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Nambour rallies to support grieving husband after crash claims beloved nurse

by Janine Hill

A GoFundMe campaign has been started to help the husband of a woman killed in a crash at Burnside.

Stella Tan, 52, died after her Nissan Micra and an allegedly-stolen Mercedes collided on Windsor Road, near the Australia Post centre, on September 15.

A support worker, she had been on her way to see her first client of the day.

Kathleen Ashworth, who runs the Living in Nambour Facebook page, set up the GoFundMe account to help Stella's devastated husband Bernard Wee.

Bernard described his wife of almost six years as the "true love of my life" and said the deep pain of losing her would remain with him always.

"I'm coping with grief and sorrow as much as I can. Every morning I wake up, I feel overwhelmed with sadness and grief and I cry everyday as I miss Stella so much," he said.

Like Bernard, Stella was hearing impaired but she sometimes wore a cochlear implant and helped him communicate with others.

Bernard said Stella's warmth, friendliness and effortlessness made her special and she had helped him grow in self-confidence and become a better person.

He said Stella had worked as a support worker with Bromilow Community Care for the past two years and loved her job.

"She preferred to work for home care rather than nursing homes where she had to communicate with several people at once as she had more difficulty hearing them," Bernard said.

Bernard said his employer, *The Book House*, at Noosaville, had offered grocery vouchers and a hamper to help with necessities while he takes time off work to grieve.



Stella Tan and her husband, Bernard Wee who described her as the "true love of my life".



Ms Tan died after being pinned in her Nissan Micra following the crash along Windsor Road.

The Nambour Catholic Church, where he and Stella were regulars, has eased much of the burden of organising Stella's funeral, including the ceremony, readings, hymns, prayers, music and food.

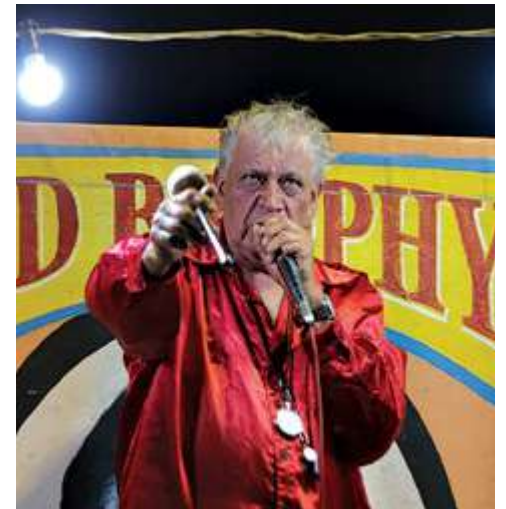
"I am very grateful for the communities who want to offer assistance and support to me if I need it," Bernard said.

Within days, the GoFundMe account, www.gofundme.com/f/stella-tan, had reached \$4080 with a goal of hitting \$22,399 to cover Stella's funeral costs of \$12,399.

Kathleen wrote that any surplus would be put towards replacing Stella and Bernard's car, which was a write-off.

"Nothing will bring Stella back, but we can

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Fred Brophy brings the 'last of its kind' boxing tent to Nambour

by Janine Hill

ROLL up, roll up, to the most Australian show on earth. Fred Brophy's Boxing Troupe is coming to town.

The legendary boxing tent run by fourth generation Aussie showman Fred Brophy will return to Nambour on October 6 and 7 in a fundraising double-header for the Nambour Rugby League Club.

It will be the third time Fred has brought his tent to the club as a fundraiser and after touring to Townsville, Mt Isa, Cloncurry and Birdsville in the last six weeks, Fred is happy to be closer to home at Verrierdale.

"This is the last one I do for the year they're a great club - one of the best I do," Fred said.

"We get a good roll-up there, they get a good cut, they get good challengers who put their hand up, and they get a good roll up from people from all around the area," he said.

An appearance by the boxing troupe is quite a coup for the Crushers.

Fred's boxing troupe is the last of its kind in Australia and he said there was never a shortage of people wanting to take on one of his fighters, often just to be able to say they had done it.

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Hinterland artists shine in Brisbane Portrait Prize

THE finalists for the Brisbane Portrait Prize 2023 have been announced, and the Sunshine Coast hinterland boasts a reason to be proud. Out of the 84 artworks selected from an impressive pool of over 600 entries, four talented residents from the hinterland region have made the cut.

Gaylene Moor from Mons, Holly Field of Forest Glen, Judith Sinnamon from Balmoral Ridge, and Lara Cooper from Maleny are among this year's esteemed finalists, proving that the hinterland is a hub of artistic excellence.

The annual competition, now in its fifth year, witnesses artists competing across nine categories for a grand total of \$90,000 in prizes.

Anna Reynolds, the Brisbane Portrait Prize Chair, highlighted the remarkable growth of the competition, mentioning the breadth of entries, from national reputation holders to emerging talents.

The exhibition, set to showcase the diverse and powerful works, will kick off at the Brisbane Powerhouse on September 28. The winners, chosen by Chief Judge Suzanne Cotter, will be unveiled on October 3.

Correction

IN the Gazette September 13 edition, a typing error appeared in a story on page 4 regarding the Nambour Place Plan.

The story read: "parking had now shown up as a common theme in feedback but the surveys would remain open until 22 September and (Cr Law) encouraged people to have their say."

The correct statement should have read: "parking had not (not) shown up as a common theme in feedback."

The Gazette apologises for any confusion caused. We strive for accuracy in our reporting and appreciate Cr Law drawing this to our attention.

For information on the Nambour Place Plan, go to www.haveyoursay.sunshinecoastcouncil.qld.gov.au/nambour-place-plan.



Some of the action from a previous Nambour Crushers event: "Sometimes they get the better of us and sometimes we get the better of them". Below: Drumming up the excitement.

Crushers to host legendary boxing event

From page 1

"It's a bucket list thing for a lot of people," he said.

He said there were once 30 tents travelling the countryside, giving locals the chance to test their boxing skills.

"There's no sideshows left in the country. You go to sideshow alley and it's all mechanical rides, no sideshows," he said.

Fred said his fighters always struck some decent challengers at Nambour.

"We get plenty of people put up their hands. There's a lot of gyms around here and they come from Brisbane and further to have a go," he said. "My blokes are pretty good. Sometimes they get the better of us and sometimes we get the better of them but that's what people come to see."

Fred also has two women boxers ready to take on any females who want to have a shot in



the ring.

"I've got The Beaver. She's got hairs on her legs that would spear a rat, I've got the Burnett Heads jaw-breaker. She's and up and coming Australian champion," he said.

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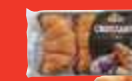


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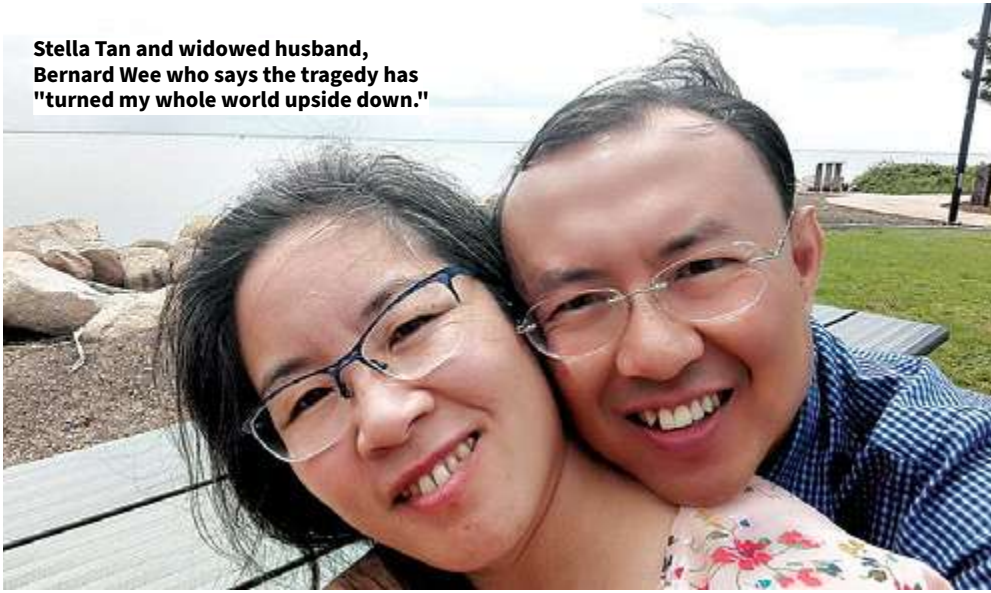


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Stella Tan and widowed husband, Bernard Wee who says the tragedy has "turned my whole world upside down."



Callous disregard alleged:

Man charged with dangerous driving causing death

From page 1

help lighten Bernard's load by reducing his financial stress," she said.

Izak Kane Sefton-Bennett, 26, has been charged with 12 offences over the events of the morning, including dangerous driving causing death while adversely affected by an intoxicating substance, callous disregard, unlawful use of a motor vehicle, armed robbery, possession of a shortened firearm, and possession of a dangerous drug.

It is alleged he stole the Mercedes while armed at Landsborough just before 2am and was seen driving in a dangerous and erratic manner in the Burnside area prior to the crash.

He allegedly left the scene and while some witnesses went to Stella's aid, others allegedly followed him to a nearby address where he was arrested by police.

The loss of another innocent life in a crash involving a stolen car provoked outrage from members of the public on social media.

Stella's death followed a triple fatality on the Bruce Highway at Gympie in July where Rolfe Rafferty, 25, allegedly used a stolen SUV to ram a ute into the path of another.

Good samaritan Terry Bishop, 65, who had given Rafferty's partner, Gypsy Satterley, 25, a lift, was killed, as was the driver of the third vehicle, Jessica Townley, 38.

A week after Stella's death, a 72-year-old woman was killed and her daughter critically injured in a collision with a stolen vehicle at Kippa-Ring, in Brisbane's north.

Bernard said he would like to see tougher penalties for offenders and sentences served in full. "I would support the law where they couldn't get out of jail until they are 80 years old," he said.

"They would be too frail to offend again and become less a danger to the society. It would bring more justice and peace to the victims whose lives have been shattered and turned



Flowers and messages have been left at the scene of the accident.

upside down in the same way that the offender has completely turned my whole world upside down."

Calls grow for tougher penalties

Many others took to social media following Stella's death to call for harsher sentences for offenders.

Jocelyn Adrian van Gaalen summed up what many thought:

"It is so sad and hard to comprehend what these idiots get out of stealing people's hard earned possessions and then causing things like this to happen.

"... that poor lady's family and friends and all the emergency services personal that had to attend. No wonder so many of our ESPersonal end up having to have time off work on stress leave which then also takes a toll on their families.

"These idiots cause just so many more problems that are ongoing to a lot of people who had to attend the accidents that they cause. This should be taken into consideration when they are being sentenced as so many come out too soon and continue to do the same things.

"RIP dear lady and condolences to your family."

Wrote Martina Rabbanni: "They get a slap on their wrists NOT good enough, this is occurring too often these days".

Kim O'Sullivan wrote: "Seriously, it's about time the law got tougher on people who cause death in this way. Mental health and drugs a cop out"

Carol Frenchman suggested offenders be left in the desert to fend for themselves.

"These mongrels have no idea of the impact they make on peoples' lives. They are a product of the ME generation.

"I don't think jail is good enough (for) them. I would take them out bush leave them in a desert without water or food so can taste what it is like to be so close to death."



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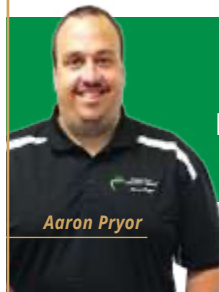
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CBD renewal will come via multiple layers: urban planner

by Janine Hill

A PLAN to revamp the centre of Nambour has been described by a town planner as one of many layers of solutions needed to bring the CBD to life.

Grant Palethorpe, founder of urban planning consultancy Place 360, said a vibrant, healthy place was a mixture of many things.

Mr Palethorpe, a long-time local, is heavily involved in the local community. He is on a steering group for the Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct, as well as vice president of the Woombye Community & Business Association. He said the proposed streetscaping aimed to provide convenient 'legible connections' for pedestrians, inviting them to walk through the CBD and hopefully linger and ultimately support the town's businesses. He said shade and seating were important considerations in hot climates. "Cafes offering street dining draws people to a place," he said. "A variety of businesses with open shop fronts also play a role in drawing people into an area."

The Sunshine Coast Council has put forward a draft Nambour Place Plan aimed at reinvigorating the town's business centre.

The plan focuses on the Currie Street and the Howard Street, Mill Street, Bury Street and Ann Street areas. It proposes more street trees, as well as planter boxes, water features, and bench seating at certain locations.

It includes improved and raised crossings on Currie Street and at the junction of Low Street with Ann Street, conversion of Mill Street to one way from Currie Street to the current roundabout, and turning Bury Street into a one way shared zone from Mill Street to Currie Street.

Some business operators crying out for more foot traffic past and through their doors have been disappointed that the plan ignores on-going pleas for more parking in the area.

High streets & 'dead' shop fronts

Mr Palethorpe is experienced in the dynamics of main or "high" streets, and what he describes as "movement and purpose".

He said most successful 'high streets' traditionally had 5m wide shop fronts with clear glass window frontages so people could see what was going on inside. "In addition to the

many vacant shops on Currie Street there are multiple dead shop fronts," he said. "Where the whole glass frontage is tinted", this forms an uninviting environment, especially at night when there is little ambient light.

"By contrast the new Small Change Espresso is the opposite. Walking and even driving past you can see into the premises. It feels inviting because there are other people there."

"Unfortunately there was a period when development got away from this notion, probably due to the birth of the shopping mall. Essentially these malls purposely captured the shopper, with absolutely no regard to neighbouring businesses external to the mall."

"There was a growing awareness of these poor outcomes and I assume this may have been why on Mill Street, the relatively-new Coles building has each business fronting directly onto the street. You walk into a shop, do your business, exit onto the footpath and go into another shop etc. Walking or driving past you get the feeling the street is active, there's movement and, importantly, the more people the safer the place is too."

"If you see a queue of people waiting for food, outside places like the kebab or sushi shop, Good Bean or Nambour Social, you think 'that must be good' and you're likely to want to give that a try yourself," he said.

Mr Palethorpe said an active high street needed a variety of business types including cafes, services and retailers. "A reason to come and a reason to return. It's about creating an experience."

"In Nambour the supermarkets moved away from Currie St in the 1980s, before then the main supermarkets were BCC (Lowe St), Cut Price Stores and Coles. Then Coles expanded and moved next to the creek. Car parking was likely to have driven the shift, but in many respects moving away from the traditional High Street location was a double-edged sword."



Place Plan for Currie St. Red symbols indicate future art installations.

Focus moved to Ann St (Woolworths/Big W) and many shops along Currie Street either moved or closed. The banks followed. There was then little reason to go to Currie Street."

Shift towards big box & online shopping

Mr Palethorpe said the shift toward online shopping and big box outlets like Harvey Norman, Officeworks, Bunnings & Spotlight also impacted all high streets to varying degrees. "Part of the objective is to find a good blend of businesses that support each other, so that coming to Nambour's High street is an experience, and one that people willingly to do over and over again. Creating a conscious effort to support Nambour first before travelling to the coast."

He said there was a fine line to be trod between the number of carparks and the types of businesses they served. "Understandably if you have people carrying bulky items, as you would have, say, from a rural supplies store or a supermarket, you want car parking close by," he said.

Mr Palethorpe pointed out that people visiting large shopping malls like Sunshine Plaza need to park, walk through the car park a fair distance before they even get through the doors of the mall. "They have likely walked

further than if they were in Nambour," he said. "Obviously, these places are able to attract people with more variety and air-conditioning."

As a follower of the internationally renowned Project for Public Spaces, which offers conferences and training to raise the standards of placemaking in the world, Mr Palethorpe said having a reason to go to a place and a reason to come back made a big difference.

"In PPS, they suggest a great place has 10 reasons to go there and 10 reasons to come back," he said.

"With Nambour, it's about having a reason for people to go there, and it's got to be authentic, and a reason to keep

returning. It must be unique, attracting visitors while also appealing to the locals. It gets down to if people don't feel safe, and if they don't relate to a place, they just won't go there."

He advocated for placemaking, and Council's approach. "Council respects the uniqueness of each town and village, these projects are never a 'copy and paste'. This Plan is aimed at Nambour and strives to create a positive environment, the proposal isn't a clone of past projects from somewhere else."

He said Nambour had the 'bones' that should be emphasised as a point of difference.

But there was only so much the Council could do to try and draw people into Nambour. "Council have initiated simplified permits for street dining and recently provided funding for tidying up the street façades," he said.

"The right mix of businesses are needed to support each other, and landlords need to be on board and willing to invest in their properties."

Referring to the PPS concept "Power of 10" He said Nambour's resurgence would not come from one direction. The Nambour Plan was not a golden ticket, nor is the tram, or the Special Entertainment Precinct. But each of these are vital and build layers of interest to help get the town there.

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David Lees, winner of the Reserve Champion Species and Australian Native Champion titles, showcasing his award-winning Dendrobium speciosum at the Orchid Society's Spring Show.

Nambour Orchid Society's Spring Show triumph: David Lees takes top honours

DAVID Lees' radiant smile says more than words can express after clinching both the Reserve Champion Species and Australian Native Champion titles at the Nambour Orchid Society's recent Spring Show.

A fervent orchid enthusiast, David's rich horticultural background, which includes affiliations with Orchid Societies in Sydney and longstanding involvement with Nambour, benefits all club members. His vast knowledge, amassed over many years, is a treasure trove that he generously shares with fellow enthusiasts.

Together with his wife Loraine, David nurtures a diverse range of orchid species. Their

meticulous care and dedication were evident when their Dendrobium speciosum caught the judges' eyes, securing the coveted award.

For those impressed by the caliber of plants at the Spring Show, there's more to look forward to. The Nambour Orchid Society's Species Show is set for November 11, 2023 at the Uniting Church Hall, Buderim. Orchid aficionados are advised to arrive early for the one-day event, which kicks off at 8am. Prepare to be enchanted by the mesmerizing array of colours and fragrances that await. We eagerly anticipate welcoming all orchid lovers.

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Bli Bli Bridge detour sparks outcry from businesses

REPAIRS will start in early October on Bli Bli Bridge on David Low Way despite concerns from local businesspeople who received no notice of the works which will have major impacts on their businesses.

Works will take around eight weeks and the bridge will be closed to westbound traffic towards Bli Bli.

Bli Bli IGA supermarket owner Roz White told the *Courier-Mail* she was "in shock" when she learned of the plan from media reports. "Where is the consultation for the many family businesses that are operating out of the Bli Bli Village precinct," she said. "It's completely irresponsible."

The maintenance works will take place under the bridge to stabilise the existing bridge girders. The repairs are expected to take around eight weeks, weather and construction conditions permitting.

The bridge will be closed to traffic travelling westbound towards Bli Bli during this time for the safety of road workers and motorists.

An alternate route will be available via the Sunshine Motorway, Bradman Avenue and David Low Way.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) said it would engage with nearby businesses before works start to discuss managing possible impacts during this time.

North Coast Acting Regional Director, Bonnie Johnstone said Bli Bli Bridge was an important link for the community and industry as well as a significant landmark for the Bli Bli community.

"Safety is our top priority and TMR has a rigorous maintenance program, which includes regular inspections of the bridge.

"Bli Bli is a growing community with a bustling town centre and the bridge is a key connector to the Sunshine Motorway to the east and the suburbs of Nambour and Diddil-libah to the west."

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Palmwoods farewells beloved teacher

By Janine Hill

TEACHER Kellie Martin left Palmwood State School on the last day of term feeling both happy and sad.

Thirty years after she began teaching and 19 years after she started at Palmwoods, Kellie has taken a new career direction.

The much-loved prep teacher will start the final term of the year working as a school guidance officer in the Gympie region.

"I've got mixed emotions. I'm excited for the change. It's time to do something new," she said.

At one stage the director of curriculum at Palmwoods State School, Kellie has taught prep and early primary school for much of her career and is highly regarded among both her peers and parents for having "the knack" with kids.

She said she worked a lot on helping children recognise "big" feelings and learn strategies for dealing with them.

She has also worked on helping children develop their confidence and understand that they are still learning.

"We focus a lot on the 'power of yet'. If we don't know how to do something, it's just because we don't know how to do that yet. We're here to help you learn," she said.



New chapter: Thirty years after she began teaching and 19 years after she started at Palmwoods, Kellie Martin has taken a new career direction.

Kellie said she had long been interested in helping children develop their social and emotional skills to help them navigate school and life.

"It's something that I've always helped kids with but I've got a deeper passion for in the last 10 years. It's definitely a piece of me I bring to the job," she said.

Kellie said there was a greater awareness of the importance of social and emotional development these days. "The whole educational resource has continued to evolve and recognise the power of social and emotional learning and it does play into academic learning as well, and society has evolved to have a greater focus on well-being and a stronger understanding," she said.

Kellie completed a Master of Education in guidance and counselling during recent years while teaching with a view to making the transition from teacher to guidance officer.

She said a guidance officer role had come a tad earlier than expected but the opportunity was too good to pass up, and Palmwoods students, parents, teachers and staff had been very supportive.

"I've had lots of messages. I've had a beautiful classroom card. They've given me a bunch of paper flowers - everlasting flowers - that I can keep on my desk," she said.

"The parents have been busy doing all sorts of things. I feel like I've had a really good send off."



Come and try lawn bowls at Nambour

OCTOBER marks the "Come and Try Lawn Bowls" initiative at Nambour Bowls Club. Every Friday afternoon, the club will welcome locals to experience the game, with special sessions designed for beginners.

Whether you're young, old, or anywhere in between, this is a chance for everyone, including school-aged children, to take a shot. To sweeten the deal, participants can indulge in a complimentary sausage sizzle. Whether with friends, family, or colleagues, a good time is guaranteed. Drop by anytime between 3 pm and 6 pm to fit your schedule.

All required equipment will be provided by the Club. Coaches and club members will also be present, offering guidance and basic training. Attendees are just reminded to come in flat-soled shoes or opt for thongs or bare feet on the green.

The sessions are scheduled for October 6, 13, 20, and 27 at Nambour Bowls Club, 76 Coronation Avenue. For additional details, dial 54411076 or visit the Club's Facebook page.

Maroochy River Country Music Club

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their October Concert on Sunday 8th, commencing 12 noon. Entry fee is \$8, includes free tea and coffee.

Venue is A.C.M.A. Hall of Fame on Steggalls Road, Yandina. Inquiries phone Darryl on 0458 671 568.

Step back in time at Cooloolabin Hall Country Market

ON Sunday, October 15th, from 9 am to 3 pm, step back in time and enjoy an old-fashioned country market at Cooloolabin Hall. This fundraiser aims to support the ongoing maintenance of the historical venue.

The event promises something for everyone: from fresh organic produce, rustic timber garden furniture, and local honey to craft stalls

and homemade cakes. Kids can enjoy face painting, hair braiding, and henna tattoos, while adults can savor Thai food and ice cream carts.

Live music and vintage cars will also add to the atmosphere. Bring a chair or rug and make it a family day out. Buskers interested in performing can text Dee at 0459 207 453.

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Machine puts framing business at cutting edge

by Janine Hill

YANDINA Art and Framing is a small business taking big strides into the future.

Owner Bill Gissane has recently invested in a top-of-the-range machine which puts the business on par with leaders in the field.

The Wizard matt cutter, imported from the United States, cost about \$50,000 and has replaced a 25-year-old machine of the same brand.

The machine cuts the matt board that goes between a photo or artwork and the frame but as the price suggests, it does much more than snip a few rectangular holes.

The machine, which measures about 2m by 1.5m and looks a little like an architect's desk or drawing table, has hundreds of functions.

"It's the latest generation of cutting machines and it does everything for you except make a cup of tea, and I think if you programmed it right, it could do that as well," Bill said.

"You tell the computer what you want and it generates the thing and it spits out the end product.

"It can cut the mat for pictures in very intricate patterns. It can cut different shapes. It can etch coloured lines around the mat that contains the artwork

"You can also use it to make boxes, the sort that go together with tabs rather than tape. You can cut vinyl. You can cut a pattern to go on the glass of a picture frame."

Bill said apprentice farmer Mitch Pask had embraced the new technology and was keen to learn as many of the machine's functions as possible.

Keeping up with technology was vital for businesses to remain competitive, Bill said.

"It puts us in the upper echelon of framing businesses in the country with this type of machinery," he said.

"I think on the Sunshine Coast there are two or three machines around but I don't think there's any that would be a newer model than what we've got.

"I know how important it is to keep up with the times. Technology is one of the key factors for increasing productivity."

Community concern as Petrie Creek platypus entangled in litter loop

LAST week, a female platypus was spotted with a concerning loop around her body, the origin of which remains unidentified.

This issue of litter entanglement, earlier highlighted in the documentary "The Platypus Guardian", poses a severe threat to the creatures.

As per the Australian Platypus Conservancy, platypuses are particularly vulnerable due to their feeding habits and physical inability to remove entanglements.

The Conservancy website (platypus.asn.au) states: "Because a platypus mainly feeds on bottom-dwelling insects, much of its time is spent investigating the channel bed where litter tends to accumulate.

A platypus also finds it very difficult to remove loops or rings that encircle its neck or body: its front feet end in broad flaps of skin that make great paddles but cannot grip or grab. The back feet are more dexterous, but can't remove a loop except by trying to pull it back farther along the body. An encircling loop or ring therefore tends to remain in place until the loop breaks or the platypus dies – often due to horrific injuries that develop as the item gradually cuts through the skin and underlying tissue."

You can reduce the risk to platypus deaths due to rubbish entanglement by adopting a few simple habits:

- Always collect litter, especially near water sources.
- Educate others, especially children, about the lethal



consequences of discarded items.

- Ensure to cut all metal or plastic rings before disposal.
- Such simple habits can protect these unique animals from preventable harm.

'Porn industry is tearing our communities apart':

MP welcomes call for online age verification

FEDERAL Member for Fisher, Andrew Wallace, has backed calls from leading Australian child protection and women's safety experts for a trial of age verification systems, aiming to shield children from online pornography.

Addressing the Federal Labor Government's recent decision against a key part of the eSafety Commissioner's Age Verification Roadmap, Wallace stressed the detrimental effects

of the porn industry on society, particularly its impact on the youth.

The 2020 bipartisan inquiry into age verification, previously chaired by Wallace, advised the government to introduce mandatory age verification for online pornographic content.

"The correlation between the consumption of violent, hardcore pornography and domestic violence is undeniable. The government's

primary duty is to protect, especially the vulnerable," Mr Wallace said.

An open letter to Communications Minister Michelle Rowland highlighted that "over three in four Australian adults" support age assurance for online pornography.

The letter urged the government to prioritize children's wellbeing over industry interests and reconsider their stance on the eSafety Commissioner's recommendations.



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Before and after: Tony Cumner and his mate Aaron Hollier with the \$800 Holden Commodore, left, before its treefrog green paint job, right.

Duo transforms Holden for Cancer Rally

by Janine Hill

IT MIGHT be an old bomb but as far as Tony Cumner was concerned, it did not need to look like one.

Having got an \$800 Holden Commodore mechanically sound enough to drive in this year's 2023 Shitbox Rally, Tony and his mate Aaron Hollier decided to give it an external makeover, too.

The old white Commo is now a treefrog green with dashes of yellow and black and a happy face at the front.

"We couldn't go boring. The rally's a fundraiser for the Cancer Council and the Cancer Council gives people hope," Tony said.

"This thing has been a super challenge and there have been some issues but we weren't going to go boring. We want to give people hope when they see it."

Choosing a colour scheme was a lark for the two mates, who work at Lindsay Rural, Nambour, but live at Cooran.

"We drove up to Supercheap at Gympie, grabbed the paint colour

book, and Aaron found this green in it," Tony said.

Tony has been driving the car to work at Nambour to iron out any mechanical bugs before he and Aaron depart for the rally, which will begin on October 13 in Port Douglas and end on October 21 in Adelaide.

He and Aaron have done as much of the work on the car as possible to keep it under the \$1600 threshold for Shitbox Rally cars but are grateful for the help of Pomona's magic mechanic, Andrew, who picked up a couple of problems that might have

ended their rally journey early.

Tony and Aaron, Team OhShat!, have so far raised more than \$15,000 for the Cancer Council so far, well over the entry minimum of \$5000, but Tony is not done yet.

"There's probably another \$800 to \$1000 in the donations jars we haven't counted but I'd like to see us go over \$20,000. Twenty's a good number," he said.

► If you would like to donate, go to <https://spring2023.shitboxrally.com.au/ohshat>

Parrothead Party:

Fighting cancer & celebrating the legacy of Jimmy Buffett

THE world recently mourned the loss of legendary American singer-songwriter, Jimmy Buffett. On September 1, he passed away after a brave battle with Merkel Cell Carcinoma, a rare form of skin cancer. Described as having "lived his life like a song", Buffett's death has deeply touched millions, from fans to presidents and music icons like Paul McCartney and Keith Urban.



In tribute to Buffett's legacy and to champion the fight against skin cancer, a special "Parrothead Party" is being organised on the Sunshine Coast. Slated for Friday, November 3rd at "The Shed" (Banana Bender Pub) in Palmview, the event promises an evening filled with music, nostalgia, and purpose. 10% of the profits will benefit the Australian Melanoma Research Foundation.

Doors open at 6pm, with tickets priced at \$38. Guests can look forward to performances by Latitude 24, once praised by Buffett as "Australia's greatest Jimmy 'Bluffett' band", and two support acts. The licensed venue also offers meals for purchase. This event, besides being a tribute to Buffett, serves as a poignant reminder to continue the fight against skin cancer.

► Tickets are available through EventBrite (search "Jimmy Buffett Party"). For more details contact Angus Woodhead at 0417 634 460.

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Steven Street Gallery owners Toni Eggleston and Alicia Mireille at the Affordable Art Fair.

Coast creators make waves at Melbourne's affordable art fair

STEVEN Street Gallery in Yandina has recently enjoyed a successful participation at the annual Affordable Art Fair in Melbourne.

"We had the privilege of bringing 14 exceptionally talented artists from the Sunshine Coast and surrounding regions to the Affordable Art Fair in Melbourne, and the experience was extraordinary," said gallery Director, Toni Eggleston.

"Over four days, we were able to showcase their work to a national audience of art lovers. The response was truly overwhelming, and I am thrilled to report that we sold a total of 75 original artworks, resulting in an impressive \$70,000 in artwork sales."

Overall, 17,000 people visited the art fair, with sales valued at more than \$3.9 million and more than 2,500 artworks find new homes.

The collection of works from the Affordable Art Fair can still be accessed at www.stevensstreetgallery.com.au and any remaining works can still be purchased.

Local church's movie night sheds light on global battle to end child trafficking

by Janine Hill

MEMBERS of a Burnside church hope a movie screening will generate support for an organisation fighting child sex trafficking.

Hope Community Church held a private screening of Sound of Freedom at the Majestic Cinema, Nambour, on September 10.

Released in July, the movie is the 10th highest grossing movie in the world so far this year, ahead of the latest Indiana Jones, Mission Impossible and Transformers flicks.

Based on a true story, Sound of Freedom tells of a United States Homeland Security agent who founds his own charity to combat child sex trafficking.

Samara Carruthers, who helped organise the Nambour screening, said close to 60 people attended and the movie had an emotional effect on many of those in the audience.

"There were a few tears," she said. "You see a father whose child is not in their bed. What would you do if your children didn't come home at night and you didn't know where they were?"

Samara said members of the church took a strong interest in the battle against child sex trafficking as two people formerly connected with the church now worked in the field.

Geoff and Gloria Parry are part of the organisation Transform the Nations founded by Graham & Robyn Kerr.

Samara said Transform the Nations did great work trying to rescue girls from being trafficked from Nepal into India but also works elsewhere.

Samara said two of her three sons had visited Nepal as 12-year-olds and met children who were staying in hostels and going to school thanks to Transform the Nations.

"The older two children came back as



Samara Carruthers, left, with Gloria Parry, selling items to fundraise for Transform the Nations at one of the Church's Burnside Twilight Market events. Inset: a promotional image from the movie.

changed people. They didn't need the latest iPad or phone when they saw how excited the children there were about a pencil with a rubber on the end," she said.

"They came back with a very different view of their lives. They still wanted all the toys but I think they were a bit more grounded."

Samara said people wishing to support the fight against child sex trafficking could do so by attending the monthly twilight community markets at Burnside, where Transform the Nation usually has a stall selling Nepalese wares.

Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

NOW Showing at Majestic Cinemas in Nambour: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (animated); Paw Patrol the Mighty Movie (animated); Haunted Mansion (PG kid friendly); Blue Beetle (action hero); Ruby Gillman Teenage Kraken (animated); My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3; The Nun 2 (horror); A Haunting in Venice (murder mystery), and from September 28 The Creator (sci-fi action). For session times please visit www.majesticcinemas.com.au.

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Nambour Men's Shed secures lease extension after SOS call

by Janine Hill

THE future of the Nambour Men's Shed is assured for the next five years after Transport Minister Mark Bailey answered a SOS by the group for premises.

The men put out a call to Save Our Shed after the Department of Transport and Main Roads, which owns the group's Colless Lane shed, advised they had to leave by 30 September.

Unable to find alternative premises, the group looked like being a Men's Shed without a shed and unable to continue operations.

But a visit by Mr Bailey and Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton on 27 June left members with reason to be positive and earlier this month, a formal reprieve arrived in the mail.

A letter from the Minister officially advised that the group could remain in the shed for up to five years and that the roof, which had allegedly needed replacing, would be repaired.

President Colin Webb said the reason TMR wanted Shed members to vacate had never been clear and it continued to press ahead with eviction even when it became clear in March that the rail line to Nambour would not be duplicated before 2027.

He said Mr Bailey had been prepared to put bureaucratic bumping within his department to the side when he visited the shed and met members.

"He said, 'It's plain to see that there's not going to be any train wheels flying past for at least five years. I'm prepared to give an order that you can stay for at least five years,'" Colin said.

Colin said the news had left members overjoyed.



A letter from the Minister officially advised that the group could remain in the shed for up to five years and that the roof would be repaired.

"If you ever wanted to see ugly old men hugging and crying, that was the day."

Colin said the group would continue the search for permanent premises over the next five years.

He said Now Buildings had offered the group a shed when it looked like they were going to be turfed out of Colless Lane but the group had no land to put it on.

Now Buildings had assured them the offer would still stand if they could find some land, he said.

"We still want to eventually find our forever home and find some land and put the building on it," he said.

"Our next stage is to develop a five year plan to get the group into a new shed."



President Colin Webb & some members.



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St Andrew's cross spider's cunning ploy to lure prey

Nature Watch with Don McGlusky

I came across this specimen while tidying up some scruffy Bromeliads. You don't often see one as big as this one. The St Andrew's cross spider is an orb-weaver spider found across much of eastern Australia. It belongs to the genus *Argiope*, whose members are famous for their often brightly colored abdomens and the distinctive zig-zags they weave into their webs.

The zig-zags in the web of a St Andrew's cross spider form a large X shape, similar to the heraldic symbol known as a saltire. It's also known as Saint Andrew's cross, since Andrew the Apostle is traditionally said to have been crucified on a diagonal cross in the shape of the letter X. The cross of a St Andrew's cross spider is woven with a bluish-white silk that strongly reflects ultraviolet light.

Many flying insects are attracted to UV light, so the cross might lure unwitting prey into the spider's clutches. Another theory suggests the cross helps protect the spider from predators.



When a St. Andrew's cross spider sits in the middle of the X, aligning her outstretched legs with the arms of the cross, it can make her appear much larger, possibly intimidating potential predators.

The big, colorful spiders are females, while males are many times smaller and less vivid. Its venom is not highly toxic to humans and, like most spiders, it is generally not aggressive with people.



Andy Cowan playing at the Black Box Nambour

ANDY Cowan, *pictured*, is one of Australia's foremost performing songwriters. He has played keyboards for Renee Geyer, Ian Moss, Kevin Borich, Madder Lake and Ayers Rock

Andy possesses a voice that invites comparison with the blues of Muddy Waters, and the soul of Ray Charles. Cowan's piano and keyboard playing contain both energy and melodic beauty. He received an award for Blues Album of the Year in 2000, Blues Performer of the Year in 2001, Male Performer of the Year in 2003 and was an ARIA nominee for his "10.30 Thursdays" CD.

Now Blues fans can hear Andy's music on the Sunshine Coast when he tours with his new

band 'Andy Cowan and Big Mamas Door'.

"We are excited to bring our music to the Black Box in Nambour," Andy said.

Andy Cowan and Big Mamas Door will welcome special guest, Doc Span, who has spent a life on the road, performing, writing, and recording. Doc has shared stages with the likes of Screaming Jay Hawkins, Kevin Borich and Jon Lord (Deep Purple).

The event takes place at the Black Box Theatre 80 Howard St Nambour on Saturday Sept 30 at 7pm. For tickets to see Andy Cowan and Big Mamas Door at events.humanitix.com/andy-cowan-blues-soul-legend/tickets or www.andycowan.com.au



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Free live music event features inspirational artists

THE heart of Nambour will resonate with soulful tunes as the monthly music event, "Live at the Chapel" returns on Saturday, October 6, at the Ignite Auditorium, 29 Short Street. Hosted by Ignite Church Nambour and curated by the team at Aussie Grown Radio, the event promises a melodious evening featuring local talent, and it's entirely free.

Headlining the evening is Anna Beaden, a Sunshine Coast native, who discovered her musical passion amidst the serene landscapes of "Beadenville". With three EPs and numerous

singles under her belt, Anna's songs reflect the profound love and hope she finds in her faith. The event promises a soulful reflection of Anna's journey, starting from her first song at age 13.

Supporting Anna is "Finding Light", a captivating quartet known for their riveting vocal harmonies spanning genres from country to rock. Gather your family and immerse in an evening of inspiring melodies. Further details are available on the Live at the Chapel Nambour Facebook page.

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Maleny cooking demonstrations to outline plant-based food options

IN a bid to broaden culinary horizons and promote a healthier lifestyle, Maleny's Margaret Owens, *pictured*, is hosting a cooking demonstration that aims to revolutionize how locals think about plant-based food.

Offering a mouthwatering menu of three international courses, Margaret will prove that plant-based cuisine can be just as delicious and satisfying as traditional meat-based dishes.

"We will present three courses of an international flavour, food that is not only tasty but good for you as well," Margaret said.

Cooking programs are of interest to many people in the community especially when they can sample the completed dishes.

"We are presenting food that is wholly plant based, a new concept for many who are used to meat or fish on their plates at mealtimes," she said. "However if plant-based dishes are cooked with interesting herbs and spices, presented attractively and garnished for eye appeal, many may not even notice the absence of meat."

"Research studies have shown that a plant based diet and a change to a healthy lifestyle can reverse many of today's chronic Western diseases," she said.

"We aim to present three courses of an international flavour, food that is not only tasty but good for you as well."

► Margaret's cooking demonstration will be taking place on Sunday October 15 from 1pm to 4pm at the Maleny Neighborhood Centre. To book and for further details call 0410 069 200.



From left, QCWA Maleny's Cynthia Daniels, Michael Thompson & Margaret Thompson from Maleny Buffalo and QCWA Maleny Country Kitchens facilitator Judy Stubbs.

QCWA teams with Co-op to highlight work of rural women

ON October 15, join the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) Maleny Branch and the Maple Street Co-op in celebrating International Rural Women's Day.

The global event honors the incredible contributions of women, especially those dedicated to providing the community with nutritious, locally-produced, and sustainable organic food.

"Fresh fruit and vegetables delivered daily not only preserve their nutritional essence but also bolster our local economy," said QCWA Maleny Branch Country Kitchen Facilitator Judy Stubbs.

The QCWA's Country Kitchens Program emphasizes the importance of health and education, sharing five pivotal messages with the community. Judy Stubbs elaborates, "Our core principles include consuming more fruits and

vegetables, home-cooked meals, understanding portion sizes, recognizing sugar content in drinks, and advocating for a balanced lifestyle with less sitting and more movement."

This collaboration between the QCWA and the Co-op seeks to shed light on the significant role of rural women in our community, particularly their invaluable contribution to the Co-op's offerings. As part of the celebration, the Maple Street Co-op will host an interactive event starting from 9am.

Attendees can look forward to taste testing, collecting unique recipes, engaging with our remarkable local producers, and participating in a fresh food raffle.

To be a part of this enriching experience, head to the Maple Street Co-op on October 15. To learn more contact malenybranch@qcwa.org.au.

Palmwoods Men's Fours attracts big money & big names

PALMWOODS Bowls Club is pleased to stage its \$10,000 prize money Men's fours event at the Club on October 7 and 8. The community support for this event has been outstanding.

Players from as far away as Cunnamulla have nominated together with former (some current) Queensland representatives, State champions, District players and champions as well as "rank and file" Club members from the whole of South East Queensland. Spectators will witness good quality lawn bowls on an improving green at Palmwoods and competitors fighting it out for the \$10,000 prize.

The Club acknowledges the assistance of the many sponsors who have provided sponsorship dollars as well as products for a huge raffle which includes a brand new set of Lawn Bowls from Paul Henricks from Bowlers Paradise at Mooloolaba Bowls Club. Information contact geoffreybrown6@bigpond.com



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Monica has worked for us as a buyer's agent on a few occasions now and if we ever buy or sell property in the future we would definitely ask her to represent us. Monica has great local and market knowledge, she works tirelessly and gets back with answers to any questions straight away. She is professional, honest and friendly as well as being a skilled communicator and negotiator. This experience presented some obstacles, but Monica was able to negotiate a contract we were happy with and left us on good terms with the vendors. I have no hesitation in recommending Monica as an agent.

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Club Yandina's Oktoberfest 'Come & Try Day'

CLUB Yandina - Yandina Bowls Club is excited to be hosting another 'Come & Try Day' in October 2023 and 'Jack Attack' competition in November 2023.

Both are participation programs supported by Bowls Queensland and Bowls Australia, designed to engage the local community and business houses with the game of lawn bowls.

"Club Yandina's 'Come & Try Day' has an Oktoberfest fancy-dress theme, and will start at 12 noon on Sunday, 15 October. We will have German hotdogs, pretzels and beers available for sale, followed by social barefoot bowls from 1pm at no cost to bowlers" said Club Chairman Leon Granzien.

"Jack Attack is a social, fast moving, shorter format of bowls that provides a pathway for novice players or barefoot bowlers to get involved in a more structured competition," said Leon. Jack Attack encourages participa-

tion with its easy rules and a fun atmosphere. Competition involves teams of 3, with up to 6 players able to register for a team to accommodate for busy lifestyles and substitutions.

Club Yandina's 'Jack Attack' competition will commence from 6pm, on Wednesday, 8 November and will continue for four weeks each Wednesday evening. A sausage sizzle will be available each night and prizes awarded at the end of the competition. "Club Yandina hopes that the Come & Try Day and Jack Attack will become catalysts for participants to try their hand at lawn bowls, while providing an avenue for local community and business people to connect with each other," said Leon.

► Contact the Club by phone on 5446 7126 (and please leave a message) or by email at yandinabowlsclubinc@bigpond.com to register your interest in the Come & Try Day and your team for Jack Attack.

Heritage Social Bowls Challenge at Palmwoods

ALWAYS wanted to play barefoot bowls with friends and never did? Now is the time to try.

Palmwoods Bowls Club invites everyone to be part of a twilight social bowls comp over 6 Wednesday nights from 6.30pm October 11.

"You can have lots of fun by entering either a work team - and we will help you promote your business - or just the family and friends," a club spokesperson said. "You can enjoy a delicious meal from our restaurant (Smoking Billies), before the game. "There will be lots of laughs, and tuition

will be available for the beginners. There are 4 players to a team, and if you, as an individual would like to part of a team, we will organise that also."

The event is kindly sponsored by Heritage Community Bank, Palmwoods, and everyone who is part of it wins a prize, or you could win lots of raffle prizes on the nights.

The club encourages all our members to form a team of family and friends, to play this great game that we all enjoy. To be part of this community event Contact Dom on 0439 218 022 or Col on 0422 379 893.

October events at Genealogy Sunshine Coast

GENEALOGY Sunshine Coast monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month when we have a theme.

The one for October is to bring along a baby photo of yourself and see if we can guess who it is. This theme produces a lot of laughter and interesting debate. The meetings start at 9.30am with morning tea followed by the meeting at 10am. The theme for November is to bring along your favourite hat.

Writing Family Stories: Do you have a personal diary or journal you would like to write up.

Then come along to our workshop on October 28 run by Lee Goleby when she will have lots of tips about how to research and put it together.

Beginners Classes: Beginners Classes will be held again on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November from 9.30-4pm for those people who could not get in or who could not attend during the week. If you would like to attend either of these events phone 5329 2315 or email genealogysc@gmail.com. The centre is located on Petrie Park Road opposite the swimming pool in Nambour.

What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

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

MARKETS

Every Thursday 8am-2pm: **Nambour Town Markets** return to Lowe and Short Streets, Nambour, featuring fresh food, handmade wares and vintage bric-a-brac. Contact Wayne on 0409 115 283 for stall inquiries.

• Every Saturday: **Yandina Country Market** from 6am to 12pm, North Street, Yandina.

• Every Saturday: **Kenilworth Country Markets** from 8am to 1:30pm at Kenilworth Town Park, Charles Street.

• Every Sunday: **Maleny Art, Craft and Collectables Markets** 8am to 2pm Maleny RSL.

• Second Saturday of the month: **Montville Growers & Makers Market**, 7am to 12 noon at the Village Hall. Enquires: Liz 0424 042 376 or Visit montvillevillageassociation.org.au.

• **Yandina Second Saturday Handmade** and Vintage Market from 8-noon every month at the Yandina School of Arts hall. Enquires: Lyn 0407 828 431.

• Third Saturday of the month: **Witta Growers Markets**, 7.30am-12noon, 50+ stalls, enquiries: wittamarket@gmail.com.

• Fourth Saturday of the month: **Mapleton**

Country Markets at Mapleton School.

• **Nambour Rummagers Market** Every Second Month, Sunday 9am to 1pm at Nambour Tram Co, 28 Mill Street, Nambour. Handmade, pre loved and vintage treasures. rummage@NambourTram.com.au

SEPTEMBER:

Sep 29: Long Listen Festival Teaser Launch. Dynamic guest artists, conversations, live pot throwing with cello improv. Fri 7-9pm, Eudlo Hall. Tickets via Humanitix.com.

Sep 30: Bach for Breakfast. Cellist Louise King & guitarist Michael Knopf perform Bach. Sat 10-11am, Eudlo Hall. Tickets via Humanitix.com.

Sep 30: Spin Bird Lunchbox Listen. Engaging harp & flute session with Emily Granger & Tim Munro. Sat 12-12:30pm, Eudlo Hall. Tickets via Humanitix.com.

September 30 - October 1: Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild presents "Wonderful Weekend of Wood" at Montville Sportsground. Hand-crafted timber items, demonstrations, timber slabs, raffle prizes, and more. 9am - 3pm. Contact: secretary@blackallrangewoodies.org.au



Louise King's Long Listen Festival at Eudlo Hall, kicks off September 29.

OCTOBER

October 1: Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild presents "Wonderful Weekend of Wood" (see previous listing).

Oct 1: Didge Daddiri Sound Bath. Immerse in First Nations culture with didgeridoo & art. Sun 10-11am, Eudlo Hall. Tickets via Humanitix.com.

Oct 1: Song Secrets Makers Circle. Mira Chorik facilitates. Layla Barnett performs. Sun 2-3pm, Eudlo Hall. Tickets via Humanitix.com.

Oct 2: Mad As A Hatter Classics for Kids. Children's Concert ft. Louise King & Therese Milanovic. Mon 10-10:30am, Eudlo Hall. Tickets via Humanitix.com.

Oct 6: Free Live Music - "Live at the Chapel". Enjoy soulful tunes with Anna Beaden and "Finding Light" at Ignite Auditorium, Nambour. Free event hosted by Ignite Church Nambour. Visit Live at the Chapel Nambour Facebook page for details.

October 7: Maleny Garden Club Spring Fair - Horticultural delight at Maleny Showground Pavilion. Garden Market, Open Gardens, expert insights, art exhibitions, and more. Tickets and info at www.facebook.com/malenygardenclub.

Oct 7-8: Palmwoods Men's Fours: Palmwoods Bowls Club hosts \$10,000 Men's Fours event. Top bowlers from across Queensland compete. Spectators welcome. Contact geoffreybrown6@bigpond.com for info.

Oct 8: Maleny-Blackall Range Lions Club Meet & Greet. Tranquil Park, Maleny, 2:30-6 pm. Canapes, live music, auctions, and more. Tickets \$25 at trybooking.com/CJXYF. Join the friendly community and support local organizations.

October 13-15: Buderim Garden Festival:

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

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

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

Oct 15: 'Come & Try Day' with Oktoberfest Theme at Club

Yandina. Join a fun day of lawn bowls starting at noon. German hotdogs, pretzels, and beers available for sale. Social barefoot bowls from 1pm. No cost to bowlers. contact the Club at 5446 7126.

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

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

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Petrie Creek BushCare News with Norm Morwood

EARLY in September a large clump of exotic *Celtis sinensis* (Chinese Elm) was removed at our Gulung Gung BushCare site just downstream from Quota Park Nambour on Petrie Creek. It was done by contractor, with funds from a grant from the Queensland Govt. This is the last major stand of the woody weeds on the edge of the new park area. Next step is to replace the weed species with local native, creek bank stabilising, habitat forming plants in our Action Bees there in coming months. If you'd like to join us in creating and improving native animal habitat, the next opportunities are as follows.

• Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 07 October 2023 starting at 7am (Meet near the back Rugby

oval at Woombye. Come down Laidlaw Rd and turn right just before the Gymnastics Hall, and follow that road till you see us).

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

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

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

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Position, position, position. Which online listing option is right for your home?

Real Estate Column
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Tristan Brown



ONE of the most important decisions for a seller to make when selling their home concerns the placement of their listing online.

Over the past decade Realestate.com.au has cornered the real estate market in Queensland.

As a result, a large majority of a seller's buyer enquiry will be generated by their home's profile online.

Given that this is where the majority of potential buyers will find your home it makes perfect sense to ensure that your positioning is done right.

Across the 4560 postcode there are generally two types of listing options most agencies and sellers tend to utilise. These are:

A Standard Listing:

This is the basic listing option. It may include essential property details, description, and photos. It is generally far less expensive than Premier+ listings but provides limited visibility. In Nambour at present a Standard listing will appear on page 2 or 3 on realestate.com.au

A Premier+ Listing:

This is an enhanced listing option. It typically offers more prominent placement in search results. It may include premium features such as featured listings or priority placement or e-brochures. It usually comes at a higher cost compared to Standard listings.

But it provides greater visibility for your property. It rotates your home every 15 days to the top of page 1 on realestate.com.au. A Premier+ placement will always sit above a Standard listing no matter how long your property sits online.

As a seller, free marketing and saving on outlays can be appealing. However, what is 'free' really costing you? What if you choose to list your home for free and receive a standard listing only to find that from day one your home is wedged all the way on page 3 of realestate.com.au?

How many of your potential buyers are persevering all the way to page 3 to view your home despite it being a brand-new listing?

Even worse, what if your agent receives very little enquiry, you have no one through your first open home and now you are face to face with your agent who is already asking you for a price reduction because "no one is responding to your property on realestate.com.au".

How do you really know it is the price and not because no one is seeing it tucked away on page 3?

Now you've gone and reduced your price by \$25,000 without truly exposing your home to the market.

To make an informed decision, I recommend visiting the realestate.com.au website or contacting their customer support to get the most current information about their listing options. This will help you determine which option best suits your needs and budget when selling a property on their platform.

Ideally though, your agent will provide you all the options upfront. If, at any stage you are being offered marketing on Realestate.com.au then I would suggest that it should be a Premiere + listing.

Charming 1940s home features Hamptons styling

AGENT'S CHOICE: 1/4
Doolan Street, Nambour.
For sale by Openn
Negotiation.

THIS centrally located and thoroughly charming 1940's cutie has undergone a comprehensive renovation throughout.

With elegant interiors and a tasteful blend of modern comforts with period features, it will resonate with those who appreciate homes of this vintage.

The home has three bedrooms, two stylish bathrooms, a stunning Hamptons-style kitchen, formal lounge, and a separate dining opening out to a north-east facing timber deck.

Nine-foot ceilings, hardwood timber floors, and casement windows are features indicative of its era; a freshly painted interior, new carpet in the third bedroom, two split system reverse cycle air-conditioners, stone benches, tiled splashback, stainless steel appliances, a gas cooktop, pendant lighting, ceiling fans, new electrics, and new plumbing are all features that enhance the value and appeal of this lovely home.

All asbestos has been removed and the original frame is still in place.

There is a compact laundry, a tandem carport with additional storage space, and the home sits on a beautifully landscaped and fully



The home has a stunning Hamptons-style kitchen.

fenced 350m2 block for child safety and pet-friendly play.

There is no money to be spent, this home is beautifully finished. From its elevated position, it showcases views across town from the master bedroom, entry, and deck area.

Aficionados of homes of this vintage, first home buyers, downsizers, and investors are strongly encouraged to inspect ASAP; this one will fly.

► For sale by Openn Negotiation (flexible conditions online auction). The Openn Negotiation is under way and the property can sell at any time. Contact Tristan Brown on 0403 665 643 & Chris Elliman on 0408 154 947 immediately to become qualified and avoid disappointment. Open to all buyers, including finance, subject to seller approval.

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Stunning forest-view family home



The home boasts an airy open-plan living space.

AGENT'S CHOICE: 13 Red Jacket Court, Palmwoods. For sale by Openn Negotiation.

THIS is a spacious and immaculately presented home in the sought-after Old Orchard estate, nestled at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac against a stunning rainforest backdrop.

Beautifully positioned for privacy and peaceful hinterland living this property is equidistant from Maleny and the beach, and just five minutes from town.

Freshly painted and strategically air-conditioned for year-round comfort, the home boasts an airy open-plan living space, which opens through sliding doors to a covered alfresco entertaining area overlooking the rainforest.

The entire kitchen, dining and living zone enjoys similarly tranquil garden and rainforest views, with the flexibility of indoor-outdoor flow on offer, to maximise your summer living options.

In the modern kitchen, you'll find an abundance of stone benchtop space, plus a walk-in corner pantry, appliance cupboard, LG dish-

washer and Bosch four-burner electric cooktop with a tiled splashback.

The spacious master bedroom boasts private garden access and air-conditioning, plus an ensuite and walk-in wardrobe. The three other bedrooms all include built-in robes, and there's a separate bath plus shower in the main bathroom.

You'll find plenty of internal storage in the laundry, a double garage, and solar panels to keep your power bills in check.

The property boasts 819m2 of sculpted lawns and established gardens, and the grounds are fully fenced to keep your children and pets safe. There's ample room for your dream gardens, kids' play equipment, or a pool.

The location is one of the best features of this incredible property, being just a 10-minute walk to the local Palmwoods State School (or 2 minutes by car).

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3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 car

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- Contemporary, original design with spacious rooms and high ceilings throughout
- Central Northern deck overlooking the dam
- Luxury bathroom plus separate powder room
- Bespoke, matching 8mx9m shed space perfect for conversion to second dwelling
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1/20 Avocado Lane **MALENY**

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- Approx 8 acres of open pasture with the remaining land lovingly restored and revegetated
- Peaceful outlook over the property to the Conondale Ranges and beyond
- The residence is a tasteful mix of traditional and contemporary styling
- Large main bedroom retreat upstairs with sitting area, WIR, en suite and stunning views
- Extensive fruit orchard, tank and bore water plus two spring fed dams and stock laneway

For company, you will have abundant birds and wildlife; gorgeous King Parrots are always ready for a feed. This is a rare and peaceful property that will be a haven for many years to come.

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The Hill House Lot 2/13 Teak Street **MALENY**

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 cars

Currently a boutique accommodation destination; modern touches deliver comfort on every level but combine beautifully with original features throughout the home; high ceilings, VJ walls and hardwood floors.

- Open plan living, dining and kitchen
- Four bedrooms; master with en suite and family bathroom
- Large walk-in showers
- Entertaining deck with connection to the kitchen and living areas
- Island bench, gas cooktop and dishwasher

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6 Woodpecker Close **MALENY**

3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 cars

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- Open plan kitchen, living and dining area
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138 Geraghty Lane **WOOTHA**

4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 7 cars

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- 100 acres of mixed grazing and bushland
- Spacious colonial style home with superb views
- Country style kitchen, timber floors and extra high ceilings
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Mixed reactions as hinterland tops Coast property price hikes

by Janine Hill

STATISTICS which point to hinterland areas leading Sunshine Coast property price growth have drawn a mixed reaction from real estate agents.

According to property data firm CoreLogic, nine of the 10 Sunshine Coast locations which recorded the strongest price growth during the most recent quarter were all west of the Bruce Highway or straddling it.

Mapleton 8.9% growth

Mapleton topped the leader board with an 8.9% in median price to \$904,653, followed by Glenview which was up by 8.1% to a median of \$1,205,093, Mooloolah Valley where the median price rose by 7.3% to \$1,002,143, Palmview, where the median price went up by 7.1% to \$836,688 and Witta, which recorded a rise of 6.9% to a median of \$1,027,608.

The median price for Glass House Mountains increased by 6.7% to \$895,221, Rosemount properties were the seventh fastest growing, up by 6.5% to a median of \$1,171,841, the median price of Montville properties rose by 5.6% to \$961,578, and Forest Glen, where the median price went up by 5.1% to \$965,960 was the 10th fastest growing region. Mooloolaba, where the median price increased by 5.4% to \$1,444,342, came in ninth on the list of growth areas and was the only suburb on the coastal strip to make the top 10.

Andy Sharma, of Carolans First

National, was not surprised to see Rosemount in the list of areas showing strong price growth.

Andy said there was always demand for properties in the Rosemount-Diddillibah area.

"It's a popular area. A lot of people like the acreage and the feel of the mountains and the bush," he said.

He said a property on Diddillibah Road recently sold at auction for almost \$1 million, which was about \$200,000 less than the owner hoped to achieve.

But it needed money spent on it which would push it closer to the latest median price for the area.

Not a lot of faith

A representative from another agency, who declined to be named, did not put a lot of faith in the figures.

The experienced agent said only 15-16 properties, or an average of two a month, had sold in Montville so far this year, meaning the sale of one particularly expensive property could skew quarterly figures dramatically.

"We don't have the numbers to take a real bead on it," he said.

The agent said growth had slowed in a lot of areas and he worried that the figures could give vendors overly-high expectations of what their properties could achieve.

On the other hand, Andy said that interest rate rises had had no impact on sales in the Nambour area and price growth was still happening.



Classic features like the hardwood floors and beams in the vaulted ceilings have been retained.

Gorgeous views from all rooms, 13 acres, Reesville

AGENT'S CHOICE: 51 Engle Road, Reesville. \$1,450,000.

WITH 13 acres of usable land, this Reesville property is a short drive from the main street of Maleny, and offers a rare opportunity to secure your ultimate weekender or forever home. With views over the property and gorgeous valley views, now is the time to create your new lifestyle on the Hinterland.

Recently renovated throughout, classic features like the hardwood floors and beams in the vaulted



ceilings have been retained and shine against a neutral background. With views from every room, this

beautiful home features three bedrooms, a family bathroom and en suite to the master bedroom.

There are freshly polished hardwood floors and new carpet throughout, and hardwood timber features.

The opportunities at this Reesville property are just endless; gather with family and friends, create a weekend escape from the city or offer short or long term accommodation.

► To arrange your inspection, contact selling agent Rodney Millett on 0477 702 073.



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AGENT'S CHOICE: 6 Thompson Road, Dulong. Offers welcome.

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spectacular views to the Coast & Hinterland.

This home represents an excellent opportunity for dual living, with a fully self-contained 1 bedroom studio downstairs.

The dream kitchen has stone bench tops, plenty of storage and views across the coast, and the sunroom has access to the rear deck.

The home is supplied by a 80,000 litre concrete water tank, a 22,000 litre poly tank, and an additional 1,000 litre tank.

There are 36 solar panels on the roof plus a solar hot water system and a septic system.

There is a potential area to build a 2nd dwelling SCA.

► To arrange your inspection of this fabulous property, contact VB Real Estate's Vanessa Brunton on 0467 448 850.



Minor grants are now available

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Funding is now available for community groups to see their project come to life. Council's Minor Grants program offers up to \$2000 to support one-off projects and programs. We're calling on community groups to apply with projects that make our community more active, vibrant, inclusive, resilient and creative. Help your vision become a reality with Council's Community Grants. Applications are now open and close on October 30.

Thank you

I'd like to thank all residents and businesses that provided their feedback on the future of Nambour's town centre through the Namba Place Plan Have Your Say. All feedback will be gathered by the project team for a further round of community engagement checking 'Have we got it right?' in the new year.

Seniors Month

It's time to celebrate our seniors with trivia, bee hotels and more! Sunshine Coast Libraries are hosting an exciting calendar of events and workshops for people of all ages to celebrate Queensland Seniors month (October 1-31). Seniors Month provides opportunities to promote positive community attitudes towards older people and ageing, facilitate community participation and enhance community connections. There are many free community programs on offer. Register for workshops and sessions by visiting Council's Libraries website.

You can help someone needing a home

I'm asking anyone with an interest in assisting those in need of housing to consider how they could help support a person and provide a type of housing. Residents might be able to help someone in need by providing an opportunity for accommodation on their own property and there are a number of ways to do this. Homeowners could think about adding a secondary dwelling like a tiny house on wheels, a caravan or a bus. Further information is available on Council's website by searching 'building and development fact sheets'.

Businesses celebrate 30-year anniversaries

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Did you know the Chocolate Country shop and Clock Shop in Montville are both celebrating 30 years of business? Montville isn't just a destination.

It's an opportunity for visitors to shop local and make a meaningful difference in helping businesses and the community thrive. Chocolate Company makes their products in-house using only the finest Belgian chocolate paired with wonderful local produce.

Supported by a team of passionate Chocolatiers, the café has become a favourite destination to relax with a great coffee or hot chocolate.

The Clock Shop offers a diverse array of hand-crafted cuckoo clocks, grandfather clocks, modern designs and even bespoke creations. They also have a wonderful selection of music boxes and weather stations helping families create lifelong memories and cherished heirlooms.

Next time you're in Montville stop in and take a look!

Peachester landslip

I'm pleased to see repair works completed along River Road, Peachester which was severely damaged by a landslip during the severe weather events last year. These works were undertaken by Council and coordinated by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) Project team. The project was jointly funded by the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. This is a great result for our community.

Lookout update

I am happy to advise the new tourist sign located at McCarthys Lookout, Maleny has been completed. This is the latest improvement for this lookout area which I hope visitors and locals will enjoy the refreshed new signage sharing our local history of the area. Also, the new Maleny entrance sign is currently being constructed on the corner of Landsborough and Maleny and McCarthy Roads - so keep your eyes peeled next time you're driving by.

Housing Australia Future Fund

Rob Skelton
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We can't fix a decade of little action from the former Liberal-National government overnight, but the Housing Australia Future Fund is a great start, delivering 30,000 new social and affordable rental homes for the most vulnerable in our society. This will mean more homes for essential workers, more affordable homes for renters, and more homes for those most in need, like women and children fleeing domestic violence and Indigenous housing.

The passage of this legislation, along with the commitments made at last month's National Cabinet, represents the most significant reforms to housing in a generation.

2023 Referendum

As we draw closer to the Referendum, it's important to ensure you and your family are properly informed on how to vote.

Unfortunately, we've been seeing more and more examples of misinformation about not just the proposed Voice to Parliament, but even the Referendum process itself.

The AEC is the best and most trustworthy source for official information relating to the Referendum. Visit their website at www.aec.gov.au/referendums for up-to-date and accurate information concerning the upcoming referendum.

Rebates for energy-efficient appliances

The Climate Smart Energy Savers Program is now open! Rebates of between \$300 and \$1,000 will be available for eligible Queensland householders who replace old appliances with 4 star-rated (or higher) appliances and hot water systems from 4 September 2023 until the program closes. Eligible appliances must be purchased and installed on or after the program commencement date to be eligible for a rebate.

Visit www.queenslandsavers.qld.gov.au for more information. If you're having any troubles with applying for the rebate online, please don't hesitate to contact my electorate office via phone (5406 4100) or email (Nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au).

Supporting local wildlife with endemic plants: Barung Nursery now open

by Jeanette Nobes

CONGRATULATIONS to Barung on the opening of their new Endemic Rainforest Nursery, just down from the Maleny golf course.

What a wonderful facility. Importantly, there are staff and volunteers who will be able to help you choose just the right plant for your specific requirements. You might want bird attracting plants, driveway-appropriate plants, a wind break, a privacy screen, or seedlings for a site that you want to regenerate with hundreds of trees. On the Blackall Range there are different forest types and they are all catered for at the nursery. This is especially so if you are in a Koala Zone as koalas' special food trees are all available.

All plants, from ground covers to trees, are grown from local seed (endemic) and are grown by experienced staff to give you quality stock to ensure your plants will thrive.

There is a well-stocked book store to help you learn about our natural heritage rainforests. It is a wonderful journey to start. Be brave and branch out from just ornamental plants and include a mix. Rainforest trees are not just green all year. They all flower at some time, just like our stunning Flame Trees, for instance.

The most important aspect of our rainforest plants is that they belong here and so they naturally do well. Plus they provide just the right food for our fauna, and especially for our birds.

Our poor birds have had to survive by eating Camphor Laurel, Privet and Wild Tobacco etc, which are all toxic, invasive weeds.

This is because there just aren't enough natives producing fruit that is right for them. And that's because there just aren't enough native trees. This is leading to a dramatic drop in their numbers, and that is something we can all help to correct. Even just planting one Lilly pilli or a Bleeding Heart would be a great start.

► Opening hours are Wednesday to Saturday 9am to 3pm. Parklands Drive, via Porters Lane, North Maleny.

Fire? What fire? Signs disappearing

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Have you noticed the disappearance of our community "Fire Danger" signs? The Mooloolah community certainly has.

QFES has confirmed about 300 signs have been removed around the state and only 64 replaced with the new "national standard" solar operated versions. The Australasian Fire Authorities Council decided a year ago to nationalise the fire rating model, with the older signs - with the now-outdated rating system - flagged to be replaced with new solar-powered digital signs.

That's great in theory but there seems to be no rush on replacing the already-removed signs, leaving a huge information gap in our communities. This just isn't good enough as we head into another potentially catastrophic fire season as recent events at Beerwah have shown.

Welcoming Maleny's Refugees

Recently, I had the privilege of catching up with the amazing people at Welcome to Maleny who are dedicated to supporting people seeking asylum and from refugee backgrounds.

You may see them around town, running film nights and concerts during Refugee Week, but did you know through their fundraising efforts they've been able to financially assist three separate asylum seeker applications - including one for a family of four - for resettlement in Canada. Local actions having a global impact. Welcome to Maleny are always looking for more members so head to their Facebook page if you're keen to lend a hand.

Cuts to Local Sport

Grassroots sporting organisations are paying the price for Labor's cuts because of budget blowouts and wasteful spending like Wellcamp.

The Labor Cuts come after the Government shifted grassroots sports funding from the Active Industry Fund to the Active Industry Base Fund. Under the so-called "Base Fund" the maximum amount available to organisations is \$50,000 less than what was available under the previous funding program.

Our sportspeople deserve full support - not cuts - in the lead up to the 2032 Olympics.

Men's 'Shedders' Celebrate

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Recently, I had the privilege of celebrating 30 years of Men's Sheds in Australia.

As Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for Men's Sheds, I was delighted to open the doors of the Parliament House to the shedders, as we celebrated the milestone with a BBQ (It was only fair to let them do the cooking).

I am pleased to have helped secure tax exception status for all our Sheds under the former Coalition Government.

However, Men's Sheds still require support, particularly for their work in areas of men's health.

Welcome to our Newest Aussies

I had great pleasure in welcoming and congratulating our newest Australian citizens here on the Sunshine Coast at a citizenship ceremony on the 22nd of September.

Officiating such a significant ceremony and meeting our newest citizens, from many walks of life and various backgrounds, is a humbling experience and a tremendous honour.

To our brand-new Australians, 'Congratulations and welcome home.'

GI Challenge Underway

The 2023 Generation Innovation 'GI Challenge' is well underway, with two recent business bootcamps stirring this year's crop of young entrepreneurs.

Generation Innovation is a free program, that connects inspiring and ambitious young entrepreneurs with the marketplace.

The GI challenge is running for its ninth year in a row, and various talented projects are on the way.

The winner of the challenge will take home a prize of \$10,000 to be used in launching their business.

As the founder of Generation Innovation, it is always exciting to see the creativity, intelligence and valour that exists in Sunshine Coast's young people.

To follow the journey of the GI Challenge and see what projects are in the mix, visit generationinnovation.com.au.

Plover Dive bomber season begins in earnest

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

THOSE pesky plovers are at it again! These masked lapwings are laying up to four eggs, and hatching cute little chicks. The calls have begun to come to our WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline.

By the time school returns, the plovers have installed themselves on sports fields and refuse to vacate.

Unfortunately these large mown areas of grass are the preferred habitat to lay their eggs on the ground.

The cleared area gives good vision of any predators in the area. Some can successfully be moved to a nearby cleared area, with parents objecting as they follow.

Often they need to be brought into care and incubated.

But why do plovers nest on roundabouts? It just seems to be against all Workplace, Health & Safety rules. In fact, predation by domestic pets, foxes and snakes is minimized. The majority of these birds seem to know the safest time to get across the busy roads once the chicks have hatched. Because of ground predators, plovers will also nest on rooftops.

You may notice if walking past plovers that sometimes one may fly away, often only a few metres at a time, while appearing injured.

This is a brilliant trick to lead predators away from a nest of eggs or from their chicks. Their 'bombing' tactics are well known. They do have a small spur near the end of the wing, and they are often called spur-winged plovers. I haven't encountered anyone who has had direct contact with this "spur". In actual fact if they did connect with anything, it would mean that their wing would be severely injured. I think they are smart enough to know that.

The newly hatched chicks are fast learners. They huddle together with parents for warmth and protection but are soon picking up their own food, and catching their own insects. They are beautiful little chicks and fascinating to watch grow to independence.

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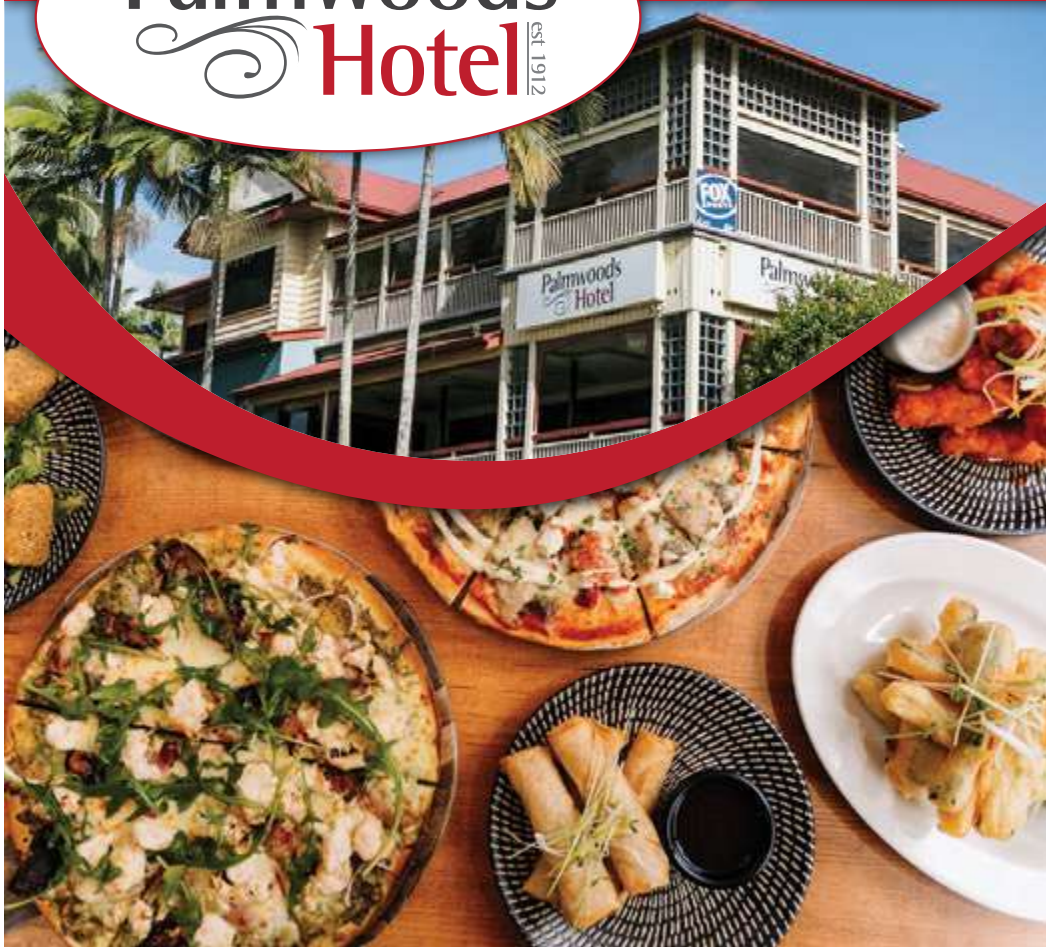
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