."

their trust in him to represent them for the 2024 to 2028 council term.

"It's been quite a journey to get here, and I thank my wife Karen and three adult children who gave their commitment to the campaign to have me re-elected," he said.

"Furthermore, I'm humbled and incredibly grateful to the diverse team who emerged from our community to help get me re-elected for another four years.

"The environmentalists, the young people, the artists, musicians and creatives, the retirees, the social workers, the small businesses, and the big ones, the families, the psychologists and the many community organisations - I could not have done it without you.

"Your determination and contribution has enabled me to be here to represent you once more. This community-based grassroots campaign has succeeded."

He said he was grateful for the opportunity "to continue our quest for a better world".

'A better place for all': Mayor's vision for region

THE Sunshine Coast faced an "exciting time in its story", where Council had an opportunity to create "a better place for us all", the region's new Mayor said in her first official address to a Council meeting.

At the post-election meeting of Sunshine Coast Council on Thursday (April 11) Mayor Rosanna Natoli vowed to always put the community first.

Mayor Natoli paid tribute to her family and many supporters and outlined the type of leader she would be.

"I'm passionate, determined, hard-working and strong and I fight for what I believe in," the Mayor said.

"I'm just so proud to be here today as your Mayor.

"I have been entrenched in the community for more than three decades and it's an enormous privilege to serve."

Mayor Natoli promised to work with fellow councillors and the region's state and federal members "to secure the infrastructure the Sunshine Coast so desperately needs".

"I look forward to working with Council officers, executive and my fellow councillors to make this a reality."

New Deputy Mayor appointed

Council also determined at the post-election meeting that Councillor Maria Suarez would serve as Deputy Mayor.

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The newly appointed Deputy Mayor thanked her fellow councillors for supporting



Sunshine Coast Council Deputy Mayor Maria Suarez, left, and Mayor Rosanna Natoli.

her nomination.

"I'd like to recognise the vast experience and leadership of all the councillors in this room.

"I put myself forward because I would like to see Mayor Natoli be successful, because if Mayor Natoli is successful, we are all successful and our community will benefit.

"I am looking forward to working closely with Mayor Natoli and fellow councillors for the benefit of the region."

Also at the meeting, Mayor Natoli was appointed as Chairperson of the Sunshine Coast Local Disaster Management Group, with Deputy Mayor Suarez appointed Deputy Chairperson.

Council plays a critical leadership role in local disaster management arrangements. This is a core responsibility of Council and is consistent with its stewardship of the wellbeing of the region and its residents in the event of a disaster.

The date for the first Ordinary Meeting of the new Council has been set and will be held at 9am on Wednesday, April 24.

All meetings will continue to be live-streamed via Council's website and open to public attendance.

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IN partnership with Speak Up Now - Stop Domestic Violence group, the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre is hosting an important event focused on ensuring safety and protection for all individuals within their homes.

Scheduled for 12.15pm on Thursday, May 9th, 2024, the event aims to address the issue of domestic and family violence, which encompasses threatening, controlling, or violent behavior from partners, family members, or ex-partners.

Organizers emphasise that violence is never acceptable, regardless of the circumstances. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about available support services on the Sunshine Coast and how to access them.

The event will feature a free community lunch and provide access to valuable information from Centacare DV Service, Relationships Australia, and Speak Up Now. All members of the community are encouraged to attend and participate in this conversation about ending domestic violence and promoting safety at home.

Locals to fly flag for ANZAC Day at Eudlo

A new PA system will help improve on last year's Eudlo Anzac Day Dawn Service. Clive Plater OAM, with grandsons Hunter and Lincoln Schell, will conduct the service at 5.30am at the Eudlo War Memorial as part of the traditional flag raising. There will be the opportunity to place wreaths during the proceedings. Residents are encouraged to attend, show Eudlo pride and honour the fallen.



The mighty Crocs: Rugby team wins US Sevens comp

by Janine Hill

A TEENAGE rugby union team loaded with Nambour players has finished undefeated in North America's biggest 7s tournament.

The Sunshine Coast Crocs played seven games without a loss to be crowned under 14s champions at the Tropical 7s contest in Tampa, Florida.

The Crocs beat USA West 49-7, the Neflyr Black Roses 59-0, Upright Rugby (Canada) 54-0, and the Gorillas Academy 54-0 on day one of the tournament to seed first going into the finals.

They then took out Loughdon County 34-0 in the semi-final and while the Atlantis Rugby Academy put up more of a fight in the grand final, the Crocs were victors 29-12.

Toads players Beau Mattiazzi, Samson Leggo

Zac Zeremes and Jordan Gormley made the under 14s team, coached by Zac's father, Luke Zeremes, pictured.

The team also comprised Tonkla Phumtabtim, Tai Henare, Peter Owens, Mitchel Van Dyke, Nathan De Vries, and Jack Tambling.

Luke Zeremes was happy the finals were played in the right spirit and the Crocs had a blast playing on the main field.

"Our Crocs showcased an incredible brand of Rugby 7s featuring relentless defence, and some silky skills in attack, in two tough finals against Loudoun Rugby and Atlantis Rugby," he wrote online afterwards.



The Crocs were the first Australian team to play in the Tampa 7s.

The trip was not all rugby for the boys, who were on school holidays. They visited theme parks, saw a Tampa Bay

Lightning ice hockey match, and even visited Walmart on spare days.

The Crocs boys are not the only Toads players to be doing well.

Seven Toads girls have been named in the Sunshine Coast Schools teams for the state championships in May-June.

Mackenzie Sharpe, Pippen Russell, Catie Leask, Ella Luton, Laura-May McGovern, Madi Collins and Mia Vines have done the club proud.

Councillor urges focus on local issues, challenges Olympic spending

AN experienced Sunshine Coast councillor has questioned state and local government spending on the 2032 Olympics when people are sleeping in parks and cars.

Christian Dixon, who was elected unopposed to represent division six in what will be his sixth term as a councillor, used his post-election speech to raise issues such as homelessness, infrastructure shortfalls, youth crime and lack of police resources.

He said the state government and local councils should reconsider the Olympics.

"There's a lack of social housing, there is a lack of police resources, there are people sleeping in our parks, under benches, in tents, yet we're doing the 2032 Olympic Games, spending billions of dollars on the Olympic Games," he said.

"In fact, this council will spend millions of dollars on Olympic resources all for sporting events, and I get the positives, but have we really got our priorities right when we've got people sleeping in our parks, yet we can find billions of dollars for the Olympic Games?"

"The Olympics could be held somewhere else, and I think the state government and all councils should review the Olympics."

Cr Dixon said there was ongoing population growth on the Sunshine Coast but it had been "forgotten" in terms

of infrastructure, citing the stalled Mooloolah River interchange, and the need for a 24/7 police station and fire station in his division.

He also said now was the time to "save" the Sunshine Coast.

"We keep saying we don't want to be like the Gold Coast, we don't want to be like Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne," he said.

"Well, the advice I had recently was we need to start to realise what we want to be, and we need to work with the state and federal government to identify that, because we have every opportunity right now, as a team, to protect that," he said.

He said the new planning scheme would signal what the region stood for.

"I think we're at a crucial time right now where we can save the Sunshine Coast, and we can preserve everything that we've come to love, or we can destroy the Sunshine Coast, and let things like casinos, and those type of things that we don't want in the region, happen," he said.

Cr Dixon passed on advice from two past councillors: Errol Middlebrook, who had told him as a new councillor to always remember that his decisions could hurt or help people, and "make sure you do everything you can to help those people out," and Tim Dwyer, who told him "the standard you walk past is the standard you accept".

- Janine Hill

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Unofficial opposition?

Unsuccessful mayoral candidate considers options

by **Janine Hill**

ALTHOUGH he placed back in the field, the only hinterland candidate for mayor of the Sunshine Coast does not regret having a run for election.

Montville resident Wayne Parcell, who polled fifth in a field of six with about 6.43% of the vote, is happy that he held true to his beliefs during the campaign ride.

"I'm glad I did it. I feel very comfortable that I stuck with my principles right through. I didn't give up on anything or go with popular opinions on things. I stuck with values-based direction."

Mr Parcell complimented new mayor, former television presenter Rosanna Natoli, on running a good campaign.

He realised during the election that Ms Natoli had a strong following thanks to her media career.

"People said to me, 'She's been in my living room for 28 years, how could I not vote for her because I feel like I know her,'" he said.

Mr Parcell, whose election motto was "change that matters to you", hoped that the new council would deliver the change that mattered to people.

He said he had been asked if he would now become "unofficial opposition" but he was undecided about taking on the role of critic.

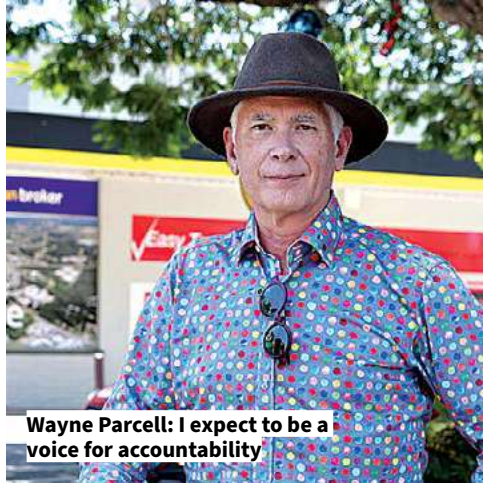
He expected it would take the new mayor six months to settle in and unify the councillors as a team.

"If, after six months, you're not seeing much different, then that's probably a sign of what's to come. It might be that the immovable object is still immovable," he said.

He said the election had taught him the power of visibility.

"A great message is only a great message if you're visible enough for people to see it and follow it," he said.

"If you don't have that visibility, being a great candidate with great attributes doesn't mean anything if people don't have the awareness to



Wayne Parcell: I expect to be a voice for accountability

look at you."

Mr Parcell offered congratulations to newly elected Mayor Rosanna Natoli. "Winning the trust and confidence of the community is no small feat, and I wish her the very best in her new role. Respectfully, I expect to be a voice for accountability, to the extent possible, when the honeymoon period is over.

"I have not yet decided if I should try again in 2028 - I am thinking about it, and have some ideas about how we might approach it with a longer campaign runway to capitalise on what has been achieved in terms of awareness and visibility. Let's see how the next six months play out."

Mr Parcell said he had heard an "enormous amount of feedback about the appalling organisation" of the local government elections.

He suggested there was also a lot of work to be done educating voters, many of whom did not understand which voting system was in use or that they had to vote for both a mayor and a councillor.

Mr Parcell doubted the state government would be interested in improving local government elections "because they don't want too much power in local government".

Call for clarity:

Council hopeful advocates for better voting process awareness

by **Janine Hill**

A COUNCIL candidate who lost by only 25 votes has called for the Electoral Commission to provide better education for voters.

Peter Walsh won the primary vote but was defeated by incumbent division 10 councillor David Law on preferences 7919 to 7894.

Mr Walsh said there had been a high number of informal votes 1189 or 5.84%, a number which might have been lower if some voters had understood how to complete the ballot papers.

It was not uncommon for voters arriving at polling booths to ask volunteers handing out how-to-vote cards and booth staff how to complete the forms. Mr Walsh said the fact that the local government election was run under a different voting system - optional preferential - to the state and federal elections "probably adds to the confusion".

High informal vote count

He did not claim that he should have won the campaign, saying some interpretations of unclear voting papers went his way "and some went the other way" but every vote was important.

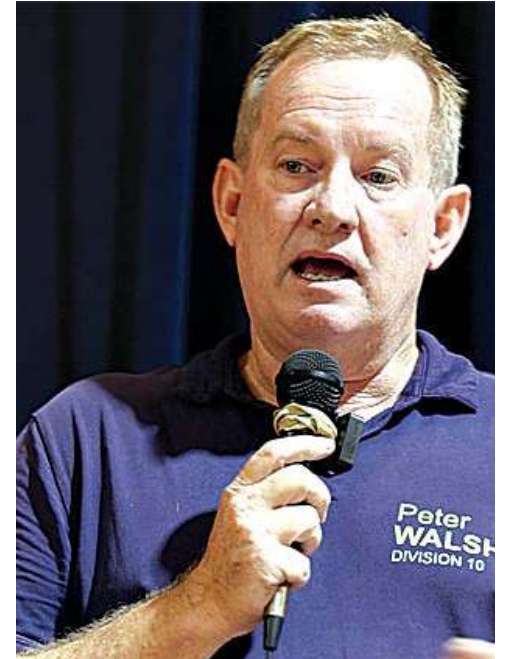
"I said during the campaign that every vote matters, and it did. When it gets down to 25 votes, every vote matters," he said.

"There were a lot of informal votes because some people may not have been aware of how to vote correctly.

"I think there needs to be some more education on how to vote correctly."

He did not object to informal voting but said everyone deserved the right to have their vote counted.

"I get that people have a right to do an informal vote or not vote at all. I don't have a problem with informal votes if you don't believe in the system or whatever your view is



Peter Walsh: "I think there needs to be some more education on how to vote correctly."

- you have that right.

"The thing that concerns me is those who wanted to make a formal vote may have accidentally cast an informal vote.

"Additionally, several people voted in another division because they weren't aware that they could change to their new division on the day. That needs to be fixed."

Mr Walsh said polling booth staff numbers appeared to be insufficient, and it was impossible to know how many people left the long queues and did not vote at all.

He was also concerned about the lack of ballot papers at some booths which might have cost some voters the opportunity to vote.

"In our country, everyone has the right to vote so we should have enough papers," he said.

"For me, there's no excuse for running out of voting papers. You just print more than you need."

Mr Walsh, did acknowledge that there were several thousand more voters in this year's election when compared with the 2020 election.

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Nambour's Mega Market Sunday promises vibrant blend of art, vintage and records

AN art show, a vintage market, a mini-record fair, a preloved, pre-owned treasure trove and a handmade and homemade alley full of stall holders.

That is what you can expect in Nambour this Sunday April 21 along with a few very special old cars gracing the streets throughout the morning.

It's all part of a "Mega Market Sunday" from 9am to noon across two locations: Bad Habit Records area in Howard Street and the Council Forecourt in Bury St.

"The two locations will be filled with only the best Nambour Sunday market vibes," explained organiser Rhonda Billett.

"As it's the 3rd Sunday of the month it's our regular Sunday Nambour Rummagers Market but this time we're joined by the team from Bad Habit Records Nambour for their First Birthday community celebration comprising of an Art Show, Vintage Market and a Mini Record Fair.

"We would love everyone to come along, bring your market basket, grab a coffee from your favourite hinterland cafe and have a little Sunday morning fun and follow up with lunch in one of our awesome Nambour eateries."

The Rummagers Market will set up in the Council Forecourt. A few of Nambour's vintage cars will cruise between venues to add a little fun and colour to the occasion.



"We called it a Mega Market because of the collaboration and all of the wonderful locals who will help make up the event for Nambour."

Stall sites are still available via messaging the Nambour Rummagers Market or on Instagram or Facebook.

The event is organised by I am Nambour, Nambour Tram Co, Bad Habit Records, Friday Night Nambour and Sunshine Coast Council.

Bad Habit birthday celebrations

Bad Habit celebrates its first birthday at its Howard Street location with a feast of entertainment from April 18-21 including All Ages events at the Old Ambo on April 18, 19 and 20. Festivities move to the Presyncnt on April 20 from 7pm for an over-18 event featuring "Carcinoid", "Slowcut" and "Cerebral Explosion". The Record store will be open from 7am on April 20 and from 9.30am will host a Liminal Crew Art Show. On Sunday April 21 is the Record Fair and Vintage Market and there will be a Block Party featuring bands.

Club to create memorial to honour fallen teammate

NAMBOUR Junior Crushers Rugby League will honour fallen former player Ben (BJ) Hunter with the opening of the BJ Memorial Garden at Crusher Park.

A working bee will take place on Sunday, April 21, followed by the opening on Wednesday, April 24 at 4.30pm.

The memorial garden will feature a lychee tree planted in Hunter's honour, as Ben had been working on a lychee farm before his accident. A bench seat and plaque will be dedicated to him.

BJ passed away after a car accident last June. He was riding home from training, on Image Flat Road, where he was fatally struck by a hatchback.

Club Secretary Tarsh Gardner said the Crushers community was honoured to be paying tribute to their beloved former player and invited the community to join them in remembering him.

The 16-year-old was a member of the Melbourne Storm junior academy, a Caloundra State High School student and Langer Trophy player, a Brisbane Broncos supporter and a talented Nambour Crushers and Sunshine Coast Falcons player.



Nambour Junior Crushers Rugby League is honouring BJ with a memorial.

Up to a thousand rugby league supporters from clubs across the Sunshine Coast paid tribute to Ben in a candlelight vigil at the Nambour Crushers Football Club last June 28.

The club held a "Round for BJ", at Crusher Park in his memory during which Ben's Under 16s team mates played Caloundra for the Ben Hunter Memorial Shield and "retired" his jersey.

A public memorial service was also held last July at Sunshine Coast Stadium and up to a thousand rugby league supporters from clubs across the Coast paid tribute to Ben at an emotional candlelight vigil at the Nambour Crushers Football Club on June 28.



4 Paws Animal Rescue

4 Paws Animal Rescue as a 100% charity organisation, re-homes homeless dogs and cats. May we introduce Faith, pictured, a two-year-old Lilac Point Ragdoll.

This stunning Kitty was rescued from the pound and is in a temporary foster home but we are on the hunt for her forever family! Faith is a bit shy due to the sudden changes in her environment so she will need a little time to settle in. If you're looking for a new furry friend to shower with love and give plenty of space initially, Faith is the purrfect addition to your household. Do you feel that this is you? Please go to our website: www.4pawsanimalrescue.org.au to complete an adoption application.



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Crushers lose to Caboolture 20-12

NAMBOUR Rugby League Club played two hard fought away games last weekend, with both Men's teams going down in close games. A Grade lost to Caboolture 20-12, while Reserves went down against the Stanley River Wolves 22-14. This followed a promising 18-16 opening round win against Maroochydore in A Grade. The Crushers return to the training paddock this week with both grades preparing for a trip to Woodford on Saturday to face Stanley River Rugby League Football Club in A Grade, and Gympie Devils in reserves. The Crushers A grade are fifth on the table.

Blues bounce back for massive win

THE Hinterland Blues have bounced back from their round 1 defeat in the QFA Div 1 Seniors to score a huge round 2 win against Beenleigh 202-56 at Palmwoods last weekend. This followed a first round loss to Mayne 108-85. This weekend the Blues are away to Springwood. Hinterland then plays Moreton Bay at Palmwoods at 2pm April 27. Hinterland Blues are third on the Div 1 ladder.

Nambour Little Athletics

NAMBOUR Little Athletics is hosting a family fun day out to help celebrate 40 years of Little Athletics in Nambour. Everyone is invited to an afternoon of fun including inflatables, petting zoo, face painter, food trucks and community stalls. The Event at Nambour PCYC kicks off on Sunday April 21 at 1pm with a 5pm finish.

Burnside Community Twilight Markets

THIS Saturday night (April 20) Hope Community Church presents its regular Burnside Community Twilight Markets. Everyone is invited to come along and bring a picnic rug and enjoy food, music and markets from 5pm. The markets will include free jumping castle and face painting for the kids, food trucks, live music, over 20 market stalls. Hope Community Church is at 86 Windsor Road, Burnside.

Tough times: Several businesses close their doors in Nambour

by Janine Hill

WHEN the doors of Brown Sugar Espresso at Nambour closed last Thursday, proprietor Tracey Reno breathed a sign of relief.

No longer would she have to struggle to make dwindling income at the small Mitchell Street café to cover rising outgoings.

"It's just, basically, there's not enough flow of people," she said simply.

Tracey had gone into the café on a good rent deal and with her eyes wide open, prepared to work hard to make a go of it, but that was not enough.

"I knew what I was up for," she said. "But the Council moved out, down to Maroochydore, and Sundale, which had its office around the corner, they moved back to their own

premises," she said. "That was my bread and butter that left. They were the ones coming in buying coffees and toasted sandwiches.

"It was nothing for me to take \$500 before 10am and now I can't make \$500 in a day."

Tracey said business was usually quiet post-Christmas, in hospitality and retail, but things did not pick up this year.

"It's just got harder for everyone. There's the interest rates. Times are tough," she said. "Back in the day, mums used to walk in and ladies would come for lunch. You might get the ladies come in for lunch now but it's only once a month."

For now, Tracey will concentrate on the catering which she was doing on the side and has not ruled out doing market stalls with some of the collectibles she also sold in the

cafe.

She made a point of saying she did not want her story to reflect negatively on Nambour, where she has lived all of her life.

"Nambour's got the Presynct, it's got The Vogue. We've got to keep the positive vibe going and stick to being positive.

"It's hard. I don't know what the answer is."

Brown Sugar is one of several business losses for Nambour so far this year.

The Crafter's Heart in Price Street and the Gourmet Storr bakery at the upper end of Currie Street have both gone, and Majestic Cinemas and Sunshine Coast Pinball will close on 21 April.

Although the owners of The Crafters Heart and the Gourmet Storr declined to comment, their reasons for closure are understood to be different to that of Brown Sugar.

Majestic Cinemas announced last month that a planned refurbishment at the C-Square complex would make it too difficult while continuing to try and trade out of administration.

The owner of the adjacent Sunshine Coast Pinball has decided the cinema closure and refurbishment will be too much to endure on top of what has already been a tough time in business.

No simple answers as businesses grapple with challenges

WHILE some Nambour businesses are closing, others are making a go of it.

Nicole Hoffman opened Banksia Espresso on the corner of Ann and Lowe Streets last year and the business is going strong.

She said some businesses were doing well in Nambour but was aware that others were not, and said it was hard to pinpoint what was going wrong. Her rent was reasonable but she said other rents had gone "through the roof".

"I don't know how that can be changed. I don't know what level of government can make that change," she said.

Nicole said empty shopfronts in Nambour did not help, nor did the look of the town, which was something business owners and landlords could do something about independent of the council's streetscaping plans.

"I don't like to play a blame game. We're all responsible for different things. As a business owner, I see myself responsible for my little

area to make it look clean and inviting, so that it presents well and the place looks great," she said. "If we all did that, I'm sure it would look a better town."

Nicole was also supportive of the construction of medium density units in central Nambour to bring more people into town.

"I think if you've got people living in the CBD, they are going to shop in town," she said.

Peter Walsh, who unsuccessfully ran for a spot on council last month, said there was no simple way to make Nambour thrive.

"I think it's a complex issue but unless we start to do something, we are going to continue to see more business closures. I think the endless meetings and conversations that don't lead to positive change or outcomes is far from optimal," he said.

Mr Walsh who has served as a police officer in Nambour for over 17 years, said he was aware that "anti-social behaviour by some

in Nambour has prevented some residents coming into Nambour to shop".

"This has resulted in reducing the level of support for some local businesses."

He said all three levels of government needed to look at what could be done to assist Nambour. Key issues such as homelessness, community safety and business closures needed to be urgently addressed.

Additionally, the development of strategies to encourage key industries or infrastructure to come to the town was vital, such as a tertiary educational instruction or medium density dwellings that would bring people daily into the town.

"We've had great work done with 'Reimagine Nambour' and 'I Am Nambour' who have started some great conversations and actions however it will require all levels of government working together with this community to see Nambour thrive once again."



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Nambour CBD growing over time despite recent closures: Cr Law

by **Cameron Outridge**

DESPITE some recent business closures, the Nambour Central Business District was experiencing growth and positive investment over time, according to Division 10 Councillor David Law.

While acknowledging the closures, the recently re-elected councillor emphasised the importance of not losing sight of the town's progress on several fronts.

"I want everyone to be focusing on the growth and the positive things that are happening here because that will encourage others to come," he said.

He highlighted the success stories of new businesses and expansions, urging the community to support and encourage further investment in the town.

He pointed to several businesses that had recently moved to bigger and better premises in town, including Hammond Optometry, Nambour Outdoor Power and Onya Bike bicycle sales and repairs shop.

Several new businesses had recently opened or were in the process of opening, including Saint Atlas antique & vintage store on Bury Street, a new bakery on Currie Street, Shadow Craft Tattoo in Queen Street, Namcore in Howard Street, and a new health service also in Howard Street. He said Banksia Cafe, on the corner of Ann and Lowe Streets, was another recent success story.

He said there were more occupied shop fronts in the CBD now, than when he began his first term in March 2020, and that was despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"One of the things I did over my last four year term was to monitor what was happening in the CBD.



Cr Law says CBD occupancy is increasing.

And over that four years, there is more occupancy now than there had been. And that was despite a lot of unusual issues because of Covid. But even with Covid, there are more full shop fronts than empty compared to 2020. I will continue to monitor that."

Cr Law said the new businesses and relocations indicated a positive trend and demonstrated the town's growth and potential.

"So these things show that people are coming in to Nambour and new businesses are investing in the town."

Recently opened 'The Precinct' and 'Vogue Theatre' venues indicated definite progress on the entertainment and nightlife front.

Meanwhile a burgeoning markets scene also pointed to an evolving and eclectic CBD.

Cr Law acknowledged the closure of Majestic Cinemas and the knock-on effect on Sunshine Pinball and stressed the importance of focussing on the human stories behind them.

He commended the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in promoting the town's potential.



From left, Nambour Chamber of Commerce's Mark Bray, with Marion Beazley, Banksia Espresso's Nicole Hoffman, and Sunshine Coast Foodie, Martin Duncan.

Businesses invited to blossom alongside 40th Anniversary Expo

by **Tanya Outridge**

THIS July marks the 40th anniversary of the Queensland Garden Expo, and the Expo team is joining forces with the Nambour Chamber of Commerce to promote an event that brings thousands of visitors to Nambour each year.

The Expo is Queensland's premier gardening event, and is the second largest expo of its kind in Australia.

"For 40 years the Garden Expo has been such a significant event for the area and has gained in momentum post the Covid years, when many large-scale events unfortunately disappeared," said Expo Director

Marion Beazley.

"We typically draw crowds of between 38,000 - 40,000 people over the 3 days and we expect even more this year as the event is extended to four days for the first time this year. With exhibitors and visitors traveling to Nambour from all around Queensland and interstate, this influx represents a wonderful opportunity to draw visitors into the town itself and to show people what our area has to offer."

Nambour Chamber of Commerce President, Mark Bray, agreed.

"With so many visitors coming to the area, accommodation venues will be booked out from the hinterland to

the coast and what we would really love to do is to make visitors aware of our vibrant town and to encourage them to eat and shop in town," he said.

For the month prior to the Expo weekend, the Expo team and Nambour Chamber are encouraging business owners to decorate their shop fronts and gardens. There will also be pop up garden displays established in town and a special Scone Time, hosted by Sunshine Coast Foodie, Martin Duncan, will take place in the Town Square on June 19.

"We would love to see local businesses get into the spirit of the Garden Expo this year, and we are excited to collaborate with the Expo team, Sunshine Coast Foodie and I Am Nambour, to showcase our town," Mr Bray said.

• For information about how your business can get involved, contact info@qldgardenexpo.com.au. The QLD Garden Expo will run from Thursday the 4th of July until Sunday the 7th of July at the Nambour Showgrounds.

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Call to action on war torn front line love letters

I am not sure if readers saw the call by the Australian War Memorial on Valentine's Day for volunteers to transcribe handwritten love letters from the front lines.

Perhaps we had our minds on loved ones closer to home.

The heartfelt letters are an intimate insight into the daily lives of couples separated by war.

Images of thousands of handwritten letters have been released on the Memorial's digital platform Transcribe.awm.gov.au

An army of volunteers is needed to help decipher the scripts online.

Volunteers typing out text in the comfort of their homes can make it easier for historians, descendants, and the community to access the precious love letters.

Among the collection is a letter from Dorothy Keshan and her husband Malcolm "Mac" William Keshan, who was a prisoner of war in Germany from 1941-45.

"The only good thing about all this passing time is that each day brings you a little closer, I feel pretty certain that it won't be much longer sweetheart," she wrote to him in one of hundreds of letters between the pair.

"All this time passing only makes me miss you so more and more, and - I'm waiting for you Mac."

With Anzac Day approaching, volunteering to transcribe love letters online is an action worth considering in commemorating those who fought for us while desperately missing their sweethearts.

Lest we forget.

- Garry Reynolds, Peregian Springs

Chopper needed to fight crime

COMMUNITY safety has been the core of everything we've done since being elected to represent you in the seats of Nicklin and Caloundra.

Keeping people safe is in our DNA, between the two of us we have been about community safety our whole lives, whether serving in the military and corrective services or protecting people and property as a firefighter.

And both of us have continued to do everything we can to keep our communities safe since being elected, fighting hard for extra police and resources.

Those efforts have seen a new emergency services precinct in Aura in the seat of Caloundra including a new police station, while in Nicklin there are many more police who are better equipped - and there are more officers on the way.

And we're about to take that push for community safety to a whole new level.

We take our jobs as the voices of Sunshine Coast people very seriously which is why this week while in Brisbane for Parliament we will be meeting with the Police Minister to call for even more resources to protect people and property on the Sunshine Coast.

We've been keeping a close eye on what Police have been doing to combat crime in Townsville, and by all reports the new helicopter has made a massive difference to community safety in that city. It's that sort of resource, when coupled with more police, which can have a huge impact.

Extra resources need to be backed with tough laws and we were pleased to see the recent comments from Chief Justice Helen Bowskill who said Queensland had the strong laws needed for Judges and Magistrates to deal with repeat offenders and keep them off our streets. If young offenders pose an unacceptable risk to the community they should remain in custody - and with our tough laws the courts have the power to do just that.

You can sign a petition calling for a new police helicopter here: www.robertskeltonmp.com.au/new-police-helicopter-sunshine-coast.

- Rob Skelton, State Member for Nicklin, Jason Hunt State Member for Caloundra

Business experience? Anyone?

WITH pressing issues facing the Sunshine Coast, including the housing and rental crisis, booming population growth, over-development and lack of essential infrastructure planning to cope, it has never been a more vital time in consolidating the region's future.

As such the recent council elections have been vital in electing people with sound business sense and experience to manage these key issues astutely and with due diligence.

Also essential is the ability to be able to do the tough talking, advocating and negotiating with governments at State and Federal level on behalf of the Sunshine Coast, whenever needed.

Which raises the very pertinent question, how many of the elected representatives actually have proven business management experience, ability and track records?

Popular personalities and social connections are one thing, but in the end it requires sound business and project management expertise to manage the region's economy and problem-solve key issues effectively and judiciously. Much the same as managing a business successfully.

Only time and performance will tell the reality.

- Paul Ross, Mooloolah Valley

Showground growing pains could have been avoided

I read with interest the article in the April 3 edition of the Gazette regarding the Sunshine Coast Show outgrowing the Nambour Showgrounds.

This could have been avoided if a move by the Sunshine Coast Council back in 2018 to sell off the former council works depot site (5.6 ha) had not been approved.

The works depot site with its large sheds, car parking and other hardstand areas would have been an ideal extension to the showground which could have been connected by tunnel under the Bli Bli Road intersection.

The decision to sell the works depot was shortsighted not only for Nambour but for the Sunshine Coast in general.

- Clive Plater OAM, Eudlo

Gardening comes alive in Nambour at July 4-7 Expo

QUEENSLAND Garden Expo will showcase the biggest range of plants you are likely to see anywhere in Queensland in one location.

With more than 55 nurseries expected in 2024, many of our nurseries will already be busy getting an amazing range of plants ready for the July 4 to 7 event.

Whether you are interested in callistemons or camellias, grevilleas or geraniums, fuschias or ferns, or roses or rhododendrons, you will find something you simply must have as well as some rare and unusual species for sale as well.

All nursery owners are experts in their field and will be excited to share with you the best way to care for your plants once you get them home. There will also be a huge range of garden tools, garden ornaments, pots, garden furniture and more. You can also look forward to some stunning floral arrangements and a giant kitchen garden planned onsite.

Nambour Floral Art Group's annual competition

In 2024 the Expo will once again be hosting the Nambour Floral Art Group's annual competition which promises to be another spectacular floral display.

"We are looking forward to seeing some fantastic entries in this competition," said event manager Marion Beazley.

The event is organised by the Floral Art Society of Queensland in conjunction with the Expo.

Each year, talented entrants are given a theme based on which they are asked to create amazing works of art. "Designing under strict competition criteria in one of several classes, the participants will compete the day before the Expo opens, using their exceptional floral design skills to produce stunning designs that will inspire and delight."

On completion there will be a variety of creative arrangements of flowers on display in the Main Pavilion for four days during which visitors will be able to take a look at the colourful flower arrangements on display.

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Classes at Nambour, Yandina and Woombye

by Racheal Pascoe

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How to start

The first step is to come along to a class and give it a go. You will be welcomed into the class and given some basics, training in either whole class, small group, or individual instruction. They offer a flexible trial period so you get to see what happens in a class without the pressure of an

upfront commitment.

Rhee Tae Kwon do has been enjoyed by all ages over the years. Young children benefit from the aspects of fitness, discipline and routine, self-motivation, learning 'patterns' consisting of many self-defence moves and development of their skills. Adult members enjoy the challenge of learning, expanding their skill set, striving to be better each lesson all the while benefiting from the fitness.



Instructor David Ford takes his Woombye students through their paces.

Be the best version of yourself!

Regional Instructor David Ford runs the Nambour and Woombye branches.

"Working through the ranks is so rewarding, learning, and growing more with each new level, challenging yourself to be better today than you were yesterday," he said. "We look forward to seeing new members in a class soon, so they too can start their journey to being the very best

Your journey to Black Belt

The journey starts at white belt learning the very basics. Over time you build on your knowledge and skills, all the while improving your fitness. Rhee TaeKwon-Do is a terrific activity for the entire family to be involved in. Parents do not need to sit on the sidelines, they can train with their children and all work towards the incredible goal of black belt together. Rhee TaeKwon-Do offers a Junior Black Belt ranks for children and Senior Black Belt ranks for adults.

they can be!

Looking for more branches and information? Head to the Rhee TaeKwon-Do website or call Regional Instructor David Ford on 0403 021 749.

Local Classes

- Nambour (Price St Hall): Tues 6-7pm; Thurs 6-7pm
- Woombye (Woombye State School): Mon 3.30-4.30pm; Wed 3.30-4.30pm.
- Yandina (School of Arts Hall): Mon 5-6pm Tues 6-7pm; Wed 5-6pm.

WCBA says 'We need you':

Community urged to join efforts against tower proposal

by Cameron Outridge

THE Woombye Community & Business Association (WCBA) is issuing a rallying call to local residents to join forces in opposition to the proposed telecommunications tower at 1-9 Campbell Street.

"With the Sunshine Coast Council waiting on the applicant to respond to an Information Request, the time to act is now," said President Milo Frawley.

"Community action helped us avoid having a tower imposed on the town in an unwanted location the last time they tried, but we're worried the community might be complacent after we successfully challenged it in 2021."

At the recent WCBA meeting held on March 26, 2024, members discussed the status of the application and deliberated on steps moving forward.

Vice-president Grant Palethorpe, an urban/town planner, emphasised the importance of preparing a comprehensive submission to Council, which includes the applicant's response to the Information Request.

This submission, to be coordinated by the WCBA, will be pivotal in voicing community concerns during the public notification period. A WCBA sub-committee has been formed and will be spearheaded by Jill Kuramoto.

Mr Frawley emphasised the urgency of the situation.

"We cannot afford to be passive bystanders. It's imperative that we take individual and collective action."

Four areas requiring action were identified. They included funding, engagement, community awareness and individual submissions.

• **Funding:** As a not-for-profit organization, the WCBA relies on community support to finance professional submissions and printing costs. Residents are encouraged to contribute to fundraising efforts through <https://gofund.me/4f696cfd>.

• **Engagement:** The WCBA aims to engage a professional town planner to ensure the submission accurately addresses the concerns raised. This step is crucial in presenting a compelling case against the tower's installation.

• **Community Awareness:** Initiatives such as information booths, letterbox drops, and social media campaigns are vital in raising awareness and garnering support. A Facebook page is being set up for sharing information. Volunteers are needed to facilitate these efforts and spread the word within the community.

• **Individual Submissions:** Every voice matters. Residents are encouraged to submit their objections to the SCC once public notification commences. Templated individual submissions will be available from WCBA once public notification begins. Ms Kuramoto said the WCBA would coordinate collection and delivery of submissions to maximise impact.

Ms Kuramoto urged residents to lend their time, ideas, skills, and financial support to the cause.

• For those wishing to join the fight against the telecommunications tower or for more information, please contact: Jill Kuramoto, via woombyecomcommunity@gmail.com or donate at <https://gofund.me/4f696cfd>.



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Get your entries in for the Nambour Show

Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society News with Pavilion Steward Jenny McKay



IT'S time to open the Show Schedules and plan your entries!

This year, there are changes following your feedback from last year.

Entries are all about exhibiting your skills for the Show Patrons to enjoy, and of course, winning is always rewarding!

If you have any questions about how to enter or the categories, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief Steward or myself.

All entry fees have remained the same as in past years.

The Society is always proactively looking for additional sponsors to increase the prize money.

Thanks to our sponsor, Pascoe Plumbing, the "Creative Art and Handcraft" section this year enjoys an additional \$500 prize money.

New exhibitors very welcome

The Show Society would love to see lots of new exhibitors join our regular supporters to grow the displays.

If you have a particular craft that doesn't seem to fit the schedule, please contact me, and we will certainly take your feedback on board for next year if we cannot accommodate it this year.

This year, the Show Society has the privilege to share additional art display boards.

This is thanks to one of our valued partners, Lutheran Services who received a Sundale Foundation Grant.

Nambour Men's Shed has proudly constructed the boards, and they not only look magnificent but are pieces of art in their own right.

This will ensure more appropriate hanging space for the wonderful Art Pieces.

Honouring family entries

The Show is a family event, and this year there will be special recognition of "Generation Entries", Grandma/Grandpa/siblings and grandchildren in competitions.

This has been the focus for Agricultural Shows for over a 100 years and is one of the few events that see this type of "family rivalry". Also, look for the free workshops and events on the show website.

Photography, painting, digital art

Upstairs in the pavilion, there will be free photography workshops with Nikki from Garrick Camera House, a Graceville House display and painting and art digital classes.

Downstairs there will be craft demonstrations, cake icing, IGA Locavore, and of course, all our regular displays.

The RSL Community Stage is packed with entertainment brought to you by our sponsors Energex.

The Education Stage will be packed with demonstrations, stories and hints.

• PAVILION STEWARD SHOW HINT: Purchase your tickets online now before the closing date. Follow the Show web page for all the free workshops, displays and events.

Remembering the fallen:

Nambour RSL Sub Branch hosts ANZAC Day services

by Janine Hill

PAST and present servicemen and women and members of the community are invited to ANZAC Day services in Nambour on 25 April.

The Nambour RSL Sub Branch has organised events to remember and honour the service and sacrifice of those who served Australia during all conflicts.

The ANZAC tradition will be remembered from the first landings at ANZAC Cove, Gallipoli on 25 April, 1915, where the ANZAC tradition was founded, to the more recent Vietnam War in the 1960s and 1970s.

The gatherings will remember the 103,021 servicemen and women who paid the ultimate price as a result of their service with Australian units.

The day's events will consist of a dawn service and breakfast, a street parade and a morning service, with activities centred on Quota Park.

Nambour RSL Sub Branch president Kim Symmons said the services were always well supported.

"It's always a large roll-up, for the morning service in particular," he said.

"A lot of people will stand in the streets and watch the parade go past before they end up going down to the service.

The dawn service:

• 5.15am - Sub Branch and Ex Service assemble on Ann Street, (outside RSL Club).



• 5.28am - march to the Walls of Remembrance, Quota Memorial Park. Service commences once assembly complete.

The service will be followed by breakfast at RSL Club for those who have booked. (Phone the RSL Club on 5441 2366 for details).

Main parade, march, and service:

• 8.30am - Parade assembles in Howard Street.

• 8.55am - Parade commences and marches down Ann Street onto Mathew Street and into the Memorial Park. The service commences once all parade participants are assembled on the park. Guest speaker will be retired Lieutenant Colonel Ian Stoddart, of the Royal Australian Engineers.

Members of the public can line Howard, Ann and Mathew Streets to observe RSL members, veterans, the Sunshine Brass Band, school cadets, students from seven schools, the 2nd Nambour Scout Group, Guides, Red Cross, Legacy and Nambour Antique Car Club, or go direct to Quota Memorial Park for the service. Wreath laying is invited at either service.

Revolutionising gynaecological care at Nambour Hospital

A NEW service at Nambour General Hospital will drastically cut the amount of time women undergoing a certain gynaecological procedure spend in hospital.

Until now, a hysteroscopy - which involves inserting a tiny camera into a woman's uterus - has involved patients spending half a day at Nambour hospital but the new service will reduce that time to a couple of hours.

Health Minister Shannon Fentiman announced the new outpatient hysteroscopy service at a media conference at NGH with Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton and the doctors who advocated for it, Dr Anders Faber-Svensson and Dr Adeline Foo.

Ms Fentiman thanked Dr Faber-Svensson, the hospital's head of obstetrics and gynaecology, and Dr Foo, the gynaecology senior registrar, for making a common procedure much easier for Sunshine Coast women.

"If you suffer from period pain, pelvic pain, abnormal bleeding or endometriosis then chances are you will have to have a hysteroscopy and that used to take around 12-14 hours and involve general anaesthetic," the Minister said. "Now, with the new equipment these wonderful doctors have advocated for, women can get this procedure in one to two hours and only local anaesthetic is needed.

Ms Fentiman said 350-400 women would likely benefit from the new service every year.

The Sunshine Coast Health Foundation's Wishlist has helped fundraise for new equipment and services to make the procedure possible for outpatients at the hospital.

Dr Foo said the hospital team was excited about the new procedure, which meant minimal disruption and risk for patients.

Dr Faber-Svensson said the new service would be available at the hospital within a few months and would benefit patients as well as freeing up theatre space.

"The time spent having a hysteroscopy under general anaesthetic, as we do it now, involves fasting overnight, coming into the hospital and spending time waiting for your space on the operating list and then having general anaesthetic and then recovering from that so that takes the whole day for the women undergoing it," he said.



Shannon Fentiman and Rob Skelton were shown the new outpatient hysteroscopy service at the media conference.

"For most women having the procedure in this situation, in the outpatients setting, it's just with a local anaesthetic, walking in from the street, they can have the procedure done and be in and out in a couple of hours and drive themselves home.

"It's really well tolerated by most women. It's mainly a diagnostic procedures but we can also do minor treatment."

Mr Skelton said the new service was "a big win for women and girls on the Sunshine Coast".

Ms Fentiman said procedures like the simpler hysteroscopy were what the state government's Women and Girls Health Strategy, worth \$1 billion over five years was all about.

Delayed emergency department upgrade is imminent

AN upgrade to Nambour General Hospital's emergency department should be completed within a couple of months, according to Health Minister Shannon Fentiman.

Ms Fentiman acknowledged work had taken longer than the two years it was originally expected to last.

"I'm advised that the Emergency department should be ready by the end of May which is so exciting for the Nambour community but we are experiencing right now a lot of rain so it's conditional on the weather but we should have the ED up and running in months," she said.

Ms Fentiman said the hospital had been providing good care for the community since the 1920s and although much work had been done over the years, the upgrade was "definitely needed".

Time to vote for the Glassies!

from Andrew Powell

State Member for Glass House
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VOTING for the 2024 Small Business Awards (the "Glassies") is now open on my website. I received a grand total of 85 business nominations and 33 employee nominations across the Montville, Maleny, Glasshouse Country and Moreton Bay regions. If you want your favourite small business or employee to have a shot at winning one of the coveted bronze, silver or gold "Glassies", please vote for them at www.andrewpowell.com.au before 13th May.

Land Valuations

Many of you across the electorate will have received advice that your land valuations have changed - and in all cases, you will have seen an increase ... and in some cases, a very large increase.

If you're looking to sell, this is a good thing. But it may impact your local government rates and state land tax from 30 June 2024.

For more information on the valuations please see www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/title/valuation/about. For more information on land tax please see <https://qro.qld.gov.au/>

You can object to the land valuation changes and lodge such online at www.qld.gov.au/landvaluation

And, of course, if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at Glass.House@parliament.qld.gov.au

Labor's failing grade on teacher numbers

Shocking revelations Queensland is losing more teachers than it recruits is a damning indictment on the Labor Government.

At the last election, Labor promised to deliver 6190 new teachers and 1139 new teacher aides over the four years to 2024. That promise was on top of attrition, not simply to replace those numbers.

Now it's clear they will barely replace the teachers they lose through attrition. So far, they have delivered just 8% of the teachers they promised.

New services at local hospital

from Rob Skelton

State Member for Nicklin
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WE had some great news this week coming out of the Nambour Hospital, where Health Minister Shannon Fentiman and I had the pleasure of announcing a new outpatient service for Sunshine Coast women who need to undergo a hysteroscopy procedure.

This new service will allow women to have the procedure performed under local anaesthetic and reduce their stay in hospital to one or two hours.

It was also very exciting to drop in and check on the progress of the new emergency department!

After the recent weather, the completion date has been pushed back a little, but with some luck it should be opening over the next month!

More funding for women & girls' sports

5 local sports clubs will be sharing in almost \$40,000 under the Queensland Government's Active Women and Girls Program.

This terrific program is set to deliver greater opportunities for playing, coaching, volunteering, officiating, team management and club management, attracting more women and girls to get involved.

The winners include the Cooroy Badminton Club, Cooroy Tennis Club, Cooroy-Eumundi Cricket Club, the Sunshine Coast Weightlifting Club, and the Yandina Cricket Club.

All of these great local clubs will be receiving funds that will go toward a range of items including on-field equipment, education, training & other resources.

Nambour Tennis Club

I also had the great pleasure of dropping by the Nambour Tennis Club after they were awarded a Minor Infrastructure Grant to resurface their courts!

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Rock into the 50s:

Happy Days Festival to bring retro dance delight to Woombye

GET ready to dust off your poodle skirts and slick back your hair, because the Woombye Happy Days Festival is gearing up to transport attendees back to the swinging 50s and 60s with a lineup of retro-inspired dance activities. As preparations for the festival are underway, anticipation is building for a day filled with nostalgic fun for the whole community.

Scheduled for May 5, the festival, organised by the Woombye Community and Business Association (WCBA) in collaboration with Bendigo Bank Woombye, aims to celebrate the town's rich history and vibrant community spirit while promoting local businesses and fostering a sense of pride in the historic town.

Festivities kick off at 10am along Hill Street, which will be closed from Blackall to Campbell Street. A stage will be set up beside the School of Arts, hosting live music performances from 10 am to 6 pm, interspersed with fun competitions, prize-giving ceremonies, kids' performances, and emceed by the charismatic Howard Riach.

Rock 'n roll dance in the main hall

A highlight of the event, as the sun begins to set, is a ticketed rock 'n roll dance in the main hall, starting at 6pm. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest 50s attire (there are prizes for best dressed) and get ready to twist and shout to the live music of the "RocknRolla-Billys" band.

For those who have never danced before, particularly Rock 'n Roll or similar styles, it is one of the characteristic elements of the era, said dance instructor Nathan Major from Cool Cats Dance Studio. "You didn't go clubbing, you went to a dance," he said. "In fact, that's how my wife and I met. If you've ever watched some of the movie classics, the fun they show on the silver screen is not an exaggeration. So, come along to the dance and have yourself a ball!"

Cool Cats are offering a string of free work-

shops in different styles over the afternoon. Included is a family-friendly workshop that is great for people of nearly all ages or experience levels and designed to get you grooving to the music.

If you want to find out more about the dance workshops, the dance styles, or how to get some steps under your belt before the day, contact with Cool Cats (coolcatsau@gmail.com or 0402 592 253).

Market stalls and cars

Before the dance, attendees can look forward to exploring market stalls, admiring classic cars on display, indulging in delicious fare from food trucks, and enjoying a range of family-friendly activities including a petting zoo.

WCBA President Milo Frawley said the event would not be possible without the support of the community and local businesses. "This will be the biggest 30 hours Woombye sees all year," said Milo. "We would love as many people as possible to join us and get into the spirit of things."

With dance classes, live music, and plenty of



retro vibes, the Happy Days Festival promises to be an unforgettable celebration of Woombye's past and present. So mark your calendars, grab your dancing shoes, and get ready to Rock into the 50s at the Happy Days Festival on May 5.

• For more information about the festival and how to get involved, contact the WCBA at woombyecommunity@gmail.com or attend their monthly meetings held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6-7 pm.



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Hill Street Closure Notice

ON Sunday the 5th of May 2024, Hill Street will be closed from Blackall Street to Campbell Street between 6am and 7pm. This closure will facilitate the holding of the Woombye Happy Days Festival. This festival has been approved by the Sunshine Coast Council and the street closure has been approved by the QLD Police Service. Alternate access to the northern end of Hill St and Campbell and Cary Streets is via the Nambour Connection Road (see map). Emergency vehicle access to the southern end of Hill Street will be maintained at all times.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. As this event is on a Sunday, we believe the closure will have minimal impact on residents and businesses. Your cooperation and support is deeply appreciated. P Milo Frawley, President WCBA. Contact: woombyecommunity@gmail.com



Sergeant Mick Hughes with Get Set for Work Program coordinator Megan Harkin.

Opportunity knocks: PCYC offers youth work program

PCYC Sunshine Coast is excited to invite young people aged 15 to 19 to apply for the Get Set for Work Program (GSFW) for the opportunity to gain nationally recognised training, learning support, and the skills needed to get a job or access further training.

What's more, the program is delivered at no cost to participants and is tailored to meet the needs and goals of each person.

PCYC Youth Club Program Manager Sergeant Mick Hughes says PCYC Queensland has been working with young people for over 75 years and knows no two people are the same.

"We have a team of youth workers who can help young people map out their unique goals and achieve them at their own pace," he said.

"Young people can also take advantage of other support offered at PCYC Sunshine Coast.

"GSFW is an important part of the suite

of programs we offer to the Sunshine Coast community designed to give young people the support to meet their goals.

"In addition to a Certificate II accreditation, our team can assist participants with their driver's licence, fitness goals, resume writing, job applications and developing their skills in preparation for employment or further education and training."

Each 10-week GSFW program has around 10 participants and is offered on a rolling basis.

GSFW is part of the Queensland government-funded Skilling Queenslanders for Work program that gives young people who are disengaged nationally recognised training and support to gain employment and/or further education and training.

•Call us at 0400 975 821 to find out more about GSFW and how you can take part!

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STEMM – A lifeline for young women

from Ted O'Brien
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EDUCATION is fundamental to a healthy and happy life but it mustn't be taken for granted, even in Australia where life's circumstances can rob people of the opportunity to be educated.

This could have been the case for a young woman I met this week, Rebecca Kildey. Bec was just 15 years old when she fell pregnant. She survived domestic violence and started raising her child in a women's refuge in Brisbane, fearful she could lose custody of her child at any time. Continuing her education simply wasn't an option.

That is, until she learnt about a 'first of its kind' program operating out of Burnside called STEMM (Supporting Teenagers with Education, Mothering and Mentoring).

The STEMM program supports young pregnant women by reconnecting them with education in a safe learning environment.

Bec now owns and operates a service company with around 300 employees and her son has recently become the first in her family to graduate year 12. Bec is just one of over 300 young mums who STEMM has cared for.

STEMM has been helping young mums for 17 years and has supported over 300 young women continue their study. I have been a proud supporter of STEMM for years.

The reason I am telling you about Bec's story and the value of STEMM is that the program's future is now at risk of having its funding cut.

STEMM – Facing budget cuts

I was recently informed that the State Labor Government plans to cut its funding.

In support of the program, I joined Bec and LNP Candidate for Nicklin Marty Hunt to demand ongoing funding for STEMM.

But, unfortunately, the State Labor Government has refused to engage with the issue, opting to play politics, rather than to ensure that the future of this life-changing program is protected. I again call on the State Government to do the right thing and provide a written confirmation that all funding streams that keep STEMM alive will be funded and guarantee its future financial security.

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The park would comprise 148 powered sites and 33 unpowered sites, plus amenities buildings.

Making it official:

Kenilworth Showground applies for camping approval

by Janine Hill

A VOLUNTEER committee has embarked on a costly exercise to seek official approval for people to camp at the Kenilworth Showground as they have done for years.

The Kenilworth Hall, Show and Recreation Ground Association has applied to the Sunshine Coast Council for a material change of use to establish a tourist park of 181 sites on the corner of Maleny-Kenilworth Road and Charles Street.

According to the application, the park would comprise 148 powered sites and 33 unpowered sites, plus amenities buildings.

Shane Smith, president of the Kenilworth Hall, Show and Recreation Ground Association, said the approval was not for anything new.

"We're just formalising what we've already got," he said.

"We're not adding any campsites. We're not putting in any more lots. All we are doing is becoming legal."

Shane said a previous show committee had bought a parcel of land next to the showgrounds and at the time, was told formal approval was not required.

However, faces had since changed in the council and given that another campground in Kenilworth had gone through a development approval process, the council required the

same of the showgrounds for fairness and consistency, he said.

Shane said the development application was for a tourist park to be constructed in two stages but "we will never, ever do a stage two".

He said expected it would cost \$1 million to see the development application through, as it would mean work on site such as bitumen sealing roads.

It was money which the association would rather put back into community projects but obtaining the approval now meant the problem would not raise its head in the future, he said.

A town planning report submitted with the development application says benefits of the tourist park include increased foot traffic through town to enhance the viability of local businesses and market stalls, social interaction between residents and visitors, protection of natural assets on site, improved opportunities for visitors to engage in the Kenilworth area's local culture, and sustainability of the show society.

"It is noted that Kenilworth Showgrounds is an existing Tourist Park that has successfully provided short-term accommodation for many years ancillary to the showgrounds use," the report says.

"As such, it is clearly evident via the success of the existing operations that the site is well suited for the proposed use."



Are you making this mistake with your morning smoothie?

by Linda Goggan, Sacred Body Montville



SMOOTHIES are an amazing way to start the day. For those of us that are pressed for time in the morning a smoothie is a perfect kickstart for the day. They are quick, nutrient dense and absolutely yummy! But have we been making one big mistake with our go to smoothie blend in the morning?

A most popular list of essential ingredients for a tasty smoothie is usually comprised of banana and blueberries, which sounds super healthy, doesn't it?

But what if this delicious combination of fruits was not actually benefiting your body with the nutrients you thought it was?

Studies have shown that the combination of bananas with fruits that are high in flavanols such as blueberries, blackberries, apples, pears, grapes, and cocoa, is reducing the amount of flavanols available to the body. Bananas contain an enzyme called polyphenol oxidase which interacts with the flavanols in such a negative way that the bioavailability of the flavanols in the berries is reduced by a whopping 84%.

So what do flavanols do for you? They may help reduce the risk of heart disease by lowering blood pressure, and long-term consumption of flavanols supports brain health and assists with memory and concentration. So, you can see why you would want to get the most out of your berry smoothie and not reduce its benefits in any way.

This is not to make bananas the bad guys, as they are a super-rich source of potassium and fibre, but you may be better off to just have them by themselves as a snack.

If you want to keep the banana out of your smoothie to maximise your berry goodness but love the creamy texture the banana gives, try adding coconut yoghurt.

Coconut yoghurt has low polyphenol oxidase activity in comparison to bananas and it will give your gut a super injection of gut loving probiotics while you're at it.

• For support with your nutrition and well-being needs contact Linda at www.SacredBody.com.au

Education Program to support kids in school facing cancer

CAMP Quality's much-loved Cancer Education Program is set to visit Palmwoods State School on Tuesday April 30 treating students to a fun and interactive show that busts cancer myths and supports children 3-12 years of age with a loved one facing cancer, as well as children who are reintegrating back into school following cancer treatment.

The Cancer Education Program, delivered by the Camp Quality Puppets, provides age-appropriate cancer information that helps reduce bullying and absenteeism and build mental well-being for primary and pre-school kids impacted by cancer.

"We have some students with cancer, so it was great to see an age-appropriate show that helps young children understand what their friends are going through and to help them develop empathy, compassion and understanding. Education is the best way to encourage this," says one teacher following a visit from the puppets.

Last year 85,584 students saw the Cancer Education Program with the Camp Quality puppets performing at 587 schools and education and care services across Australia including

regional and remote areas.

Camp Quality's CEO, Deborah Thomas, says the Cancer Education Program is the only one of its kind in Australia and has helped hundreds of thousands of kids over its 34-year history.

"It's awful to think that a child would get bullied after returning from the trauma of cancer treatment, but the sad fact is that they do," Ms Thomas says. "Through the Cancer Education Program children learn simple but crucial information, such as you can't catch cancer from someone else. This can make all the difference when a child returns without hair due to chemotherapy or with other physical markers of cancer."

"The Cancer Education Program is also vital for the many kids dealing with a parent, carer, grandparent, friend or relative facing a cancer diagnosis. Age-appropriate information can change what is happening around them from a terrifying time



to something they understand. Education is empowerment."

A study by KPMG evaluating the impact of Camp Quality's Cancer Education Program found the number of visits to a health care worker for mental health issues decreased by 60% after the Cancer Education programs in children who have/had cancer.

Camp Quality's free Cancer Education Program has been visiting primary and preschools across the country since 1989, delivering cancer education that dispels cancer myths to over five million children.

Puppet Show Details

When: Tuesday 30th April (time TBC)

Where: Palmwoods State School, 111 Palmwoods Montville Road.

Petrie Creek Work stabilises erosion

Petrie Creek BushCare News with Norm Morwood



THIS section of Petrie Creek downstream of Quota Park Nambour has had considerable work to stabilise the erosion in recent years including installation of the large boulders and tree stumps by Sunshine Coast Council. Our 4th Wednesday groups have spent lots of time here making sure the native plants survive.

Pictured is Sarah at our February BushCare Bee maintaining the native vegetation planted in a BushCare Sunshine Coast (BCSC) Event on World Environment Day 2022. If you'd like to join us in this type of satisfying native animal habitat creation activity, the next volunteer local BCSC Action Bees will be:

- Namba Creek on Saturday 20 April starting at 8am. Access is through the main gate of the Model Rail Park off Florence St Nambour.
- Gulung Gung on Wednesday 24 April starting at 8 am. (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 Aldi carpark. Alternatively walk across the new park from Quota Park off Matthew St).

If you'd like to help in these activities, you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then after a couple of hours of good exercise and satisfying achievement we'll finish with the well-deserved cuppa.

• For more info and to check starting times and dates etc of events, see the FB Page PetrieCreek-CatchmentCareGroupInc or www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com

Navigating Volatility:

How a new equity fund sets the stage for regular cashflow

Business Feature: The Newstead Fund

INFLATION is well and truly on the rise in Australia and sharp increases in the cost of living are biting hard into household budgets, leaving many people scrambling to maintain their living expenses and lifestyle.

"Improving cash flow and tapping into strategic investments that yield regular returns that are ahead of inflation is a priority for people whose financial goals include covering health and well-being expenses, supplementing existing income, assisting the family with expensive stages of life and managing SMSFs," said The Newstead Fund's Co Executive Director, David Schuh.

The Newstead Fund business was set up to take advantage of the vast number of real estate projects currently in motion in Queensland leading into the 2032 Olympic Games. The Fund uses the REAAL model, a time-tested investment concept of Real Estate, Equity Allocations and Asset Laddering, which offers a comprehensive investment method that leverages the tangible value inherent in real estate - of which there is no shortage of projects on the Sunshine Coast.

"I am confident that our team can assist investors to strategically diversify their portfolios to meet these objectives by applying the REAAL Capital Investment strategy.

"By concentrating on allocating equity stakes (equity financing)

to a broad spectrum of real estate projects and commercial assets, The Newstead Fund business is specifically structured to deliver consistent monthly income.

"Our approach is in harmony with the objective of ensuring a stable and dependable cash flow, supported by the solid foundation of underlying property assets. The businesses asset diversity is carefully considered to present a balanced mix of investment opportunities, aiming to mitigate risk while optimising returns," he said.

"Asset Laddering methods are designed to achieve strong financial stability across varying market conditions, and we know that this brings a great sense of security and peace of mind to our investors."

Property stability

"This structuring makes The Newstead Fund business an attractive option for investors as it combines the potential benefits of the stability of the real estate sector, while participating in a strategy designed to manage risk and deliver consistent income returns over time."

Born and bred in Gympie, David holds a Bachelor of Property Valuation and Development, complemented by a Diploma in Finance and Mortgage Broking Management. He cut his teeth in the financial services industry working in commercial and residential property development, finance syndication, M&A, private lending, and private equity manage-



David Schuh currently steers a combined property debt and development portfolio of approximately \$2 billion.

ment, and has 16 years of experience under his belt.

"The area [Sunshine Coast] is poised for terrific growth in the coming years, and there are plenty of opportunities in real estate beyond the 2032 Games that will benefit the region and investors alike," David said. "I have been incredibly fortunate in my career to have had access to some incredibly astute and experienced professionals in this field," David said.

"It has been instilled in me to treat my clients and their money with the greatest respect."

With over 12 years of experience in property development, finance syndication, private lending, private equity, family office management as well as founding and operating Growth Point Capital, a firm which assists in brokering, managing and developing investment projects for clients and investors, since 2015, David has built an impressive body of work that speaks to his meticulous attention to detail and exceptional

problem-solving skills.

Among his achievements, David has successfully overseen property management operations for over 100 tenants and managed a thriving shared office business while simultaneously leading Growth Point Capital. He currently steers a combined property debt and development portfolio of approximately \$2 billion. The Newstead Fund is his most recent project.

"My background in property development, finance syndication, private lending and private equity, has opened my eyes to the complexities and potential pitfalls of this industry," he said.

"Our clients rightly expect managers with a proven track record, demonstrated expertise, and a strong reputation in the industry, with strict adherence to compliance. Our entire team recognises this, and we share a client-centred focus. There is absolutely nothing like the feeling of helping our clients to realise their financial goals.

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The Fund is looking to help local investors benefit from the expected growth from the 2032 Olympics and use that growth to provide consistent monthly returns to investors.

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The house as it was bought in 1992 and the open paddock with a line of shrubs that was retained.



The Shambles in 1999 with paths and garden beds planted.



The house today is surrounded with gardens. This is a collector's garden that has been nurtured for the last 32 years.



Sewing is a wonderful skill that is passed down through the generations.

Legacy of love:

The story behind The Shambles

This Old House: The Shambles 85 Western Avenue

THIS old house at 85 Western Avenue is well-known for its wonderful garden and its dedicated gardener Kyleigh Simpson, who along with her husband, Montville's much-loved medico, Dr Michael Simpson, created The Shambles.

The cottage and garden sit lightly, on the land, respectfully acknowledging the traditional inhabitants who first harvested bunya nuts here.

The Shambles is part of the original selection, Portion 70V, selected by Henry Smith in 1893. After one and a half centuries of European occupation on the Blackall Range, there are irreversible changes to the environment; from clearing forests, developing both agricultural and pastoral farming, subdividing the land and damming Baroon Pocket.

The former farm house can be dated between 1900-1912. In 1912 James Eli Hallett and his wife Annie purchased the cottage along with about 24 acres.

She was 57 years with five grown children and James was 54 years. James and Annie lived there for 22 years until age and illness forced James to sell in 1935 following Annie's death the previous year.

The sales pitch included 12 acres of rich volcanic soil, an orchard of 200 first-class citrus trees and 6000 pineapples just cropping. The residence has five rooms with a verandah room, an extra detached room on high blocks, a wagon shed, an implement shed and man's room. (Farm labourers were often provided basic lodgings and board on the farm.)

After James Hallett sold the property there were a number of changes of ownership and subdivisions of the farm. Names of previous



Michael and Kyleigh pictured in 2022.

owners, include the Rann, Butt, Compton, Doessel, Neilsen, Wilkie, Wheeler, Parkinson and McCullough families.

In 1976 the ¾ acre of land with the original farm house was subdivided from the original farm and became a rental property until Kyleigh and Michael purchased the house from Beryl McCullough in 1992.

The house, a typical Queensland worker's cottage, was built at a time of financial constraint, probably by the owner, using a basic architectural plan and materials that were to hand.

Sympathetic renovation

Kyleigh and Michael wanted to recapture the original building and removed aluminium sliding glass windows, made sympathetic repairs and added an additional living space. There was also an old machinery shed that was converted to the Plough Inn, a delightful space to display memorabilia, sit and read, play, or contemplate the garden.

Kyleigh explained, "Our reason for coming to Montville was work and to have more land to garden. Michael and I were keen gardeners in Brisbane and had simply run out of room

around our worker's cottage in Sandgate. We were more than content with a house that is old and under-renovated, where the wind whistles through gaps, the bathroom is basic and we rely on our tank water, because there is a feeling that comes with old places that just cannot be replicated."

Michael enjoyed documenting this garden and home for family and visitors, and though he passed away in January 2023, he has left a picturesque legacy of this house and garden.

The garden became renowned in the Montville community because Kyleigh and Michael participated in the Open Garden Program for many years, selling seedlings that they had struck to encourage locals to develop historic, pioneering gardens of their own.

After 30 years of talking about removing the privet hedge, passers-by will notice that Kyleigh has done it and was rewarded with a few unearthed original wooden fence posts and a heap of barbed wire.

She said, "I love this garden and love living here. Michael might not be here, but the garden will continue to evolve and I might even find time to continue the written records that Michael was so dedicated to."

Sewing Essentials: Tips for hand and machine sewing

Hinterland Homesteading with Racheal Pascoe

SEWING on a button, mending a hole in a shirt or pants, replacing elastic in a waistband or making a patchwork quilt ... sewing is certainly a very handy skill to have around the house.

It can save money and also allows for any of us creatives to have a wonderful outlet to make functional items.

My Mum taught me to sew when I was about 12 years old and it has allowed me to create lots of projects over the years, including making clothing but the part I have enjoyed the most is soft furnishings. Making curtains and cushions etc is super fun to choose your own fabric and have something different to what you can buy in the shops. I guess that is part of the appeal of it all, you are only limited by your imagination.

Don't worry if you didn't do Home Economics at school or you simply weren't interested back then, you can definitely start to learn the basics now. Sewing is divided into two main categories - "hand sewing" with a needle and thread & "machine sewing".

Hand sewing is terrific for mending, including sewing a new button on the waistband of a pair of shorts for example. Hand sewing requires only very basic tools, a needle and thread. You can buy a packet of assorted needles from Spotlight or Big W to have in your kit. Usually you would try to match the colour of the cotton to the garment you are working on. Buy good quality thread when hand sewing. For example, Gutermann thread is a good thread to buy and it does make a difference when you are pulling it through the fabric.

Don't throw out your favourite shorts or shirt when the button comes off in the wash. Look up how to sew the button back on, you might just be surprised at how easy it is. Save on buying new clothes by making what you have got last longer.

Machine sewing involves using a sewing machine and does require some level of skill but with a bit of good guidance, you will be on your way in no time. Great projects to start on are a fabric bag with simple handles, a pillowcase, pair of elastic waisted shorts or a cushion cover.

Making functional items yourself saves money. For example, sewing a patchwork quilt uses up scraps of material you might have had laying around, repurposing them into something that is useful. There is also a beautiful aspect to hand-made, one off pieces becoming family heirlooms over time. I love to make something unique as a gift, knowing that the receiver could not go to the shops and buy anything quite the same or as wonderful. In our world where so much is mass produced, it is pretty special to be able to make something different.

Keep an eye out for local learn to sew classes if you are interested in learning more about sewing. Sewing is a wonderful skill that is passed down through the generations. If you don't have anyone in your family who sews, find someone who does and ask them to teach you. More often than not older people with sewing skills are only too happy to share their knowledge and help. There is also an abundance of information and resources available on the net. You could start to teach yourself to sew today!

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Yandina artist highly commended at 'Seeing the Soul' Art Prize

EMERGING Yandina artist Jasmine Veronique has clinched the prestigious Highly Commended Award for her artwork "Innocent Harmony" at the Seeing the Soul Art Prize and Exhibition.

The exhibition opened Saturday and continues until 12 May. The major fundraising initiative supports Hoofbeats Sanctuary's work by celebrating artwork inspired by the human/animal connection, while raising awareness of mental health.

Jasmine draws inspiration from the raw, imperfect beauty and meaning of nature, a fascination that is deeply mirrored in her artwork.

"In my painting I wanted to capture a moment of pure innocence and unspoken understanding between a young girl and her white foal," said Jasmine.

A painting by Tewantin artist Jo Hawkins received the Major Prize of \$2500 at the exhibition opening on Saturday April 13 at Cooroy Butter Factory Arts Centre.

"Unconditional" depicts the unconditional love of a woman and her dog by the self-taught artist and former graphic designer.

Located at Doonan, Hoofbeats Sanctuary is a safe, restorative space that brings people, animals and nature together to improve the emotional well-being of people living with mental health challenges resulting from trauma. "We're encouraging the public to visit the exhibition over the next month and cast their vote for the People's Choice Award, which will be announced at the conclusion of the exhibition," said Hoofbeats Sanctuary Founder and CEO, Barb Blashki.



Highly Commended Prize Winner Jasmine Veronique with her winning work Innocent Harmony.

- All exhibition artworks are for sale and can be purchased through the 'Seeing the Soul' website: seeingthesoul.org.au/exhibition2024.
- Runner-Up Prize of \$1500: Ellie Sutton (Blue Mountains, NSW) for the photograph Little Bird.
- Highly Commended Prize of \$1500: Jasmine Veronique (Yandina) for the painting Innocent Harmony.
- Under 18 Emerging Artist Prize (\$500): Ellenie Faith Kirkman (Tewantin) for the painting Kindred Spirits.

Elegant glimpse into the past:

Museum exhibition recreates Nambour's old-fashioned entertainment scene

by Janine Hill

A NIGHT out in Nambour these days might look like a nice shirt and a decent pair of jeans, a few beers, a pub feed, or a live band in a dark room.

But what did they look like in days gone by, when social occasions were often more formal and decorum was worn with pride?

The Nambour Museum's upcoming exhibition, A Night Out in Nambour, celebrates the buzzing entertainment scene that existed during the town's glory days in the 20th century.

The exhibition will include vintage evening wear, accessories, photographs dating back almost 100 years, and event programs.

Vice-president Cherry Powell said the exhibition was a chance for the museum to show off some of its collection.

"We don't get a chance to display a lot of the clothes that we've got," she said.

The exhibition will include pictures taken at balls at the Diggers Hall, on the corner of Queen and Howard Streets, and a black and white photograph taken at the recently renovated Vogue Theatre on opening night in 1958.

"In the fourth row, there's a woman with a baby on her lap," said Cherry, who also remarked on the existence of a "crying room" at the theatre.

Cry rooms began appearing in theatres, churches and cinemas in the 1950s and allowed parents to take upset babies or children out of the room while still being able to



hear the presentation. The exhibition will also feature photographs from the Victory Ball after World War two, various debutante balls, and Nambour Amateur Theatre Society productions going back to the 1920s. Among the accessories on display will be a sequined purse from the first debutante ball held at the Nambour Civic Centre in the 1960s. A Night Out in Nambour will open on 20 April and will be available for viewing for about two months.

Surf Competition, now is featured on it's own with the fabulous addition of surf culture. Get ready with your camp chairs at Eleanor Shipley Park for a day of adventure between surf and sea and music and dance.

• Book free now @festurimulticulturalfestival and give yourself the chance to win a Dinner for 2 at Ours Cafe and Goods, Moffat Beach.

New date set for FESTURI Multicultural Festival

FESTURI Multicultural Festival is set to host the Moffat Beach: Surf and Sea Multicultural Festival on May 18 & 19. Originally slated to coincide with the Pa and Ma Bendall Memorial

Local history comes alive:

Cooloolabin book launch draws community together

A new book invites readers into the captivating world of Cooloolabin, where history echoes through the towering forests and the cherished memories of generations past linger in the air.

Former Greg Rogerson launched the new book on Saturday April 13 at the Cooloolabin Hall with authors Elaine Ogilvie and Audienne Blyth on hand to talk about their project.

About 150 guests enjoyed afternoon tea with local historical groups and community associations as well as Cr David Law.

Some extracts from the book follow: Cooloolabin sits like a gem in the crown, just behind Yandina. From Point Glorious views extend to the Pacific Ocean, from Double Island Point to the Glasshouse Mountains. On a hot day the air is always cooler than that of the coast. Visitors are impressed with the heavily timbered forest, now Mapleton National Park, and the Dam.

There is evidence of use by First Nations people. Cooloolabin derives from the Aboriginal words meaning *place of native bears*.

The centrepiece is the Cooloolabin Hall, once known as the School of Arts, and officially opened in January 1917. This year marks 107 years. It is run by Cooloolabin Hall Association Incorporated, CHAI.

The Fraser family were the first settlers and gave land for the hall and a tennis court. Other early settlers who worked to establish the hall were: Ivins, Grigor, Ken-nison, Humphreys, Hillier, Love, Smith, McBaron, Drummond, Morrison and Allendorf. Subscriptions funded a lending library and a piano and accordion for dances and social occasions.

Some of the first groups to use the hall were church groups; Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists and the Salvation Army took one Sunday each month generally arriving by horse. A rifle club and farmers' groups met there. Timber getting, dairying and the growing of bananas and citrus were the early industries.

The Cooloolabin State School functioned as a one-teacher school from 1915 - 1962. Children were then taken by bus to nearby schools.

By 1919 a Lawn Tennis Club was established. In an idyllic setting, families would gather to play tennis on Saturday afternoon followed by a basket tea and a dance "till all hours" in the hall.

By the 1920s, "picture man" Mr Moskyn travelled to the hall once a month to show silent films with his own portable projector.

The Johnston family delivered cream three times a week to Yandina in a two-horse wagon. They returned with mail and groceries. In the 1930s they used an A-model Ford utility. This mail service continued into the 1950s.

Facilities were gained by perseverance and lobbying. Communication by 1938 was by public pay telephone which sat in a box on a fence outside Arthur & Gladys Johnston's



Unveiling the secrets of Cooloolabin: a journey through time and heritage, from left, Audienne Blyth, Greg Rogerson & Elaine Ogilvie.

house. Later a telephone exchange serving the four to six resident families was built in the Johnston's house and looked after 24 hours a day by Gladys. It closed in 1963 and was replaced by a direct line through to Yandina. Power came in 1965. Residents are dependent on the condition of Cooloolabin Road and have always campaigned for improvements.

Vast timber resources

Cooloolabin's vast timber resources have been used by various sawmills. Jocusen's Sawmill operated there from 1919 to the mid 1920s. Fosters' Sawmill operated from 1932 to 1945. During World War Two a US Navy team, the 55th Seabees, supplied large quantities of sawn timber and piles for wharves on bases in the Pacific. Wilkinsons' Yandina Sawmill was kept supplied with logs.

In February 1954 one of the worst cyclones to strike the Sunshine Coast demolished the



A scene from Fosters' Sawmill which operated from 1932 to 1945.

hall. With community working bees and donations it was rebuilt using the salvaged timbers and re-opened at a Grand Ball on 13 August, 1955. In the 1950s and 1960s catering for social functions meant hearty suppers of sandwiches and cakes. The hall had a reputation for good dances on an excellent floor.

The Image Flat - Cooloolabin Fire Brigade and the community have supported modernisation of the hall and it continues to provide a gathering point.

In the last few years Cooloolabin Hall has been renovated and has a modern kitchen and indoor shower and toilet. Large water tanks were installed. There is a strong committee from a very supportive community. The hall is their gathering point and the future looks bright.

• Cooloolabin, Gem of the Hinterland, by Audienne Blyth & Elaine Ogilvie is for sale at \$25 per copy, phone 0409 493 305.

BreastScreen mobile service coming to Maleny

THE BreastScreen Queensland mobile service will be at Maleny Hospital in May offering free breast screening for women 40 years and over.

The service will be offering more early and late appointments, including appointments up to 5.30pm on Monday 13 May.

Research shows that, for women aged 50 to 75 years, a breast screen every two years is the best way to detect breast cancer early. A breast screen appointment takes less than 30 minutes and a doctor's referral is not needed.

"You do need to book ahead for a breast screen, to make sure you find an appointment at a time which suits you," said Health Promotion Officer Gillian Duffy.

BreastScreen Queensland mobile service will be in Maleny from 30 April to 21 May. There are permanent BreastScreen services at Nambour Hospital and Caloundra Health service. To find your nearest service or to book an appointment call 13 20 50 or visit breastscreen.qld.gov.au

Red Cross appeals for life-saving donated breast milk

AUSTRALIAN Red Cross Lifeblood is calling for mothers with excess breast milk to help restock the freezers for the state's premature and low birth-weight babies.

Donated breast milk is essential when a mother's own milk is not available for these babies. It helps them grow and prevents health complications that can be fatal.

Lifeblood Milk Service Manager Chris Sulfaro



said many mothers needed a bridge of support while their own supply was establishing, if they have a baby in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. "Donated breast milk is liquid gold for premature or very sick and small babies and is the best source of nutrition when a mother's own milk is not available."

• Information about becoming a donor can be found at lifeblood.com.au.

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- Bespoke Rammed Earth and hardwood home
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- A bore plus tanks for the established gardens and fruit trees
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Dulong: 36 acres with views to Moreton Island

AGENT'S CHOICE: 9-49 Biggs Road, Dulong. Offers over \$1,295,000.

NESTLED high up in Dulong, this gorgeous, freshly renovated three bedroom home features expansive views from every angle of every window.

The renovations include fresh paint and modern flooring, creating a modern, warm and peaceful vibe.

The generous kitchen features ample storage and bench space, complimented by a large fridge cavity and a 900mm gas cooktop with electric oven.

The nearby dining room is separated from the lounge by a feature wall which allows for private family dining overlooking the hinterland and ocean views.

Three generous bedrooms located down the hallway all have ceiling fans and built-in robes, while both modern bathrooms have new finishes and ample walk-in showers.

The master bedroom in particular impresses with sweeping ocean views.

A combination of gently undulating hills and bushland over this expansive 36 acre property gives the best of both worlds, and from the generous rear deck there are uninterrupted



hinterland and ocean views. This home can never be built out.

Half an acre of the land is flat and usable, with much of it fully fenced. There is ample room for a shed or second dwelling (STCA). Two massive water tanks provide water to the home, while gas hot water and a large solar system keep energy bills down.

You can grow anything in the fertile soil, and there is a large dam for watering stock or growing fruit trees.

The property is only minutes to Flaxton and Mapleton, 10 minutes to Nambour and 30 minutes to the beach.

• Acreage of this calibre with these sort of views is highly sought after and this incredible property will not last long. For more information contact the listing agent Scott Walters on 0447 474 982.



This lovely family home features plantation shutters on the generous deck.

Family-friendly on big block with dual living potential

AGENT'S CHOICE: 21 Argyle Crescent, Coes Creek. Offers over \$995,000.

TUCKED away at the elevated end of a dress circle cul-de-sac is this charming, fully renovated, north facing family home on a leafy 1,172m² block framed by landscaped gardens and offering versatile living options including the possibility of dual occupancy.

Across two levels the home has a formal entry foyer, three bedrooms, rumpus/fourth bedroom, two fully tiled bathrooms, a quality modern kitchen, separate living areas, shuttered rear timber deck, separate laundry, and drive-through double lock-up garage to the double carport. The lower level has both internal and external access and could be converted to a granny flat.

On the upper level, raked ceilings and stunning hardwood timber floors are a feature. There is split system air-conditioning and a slow combustion fireplace in the lounge, stainless steel benches and a gas cooktop in the kitchen, and there are plantation shutters on the generous deck.

In the ground floor bathroom is a spa

bath and separate shower, and there are crimsafe screens throughout and ceiling fans throughout.

The home is powered by a 5kW solar power with up to 10kW of battery storage, and there is a mezzanine floor in the garage.

A solar-heated 40,000-litre 8x5m salt-chlorinated inground pool with poolside pavilion is an inviting extension of living area.

There is a sunny front courtyard with a pergola, and a second covered area accessed from the master and third bedroom offers another great space to relax alfresco.

The established, tropical gardens will also impress, with a terraced garden path, paved areas, and steps amongst the rainforest style vegetation.

This home is located just 270-metres from Homestead Park with its fabulous playground, and 450-metres from Burnside Shopping Village and childcare centre.

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Modern family living: quality, space and value in Nambour

AGENT'S CHOICE: 24 Presentation Boulevard, Nambour. Offers over \$780,000 considered.

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The current owners have loved living here and it shows; they have taken great care of the home inside and out, and the gardens are a mixture of native and tropical vegetation, tiered at the front to enhance street appeal and privacy. The property is fully fenced.

Located on the elevated side of the street in a quality neighbourhood surrounded by contemporary homes; this is a great place to raise a family.

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Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. All care taken but please check details with organisers. Send details to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

Swinging into the Sixties

Quintet reimagines 60s hits with jazz and funk twist

THE 1960s were a time of change and exploration, cultural innovation and global challenges. A time of mini-skirts and Go Go Boots, mop tops and mod scooters. The 60s brought us the Beatles, pop hits such as *Sunshine Superman* and *California Dreaming*, and jazz-fusion hits such as *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* and *The In Crowd*.

Drawing inspiration from this time of musical innovation, the Robyn Brown Quintet have been working on a project to bring together some of the pop and jazz hits of the Sixties and reinterpret them with a jazz and funk twist.

With an incredible wealth of experience between them – performing with some of the biggest names in jazz, touring the US, performing in New York and Japan, playing at Montreux jazz festival, performing on Television shows (*Hey, Hey it's Saturday, Spicks & Specks*) and even having composed music



for film scores – this group of musicians have created some incredible versions of well-known tunes.

You might hear a soul version of Johnny Cash's *Ring of Fire*, a Beatles hit done in a swing style, *Sunshine Superman* done with a 7/8 groove or a funky version of *The Beat Goes On*.

Swing along and enjoy this trip down memory lane and reminisce with some of your favourite tunes. Robyn, together with outstanding musicians John Conley (Galapagos Duck), Ross Nixon, Phil Hayter and Trent Bryon-Dean (The Ten Tenors) have been performing to sell-out shows around Queensland and now bring this celebration of the Sixties to The Jazz Sessions at The Presynct,

Nambour on Thursday 16th May

With these nights selling out fast, you're encouraged to book early so you don't miss out. • Tickets, \$15 - \$25, can be purchased through <https://events.humanitix.com/the-jazz-sessions> Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm show.



The Robyn Brown Quintet brings a fusion of jazz and funk to iconic 60s hits. Don't miss their performance at The Jazz Sessions at The Presynct, in Nambour on May 16.



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Looking for a space to do your art in Nambour?

Join a group of like minded artists and budding artists to express your creativity in any medium; oil, pastel, acrylic, or watercolor artists are all welcome to exchange, share and discuss art ideas.

Contact Tony Pates on **0450 122 161** for more details.

Arioso Chamber Ensemble presents



ARIOSO 10

Step into the enchanting world of Baroque music as we commemorate a decade of musical brilliance with our 10th Anniversary Concert Series! Immerse yourself in the captivating sounds of Rameau, Marais, Vivaldi, Bach, Handel, Caldara, and Purcell.

2:30pm Saturday April 20 Eudlo Hall

2:30pm Sunday April 21 Cooroy Memorial Hall

Judit Molnár soprano
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Guild's quality work on display at Expo

THE Blackall Range Woodcrafters are gearing up to impress visitors at the 25th Maleny Wood Expo at Maleny Showgrounds from May 4 to 6. Recognised as one of Australia's premier wood shows, the expo draws up to 10,000 visitors over the Labour Day long weekend.

Publicity Officer David Friend highlighting the Woodies' commitment to showcasing and selling exquisite woodwork crafted by their members. In addition to the display, the Woodies will host the Blackall Range Woodies Children's Workshop, offering engaging activities for 4 to 12-year-olds daily from 10am to 2pm, with no bookings required. "Visitors are encouraged to explore the woodcraft displays and enjoy refreshments at the Mary Cairncross Discovery Centre while admiring the magnificent entry doors crafted by Woodies members."



Local woodcraft will be on display and for sale at the 2024 Barung Maleny Wood Expo.



Kev Devlin gives a final polish to his magnificent jacaranda coffee table.

Woodcrafters showcase artistry, generosity

WITH their recent contributions Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild members Keith Carter and Kev Devlin, embody the spirit of craftsmanship and community support engrained in the club.

On behalf of BRWG, Keith crafted, donated and presented a superb serving board to Barung Landcare for its raffle at the May 4 to 6 Maleny Wood Expo.

Meanwhile, Kev has designed and crafted a magnificent coffee table, made from a jacaranda tree milled at the Woodies Millers Cave at the Montville sportsground.

It has a beautiful grain and will be a prized possession for the winner of a separate raffle by the Woodies. Tickets are only available from the Blackall Range Woodies stand in the Dairy Pavilion from 4 to 6 May 2024.

Similar coffee tables have sold for between \$4000 and \$8000.

Keith is the co-ordinator for the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild at the Expo. The Guild will again have a large display of woodcraft for sale at very reasonable prices - just in time for Mother's Day.

Items will include jewellery, serving trays,



Keith presents his camphor laurel serving board for Barung to raffle.

carvings, stools, chess sets, tissue boxes, jewellery boxes, bowls, bread boards, kitchen utensils, small tables, toys, mirrors, and possibly even a rocking horse.

Celebrating 25 years of the Maleny Wood Expo

MALENY, Queensland - April 24

The much-loved Maleny Wood Expo is gearing up to be the most vibrant yet, celebrating its 25th year!

Held May 4th - 6th, this year's Wood Expo features workshops tailored to children and adults, providing hands-on experiences to inspire skill development. From beginner woodworking sessions to advanced techniques, participants will have the opportunity to learn from seasoned woodworkers.

From spoon and handhanded carving, to stool making, coopering and toy making, to power tool carving, and flute making, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The program also includes morning guided Platypus tours along the Obi Obi Creek, cultural weaving workshops as well as a number of environmental education activities for both adults and children.

The Wood Expo will also offer a delicious range of world food and coffee options and some great entertainment, including live music from local musicians, street performances, live chainsaw carving and interactive demonstrations.

One of the highlights of the Maleny Wood Expo is viewing the finalist pieces that make up the Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize exhibition. This year, the competition attracted a record number of entries, triple the number they have received in the past.

The "competition with a conscience" offers a generous prize pool of \$19,000, and attracts woodworkers and artisans from all over Australia to submit works.

Featuring exquisite sculptures, fine furniture



The Expo features workshops tailored to children and adults. Image: Richard Musumeci

and unique miniature pieces crafted from sustainably harvested timber, the competition celebrates the diversity of woodworking practices, highlighting the innovation and creativity of artisans from across the country.

"We are thrilled to showcase the incredible talent and creativity of our woodworking community at this year's Maleny Wood Expo," said Doug Evans, Barung Landcare General Manager.

"Whether you're a seasoned woodworker or simply curious about the craft or keen to learn more about living sustainably and our local environment, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We invite families, enthusiasts, and visitors alike to join us for a weekend of inspiration, education, fun and entertainment."

To book your tickets and for more information visit www.malenywoodexpo.com

Woodcrafters craft bespoke trophy for Rehab Olympics

THE Blackall Range Woodcrafters have crafted a unique trophy for Wishlist's "Rehab Olympics" competition.

Following a similar call to create last year's trophies, Wishlist again approached the Woodies to create a special award.

Led by the BRWG Design & Construct Team, the Woodies designed a trophy featuring horizontal parallel bars, symbolizing the equipment used in patient rehabilitation.

Markings on the Olympic rings represent a stitched excision, adding a poignant touch to the bespoke creation.

Publicity Officer David Friend expressed the Woodies' enthusiasm for supporting Wishlist's special day: "It's a privilege to contribute to such a worthy cause and showcase the craftsmanship of our members."

BRWG's Design & Construct Team Rob & Philippa created the trophy.



Fashion Revolution Week coming to Nambour

DO you know who made your clothes? Where they were made? Or even what they are made of? These are some of the questions we are encouraged to ask ourselves during Fashion Revolution Week this April.

These questions are extremely important to local artists Ketakii Jewson-Brown and Shaye Hardisty, who take every opportunity to educate themselves and others about the woes of the fashion industry and how we can make a positive difference.

This April they are bringing 'Slow Fashion Conversations' back to Nambour, after sold-out event last year.

This year will see sustainable fashion legend, Deb Fisher in conversation with Kat Walsh (Practice Studio, Brisbane) and Clare Wright (House of Clare, Sunshine Coast) talking to the theme 'How to be a Fashion Revolutionary'. Attendees are encouraged to bring along any hand-mending to work on throughout the evening. The evening is set to be both nurturing

and empowering.

Fashion Revolution Week is a global movement with a vision for the fashion industry that conserves and restores the environment, and values people over growth and profit. It began 10 years ago to mark the anniversary of the Rana Plaza Disaster in Bangladesh where 1,134 people were killed and more than 2,500 were left injured. The people in this building were working in unsafe conditions, while manufacturing clothing for many of the biggest global fashion brands. This tragedy is the fourth largest industrial disaster in history.

During Fashion Revolution Week, we remember the lives lost and demand that no one should die for fashion.



A recent slow fashion talk in Nambour. Pic Travis McFarlane.

The event will take place at 2nd Space Studio on Howard Street, Nambour on the 18th April, 2024 from 6.30pm - 9pm

Tickets \$15 - \$40 (sliding scale) and include light refreshments, book through humanitix: <https://events.humanitix.com/slow-conversations-on-fashion>

We love fashion. But we don't want our clothes to exploit people or destroy our planet. We demand radical, revolutionary change.

Arts and Crafts group gears up for Winter Fair

THE Sunshine Coast Arts and Crafts group is holding its Winter Craft Fair on the weekend of June 1 and 2 at the Montville Village Hall. Starting at 9am, the fairs are always very popular and are an opportunity for members to showcase their art and craft skills to the public.

"Our Sunshine Coast Arts and Crafts group has been supporting local craftspeople for over 40 years and the sale of the beautifully handmade items allows our group to continue to function," said secretary Jo Giblin. "A fabulous Hamper raffle will be drawn over the weekend, so people should make sure they've purchased some tickets. An onsite café serving delicious treats is the perfect accompaniment for a morning's shopping. If you're looking for gift ideas or simply something great for yourself, then you're sure to find some unique handmade items to suit." www.sunshinecoastartsandcrafts.com.au

Innovative production explores love's complexity



CONTEMPORARY theatre group, D.I.V.E. Theatre Collective, is set to captivate audiences with their latest production, "Amor," an immersive exploration of the intricate facets of love. Directed by Cesar Genaro and featuring a diverse ensemble cast, "Amor" promises to push the boundaries of traditional theatre.

"Amor" invites spectators into a realm where love intertwines with its polar opposites, portrayed through a compelling fusion of movement, visual poetry, and multilingual narratives.

Genaro describes the production as an opportunity for audiences to reflect on their personal love stories and contemplate the universal essence of love.

Featuring talented performers from various cultural backgrounds, including Bella Wanwei Liu, Mary Eggleston, Megan O'Hare, and Valentina Ayala, "Amor" offers a visceral and emotional journey for theatergoers.

Breaking away from conventional theatre settings, "Amor" will be staged at the intimate Black Box Theatre in Nambour's Old Ambulance Station. With no traditional stages or seats, audiences will be fully immersed in the performance, standing alongside the cast as the narrative unfolds.

"Amor" will run on select dates in May, offering a unique theatrical experience for attendees. Tickets: <https://divetheatre.com>.

From left, Judit Molnar (soprano), Margaret Caley (baroque violin), Janet Brewer (harpsichord), Shannon Scheltema (viola da gamba).

Anniversary concert series brings Baroque magic to Eudlo

STEP into the enchanting world of Baroque music as Arioso Chamber Ensemble commemorates a decade of musical brilliance with their 10th anniversary concert series: Arioso 10.

Judit Molnár (soprano) will perform a selection of beautiful works including the cantata "Rotte L'Aspre Catene" by Italian composer Antonio Caldara, Vivaldi's "Mentre Dormi", and Purcell's moving "Dido's Lament". The captivating sounds of Rameau, Marais and Morel will be brought to life in instrumental dances and pieces by Margaret Caley (baroque violin), Shannon Scheltema (viola da gamba) and Janet Brewer (harpsichord).

Arioso Chamber Ensemble brings together the talents and experience of leading specialists in Baroque performance. Formed in Jan-



uary 2014 for the "Music by the Sea" Festival, they have since performed at many festivals and concert series. Their extensive repertoire features well known Baroque favourites as well as lesser-known gems, many of which are included on their recent CD "Pearls". The group aims to present high quality engaging performances and workshops with an emphasis on Historically Informed Practice.

Please come and immerse yourself in an earlier time 2.30pm Saturday 20 April at Eudlo Hall and Sunday 21 April at Cooroy Memorial Hall.

• Tickets are available online at www.ariosochamberensemble.com or cash at the door: \$35 Adult / \$30 Concession / \$12 School Student.

Arts & Crafts Group stages Annual Autumn Fair

THE Maleny Arts and Crafts Group will be holding their Autumn Fair from Friday the 3rd of May through to Monday the 6th of May at the Maleny Community Centre.

"THE Autumn Fair is always a highlight in our calendar because it is an event where our members can showcase their beautiful, handmade creations," said the group's Publicity Officer, Deborah Mooney.

As with previous years, this year's fair will feature unique, quality handmade items including clothing, glassware, jewellery, woodwork, art, woollens, pottery, jams and pickles, toys, handbags and more.

"We have a very popular raffle at our Autumn Fair and this year's prize is a sashiko (Japanese embroidery inspired) quilt," she said.

"The quilt is a really beautiful and functional piece of art. The fair is always a fantastic opportunity to find a unique Mother's Day gift as well."

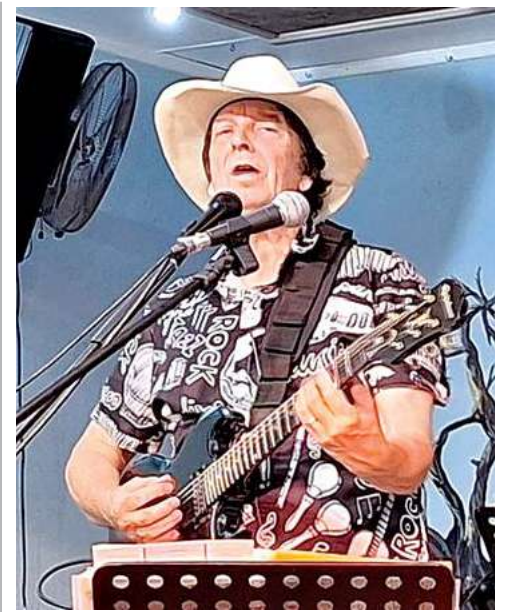
The Fair is open from 9am to 4pm on Friday and Saturday, 9am to 3pm on Sunday and 9am to 2pm on Monday.

The Maleny Community Centre is at 23



Pictured: This year's raffle prize, a handmade Sashiko quilt.

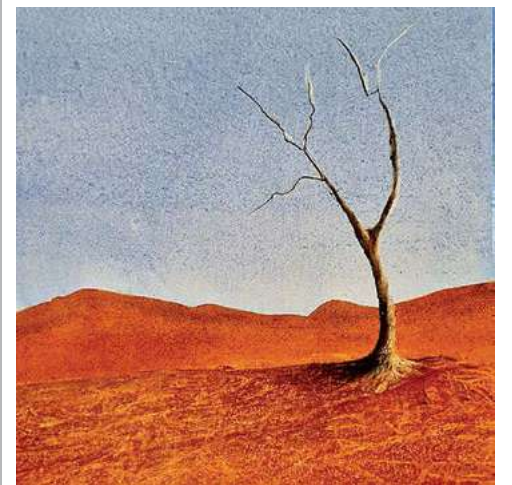
Maple Street Maleny, next to the Visitor's Centre and there is plenty of extra parking behind the building on Bicentenary Lane.



Yandina Country Music

YANDINA welcomes guest artist Billy Guy to the ACMA concert on Sunday 21st April. With songs that you know and love, and his contagious energy, you can guarantee entertainment.

You'll also enjoy popular country music and other upbeat, crowd-pleasing favourites from local artists backed by a great house band. See you at the Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road, 12 noon start. Raffle and door prizes, byo lunch, free tea and coffee. Entry \$10, members \$8. Enquiries 0437 191004.



Pictured: 'All Alone' by Sue Needham

'Brush and Beyond'

THE Mixed Media Art Group is delighted to present its annual Exhibition, 'Brush and Beyond', to be held in the centre's independent gallery at the Craft Cottage 5 Main St Buderim. Opening hours will be Friday 14 June, 9am to 7.30pm, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June, 9am to 4pm.

The Official opening is on Friday 14th June from 5pm to 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. The Mixed Media Group is comprised of established and emerging artists who are committed to exploring new ideas and pushing the boundaries on what's possible. The annual art exhibition is the culmination of twelve months work, of exploring new ideas compatible with an individual artist's chosen medium.

A diverse and interesting variety of original art will be on view and for sale. Each piece is totally unique and handmade by local artists. Browse mixed media pieces, vibrant abstract pieces, landscapes and still life. Artists will be on hand, happy to talk about their art.

• For further information visit the Craft Cottage website: www.buderimcraftcottage.com.au.

Buderim Craft Cottage exhibition

THE Buderim Craft Cottage is staging a major exhibition. The Fibre Art Group is showcasing their biennial exhibition titled "existence". The theme explores life from an individual perspective.

Many of the artists are experienced in a broad range of techniques and the result of each one's personal relationship to the topic is providing a very-thought provoking and unusual exhibition. This is not to be missed.

May 18th - 26th, daily 10am-4pm, free entry and parking at 5 Main Street, Buderim. buderimcraftcottage.com.au

Anzac Day - Lest we forget

COMMEMORATE ANZAC Day on Thursday, April 25. The day, derived from Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, honors the sacrifices made during World War I. Pay tribute to the courage and valour of Australian soldiers lost in military operations.

MADCA General Meeting

THE Monthly General meeting of the Mapleton and District Community Association will convene at the Mapleton Bowls Club on Wednesday, May 1, at 6.30pm for 7pm.

Mary Valley Food Festival

CELEBRATE GourMay Mary Valley Food Festival 2024 from May 1 to May 31. Experience a month full of events showcasing Mary Valley growers, producers, and creators.

Food Festival Day is on Saturday, May 25, from 8.30am to 3pm at Imbil Town Square & Rail Park.

Looking for a space to do your art?

NAMBOUR local, Tony Pates has a great love of art and has found a venue in Nambour where like-minded people of any level of ability and experience can join together to practice their artistic passion.

"I am setting up a group for like-minded people using any medium, from oil, to pastel, acrylic, or water colour etc, to work together comfortably on our artistic projects," Tony said.

"The group is not envisioned as organized classes but rather as a supportive environment where art ideas can be shared, exchanged, and discussed.

"I would like to create a place where we can have fun, a laugh, and where we can safely conduct our artwork," he said.



Tony Pates with some of his work

"The venue is 'Petrie Park Craft Association Inc' Nambour and get together will be either Wednesday or Fridays depending on numbers and interest."

• If you are interested and would like to be involved in attending and being part of this new group, you can contact Tony Pates on 0450 122 161.

Society's 'Magnificent Melodies in May'

THE Sunshine Coast Choral Society is set to enchant audiences with their upcoming concert, "Magnificent Melodies in May". Led by Conductor Donna Langford, the society invites music enthusiasts to celebrate the joy of music on Sunday, May 5 at 2pm. The performance will feature John Rutter's uplifting masterpiece, Magnificat, promising a journey through enchanting harmonies and soul-stirring melodies. Held at Stella Maris Primary School in Maroochydore, this concert is sure to be an unforgettable experience for all attendees. Tickets can be purchased online at www.suncoastchoral.org.au/performances or at the door with cash or credit card.

Hinterland Music Club Maleny Country Music

COUNTRY Music Maleny - Hinterland Music Club Inc will be holding their next concert on Saturday April 13, 2024 commencing 10am in the Big Shed, Pioneer Village, Bryce Lane, Maleny. Take a scenic drive up to where is not just Country Music but Country Music in the Country with that real friendly country atmosphere. Walk up artists are welcome with a backing band if required; please bring your own chord charts (5). Beginners are very welcome. In fact everyone is welcome. Admission \$7 or \$5 for members. Sausage sizzle lunch for a small charge plus gold coin donation for bottomless tea/coffee. For further information contact Harvey 5494-4220. See you there.

Genealogy Sunshine Coast Open Day April 27

DO you need help with your family history or your DNA? Come along to our Open Day and find out what resources we have in our library and how our volunteers can help you solve your brick walls. Soup will be available for lunch for \$5 with a bread roll.

Volunteers Day Sat 25th May:

Are you eligible for Centrelink payments for work done or are you looking for something to do to fill in your time now you are retired. Please come along to our Society in Petrie Park Road where you can learn new skills on the computer, in the library or just to enjoy the company others during their research. We would love your help. Phone 5329 2315.

What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. All care taken but please check details with organisers. Send details to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

APRIL

- **April 17 & 24 & May 1: Genealogy Sunshine Coast Beginner's** Classes, 9.30am-3.30pm. Book early. More info on their website.
- **April 17: Mapleton Community Crop Swap.** Wed 9am, TOSH pergola. Bring items to swap and share.
- **April 18: Fashion Revolution Week event** at 2nd Space Studio on Howard Street, Nambour from 6.30pm - 9pm. Tickets \$15 - \$40 (sliding scale) and include light refreshments, book through humanitix.
- **April 18-21: Bad Habit Records' First** Birthday celebrations at Howard Street, featuring various events including, bands, an Art Show and Vintage Market. See Bad Habit Records Facebook page.
- **April 19, 2024, 7pm: Men's Rugby Nambour v** Brothers at Nambour Rugby Union Club.
- **Saturday April 20: Local rugby league.** A Grade Men Round 3. Stanley River v Nambour at Woodford Showground - Field 1, 5:30pm kickoff.
- **Saturday, April 20: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 7, Woombye Snakes FC v Nambour Yandina Utd FC at 6pm, Woombye Snakes FC-Field 1.
- **Sat, April 20: Women's Rugby, 12.30pm,** Nambour v Caloundra at Caloundra Rugby Club Field 1.
- **Saturday April 20: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 7, Woombye Snakes FC v Nambour Yandina Utd FC at 6pm, Woombye Snakes FC-Field 1.
- **Saturday, April 20: Local AFL. Springwood** QFA Div 1 Seniors v Hinterland Blues QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, Lowe Oval.
- **April 20: Nambour Museum's upcoming**

exhibition, A Night Out in Nambour, celebrates the buzzing entertainment scene that existed during the town's glory days in the 20th century. Opens 20 April and runs for about two months.

- **April 20: Burnside Community Twilight Markets** at Hope Community Church, 86 Windsor Road, Burnside, from 5pm. Food, music, and over 20 market stalls.
- **April 20: Nambour's Mega Market Sunday,** 9am-12pm, at Bad Habit Records area in Howard Street and the Council Forecourt in Bury St. Contact: See Nambour Rummagers Market Facebook page.
- **April 20: Football: Snakes v Reds** local derby. Woombye Snakes vs. Nambour Yandina United football match at Woombye Football Fields. Under 23s at 4pm, Premier Men at 6pm.
- **April 20: Baroque Magic at Eudlo:** Immerse yourself in an earlier time 2.30pm Saturday 20 April at Eudlo Hall and Sunday 21 April at Cooroy Memorial Hall. Tickets: ariosochamberensemble.com or cash at the door.
- **April 21: Yandina Country Music** featuring guest artist Billy Guy, 12pm at Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road. Entry \$10, members \$8. Contact: 0437 191004.
- **April 24: Nambour Junior Crushers Rugby** League will honour fallen former player Ben (BJ) Hunter with the opening of the BJ Memorial Garden at Crusher Park. Everyone welcome to the opening at 4.30pm.
- **April 25: ANZAC Day commemoration.** Various locations. Lest we forget.
- **April 25: Montville and Mapleton ANZAC** Day Services, Montville service starts 5:30 am; Mapleton details to be confirmed.
- **April 25: Anzac Day - Lest we forget.** Commemorating Australian and New Zealand soldiers lost in WWI.
- **April 26: Pademelon Survey - Citizen** Science. Fri 26th Apr, 7.30am-9.30am at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. Register online.
- **Fri, Apr 26, 2024, 7pm: Men's Rugby Nambour v** Maroochydore at Nambour Rugby Union Club.
- **Saturday April 27: Open Day at Genealogy** Sunshine Coast for assistance with family history and DNA. Petrie Park Road, Nambour 5329 2315.

- **April 27: Women's Rugby, 12.30pm, Nambour** v Caloundra at Nambour Rugby Union Club.
- **April 27: Mapleton Country Market. Sat** 27th Apr, 8am-12pm at Mapleton State School. Food, produce, crafts, live music.
- **April 27: Local AFL. Hinterland Blues** QFA Div 1 Seniors v Moreton Bay QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, G Rae Oval, Palmwoods.



May 5: Woombye Happy Days Festival:

- **Saturday April 27: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 8, Woombye Snakes FC v Beerwah Glasshouse Utd FQPL Men at 5pm, Beerwah Glasshouse-Field 1.
- **Saturday, April 27: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 8, Nambour Yandina Utd FC v Gympie United FC at 6pm, Nambour Yandina Utd FC-Field 1.
- **April 29 - May 1: Coolum Art Collective's** Easter Art Expo at Coolum Civic Centre. Free entry. More at coolumartcollective.com.
- **April 30: Education Program supports** kids in school facing cancer. Camp Quality's Cancer Education Program visits Palmwoods State School to educate children about cancer.

• **April 30 to May 21: BreastScreen Queensland mobile service** will be at Maleny Hospital. To find your nearest service or to book an appointment call 13 20 50 or visit breastscreen.qld.gov.au

MAY

- **May 1: MADCA General Meeting** at Mapleton Bowls Club, 6.30pm for 7pm. See Mapleton and District Community Association website.
- **May 1: MADCA General Meeting. Mapleton** and District Community Association's General Meeting at Mapleton Bowls Club.
- **May 1: MADCA General Meeting. Wed 1st** May, 6.30pm for 7pm at Mapleton Bowls Club. Monthly meeting.
- **May 1-31: GourMay - Mary Valley Food** Festival. Celebrating Mary Valley growers, producers, and creators.
- **May 3-6: Maleny Arts and Crafts** Group Annual Autumn Fair. Autumn Fair showcasing handmade crafts at Maleny Community Centre.
- **May 4-6: Maleny Wood Expo, celebrating** woodworking, at the Maleny Showgrounds. Tickets on sale in early February. Subscribe to the newsletter via the website or follow on Facebook and Instagram @malenywoodexpo.
- **Saturday, May 4: Local AFL. Caloundra** QFA Div 1 Seniors v Hinterland Blues QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, Carter Park.
- **Sat, May 4: Women's Rugby, 12.30pm,** Caboolture v Nambour at Caboolture Field 1.
- **Saturday May 4: Local rugby league. A** Grade Men Round 5. Nambour v Kawana at Nambour Rugby League Club - Field 1, 5:30pm kickoff.
- **May 5: Sunshine Coast Choral Society** presents "Magnificent Melodies in May" at Stella Maris Primary School, Maroochydore, 2pm. Tickets: www.suncoastchoral.org.au/ performances.
- **May 5: Woombye Happy Days Festival:** School of Arts, Woombye, 10am-10pm. Email Milo Frawley: woombyecommunity@gmail.com.



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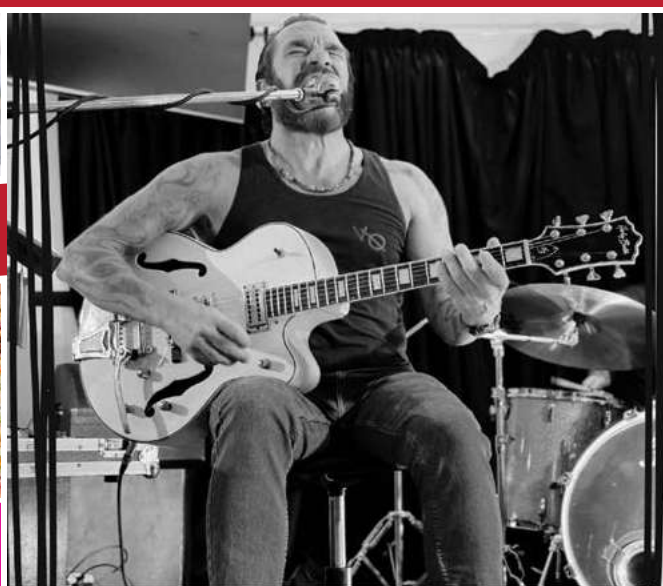


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