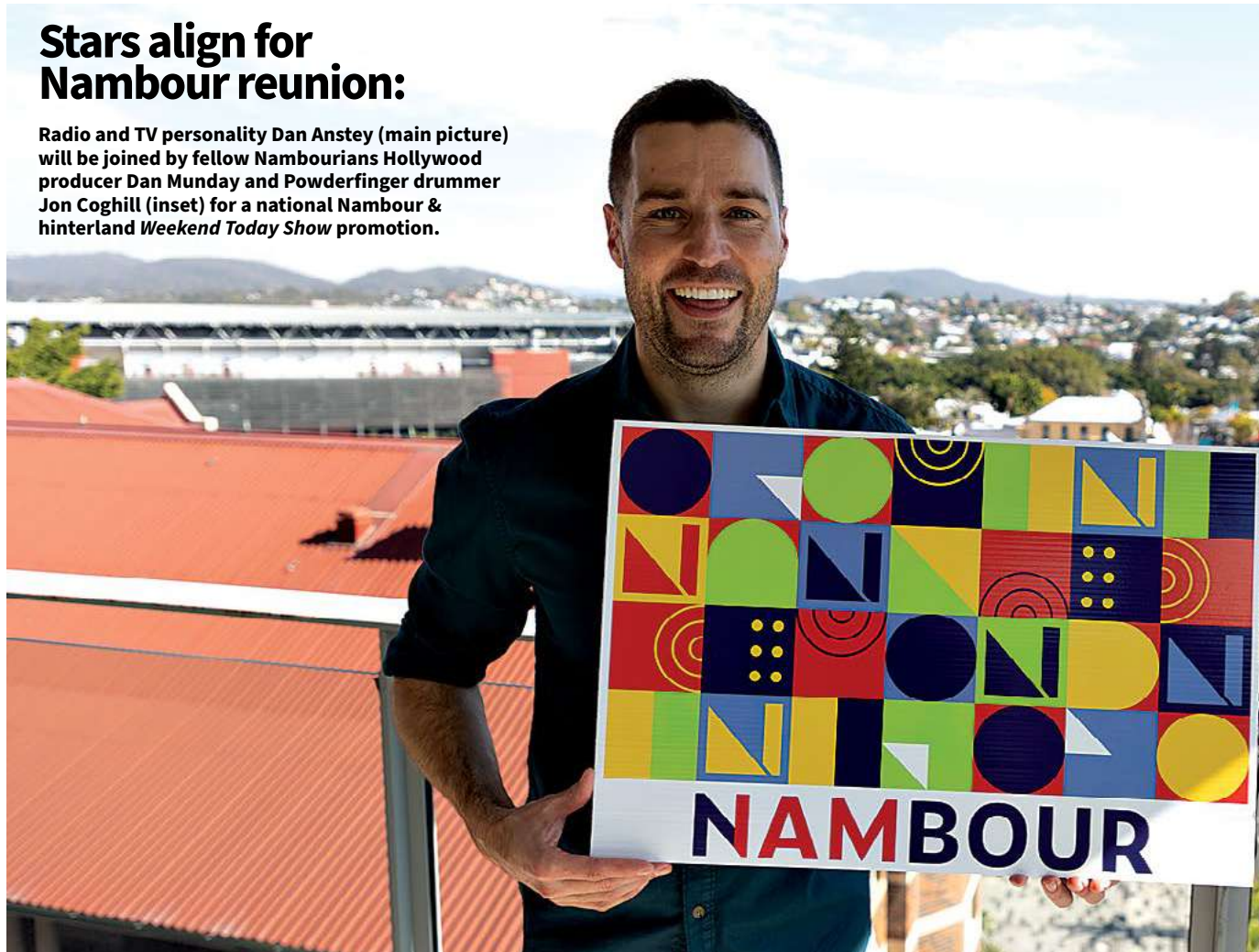




## Stars align for Nambour reunion:

Radio and TV personality Dan Anstey (main picture) will be joined by fellow Nambourians Hollywood producer Dan Munday and Powderfinger drummer Jon Coghill (inset) for a national Nambour & hinterland *Weekend Today Show* promotion.



# Today Show coming to town

by Cameron Outridge

AN Aussie rock drummer, a Hollywood heavyweight and a TV and radio personality are coming back to their hometown this weekend to give Nambour national coverage on Channel Nine.

In a major coup for the town, organised by *I Am Nambour* ambassador Rhonda Billett, Powderfinger drummer Jon Coghill and Hollywood producer Dan Munday (*Survivor*, *The*

*Apprentice* and *Real Housewives* producer and 4-times Emmy nominee) will join *Weekend Today Show* weather host Dan Anstey live from Nambour on Saturday September 2.

Everyone is invited to the Nambour Forecourt (Council's Eddie de Vere Building in Currie Street) for the Saturday special featuring the three former Nambour High students.

The local coverage continues on September 3 with a *Weekend Today* Father's Day Special

from Sixty6 Acres Woombye.

"I can't believe how well this has come together," said Rhonda who has worked around the clock for weeks to help bring the showcase together. "The glitz of the *Today Show* cameras and lights will promote all things Nambour and locals will get a chance to be a part of the action.

"Everyone will be able to come down, be a part of the show in the Forecourt on Saturday. We want as many people as possible down

from 7am for our first live cross. People who follow the show would be aware that Dan is extremely Nambour proud, he mentions his hometown frequently to the nation and now it is time for him to come home and have a whole lot of fun in the Nambour CBD with us throwing him his very own 'Homecoming Party'.

"Being able to get Jon and Dan here as well has blown everyone's mind. It'll be a proud

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**Drummer's Memories of Nambour:**

# From Petrie Creek to Powderfinger

by Cameron Outridge

JON Coghill has fond memories of his Nambour childhood: creek swims, after-school bike rides, and the playful challenges of dodging swooping magpies.

"I used to walk home from school," the former Powderfinger drummer said. "I lived up at Oxleigh Crescent just across from the Showgrounds there. And you'd get on your bike with your mate and just go. Nambour was one of those places where if you just had a couple of hours in the afternoon, you could do whatever you want."

Petrie Creek was a particular favourite. "I used to go fishing in Petrie Creek," he said. "I used to go swimming in a water hole down at the showgrounds. And it was one of the most fantastic places to grow up, because you could do whatever you want and you never really got into too much trouble. It was so much fun getting dived by a magpie or chased by a dog."

This Saturday will see Jon returning to Nambour to promote the town on national TV. "It always feels familiar and feels nice to be back in Nambour," he said.

"I went to Nambour High School for 12 years. I started drumming when I was about 12. I think it was because my dad, he was a jazz musician, and they used to have band practice in the lounge room and I just used to go in and watch them play.

"And then I went to Brissie to go to uni, but I still worked back at the Nambour Hospital and I worked at the Big Pineapple and places like that," he recounted.

And while he never joined a band in those days, music was always close to his heart. "I did play in a few musicals up in Mapleton with a group of friends who put on some musicals up there. I played in the Nambour High School musicals. I remember we did Grease."

Jon credits a work ethic honed in Nambour for some of his subsequent career success. "It's funny, and it might've been my parents or



Jon Coghill: "Nambour was one of the most fantastic places to grow up."

Nambour, but whatever it was, I went to Brissie and I came from a state school in Nambour and I was really driven and I didn't mind doing the hard yards, working some stuff out. And I think growing up in Nambour teaches you that: that nothing's a given. You've got to work your bum off to get anywhere pretty much," he reflected.

Jon is hopeful for Nambour's future. "Nambour's been growing slowly and I just hope that this will help grow it a little bit more, or bring people like young families. It's just such a beautiful place to bring up kids."

Along with fellow Nambourian and TV producer Dan Munday, Jon is spearheading the 'Sunny Coast Showdown'. "Dan Munday and I and the Sunny Coast Screen Collective are trying to get a film industry happening on the Sunshine Coast. We're trying to identify good writers and we raise enough money in the community to make short films and documentaries etc. We want to show people what's possible."

# Free forecourt BBQ, huge promotion for Nambour

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day for Nambour and a chance to promote the whole area to a huge audience."

The forecourt event will feature a free community BBQ hosted by the Nambour Chamber of Commerce and Nambour Tram Co alongside free face painting for kids and vintage cars from Nambour Antique Car Club.

There will be an ice-cream truck on site and other lively morning activities including a local competition, with locally-donated prizes for a Best Weekend Today Show Sign competition judged hourly, in between crosses, with prizes up for grabs.

Wildlife HQ will make an appearance and Nambour's food offerings will be showcased including samplings from Downtown Burgers, Maori Pizzeria and Small Change Espresso. The Sunday special will feature a Father's Day barbecue beside the lake including local produce from Frankies Woombye Cafe & Bar and Woombye Cheese and music by local artist Angela Newcomb.

While space for the Sixty6 Acres Woombye Sunday event is limited due to the private location, locals can catch the special on Channel 9 from 7am to 10am.

For full, up to the minute details, stay tuned to I Am Nambour's Facebook and Instagram pages or the Sunshine Valley Gazette website (www.svgazette.com.au) for final details.

There will be some special presentations and typically-Nambour surprises in store for guests and viewers.

"It will be a perfect 'Happy Father's Day Australia' from the Gateway to the Sunshine Coast hinterland region," said Rhonda. "And it will showcase much of what the hinterland is famous for, from our food to our laidback rural lifestyle and tourism drawcards."

"The whole weekend is supported by our Nambour Groups under our I Am Nambour brand and our working partner Sunshine Coast Council."



Andrew Pitcher and Rhonda Billett are glad to host Dan Anstey, inset, and the Today Show at Andrew's Sixty6 Acres homestay for Father's Day.

# Weekend coverage features best of Nambour & Hinterland

by Janine Hill

THE Today Show's weekend weatherman Dan Anstey will combine forecasts with Father's Day to put his old stomping ground in the national spotlight.

The former Nambour High dux will present the program's weekend weather reports from Nambour and Woombye on September 1 and 2.

Dan lives in Brisbane where he hosts the Triple M breakfast show during the week but tries to get up to the Sunshine Coast, where his parents and a younger brother live, about 12 times a year.

His father, Doctor Chris Anstey, and mother, Janeen, a physiotherapist, still live in the family home at Nambour Heights.

Dan has fond memories of growing up a Nambour kid. "We'd ride our bikes around with the neighbourhood kids. In those days, there were still some vacant blocks around Burnside and tracks and jumps would be made."

There were family trips to the Big Pineapple and the neighbouring macadamia plantation, and movies and maths tournaments at the Nambour Civic Centre, which has now become the Majestic cinema at C-Square.

By the end of high school, Dan had grad-

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# Huge \$7000 Nambour package giveaway

THE Channel 9 weekend broadcasts will also launch a \$7000-plus Explore Nambour and Surrounds, Gateway to the Sunshine Coast Hinterland package giveaway, organised by Nambour Groups under the I Am Nambour banner.

The prize includes 5 nights at Sixty6 Acres Woombye for 2 adults and 2 children, flights from anywhere around Australia for 2 adults and 2 children, Car Hire, Family Pass to Wild Life HQ, A family pass for Sunshine Pinball Nambour, Family Pass to Majestic Cinemas, Various vouchers for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner from Maori Pizza Nambour, Small Change Espresso Nambour and Down Town Burgers Nambour.

"This is a family-focused, community-led promotion, with so many community business organisations and local business owners working together and achieving some great outcomes," said organiser Rhonda Billett.

"The competition prize is family-focused, and the Nambour Groups are grateful to work alongside Channel 9 to deliver the package."

The competition is being run by the Weekend Today Show in collaboration with I Am Nambour, Sixty6 Acres Woombye, Uptown Hair Studio and the Nambour groups working with Sunshine Coast Council.

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# Reshaping Nambour: Council releases draft designs for CBD

SUNSHINE Coast Council has revealed draft concept plans for Nambour CBD. Council says the Nambour (Namba) Place Plan aims to help revive the region's historic hub, guide its future, and fuse its growing reputation as a creative and welcoming place.



Artist's impression of the Howard Street-Anne Street intersection.

The Plan features greener streets, wider pathways, art installations and open spaces.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Councillor David Law said this approach ensured that designs for the town's public space met the values and needs of the community.

"I'm excited to release the draft design which encompasses five streets within Nambour's town centre which really captures the essence of the hub," Cr Law said.

"One of the highlights for me in this plan is the improved pedestrian experience with cooler greener streets, welcoming spaces, and generous footpaths to encourage outdoor dining and socialising.

"The design also encourages a more active main street where people feel comfortable, safe and connected as they walk through town.

"This ensures we are servicing the business, entertainment, cultural, health and education needs of the town and the surrounding communities. I'm pleased to see the project drawing inspiration and direction from community engagement and this next stage honours and acknowledges how quickly the town is changing and expanding."

Cr Law encouraged residents to view the concept and share their feedback via an online survey before September 22.

The community can also meet the project team at one of the pop-up sessions running until September 14.

The placemaking strategy is part of Nam-

# Council's plan missing one key component

Editor's view by Cameron Outridge

IT is impressive. It is appreciated. But there is one key ingredient missing from Sunshine Coast Council's Nambour Place Plan for the CBD: convenient street parking.

In fact, the plan seems to indicate a reduction in parking spaces. This despite a petition raised last year and signed by a thousand people, calling for more parking in town. A petition which was all but ignored by Council.

Convenient parking is the lifeblood of any main street. You just have to ask shop owners. Indeed, you just have to ask Coles and Woolworths who rely on an abundance of covered spaces to attract shoppers in Nambour and across Australia.

Ignoring convenient street parking options is a disastrous planning oversight that threatens to choke the life out of Nambour's CBD potential. This is particularly so in Currie Street - already obviously suffering under the weight of years of neglect.

By placing aesthetics above practicality Council's draft plan (let's hope it is just a "draft") puts Nambour's dwindling main-street independent businesses under further pressure.

There is obviously merit in making our streets more attractive, and kudos to Council for attempting to entice shoppers from the two big shopping centres and into town by beautifying linking streets. But the best way to make the streets more attractive is to line them with vibrant shops.

To encourage character-filled, independent small businesses that make traditional towns

must make parking a priority.

And they should more actively seek the opinions of the mum and dad businesspeople and shopkeepers who are the CBD's key stakeholders.

These customer-facing shopkeepers should have a huge say on what their street looks like and how it could be improved. They are the



Artist's impression - Mill Street intersection with Currie Street.

experts. They are the ones whose livelihoods depend on a functioning CBD. They are the ones who have invested tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in the CBD. They create the charm and character of the town. They make our streets vibrant and welcoming, serve customers and attract visitors. They are the faces of our main street. And they are the ones we should be listening to first, foremost and overwhelmingly in any discussion about the CBD.

This newspaper urges Council to reconsider its plan and make parking a priority.

We urge business owners and residents to have their say on Council's plan for Nambour before September 22. It's a Central Business District. Not a botanic garden. Trees are nice, but convenient carparking is essential.

## Nambour Admin Building repurposing plan underway

PRELIMINARY design and feasibility work for repurposing the Nambour Administration buildings is underway. This work is being undertaken by Wilson Architects and Council says it ensures that the future use of buildings in the town is in the best interests of the community. Potential uses for the buildings include

a new Nambour district library and heritage library, multi-purpose community spaces, Customer Contact Centre and Council administration offices.

Council says more than 200 of its staff will continue to be based in Nambour as part of Council's broader regional Workplaces program.

# Ambitious CBD plan stirs debate over priorities, parking

by Janine Hill

THE Nambour (Namba) Place Plan has arrived on most local business operators like a surprise birthday present: unexpected, not what they really wanted, but better than nothing.

The plan, released on 23 August, focuses on the Howard and Currie Street intersection, and Bury, Mill and Ann Streets.

The council media release which announced it spoke about greener streets, shade, art installations and wider pathways. But there was no mention of what businesses in Nambour have repeatedly asked for - more parking.

Trees in the concept drawings make it difficult to see how much will remain of existing street-side parking spaces.

The *Gazette* approached a number of small business operators in the centre of Nambour to seek their opinions on the plan.

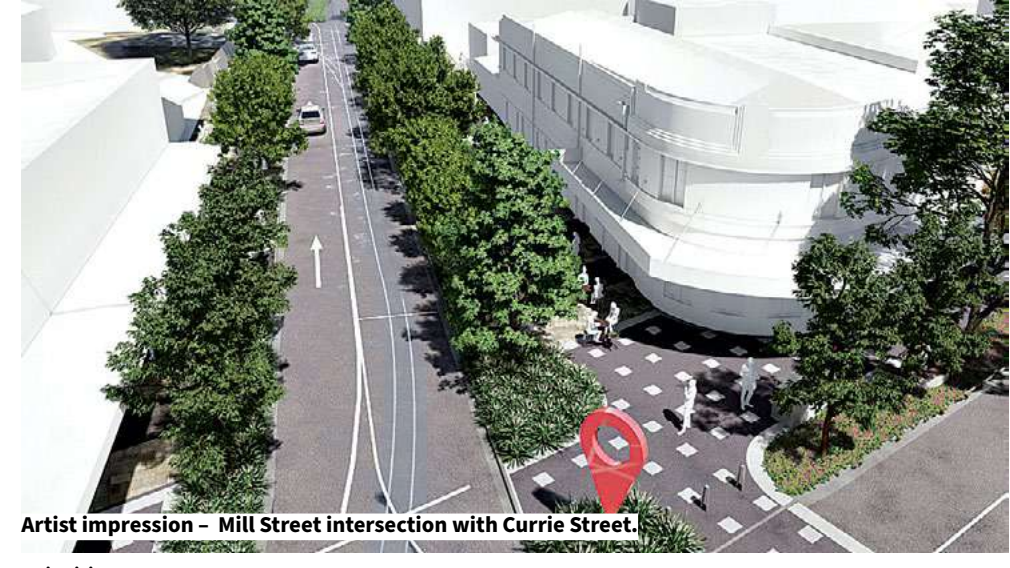
None of them had been aware the plan had been in the making and some did not know it existed while others were disillusioned after years of wheel-spinning by authorities to care.

"I've been here for 20 years and there's been so much talk and (yet) nothing but it's good to see young ones getting in there and giving their opinion," said one business owner.

Another preferred not to get involved after having seen lofty council ideas achieve little for business elsewhere.

However, he did suggest that "given the way some of them come around corners," traffic calming would be in order if the council wanted to proceed with planting trees, as per the plan.

Lee Hillman, of Backbeat Records in Howard Street, was pleased to see some move towards reviving Nambour but queried the council's



Artist impression - Mill Street intersection with Currie Street.

priorities. "I think anything's good at the moment but if they've got money for that, surely they've got the money for parking," he said.

Mr Hillman questioned the provision of street seating and outdoor dining when Nambour lacked shows and restaurants to attract people.

"I'm for it but it's probably putting the cart before the horse. There's got to be a reason for people to sit around," he said.

Vicki Arthur, of Mr Beesley's vintage clothing store in Howard Street, learned of the plan when council officers dropped off some flyers the day after its release.

Ms Arthur was disappointed the plan did not include centre or extra parking on Currie

"We need to have a conversation. We need to have a vote," she said.

Paul Vicary, of Queen Street Meats, who traded through an upgrade of that street some years ago, did not feel that losing a number of parking spaces for trees and a wider footpath had achieved very much.

"Do we really need a 4 metre wide footpath? You go to the city, the CBD, and they don't have footpaths that wide," he said.

Paul felt centre parking in Currie Street would be of more benefit to local businesses than wider footpaths and more trees.

Paul warned other businesses to beware of the disruption that was likely to occur while work was carried out.

He said Queen Street business owners had not known from one day to the next if the street would be open or closed for work and what was supposed to have been three months' work had dragged on for about a year.

## Nambour Plan key changes:

- Bury Street will be one-way from Mill Lane and Currie Streets and will become a "shared zone";

- Left and right hand turning lanes at Mill and Currie Streets will be removed;

- A new raised and signalised pedestrian crossing on Currie Street just north of



Bury Street looking towards the Council building.

Street and was confused about the attention paid to Bury Street given the council had relocated its headquarters to Maroochydore, pulling workers out of town.

She was also bemused by the forecourt upgrade. "Haven't they already done up there?"

Ms Arthur said Nambour had a theme when the old sugar mill was in town but there was confusion about whether it should make the most of its heritage or imitate Melbourne's street scene and the plan did nothing to cement a direction.

Mill Street;

- A raised and signalised "scramble crossing" to replace the three separate crossings at the Ann and Low Street intersection;

- A raised crossing from the corner of Sydney and Howard Streets to Ann Street;

- The Ann Street roadway will be narrowed to allow for a wider footpath, al fresco dining, extra seating, raised planters, a water feature and art work;

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## Nambour Forecourt Live celebrates birthday, continues precinct momentum

NAMBOUR Forecourt Live celebrated its two year anniversary in style on Friday August 25. Originally launched as a Council initiative to activate the Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct the event has grown into a much-loved monthly gathering for Nambour.

"Nambour Forecourt Live has been a fantastic monthly event that showcases not only the world-class local talent we have here on the Coast, but also highlights the great local support for live music within our community," said event programmer and promoter Andrea Kirwin from Peace Run Records.

"The social events calendar in Nambour continues to grow with new venues opening including a revamped *Small Change* now located on the corner of Bury and Currie St extending their trading hours to include Friday and Saturday nights and featuring live music," she said. "Also *Dance, Art Etc* have been hosting some fantastic events since their recent opening (next door to *Small Change*). And of course the Old Ambulance Station and



Black Box Theatre have been a cultural hot spot with Bad Habit records opening up next door."

Andrea admitted it had been a slow burn over the past two years "but the Nambour Special Entertainment Precinct is definitely reaching a new level of excitement as venues open and more creatives are drawn to the town and Nambour Forecourt Live has definitely played a part in creating a positive momentum".

▶ The next event will be held on Friday 25 August from 4pm-8.30pm on the corner of Currie and Bury St outside Nambour Library and Council Chambers.

## Something stinks: Resident sceptical of rail noise excuses

by Janine Hill

A WOOMBYE resident has skewered Translink assertions that three-year-old studies clear operations at the rail stabling yard from any lingering noise issues.

James Kasmer and other nearby residents are unhappy about the noise from air-conditioners running all night in Next Generation Rollingstock trains stabled at the Woombye yard, where the trains are cleaned and parked overnight ready for service the next morning.

Mr Kasmer accepts that air-conditioning should run while cleaners are working in the trains but said the noise from NGR air-conditioners running all night effectively turned a residential area into an industrial area.

Translink's responses to two recent media enquiries have referred to noise studies which liken the rail stable yard noise to normal noise levels. A 21 July Translink statement said independent noise testing "found that operation of the stabling yard, including the NGR air-conditioning systems, was not a dominant noise source in the local environment and was around normal ambient levels."

In a 17 August response to further question, Translink provided a statement which said surveys in August and September-October 2020 "confirmed that the outdoor noise environment was primarily influenced by residential activity, local road traffic, natural sources such as birdsong, breeze blown vegetation and

trains on the North Coast Line."

"It was found the noise was not from stowed passenger trains (including train A/C systems)," Mr Kasmer said the 2020 studies focused on noise between about 6am and 10pm rather than noise overnight, when the air-conditioners were now running.

He said the noise studies also did not record noise between 10pm and 4am except on one night. Mr Kasmer believes the air-conditioners are being left overnight to control reported mould problems in the NGR.

"What other plausible reason could there be for TMR and QR to run air-con units through the night when trains are empty of people and sitting in complete darkness?" he asked. "QR admitted to mould issues on 5 March 2020 publicly on National Nine News in their NGR Trains."

"They led us to believe at the WCBA Meeting with TMR and QR in July 2020 at Red Bridge Motor Inn, that a fix was imminent. They never stopped running trains at night though. Certainly not a permanent change. In 2023 we have some nights on, some nights off. There is no pattern other than the noise continues on and off."

"If there is no mould issue now, in 2023, please turn off air-con units at night and residents' concerns immediately go away."

Translink has said the air-conditioning is running on optimal settings while the NGR trains are in stabling mode to address humidity in response to complaints about odour on the trains.

### Orchid Spring Show

THE Nambour Orchid Society is staging their Spring Show this Friday and Saturday September 1 and 2, at the Uniting Church Hall.

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### Garden Opens for Charity

BUDERIM'S renowned Orchid Grove at 17 Barkston Crt will swing open its gates September 23 and 24 from 9.30am to 4.30pm, showcasing a vibrant collection of flowering orchids.

The open garden event, which supports medical charity programs in Vietnam, will also feature a delightful Angel's Café for visitors.






For those with an appreciation for history, antique farm equipment and items will be on display, including a notable Southern Cross windmill.

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## Red Rose Rally to help stop domestic & family violence

by Val France for Speak Up Now - Stop Domestic & Family Violence (Maleny & Blackall Range)

SINCE January this year, there have been 35 confirmed deaths of women, and 10 children, from domestic violence in Australia. And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Queensland police attend 500 serious incidents of domestic violence every day. This has resulted in 2800 charges of non-lethal strangulation, among other serious injuries. Of course, many domestic and family violence incidents are not reported to police, so it is obvious that this is a huge societal problem.

To raise awareness of the issue and educate the community about what can be done to prevent domestic violence, and support victims, Speak Up Now - Stop Domestic and Family Violence (Maleny and Blackall Range) was formed as a collaboration between local service clubs in 2020. Since then, other organisations have also partnered with the group which recently, joined with 8 other communities in Queensland in holding a Red Rose Rally.

Red Rose Rallies are an initiative of the Red Rose Foundation, an organisation dedicated to monitoring domestic violence deaths and providing awareness and support for those affected by this increasing scourge of our community. A Rally is held after the death of every



Queensland woman killed due to domestic violence, with the community being invited to gather in a prominent public place, often with family and friends of the deceased victim, and pay their respects.

At Maleny's Red Rose Rally, we honoured the 3 Queensland women and a baby killed by intimate partners in the last 3 months, along with the deaths of two innocent people caught up in one of those incidents. Each one was named, and remembered with a minute's silence, before each of the participants placed a red rose as a memorial. The vigil was held at Tesch Park, and many of the passing motorists and pedestrians signalled their support.

For information follow Speak Up Now on Facebook. The internet is a source of much practical advice, including '1800 RESPECT' and '10 Ways You Can Help Prevent Domestic Violence Locally'.



Helen Sharpley, main picture with Jenny Hastie and Paul Robinson, insets.

## Sundale Celebrates 60 Years of care and community impact

SUNDALE, the Sunshine Coast's original aged care provider has celebrated 60 years of caring for the community with the first of a series of celebrations - an unforgettable birthday party. In 1963, then Sundale President, J.D. Grimes presided over the official opening of Sundale. The main building was named Nicklin Lodge and officially opened by namesake and then Queensland Premier, Frank Nicklin.

CEO, Helen Sharpley said Sundale has been a place of great purpose and joy for thousands of residents and care recipients over the past six decades. "From humble beginnings, Sundale now provides extraordinary care, friendship and support to more than 1,000 residents and care recipients throughout Nambour, Kilcoy and Gladstone," Ms Sharpley said.

"Sundale's 60th birthday is an opportunity to pause and reflect on the remarkable impact the organisation has had on the community and to celebrate Sundale's bright future." Jennie Hastie is Sundale's longest serving employee. The Laundry Manager has spent the past 41 years working at Sundale. "I really like my job and I love the residents," Ms Hastie said. "Sundale is my second home, and has been since I left school as a 16-year-old. I feel safe when I'm at Sundale and I get to work with my extended family while contributing to the local community."

Maintenance Manager, Paul Robinson is Sundale's second longest serving team member and will celebrate 35 years with the organisation later this year. "I just love working here. It's been a great place to work," Mr Robinson said. "I still get a kick out of the helping residents, especially the look of thanks on a resident's face when you help them in the garden or inside their home."

## 22yo man charged after car smashes through bedroom

A Palmwoods mum has said she is lucky to be alive after an allegedly stolen car crashed into her young family's new home just after midnight August 27.

The crash appears to be the result of a 22 year old Nambour man's attempts to evade police who were responding to a separate but related incident involving the alleged bashing and armed robbery of a man nearby.

The Nambour man, Chace Kevin Fitzpatrick, has been charged in relation to the incident and is due to face a Maroochydoore court on October 27.

Mr Fitzpatrick was charged with unlawful

entry of a vehicle, two counts of robbery with violence, unlawful use of motor vehicle, dangerous operation of vehicle and driving whilst disqualified.

Police had been called to a disturbance in Chevallum Road just before the accident occurred. They saw a man who had been assaulted and called an ambulance.

"Looks like the police may have scared the offenders off and in their hurry along the road they came to a 'T' junction and the car lost control, jumped the road and ended up in a resident's main bedroom," a local man said.

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## Chevallum StrawbFest makes a sweet comeback!

The Chevallum community is buzzing with excitement as the highly-anticipated Chevallum StrawbFest makes a triumphant comeback next month after a 4-year hiatus due to the challenges posed by Covid.

Organised by Chevallum State School in collaboration with the Queensland Strawberry Grower's Association, and with thanks to the Palmwoods Community Branch Heritage Bank, this year's event promises to be an unforgettable celebration of all things strawberry.

Kellie Jarrett, President of the volunteer Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association in charge of running StrawbFest, expressed her enthusiasm for the event's grand return.

"The past few years have been challenging for all of us but we are back stronger and more vibrant than ever."

"This is the main fundraising event for the Chevallum school community and our volunteers have worked tirelessly to bring together a spectacular showcase that will not only entertain but also pay tribute to our incredible community spirit."

Scheduled for Friday September 8th from 5pm until late, Chevallum StrawbFest is gearing up to be an extravaganza like no other, offering delectable strawberry offerings from the Queensland Strawberry Grower's Association and a plethora of entertainment across three vibrant stages.

"We thank the Sunshine Coast strawberry growers for their continued support and look forward



Strawbelicious! From left, front: Jake Kitchin and Molly Jarrett. Middle: Olivia Whiting, Tate Kitchin, Amos Underhill and Matilda Jarrett. Back: Organisers Kate Kitchin, Lisa Whiting and Jessica Bingham.

to presenting a delicious array of strawberry treats made with their produce. Think everything strawberry - chocolate dipped strawberries, strawberry sundaes, strawberry kebabs, strawberry daiquiris, fresh strawberries with cream and more.

"Entertainment includes Andrea Kirwin and Benjam on the main stage, amusement rides for kids (big and small), more than a dozen food stalls, a licenced bar, a mega-raffle with over \$21,000 in prizes, and at 9pm we will have the biggest fireworks show in the event's history.

"StrawbFest is a celebration of tra-

dition, togetherness, and the vibrant spirit of our community. We're excited to see families come down for what promises to be a 'berry' fun evening!" Mrs Jarrett said.

The 34th Chevallum StrawbFest will take place at Chevallum State School, 460 Chevallum Road, Chevallum on Friday 8th September from 5pm-9pm. Entry is free and all profits from the event will go back to supporting the educational needs of kids within the Chevallum school community.

For more information visit www.strawbFest.com.au



## Scout's Honour

History column from Nambour Museum

AFTER the declaration of peace on 15 August, 1945, organizations wondered how to honour those who had joined the armed forces. Nambour Scouts decided on an honour board naming ex Scouts and Scouters from both the 1st and 2nd World Wars.

The Nambour Chronicle reported the unveiling of the Nambour Scouts' Honour Board by Mr D.A. Low M.L.A. who congratulated the Scouts' committee on their "desire to perpetuate the memory of those who had formerly been associated with Scouting and who had given service to their country".

The unveiling took place with much ceremony in front of a large audience including 50 Scouts and Cubs at their Scout hall in Mitchell Street, Nambour.

Mr W. Lees made the board, while the "lettering and beautiful embellishments" were the work of Mr A. P. Dowd. A United States citizen, Mr Dowd was a very well known Nambour painter whose beautiful murals still survive in some older Nambour homes. The Nambour Museum is proud to have on display the Scouts' Honour Board as well as the Rosemount State School Honour Board 1914 - 1918 and the Maroochy River State School marble plaque.



White's IGA Forest Glen Store Manager Karen Baker hands a cheque to Chevallum State School P&C President Kellie Jarrett.

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# New College campus offers glimpse into the future of education



HERALDED as a game-changer in educational design, teachers and students from Suncoast Christian College will be the first to experience the school's much anticipated new facility when they step inside its doors tomorrow (August 31).

The sneak peek of the new primary school campus building comes ahead of its official first day of use on Monday (September 4). The preview of the new facilities will help teachers and students familiarise themselves before they begin classes at the Woombye campus.

The new campus will offer the most advanced facilities on the Coast, replacing classrooms with flexible environments designed to support the school's 'team-teaching' philosophy.

The classrooms have a range of functional design features, such as bleachers, breakout rooms, curtain and acoustic treatments to facilitate a variety of learning modes. This allows teachers to modify and tailor lessons to the abilities and needs of students and to varying group sizes.

Teachers and teacher's assistants will work together over two levels with students in groups of five up to 75, in years 1 through 6.

Principal Greg Mattiske said the upcoming day was a chance for teachers to envision how their classes can be enriched by the new state-of-the-art facilities.

"By providing teachers with a collaborative, modern space that allows them to cater to a wide range of student needs, we are facilitating the best social, emotional, and academic outcomes for our pupils."

With an approach focused on stage rather than age, the new layout will provide flexible and collaborative environments where the school's team of dedicated Christian teachers will provide the best in contemporary education. Heralded as a game-changer in educational design, the new building has been brought to life by renowned firm m3 Architecture who are known for pushing the boundaries when it comes to intuitive buildings and modern design.

Anticipation of the new look campus has been slowly building since the designs were unveiled in 2021. Since then, the school has continued to draw attention when it announced plans to offer individuals and families the chance to have their names immortalised into one side of the new primary school building, through the use of stainless steel laser-etched discs.

Founded on reclaimed land in 1979 the school's first building was an old pineapple packing shed. It has since become a prestigious educational facility with almost 1000 students, boasting amongst the most advanced school buildings on the Sunshine Coast.

# Talent and passion take centre stage at St John's College music event

IT was the culmination of many hours of practice, combined with remarkable talent and true passion for music when St John's College Nambour instrumental music students took to the stage for *Club Bohemia* on Tuesday 15 August.

St John's instrumental music coordinator Ruby Miller said it was exciting to see such a wide variety of students come together to share their love of music with family and friends.

"I was astounded by the variety of talent displayed on the night and the many 'hidden gems' who were unearthed," Ms Miller said.

"There were several jaw-dropping moments when students took me totally by surprise."

Ms Miller said the St John's Music Program continued to stand out because its music tutors provided opportunities for students to join forces with other instrumentalists in a band or ensemble.

Concert Band, String Orchestra, Stage Band, Chapel Band, Rock Bands, Vocal Ensemble, Flute Trios, Saxophone Quartets and various other duets - there is truly something for everyone within the program.

"Nights like *Club Bohemia* are a wonderful opportunity for parents and friends to witness what students have been working on throughout the year.

"Families would have endured much honking, scratching and squeaking as their budding musicians were growing up, so it is very special to see your child step out on stage, having blossomed into a true instrumentalist.

Ms Miller thanked Mark Winters, Britt Evans and Ken Kiernan who were instrumental in helping the night run smoothly as well as music tutors Mel Davies, Scarlett Rigby, Dan Salmon, Dan Ashton, Mark Winters and Garry Buckley.

### Bittersweet moment

It was a bittersweet moment for some of the performers on the night, with year 12 students such as Jessica Hobbs, Eva Matthews and Isa-



Isabella Norval, Jessica Hobbs and Eva Matthews backstage. It was their last *Club Bohemia* having been involved since grade 7.

bella Norval taking to the stage and showcasing their incredible talent for the final time since participating each year since being young year seven students.

Eva Matthews said the arts have always been a safe space for her. "The arts program at St Johns has truly allowed me to express myself in so many ways," Eva said.

"I performed for the final time in the annual music showcase, *Club Bohemia* and thinking about it now, it really is a bittersweet, poignant feeling, knowing that I'll never perform in front of such a supportive and caring environment again.

"None of this would be possible without the incredible mentors that have shaped me into the arts captain I am today, Mr Mark Winters, Mrs Kathryn Kiernan-Molloy, and Mrs Emma Parer.

"Each of these teachers inspire me every day to do better, to be better."

Isabella Norval said it was with mixed feelings of happiness, relief and sadness she faced the end of her last *Club Bohemia*.

"It was truly a night I will remember, as there is nothing quite like standing on the stage performing with your fellow band members who you share this bond with and seeing the happiness on the faces of your family," Isabella said.

"There are many exceptional music teachers who have helped me throughout my time at St John's and I am appreciative of their commitment and support and sharing their true joy of music."

# Church fundraiser to benefit Indian charity

by Janine Hill

A CHARITY providing essential medical treatment and education to people in India will be the beneficiary of a Nambour church fundraiser.

The afternoon of live music and afternoon tea at Newlife church 4 McKenzie Road on September 16 will raise money for New Hope India Relief Australia.

New Hope supports leprosy colonies, orphans, HIV-positive mothers and their children and cataract eye surgery and remote tribal villages in various locations in India.

The fundraiser has been instigated by pastors Pete and Kaz Hewitt who have been based at Nambour since 2019 but who were introduced to New Hope 20 years ago in Western Australia.

"We pastored a church in Broome for 10 years from 1999 and it was there we met a lady called Maggie Nolan," Kaz said.

"She had gone to India and connected with a guy called Eliazar Rose who was helping local people and she had been going back every year since."



New Hope founder Eliazar Rose, right, and supporter the late Maggie Nolan McMullen with some of the people New Hope helps.

The late Maggie Nolan McMullen later received an Order of Australia for her charity work.

Eliazar T. Rose, the son of two Indian lepers himself, was the founder of New Hope. The Hewitts coordinated fundraisers for New Hope and also visited India to see the organisation's work for themselves.

Kaz said raising money to fund New Hope's operations seemed to be the best way to help. "They're on the ground and they know what they need," she said.

Kaz said New Hope had open hearts and open doors. "They had a guy who was coming to get food but they never knew where he lived," she said.

"They followed him going into the bush and found him living with a colony of lepers that no one previously even knew existed and they have been supporting them with food and medicine ever since."

The Newlife church fundraiser will run from 2-5pm and admission of \$20 will include entertainment by a local choir, jazz singer Robyn Brown, and other live music.

There will be a charity auction, a raffle of a handmade quilt, and light food and refreshments.

# 'Congratulations on a job well done': Show Society thanks volunteers, helpers

AT the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society's Annual General Meeting held at the Nambour CWA Hall (August 17) the committee wanted to celebrate a successful 2023 Show, but particularly recognising the amazing contribution of its young show volunteers.

"It was important for us to recognise and pay respect to the youth as they are the future of the show and show movements," said Treasurer and Secretary Jasmine Bethell. "To organise and put on a show takes many hands and many hours, and the dedication and enthusiasm of all volunteers is appreciated enormously. We also wanted to acknowledge our stewards whose commitment makes the show what it is. We are all greatly anticipating next year's show and can't wait to see what 2024 brings." Recipients also received gift cards to local favourite cafe Small Change Espresso.



Irene De Vere and Rhonda Poor receive certificates of appreciation from Show Society President Rowan O'Hara and Treasurer and Secretary Jasmine Bethell. See all the photos and the Presidents report at www.svgazette.com.au.

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## Reviving Montville: Chamber considers strategies to reignite business

THE MONTVILLE Chamber of Commerce will consider funding avenues for a possible promotional campaign for the town.

The chamber's July meeting, which was attended by the Sunshine Coast Council's head of business and industry development, Tim McGee, discussed ways to reinvigorate business in the area.

Chamber president Shiralee Cooper said promotion through both traditional and social media was under consideration and application could be made for a council grant.

Local business operators say the area has not hit full stride since covid due in part to changes in tourism patterns associated with flight costs.

Tourism figures show that the number of domestic overnight visitors to the Sunshine Coast has not just flattened but decreased by 0.1% since before covid.

The lacklustre tourism has been acutely felt in localities such as Montville, which are heavily reliant upon visitor spending.

"Montville's income is 5 percent local, 35 percent from the Sunshine Coast and about 60 percent from outside the Sunshine Coast so we're very much reliant upon money from elsewhere," Ms Cooper said. "It's quite a different demographic to other places, other than perhaps Hastings Street, Noosa."

Ms Cooper said there were also concerns that the loss of the local doctors' clinic and pharmacy would have a domino effect on other businesses through a loss of foot traffic.

"We want to keep people coming in and not go elsewhere to get what they need," she said.

Ms Cooper said that aside from promotion, chamber members felt that the stage in the Russell Family Park, behind the western side of the shopping strip, would allow all-weather events to be held.

She said there was also support within the chamber for a regional gallery to be located at Montville but – without benefactors or support from the council which seemed to favour other areas – this would be difficult.



## Nambour welcomes mounted police in high-profile initiative

by Janine Hill

THE visible police presence in Nambour went to new heights recently with two mounted police spotted riding through town.

The mounted officers and their steeds took a leisurely evening walk through Currie Street on Wednesday, 16 August and were also pictured, above, at the Nambour Railway Station.

Queensland's mounted police are based at Moggill, in Brisbane's northwest, and are an uncommon sight on the Sunshine Coast.

The Queensland Police Service's media section had little information to provide on the mounties latest local appearance, apart from saying they were part of the "high visibility policing" in Nambour.

Mounted police officers carry out the same operational duties as other officers but from horseback.

There are only 10 mounted police officers in Queensland and each works mainly with two horses, one of which is often in training or a developmental stage, according to a QPS blog on the mounted police.

It says that fully operational horses are

trained for any situation, from suburban patrols to ceremonial events, and community engagement to working Safe Night Precincts.

The blog goes on to say that the horses usually start in suburban areas and progress through to the highest intensity environments, such as Safe Night Precincts as in Fortitude Valley.

Central Nambour has been designated a Special Entertainment Precinct.

No nightclubs have opened yet but the Currie Street patrol would have allowed the officers and horses to familiarise themselves with the area and with the community.

It was reported to the Gazette that the mounted police were greeted with smiles and waves from passers-by.

Business people, staff and regular visitors to the Nambour CBD area have noted an increased police presence in Lowe Street and nearby areas in recent weeks.

It comes after mounting frustration within members of the business community and the public over anti-social behaviour in central Nambour, particularly in the vicinity of the public square in Lowe Street.

## Letter to the Editor

The Sunshine Valley Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Please keep your letters short (300 words maximum). All things being equal, preference is given to topical, shorter letters on local matters of general interest.

### Under 13 Snakes football team a local inspiration

Our Matildas have inspired the nation and have put a sparkle in our next generation of women soccer players, especially our own hinterland Woombye snakes under 13 girls!

With the world acknowledging women's soccer, I would like our community to acknowledge our girls, the girls who have been training hard all season. They have been undefeated all season and it's because they train hard and play hard.

In our own backyard, the Woombye Snakes Under 13s have won their Premiership. They start finals in two weeks to hopefully win the grand final. They represent our club but also the Woombye community.

I feel these little ladies and the coach need to be recognised and appreciated for their dedication, passion & fight to make our club & town proud.

Football Australia have published the following words to sum up the history of Women's football in Australia: *Passion. Fight. Resilience. Dedication. Pride. Inspiration.* That's our Woombye Snakes U13 girls.

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## Vibrant tapestry of sound awaits at little Eudlo Hall

EUDLO Hall will resonate with a symphony of diverse musical experiences as renowned cellist Louise King unveils the inaugural *Long Listen* festival. From September 29 to October 2, music aficionados and cultural explorers are invited to delve into a rich, eclectic program that reimagines classical sounds.

"*Long Listen* is a new punchy festival program of short eclectic music experiences," said Louise, who is organising the whole event by herself. "Think classics with a twist. Six sensational diverse experiences from sublime classics to a Didgeridoo Soundbath and a kids' concert."

Louise said *Long Listen* was an artist-driven, musician-led annual boutique festival that presents the broad sweep of classical crossover artists in community places. "Think a mash-up of originals, world, folk and jazz artists, singer-songwriters with strings."

Book to experience a weekend teaser of short sessions featuring guest artists, Emily Granger (harp), Tim Munro (flute), Michael Knopf (guitar) and illuminating conversations about why we make art with Dr Hope O'Chin, Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi elder, Shannon Garson, porcelain artist, singer-songwriter, Mira Chorik and FN songbird, Layla Havana.

Louise said *Long Listen* would broaden the arts ecology, by providing an inclusive audience experience. "At its heart is the power of music," she said. "It provides a space for audiences to explore and discover music and for our artists, a platform to experiment, make work, embedded in this community, for our community."

Tickets now on sale via Humanitix, search for *Long Listen* and cost \$15-\$45+bf.



Classics with a twist... Eudlo Cellist Louise King is organising the Long Listen.



Harpist Emily Granger features in the Long Listen event.



Signing the new License for the Pattermore's Milking Bails are, from left, Sunshine Coast Council's Kay Bennett, Pattermore House's Penny Edwards, Pattermore House President Gail Denver, Fairview Bails Restoration Committee Chairman John Te Kloot and SCC's Linda Neiland.

## Milking Bails in safe hands

AS some of the oldest intact milking bails left in the lush green hills of Maleny, the Pattermore Milking Bails were built by the four brothers Bill, Stan, Albert and Ernest at the turn of the century.

This was shortly after they completed building "Fairview" (Pattermore House) for their parents, Emily and JR Pattermore. Now, the Friends of Pattermore House are pleased to announce that they have been granted the License by the Sunshine Coast Council to manage the Pattermore Milking Bails on the Maleny Community Precinct.

The Bails were built to accommodate share farmers to work JR Pattermore's dairy farming property. The brothers constructed dairy bails, yards and a share-farmer's house called "Mosman" on a ridge about 400 metres to the east

of Fairview in North Maleny. While Mosman is gone, the sturdily built bails remain, although now in a deteriorated condition.

The dairy bails serve as an important historical reminder to Maleny's dairying past from the turn of the century, linking the living and working lives of dairy farmers of that time to Maleny's built heritage.

They are one of the last remaining examples in the district of a walk-through milking parlour, bestowing a high historical significance to Maleny, the region and to the dairy industry.

With community support, the Fairview Bails Restoration Committee will work to restore, maintain and preserve the historic site, in doing so creating another unique heritage experience for walkers on the Maleny Community Precinct.

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Legacy Member John and Legacy Sunshine Coast Chairperson Rhonda Poar.

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FOR the past 100 years, Legacy Australia has looked after the families of veterans who served our country. Legacy Week is an opportunity for us to lend a hand to this great cause.

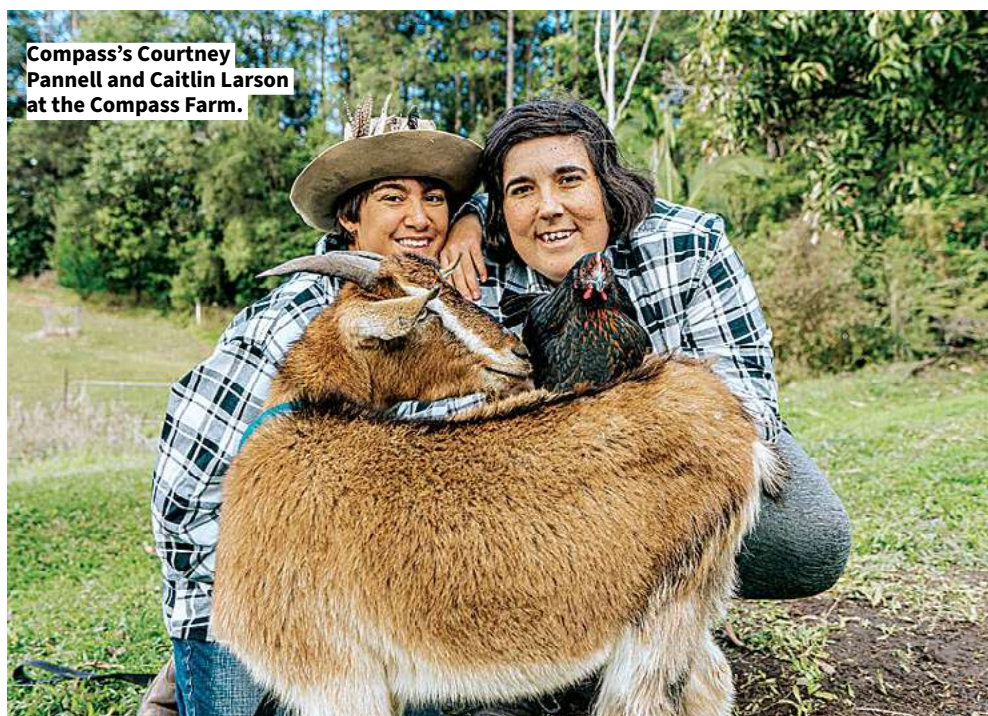
Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson, who again helped launch this year's Legacy Week, said there was never a more important time for us to play our part in supporting what Legacy does.

"Legacy Week, also known as 'Badge Week', runs from August 26 to September 3 this year and is the annual national appeal to raise awareness of, and funds for, the families of Australia Defence Force men and women who've lost their lives or have ongoing health issues.

Mayor Jamieson said Sunshine Coast Legacy volunteers would be out and about during Legacy Week selling badges and merchandise which help raise funds for the charity.

"Legacy relies solely on donations from the general public and supporters in the corporate and community sector.

• For more information about Legacy Week 2023 and how you can support the cause, visit [www.legacy.com.au](http://www.legacy.com.au)



Compass's Courtney Pannell and Caitlin Larson at the Compass Farm.

## Compass Open Days offer glimpse into disability support

DISABILITY support programs are vital for empowering people with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives and participate in society.

Open Days, like those held by the Compass Institute from August to September allow prospective participants and families to explore support options directly, gaining insight into facilities, services, and care.

"Interacting with current program participants and families during Open Days provides valuable testimonials, helping individuals understand the program's impact and alignment with their needs," said Compass Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator, Clare Bonamy.

"This firsthand experience offers reassurance and confidence and Open Days also facilitate direct communication between families and program staff. This dialogue addresses concerns, ensuring tailored support for the

individual with a disability.

"Service providers benefit by showcasing their commitment to inclusivity and transparency, fostering trust and partnership with families.

"The impact of a well-suited disability support program is immense, fostering skills, independence, and community engagement. Open Days significantly aid families in making this crucial choice by offering an immersive and enlightening experience," she said.

Compass is running Open Days across all campuses and enterprises throughout August and early September. The Compass Farm, located in Hunchy, will be open on August 31, 10am-2pm, and will be showcasing the diverse range of NDIS-funded programs as well as the incredible staff and trainees who attend. Registration is required and you can register on the Compass website [compassinc.org.au](http://compassinc.org.au).

## How your property can help someone needing a home

SUNSHINE Coast Council says it recognises that, like many places in Queensland, the Sunshine Coast is in the midst of a housing crisis.

At the July 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council, 11 petitions were tabled by Councillor David Law, requesting a reconsideration of Council's approach to providing for caravans, buses and tiny homes. This work is now under way and is guided by the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

The Community Portfolio Councillor asked the petitioners and anyone with an interest in assisting those in need of housing during this crisis, 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," Cr Law said.

"Homeowners could think about adding a secondary dwelling on their property.

"A secondary dwelling is a permanent structure with a building approval that can be occupied by another household – and they don't have to be related to the main dwelling's occupants.

"Alternatively it could be a temporary home for example, a tiny house on wheels, a caravan or a bus.

"Under Council's Local Law, a temporary home can be in place for up to 18 months.

"For anyone interested in accommodating someone in a secondary dwelling or temporary home, further information is available on Council's website, [sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) and search "building and development fact sheets".

"Council officers are always available to help with the process."

Council will continue to review its approach to providing for caravans, buses and tiny homes and will provide feedback on Council's website.

Petitioners and anyone else with questions on how to do this can email Council at [mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

Cr Law said Council was continuing to advocate to other levels of government for action.



Nambour's Eva Johnston was a constraint threat in attack.

## Nambour Senior rugby teams claim successive premierships

NAMBOUR Toads claimed its second successive Sunshine Coast Rugby Senior Women's premiership on the back of a herculean second half defensive effort against Caloundra at Sunshine Coast Uni last Saturday week (August 19). Nambour withstood a second half onslaught by the Lighthouses who had the wind at their backs and a huge penalty count in their favour to win 26-22.

It was the first 15-a-side, contested-scrums women's season and a fitting finale for the undefeated premiers. Coach Luke Zeremis was immensely proud of his charges' grit in holding out a resurgent Caloundra in the second half. At one stage Caloundra led 22-21 after Nambour, who started strongly, struggled against the notorious southerly at Uni.

"Words can't express," he said. "It's such a young team. So for them to put that defensive effort there against some big women, that was just outstanding.

"Everything was against us, but we stayed strong, just like our (third grade) men did last night in their grand final. And the girls have replicated that right now."

Zeremis said the wins represented a big moment for the club. "It's huge for us to win back to back in both the senior men's and senior women's. We might lose some to Brisbane next year but the future's looking really bright for female rugby at Nambour."

The last 20 minutes of the game was spent with Nambour defending in their own half

against the surging Lighthouses.

"It was absolutely defense that did it," said Zeremis. "I think we were tackling the entire second half against the strong breeze, but that last few minutes they were camped on our line and our young girls really stood up."

Zeremis said he was confused as to why Nambour was penalised so much. "From my perspective, it didn't seem consistent, but it made for an entertaining game and we got the win in the end. So that's all history now. And yeah, we should celebrate a good defensive result from our girls."

Zeremis said he would enjoy the moment before deciding what to do next year, as far as coaching goes. "We'll see what happens over the next few months."

Tries were scored by front row Rebeka Murtagh and fly-half Jennifer Ladewig while hooker Eva Johnston crossed twice. Murtagh kicked three conversions.

In the other Senior Grand Final, Nambour defeated Noosa 13-12 in third grade at Nambour on August 18. "I think that tops last year," said Nambour captain Jake Harris. "It was tight, such a tussle, and I said to the boys at half time 'we've just got to hang in there and defend.' We do that so well – just hang in there, we've just got to stay tough and defend and hang in there."

Meanwhile, Uni defeated Noosa 38-35 in Reserves and Uni defeated Caloundra 27-24 in A-grade.

- Cameron Outridge



Nambour celebrates as the final whistle blows.



### PUBLIC NOTICE Community Wild Dog Baiting Program Spring 2023

Sunshine Coast Council in partnership with Biosecurity Queensland is supporting a community-based coordinated Wild Dog Baiting Program. Failure to control wild dogs can result in livestock losses, attacks on domestic pets and the loss of native fauna. Landholders have a legislative responsibility to control declared pests on their land and participation in this program is an effective way to help meet this responsibility. The Wild Dog Baiting

Program will be held throughout Bald Knob, Beerburum, Belli Park, Cambrook, Conondale, Coochin Creek, Crohamhurst, Curramore, Eerwah Vale, Elaman Creek, Kenilworth, Kidaman Creek, Obi Obi, Peachester, Reesville, Witta. areas from 11 September - 9 October, 2023.

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## Palmwoods qualifies for SCGRL C-grade Grand Final

by Patrick Gillett, Pattman Sport

PALMWOODS won a place in the Sunshine Coast Gympie Rugby League's C grade Grand Final after defeating Caloundra 30-16.

"It was our forward pack that won us the game," said Devils coach Darren Roberts. "The forwards went forward and our halfback did what he does all day. He's the best player in the comp. The only reason is that the forward pack allowed him to be that player."

The Devils will concentrate on their own preparation and would not be attending the preliminary final as a team.

"We'll have a training run here next Sunday in the heat but we won't go watch their game," said Roberts. "We've just got to worry about ourselves.

"We've just got to get our heads right (for the grand final). We've carried a few injuries and what-not. We'll put them in cotton wool this week."

Caloundra play Mary Valley in the preliminary final at the stadium next Saturday after the Stags defeated Yandina 24-16 in the minor semi-final.

"We went in really really hot," said Stags coach Jacob Madsen.

"Yandina are a really dangerous side and they really



Above: Devils winger Aidan Crozier crossed in the 10th minute. Left: Jake Costello converts.



stuck it to us early." It was a back and fourth game before Mary Valley pulled away. "I was worried for a bit but the boys dug deep," said Madsen. "Ryan Osbourne, our centre, had a blinder and got us over for a couple which put us back in front there and the boys hung on for a win. So, very happy."

## Fatal truck crash, tragic circumstances, West Woombye

POLICE recently confirmed 32-year-old North Lakes man Alexander Cosic was the fatal victim of a West Woombye truck crash. Mr Cosic was the passenger in the vehicle and was found deceased at the scene. The driver, a 27-year-old Deception Bay man, was transported to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital in a stable condition.

Sadly, it was just days after Mr Cosic had set a wedding date with his partner.

The Forensic Crash Unit was investigating the single-vehicle truck crash on August 18. Initial investigations indicated at approximately 12.45pm, the tip truck carrying earth moving equipment was travelling south-east along Blackall Range Road near Shekinah Court when it left the road and crashed into a dam. Upon arrival, emergency crews located Mr Cosic deceased at the scene. Investigations were continuing.

## Discover the transformational power of evening skincare

Wellness with Linda Goggan, Sacred Body Montville

I never used to take care of my skin at all. It's really only been the last 15 years that I have developed a loving relationship with my skin. Before that I never really gave it any consideration.

Once I started studying herbalism and beauty it opened me up to the benefits of natural topical treatments, I began to consider the benefits of taking care of my skin.

So, from starting out blending some basic pantry items to make mask treatments etc it has eventually evolved into Sacred Body skincare range. Going from doing nothing with my skin other than using harsh soap or body wash, I am now practising my daily skin ritual with my own branded skincare range.

What I love the most about building this daily self-care routine surprisingly isn't just the products. While they are divinely effective and feel amazing to use my favourite part is the practice of the ritual itself. There is this rhythm and flow to my evening that feels very confirming.

It allows me the time and it's literally only a few minutes, that I can just stop and check in with myself. It gives me the opportunity to reflect on my day and appreciate my body for carrying me through that day. It's my time to wind down and prepare myself for rest.

Each stage of the evening skincare ritual has its own quality and symbolic meaning. First, my cleanser gives me a feeling of washing away anything I may have taken on that day. The exfoliant, symbolic of casting off the layers



of all that do not serve or support. Toning and moisturizing is a soothing and nourishing confirmation of all that I am. There is a real conscious presence throughout the entire routine.

It truly takes only minutes daily to nourish my skin and nurture my being. Once I started giving myself just those few minutes every night, I found that it easily flowed on to building more supportive rituals. Before I knew it, I was setting in place a gorgeous ceremony that took me off to a restful sleep at night. Over time this consistency of ritualistic care starts to show not only in your skin but in your daily life.

► Sacred Body, 4/130 Main St, Montville. Phone 0422 852 899.

## Live music, bargains & more at Hoofbeats Mega Market

AS well as bargains on fashion, art and books there'll be live music, face painting, the ever-popular Lob-A-Choc and the chance to meet the ten horses and ponies in the herd at Hoofbeats Sanctuary's Mega Market on Sunday 10 September from 10am to 3pm.

All funds raised will support the 26 Fellowship Drive, Doonan Sanctuary's mental health programs providing trauma-related therapy for

women and girls.

Local band The Freddy's will perform from 11.00am till 1.00pm, sponsored by Penny Neep Real Estate and artists Olivia and Marie will be painting kids' faces with a range of colourful designs throughout the day.

Cooroy IGA have provided chocolates to be won at the Lob-A-Choc stall – if you can lob a disc onto a block of chocolate it's yours.



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# Nambour & Hinterland Business Directory

## Head to Palmwoods Bowls Club for a smokin' good meal

by Janine Hill

DINING options in Palmwoods have expanded with the opening of Smoking Billy's at the bowls club.

The Palmwoods venue is the second of its kind to be opened by Bill Misener and his wife, Kellyann Snowden, who opened their first Smoking Billy's at Cooroy about 18 months ago.

Smoking Billy's offers a menu strong in smoked meats such as pulled pork or smoked ribs.

The offering has proven popular since Smoking Billy's opened in Palmwoods six weeks ago, drawing 100-130 diners some nights.

Bill, a chef of 35 years, has been perfecting the smoking of food for more than a decade.

"Basically, it's something I've been interested in. I probably started about 15 years ago, buying the smokers and all that sort of stuff, and talking to people," he said.

"The main reason I liked it was it was a way to speed up service. You're not cooking to order."

Bill was considering opening a food truck at

the time but instead, built the Chefs 2 Go hospitality staff agency and then opened Smoking Billy's at Cooroy.

The Palmwoods Smoking Billy's, a venue capable of handling large groups and functions, was something of a happy accident for the Bill and Kellyann.

"A staff member was working for us who lived at Palmwoods and he told me about the bowls club being up for lease and to go and have a look at that," Bill said.

"We were working a prep kitchen down the road from my home to do the prep work for Cooroy."

"I wasn't interested in opening another store but when I saw the facilities at the bowls club, it was almost crazy not to do it."

"There's the new kitchen, it's a good location and we're using the old kitchen there to do our prep work."

Smoking Billy's at Palmwoods and Cooroy are open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-8pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 12-8.30pm, and Sundays from 12-6.30pm.



Bill Misener and Kellyann Snowden operate Smoking Billy's at Palmwoods Bowls Club.

## Popular barber now cutting hair in Woombye

POPULAR hairdresser Amanda Drewery from Nambour, pictured, is now cutting at the Woombye Barber Shop next to the Post Office.

"Woombye is a great little town and I am thrilled to be part of the community," Amanda said.

Woombye Barber Vikki Glasson, who founded the shop 12 years ago, said she was delighted to welcome Amanda. "Many people were wondering where Amanda would end up. Well the mystery is over and we can confirm she is cutting at The Woombye Barber Shop," said Vikki.

Amanda brings 35 years cutting experience to Woombye "as well as a great reputation and following." "Amanda will be a great addition," said Vikki. "She is very likeable and I've no doubt our customers will love her."

The shop runs on a non-appointment basis so customers just need to step in for a trim.

Open hours are on the Woombye Barber Shop Facebook page. But if you want to see Amanda, she will be there Tuesdays 8.30am-5pm and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 12.30-5pm.



## Discover holistic healing at The Chi Hub

THE Chi Hub Nambour is a conscious collective of natural and alternative healing therapies, classes, workshops and events.

"Wellness Therapies available from Monday to Saturday include Acupuncture & TCM, Massage, Bodywork, Coaching & Holistic Counselling, Psychotherapy, Kinesiology, Energy Healing, Art Therapy, Ayurveda, Women's Health, Yoga and more," said Owner, Teagan Banyan.

The centre features five beautifully appointed treatment rooms and an event space which are available for hire.



For more information contact: [thechihub.com.au/nambour](http://thechihub.com.au/nambour) | 54-56 Blackall Terrace Nambour | 0410 244 722 | [hello@thechihub.com.au](mailto:hello@thechihub.com.au)

## Rebranded printing firm invites Woombye to a community BBQ Launch Party

AS the sun descended, locals were drawn to the familiar yet newly reimagined premises of what was once Woombye Design Print and Signs.

Now reborn as Gigil, under the enthusiastic stewardship of Ben Dale and Carlee Ismay, the establishment threw open its doors for an evening of revelry, reconnection, and mouth-watering barbecue.

The air, thick with laughter, stories and hopes for the future, was also deliciously infused with the tantalizing aroma of Texas Barbecue Street Food, courtesy of the Slow Smoke Barbecue Food Truck.

The business was taken over in February by Ben and Carlee, who already owned Development Signs in Brisbane and have decided to rebrand both businesses under the new name, Gigil.

"It's a Filipino word which means an irresistible call to action," Ben said.

Ben and Carlee got into the business of signs close to 10 years ago. After 5 years in the army, Ben was looking for something that would allow him to spend more time with

his family when he came across Development Signs for sale online.

The business specialises in providing public notification material such as signage and letters, for developments but can produce a variety of signage.

Ben and Carlee continued to run the business after moving from Brisbane to the Sunshine Coast four years ago with their two sons but pounced on



Gigil owners Ben Dale and Carlee Ismay



Some of the locals who attended.

Woombye Design Print and Signs when they discovered it was for sale.

They now employ seven people at two production locations, Hillcrest and Woombye. With a graphic designer on board, the business also offers design studio services as well as signage.

Ben said that despite

a worldwide growth in online marketing, businesses still wanted printed promotional material.

"I'm surprised at how much printed material still gets distributed," he said. "It's one of those things you think will fade out but a lot of businesses still want brochures and business cards."

Gigil (formerly Woombye Design Print & Signs) is at 1/12 Blackall Street, Woombye. 1300 013 961 | [admin@gigil.group](mailto:admin@gigil.group)

Six decades of style:

## Hairdresser's lasting legacy at Sundale

EUNICE Krome was just a teenager when she started doing residents' hair at James Grimes Care Centre in Nambour in 1963.

Now, after six decades of service the hairdresser has officially opened her own dedicated space, Cut Above Salon, at the Sundale centre. "I was an apprentice hairdresser at Dorothy's Beauty Salon in Wilson's Arcade in Nambour," Eunice said. "I didn't have a driver's licence, so J.D. Grimes (Sundale Board President 1960 - 1978) used to collect me from Dorothy's and drive me to Sundale."

"Sixty years later, I'm still cutting residents' hair, and I have no intention of giving it away."

Throughout the 1970s, Eunice regularly pushed a hairdressing trolley room-to-room to visit each of her clients. Her two young children, David and Kylie would often be in tow, and the trio quickly became an integral and much-loved part of the Sundale community.

"The kids grew-up at Sundale," Eunice said. "They had grandparents in nearly every room."

Eunice said her long chats with residents have always been her favourite part of the job.

"They're delightful, their stories, their lives. You go home and the smile is still on your face," Eunice said. "It's a wonderful job because I get to help people. When you love what you do, it's not work. Everyone needs a little bit of TLC from time-to-time and I'm honoured I can listen to and care for the residents. Sundale has given me so much. I love the residents and the opportunity to spend time with them - they

Gift of Confidence:

## Anneli empowers PNG women with reusable sanitary pads

A FORMER Nambour resident has given young women in a disadvantaged part of Papua New Guinea the gifts of confidence and dignity.

Anneli Verity has donated 200 reusable sanitary pads to the Malas Foundation, which will distribute them to teenagers and women in the New Ireland province.

The Malas Foundation approached Anneli's small business, Her Rhythm, concerned about the challenges faced by girls and young women trying to manage their menstrual health in the province.

About 90 percent of the New Ireland population lives in isolated communities and 70 percent of the population is unemployed.

Aware that lack of access to affordable and hygienic menstrual products could affect the education, health and overall well-being of women and girls, the foundation began a search for reusable sanitary pads which led to Anneli, who makes and sells them.

She did not hesitate to donate some pads which were part of factory-made batch dating back to when she started her business.

"Believe it or not, I'd had them put aside waiting for somewhere to donate them," she said.

Anneli began making reusable sanitary pads after making reusable cloth nappies for her first child 11 years ago.

Having moved from a tiny home at Nambour



Eunice receives the keys to Cut Above Salon.

make my life better."

Sundale CEO, Helen Sharpley said a recent multi-million-dollar refurbishment of James Grimes Care Centre was the perfect opportunity to dedicate a stand-alone salon space to Eunice. "Cut Above Salon is one small way we can thank Eunice for the vital role she has played at Sundale," Ms Sharpley said.

"Eunice's influence at Sundale cannot be understated. She has become a dear friend to hundreds of residents over the past 60 years and conducted more than 40,000 haircuts. "Eunice does so much more than cut hair. She provides comfort, kindness and compassion to our residents."

"She is a mentor, a fantastic friend, a wonderful mother and exceptional role model to her five grandchildren and the broader Sunshine Coast community. We're very lucky to have her at Sundale."



Anneli Verity has donated 200 reusable sanitary pads to the Malas Foundation.

to a family home at Kin Kin, she now hand-makes the pads for sale at the Pomona and Kin Kin markets, online and through selected stores.

She has also published a journal to help women understand their cycle and how to use it to their advantage.

"It's really about helping women find self-awareness and find out more about what's happening," she said.

"Just having more understanding of what's coming up; being able to predict when you're going to be more social, more withdrawn, be more creative, more productive."

Anneli is considering organising a workshop to make more reusable pads for charity.

Anyone who can donate absorbent fabric such as flannelette or terry towelling, or seamstresses who would like to help, should email [anneli@herrhythm.com.au](mailto:anneli@herrhythm.com.au).

## Palmwoods Bowls Club hosts thrilling pennant matches

PALMWOODS Bowls Club greens were a hive of excitement on Saturday as the Hawks hosted riveting pennant matches against formidable opponents Pelican Waters and Club Maroochy.

From the outset, it was clear the competition would be tight. Some matches were nail-bitingly close, with wins by the smallest of margins.

Spectators watched, hearts in their mouths, as each delivery approached the jack.

Despite the heightened emotions, players from all three clubs demonstrated an exemplary spirit of camaraderie, respect, and mutual appreciation for the skills and efforts of their counterparts.

At the end of a charged day, in the true essence of sports, sportsmanship was the undisputed champion at Palmwoods.



Sportsmanship was the winner at Palmwoods Bowls Club on Saturday.

## Life of Service: Montville mourns community champion

Vale Margaret Farmer 1933 - 2023

ON Friday August 18, Montville lost a community champion. Margaret Farmer epitomised community service. As her daughter, Karen, reflected: "Mum loved unconditionally, family first but definitely Montville second." This love for the Montville Community turned Les Farmer's shy little Greek "girl in blue" into a tireless worker and fearless advocate for her community for over fifty years.

As a shy young mother of 4 in 1962, Margaret was 1 of 16 CWA women who formed the Montville Ladies Social and Benefit Club to focus the restoration of the Montville Village Hall and other local charities while providing social fellowship for Montville women. Its first project was to line the supper room in the hall. Its first sub-committee was an Entertainment Committee. Service and Fellowship were core to its charter from day 1. As its inaugural Vice President and Press Secretary, Margaret oversaw a rapid growth in membership.

In 1963, Margaret was elected President of the Montville Ladies Social and Benefit Club, has served on its executive in a number of roles over the years and became secretary of the club for its final eight years. The club continued to pursue its aim of supporting the hall and improving its facilities, including funding a new floor and providing a children's playground. However, it became more well known for its catering, a service/fund raiser close to Margaret's heart.

What began in 1966 as an almost emergency catering for a wedding by the club led to it becoming the 'go-to' caterer for every significant social event for the next 20 years. Under Margaret's management, the club catered for every local wedding, concert, dinner-dance, anniversary, and party in Montville. At the same time, early attempts at holding fashion parades became the club's most anticipated social occasion. Its final parade in 2012 catered for 120 women around a catwalk down the middle of the hall which later transformed into a buffet.

When the 'male' Village Association set-up volunteers suggested that it couldn't be done, Margaret convinced them that it could. It was a hugely successful finale to fifty years of fellowship. The event also made over \$3000 and highlighted the club's service legacy. The Montville Ladies Social and Benefit Club donated \$65,000 to the local community over its fifty years.



In the 1970s, Margaret brought her considerable skill and energy to the Montville State School Parents and Citizens Association serving as secretary and treasurer during that decade. Under her leadership, the P&C introduced a tuckshop and held annual fetes as its major fund raiser. At the same time, she was an active member of the Ladies Guild of the Methodist then Uniting Church of Montville where once again her catering prowess was noted. Then, in 1997, Margaret was invited to become honorary secretary of the newly formed Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild, a position she filled until 2000 and so became its first female member.

However, it was as Convenor of Meals on Wheels in Nambour that Margaret was able to bring together her catering and management skills. For 15 years she grew that service, improving the quality of the meals it prepared and streamlining its service to hinterland communities including the Blackall Range.

Ultimate reward

It is not surprising that Margaret won an amazing eight community service awards in recognition of what she gave to the many groups in her community. However, the award that still hangs proudly in the centre of her lounge room wall is the Montville Lifetime Citizenship Award which she said was the ultimate reward for her devotion to Montville.

There will be a celebration of Margaret's life and service at the Montville Village Hall on the 16th September at 1.30pm. Everyone is invited to share memories of her love of family and Montville. If Margaret could speak at this event, I am confident she would tell us that community service and fellowship are essential ingredients of a healthy community.

- Doug Patterson

Tracy McNarn, CEO Woombye Care, Mayor Mark Jamieson, Carer Natalie and Kevin Covey, Chairman Woombye Care.



## Woombye Care opens milestone \$8m facility

SINCE 1986 Woombye Care has supported elderly and disabled residents with excellent, individual care in a serene rainforest setting. The centre offers a home-like atmosphere and state of the art facilities.

This week the not-for-profit care leader celebrated a new milestone by opening new facilities for greater residential and respite care services.

The \$8 Million extension project took two years to complete due to Covid19 restrictions, supply delays and the need to stage the works to facilitate resident relocation.

The project has delivered a new wing for resident care, including 12 additional bedrooms, the demolition and rebuild of 8 rooms and substantial renovation.

The extension also features significant sustainability initiatives, including a rainwater treatment plant under its carparking that is

entirely independent of Council's town water, and new 30kw solar systems on the rooftop to offset most of the facility's energy needs.

The works were completed over two stages despite extra challenges posed by the pandemic, requiring close collaboration with the builder throughout the project.

Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson and Woombye Care CEO Tracy McNarn officially opened the extension with residents with a ribbon cutting and morning tea.

The expansion will enable the company to viably continue to offer quality accommodation and support services, and to meet increasing local demand for care.

Woombye Care is a non-denominational residential aged care facility that provides quality care for elderly and disabled people seeking accommodation in a caring, homelike atmosphere.





## Club Yandina Celebrates 70th Anniversary with Retro Flair

THE Yandina Bowls Club marked its 70th year in grand style on Sunday, rolling back the decades with a retro-inspired Memorial Day event.

Members and visitors flocked to the club's premises at 30 Stegalls Road, turning the green into a nostalgic spectacle.

Invitations had encouraged attendees to don traditional white or plunge into the psychedelic palette of the 1970s, and the crowd didn't disappoint.

Only traditional bowls were allowed. And these fit in nicely with the bell-bottoms and wide collars. The festivities kicked off with a barbecue lunch and some reflections on the club's storied past. Participants took to the bowling green at 1.30pm, where the atmosphere was electric, blending old school techniques with modern passion.

But beyond the revelry, the event was underscored by a sense of charity. All proceeds from the day, including food sales and green fees, were generously donated to Bloomhill Cancer Care, a testament to the club's commitment to the community and making a difference.

The event wasn't just a nod to the past, but also a bright beacon for the future and a day to remember members lost through the year. Here's to many more years of tradition, camaraderie, and community spirit at the Yandina Bowls Club. The event raised \$1000 for Bloomhill Cancer Care.



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It's the multi-cultural adventure you can have at home. Festuri returns to Cotton Tree Park on September 16.

## Festival returns with colourful multicultural lineup

GET ready to embark on a multicultural adventure without leaving the Sunshine Coast as the beloved Festuri Cotton Tree festival makes its return.

After a three-year pause due to Covid and economic challenges, Dominique B. Cisse and the Festuri team are back with an electrifying lineup. This September 16, from 10am to 6pm at Cotton Tree Park, Maroochydore, enjoy a day of vibrant dance, music, food, and cultural exploration.

"I really wanted to go beyond what we had done and achieved in the past by bringing together the best of what the Sunshine Coast multicultural dance and music groups offer," Dominique said.

The festival will start with a welcome-to-country by traditional custodians and didgeridoo player Jayson Kokles, red-hot Hot Ginger Chorus, followed by Seharum Nusantara, a Papua New Guinea dance group, will kick off the program.

The program would also include Kru C Thai Dance, authentic Thai traditional dancers, kids' entertainer Marc Bright and a large mother drum "for people to bang on".

In the afternoon, Dominique said there would be Drums of the Pacific, Mama Buluku, a West African Dun Dun drum and dance group

by Sunshine Coasters, Cachicamo Latin Harp family, Bella Bellydance, Waiting for Brenda, Canta La Tumba and more

"The festival will reach fever-pitch with Mexican en la Piel, genuine folkloric Mexican dance, Te Aukaha Maori Performing Arts New Zealand, Kanacus Segga Dancers, featuring the traditional Mauritius island vibrant and exotic dances, Sunshine Coast Tango, and Amper-sand, a Noosa-based youth group funk fusion band."

There will be international food stalls and workshops such as Papua New Guinea basket weaving, children's Faerie face painting, lovable animal petting, and the exciting exercise-filled rock wall.

There will also be dragon boat paddling on the shore that "kids and adults alike, always, absolutely love".

"Instead of spending money traveling around the world, get your sense of adventure and culture for free on your own turf and have a fun day out with the kids," Dominique said.

► FESTURI is a not-for-profit charity promoting multicultural celebrations on the Sunshine Coast. Go to [www.festuri.org.au/](http://www.festuri.org.au/) donate or [www.festuri.org.au/sponsor](http://www.festuri.org.au/sponsor) to offer this help.

### Big Bike Film Night Cycling Celebration at Majestic

THE Big Bike Film Night is set to roll into the Sunshine Coast's Nambour on September 7, showcasing a collection of cycling-inspired short films. Now in its 9th year, the event promises a captivating array of international movies carefully curated for cycling enthusiasts.

The Big Bike Film Night has evolved into a Film Festival that embraces the joy of cycling through an expertly chosen selection of global films. The 2023 compilation comprises 10 diverse films, including a world premiere, two Australian highlights, and international premieres.

The Big Bike Film Night screens at Majestic Cinemas Nambour on September 7th at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at [www.bigbikefilm-night.nz](http://www.bigbikefilm-night.nz), [www.majesticcinemas.com.au](http://www.majesticcinemas.com.au), or directly from the cinema.

► For more details, visit: [www.bigbikefilm-night.nz](http://www.bigbikefilm-night.nz) or [www.majesticcinemas.com.au](http://www.majesticcinemas.com.au).

### YADCA AGM

THE Yandina and District Community Association (YADCA) will be holding its AGM on Monday 11 September at 7pm in Connections on the corner of Low and Farrell Street, Yandina. All positions on the management committee are open and members are encouraged to nominate their preferred candidate. Visitors and new members are welcome to come and help YADCA celebrate the highs and lows of the past year. YADCA is a non-political volunteer organisation of over 30 years standing which aims to keep the community informed and ensure Yandina remains a pleasant, vibrant place to live, work and play. For more information go to [www.yadca.org](http://www.yadca.org)

### BushCare Springs to Life

Petrie Creek BushCare with Norm Morwood

WITH the change of seasons imminent, things are starting to grow fast again. It's great to see the natives growing enthusiastically and we get lots of good exercise planting them and controlling the weeds to let the natives grow.

If you'd like to join us in creating and improving native animal habitat, the next opportunities are as follows.

• Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 02 September 2023 starting at 8am. (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 16 September 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 10am 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 [www.facebook.com/PetrieCreek-CatchmentCareGroupInc/](http://www.facebook.com/PetrieCreek-CatchmentCareGroupInc/) and for additional info [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare) or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email [normmorwood@gmail.com](mailto:normmorwood@gmail.com)

### Country Music Club

The Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their September Concert on Sunday 10th, commencing at 12 noon. Entry fee is \$8, and includes free tea and coffee.

Venue is A.C.M.A. Country Hall of Fame, on Stegalls Road, Yandina. All welcome.  
► Inquiries Phone Darryl on 0458 671 568.

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## Timber, turning, toys and more at Woodies' Open Day

THE Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc is again holding their famous Open Days on the weekend of September 30 and October 1.

The 2023 "Wonderful Weekend of Wood" will be held from 9am - 3pm.

Hand-crafted timber items for sale including toys, platters, bowls, jewellery boxes, decorative tableware and lots more.

Demonstrations of timber milling, wood-turning, pyrography, carving, scroll-sawing and more.

You can stock up on common and hard-to-get timber slabs from the extensive woodshed.

Naturally, there's also a raffle with wonderful prizes.

The Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc (aka the Blackall Range Woodies) was formed in 1996 to provide facilities, equipment and timber for members interested in wood-working. Since then, the Woodies have donated thousands of practical items of woodcraft to many many non-profit community organisations on the Sunshine Coast and will continue to do so.

Among many others, the Woodies have donated wooden toys to the Salvation Army for its annual Children's Christmas Appeal and have supported the Barung Maleny Wood Expo each year since 1996.

The Guild is at Montville Sportsground 230-238 Balmoral Road Montville 4560 secretary@blackallrangewoodies.org.au.

## Woombye Corporate Bowls Challenge returns!

GET your teams ready for a bowling experience like no other! The popular Woombye Corporate Bowls Challenge is on again. Kicking off on Wednesday nights from September 6, participants can look forward to an exciting format of 2 bowl Triples, with 2 games of 8 ends each. The action starts at 6pm sharp.

The entry fee is set at \$50, with a green fee of \$6 per player. Remember to don flat-soled shoes for the game, and while team shirts are optional, they're always a fun addition.

Apart from the thrill of the game, players can expect a range of weekly prizes. Top-performing teams also stand a chance to bag awards for competition winners and runners-up. To sweeten the deal, snacks and a light meal will be provided every night to keep the energy levels up.

Interested in joining the challenge or need more information? Reach out to the club at 5294 5245 or contact Allan directly at 0411 961 454.

## 'Nursing Through the Ages' theme at Springtime Affair in Maleny

MEMBERS of the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary, take pleasure in presenting their Annual Springtime Affair, to be held at the Maleny Showgrounds on Wednesday, 13 September, 2023, starting at 9.30am. The theme of this year's event will be "Nursing Through the Ages" Maleny Hospital.

Come along to a delicious morning tea, a fashion parade sponsored by Flaunt with shoes from Imelda's and modelling of old and new nursing uniforms. An interview with a long term employee of the Maleny Hospital will feature. There will be quality raffles prizes, lucky door prizes and pretty spring flowers.

All proceeds will go towards supporting The Maleny Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

As this event will be strictly Ticket admission only, you are urged to secure your tickets early (\$35 which includes 3 raffle tickets). Tables of six will apply.

Tickets can be purchased from Diana Bryce 0407 372 613 and Ingrid Busk 0429 995 323.

## The Voice Referendum Yes vote explained

THE Chair of the Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group, Fiona McGill, will speak on why the Yes vote is important at the Montville Village Hall on Sunday 10 September at 2.30pm. The talk will be followed by discussion and afternoon tea. Fiona's presentation will be aimed at encouraging positive conversations to ramp-up the grass roots campaign in the lead-up to this year's referendum.



## Killer Queen music experience returns to the Palmwoods Hotel

THE electrifying Killer Queen Experience is making its triumphant return to the Palmwoods Hotel for an unforgettable night of rock nostalgia and timeless hits for the first time since 2019.

The Palmwoods Hotel, known for its vibrant entertainment and live music scene, is thrilled to welcome back the Killer Queen Experience for the first time in four years.

Fans of Queen and Freddie Mercury can rejoice as they prepare to relive the magic of one of the greatest rock bands in history. The Killer Queen experience brings the essence of Queen alive like no other tribute act, with their full-scale production.

"I will be seeing them for the first time but all the staff here are beyond excited to have them back, and we are sure it will be an evening to remember," said Marketing Manager, Haylee Kessey.

"Due to the immense popularity of the Killer Queen Experience, early arrival is strongly recommended. The Palmwoods Hotel will be operating at maximum capacity and is expected to reach that capacity quickly due to this being a free event," she said.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to witness the legendary Killer Queen Experience live in action once again. Gather your friends, and family, put on your dancing shoes, and get ready to sing along to the anthems that have stood the test of time.

The band takes the stage on Friday September 1 at 8.30pm. For further information please contact the Palmwoods Hotel on 5445 9003 or admin@palmwoodshotel.com.au



## CWA Maleny's old fashioned cent sale September

LAST year the Queensland Country Womens Association celebrated 100 years of Service to the Queensland community. The Maleny Branch was formed in 1928 and thanks to a committed and active membership, continues to serve their local community 95 years later.

In recent times members have provided financial and hands on support to numerous groups including the Maleny Girl Guides, the Maleny Show Society, local schools, the Probus Club, the Neighbourhood Centre, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and Natural Disaster relief.

After a very successful fun filled Cent Sale held last year, the Maleny CWA will be conducting another "Cent Sale" with support from local businesses. Funds raised will support local community groups.

The sale will be held on Saturday the 9th of September from 1pm to 4pm at the Maleny RSL hall (opposite Woolworths, in Bunya Street)

Entrance is by way of a gold coin donation. You can buy your cent sale tickets at the door. Lunch and afternoon tea with sandwiches and scones will be available for purchase and there will be some exciting Lucky Door and raffle prizes. Everyone is invited to come along and join in the fun.

Contact President Marlene on 0407 133 670. CWA members meet on the first Tuesday of the month and new members would be most welcome.

## Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at Lind Lane Theatre

NAMBOUR'S Lind Lane has a real treat in store for lovers of theatre in September. Twelfth Night was written late in Shakespeare's career, when he was at the height of his experience and ability as a dramatist. It is a romantic comedy; a comedy of errors and misunderstandings; and filled with plotting of various characters bent on revenge.

Although Twelfth Night takes place long ago in the country of Illyria, the Lind's production takes inspiration from the 1980s in its production design, and this is reflected in the costumes and music. "Where it has been necessary to rewrite parts of the play to make it more understandable by modern audiences, the modified dialogue is in Iambic Pentameter," says director, Joy Hinckley, "So it remains true to the author's flavour and intent."

Twelfth Night tells the story of Viola and Sebastian, twins who are separated by a shipwreck during a great storm at sea. Barely surviving, and each believing that the other has drowned; they make their ways to Illyria where they start to make new lives. Viola, impersonating a man and calling herself Cesario, finds a place in the house of the lovestruck Duke Orsino, who is unsuccessfully courting the Countess Olivia. Both nobles find this young man strangely attractive to them, and Cesario is unwillingly caught up in hilariously inept intrigues by members of the households.

You can join in the fun at Nambour's Lind



Lane Theatre in leafy Mitchell St, from Friday September 15 until Saturday September 23. Go to www.lindlane.com.au/whats-on or phone 1300 732 764.

And "Dost thou think, because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale?" Fear not, as the Lind has a fully stocked bar, and snacks also available.

## 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.

### AUGUST:

**August 31, 10am-2pm: Compass Farm Open Day.** Visit Compass Farm in Hunchy. Explore NDIS-funded programs, meet staff, and see trainees in action. Register at compassinc.org.au.

**August 31: Free Fighting Food Waste session** with Michele Lipner, OzHarvest founder. Learn meal planning, reduce waste, help those in need. Nambour Library, 10-11:30am. Register on Sunshine Coast Libraries website.

### SEPTEMBER:

**September 1 & 2: Channel 9s Weekend Today Show broadcasting from Nambour.** Weekend weatherman Dan Anstey returns to his hometown for broadcasts on Saturday and Sunday from Council Forecourt in Currie Street

Saturday and from Sixty6Acres Homestay, Woombye on Sunday. Follow I Am Nambour's Facebook page for details.

**September 1: Killer Queen Experience** at Palmwoods Hotel. Rock nostalgia night with electrifying Killer Queen tribute. Free event, arrive early. 8.30pm. Contact: 5445 9003 or admin@palmwoodshotel.com.au

**September 1-30: Museum Mystery Madness Month - Visit Buderim Pioneer Cottage,** complete the quiz, and have a chance to win a prize. Open Monday-Saturday, 11am-3pm.

**September 2: Collectorama Fair,** Nambour Showgrounds, 7am-2pm. Vintage, collectables & antiques. \$6 cash entry.

**September 2: Live at the Chapel Nambour** presents Brendon and Cathie Clancy, experienced praise and worship leaders. Venue: Ignite Auditorium, 29 Short Street. 6pm-8pm. Facebook: Live at the Chapel Nambour.

**September 2: Fund-raising afternoon tea by Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy** at Flaxton Barn. Prizes, auction, and support for Parkinson's programs. Details at www.rhtherapy.org.au.

**September 2: Invasive Plants and Animals Workshop** at Obi Obi Hall. Learn to combat invasives on your property. Expert talks, native plant giveaway. Register on Eventbrite.

**September 5: Zonta Club of Blackall Range** gardening team at Maple Street kiosk.

**September 7: Native Shrubs for Sunshine Coast Gardens.** Free public lecture by Spencer Shaw at Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens. Learn about 30 great local native shrubs for diverse gardens. 2-3.30pm. Email: friendsofMRBBG@gmail.com

**September 7: Mental Health Awareness Talk.** Survivor Donna Thistlethwaite shares her journey from darkness to resilience. Nambour Chamber of Commerce's event at Nambour RSL, 5pm. Register: www.getsafeticket.com.au/xjgop.

**September 7: The Big Bike Film Night.** Catch thrilling bike films at Majestic Cinemas Nambour. Screening at 7pm. Tickets available at www.bigbikefilmnight.nz, www.majesticcinemas.com.au, or at the cinema.

## Tai Chi Intro is coming to the Sunshine Coast

AN introductory Tai Chi workshop is being held on 6 September at Millwell Road Community Centre, Maroochydore from 9-3 for \$30, a light lunch included.

Tai Chi Internal Arts is a non-profit, non-religious community association. The Qld group is affiliated with Western Australia, under the Principal Instructor Banyin Lee.

Tai Chi is the perfect exercise to achieve optimum health, because of the gentle meditative movements. Genuine Tai Chi is different to other exercise because it focuses on co-ordinated extension of joints and body turning rather than stretching.

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Millwell Rd Community Centre 11 Millwell Rd E Maroochydore

**Sep 8: Chevallum StrawFest at Chevallum State School,** 5pm-9pm. Delicious treats, live entertainment, rides, bar, raffles, fireworks. Free entry. Visit www.strawfest.com.au.

**September 8-10: KickAss Festival** in Kenilworth. Headlined by James Reyne, with The Beautiful Girls, Kingswood, Dragon, and more. Tickets available at Oztix. Info: www.kickassfestival.com.au.

**September 9: CWA Maleny Cent Sale at the Maleny RSL.** Doors open at 1pm. Gold coin donation entrance. Delicious food available, lucky door prizes, and raffles. Contact Marlene at 0407 133 670 for details. New members welcome.

**September 10: "The End of Winter" Award-winning play** at Maleny Community Centre, 2pm. Presented by Critical Stages. Book: www.malenyartscouncil.com

**September 10: Auditions for Palmwoods' A Little Village Christmas' concert.** Performers needed. Adhere to Christmas theme. Bring own instrument and backing track. Contact palmwoodschristmascommittee@gmail.com by September 6.

**September 10: Hoofbeats Mega Market.** Live music, face painting, and more. 26 Fellowship Drive, Doonan. 10am - 3pm. Live music from 11am. Visit www.hoofbeats.org.au for details.

**September 10: Maroochy River Country Music Club Concert** at the A.C.M.A. Country Hall of Fame, Yandina. Concert starts at 12 noon. \$8. Inquiries, Darryl 0458 671 568.

**September 11: Yandina and District Community Association (YADCA) Annual General Meeting** at 7pm in Connections (Low and Farrell Street, Yandina). www.yadca.org.

**September 13: Springtime Affair - Nursing Through the Ages,** an annual event by Maleny Hospital Auxiliary at Maleny Showgrounds. Morning tea, fashion parade, raffles, and more. Tickets \$35. Contact Diana 0407 372 613 or Ingrid 0429 995 323. Proceeds support Maleny Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

**September 14: Women's Adventure Film Tour** showcasing inspiring journeys of women in sport. Majestic Cinemas Nambour, 7pm. Details at www.womensadventurefilm.com.

**September 15-23: Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at Lind Lane Theatre.** Experience a 1980s twist with lively production design, costumes, and music. Tickets and info at www.lindlane.com.au/whats-on or call 1300 732 764.

**September 16: Join Newlife Church** at 4 McKenzie Road, Nambour, for an inspiring afternoon of **live music** from 2-5pm. Funds support New Hope India Relief. Admission: \$20.

**September 16: Festuri Multicultural Festival Cotton Tree** Saturday from 10am to 6pm, Cotton Tree Park, The Esplanade, Maroochydore. Free family-friendly festival featuring live multicultural music and dance, international food, and cultural workshops. Register at www.festuri.org.au.

**September 16, 17: Konstantin Shamray** performs Mozart's Concerto 21 and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto 2. Contact 0409 623 228 or 07 5478 5667 for tickets.

**September 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.

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



combining breath and simple movements to circulate Qi (chi) energy in the body. Tai Chi is centuries old, based on Chinese martial art and is an internationally popular form of exercise. It can reduce stress, anxiety and depression, improve aerobic capacity, energy and stamina, enhance the immune system and relieve joint pain. The web site taichiinternalarts.com provides information on classes, costs and videos to help in the development of one's practice, or email taichiinternalartsqld@gmail.au for more information.



From left, Christy Dykes (clarinet), Janet Brewer (piano), Anna Moores (violin)

## Pacific Chamber Players Concert: Just Trios

PACIFIC Chamber Players will perform their second concert programme for 2023 at Caloundra Uniting Church Saturday 9 September and Sunday 10 September at Cooroy Memorial Hall. Both concerts start at 2.30pm.

Just Trios presents Schubert's Piano Trio in Bb, Op 99, Brahms' Trio in A minor Op 114 for Clarinet, Cello and Piano, and Khachaturian Trio in G minor for Violin, Clarinet and Piano. A programme of contrasts, the conventional piano trio format of violin, cello and piano in the Schubert sets the scene. This is a lively lyrical work, dance-like throughout with a hint of yodelling.

The Brahms is gorgeously Romantic with lush sounds from all three instruments. Based on the music of Tbilisi, the Khachaturian trio, like the composer, is impulsive and passionate. Please join Anna Moores (violin), Christy Dykes (clarinet), Rory Smith (cello) and Janet Brewer (piano) for an enjoyable and pleasant afternoon of chamber music.

Tickets are available online or cash at the door: \$33 adults / \$30 concessions / \$10 school students.

For further information please visit www.pacificchamberplayers.com.

### Out of the darkness:

## Mental health advocate with harrowing story of survival coming to Nambour

IN 2012, Donna Thistlethwaite attempted to end her own life. However, fate intervened and she miraculously survived.

Years later, Donna took the brave step of sharing her story with a room full of strangers at a storytelling event. From there, it became her mission to shine a light on this taboo subject, and in 2017 she shared her experience on ABC's Australian Story.

On Thursday 7 September, Donna will appear as a guest speaker at a special event in Nambour for business owners and professionals aimed at building awareness about mental health issues and sharing strategies for resilience and "mental wealth".

Hosted by Nambour Chamber of Commerce, the event will take place at Nambour RSL from 5pm as part of the Chamber's regular 'Drinks @ 5' event. It will be followed by a two-part Mental Health & Resilience Training Workshop on Friday 8 September at Nambour RSL.

Both the networking event and training workshops are FREE to attend for all Sunshine Coast business owners, with the option to attend either or both sessions. Guests must register online for catering purposes:

Thursday 7 September - Thrive - 6 Strategies for Success (Nambour Chamber of Commerce Drinks @ 5), www.getsafeticket.com.au/xjgop

Friday 8 September - Session 1 - Mental Health Awareness Training, www.getsafeticket.com.au/6g54l

Friday 8 September - Session 2 - Building the Resilience of Business Owners, www.getsafeticket.com.au/gbo9y

Nambour Chamber of Commerce would like to acknowledge the support and funding provided for this initiative by the Queensland Government Chamber Wellness Fund.



Donna will appear as a guest speaker at a special event in Nambour for business owners and professionals.

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## Live Local Real Estate

### The top 10 pitfalls to avoid when you sell

Real Estate Column with RE/MAX Principal Tristan Brown



SELLING a home can be a complex process with potential pitfalls that sellers should be aware of for a smooth and successful sale. Here are some common traps that sellers should try to avoid:

- 1. Overpricing the property:** Setting the listing price too high can deter potential buyers and lead to a property languishing on the market. Try to remember how you respond when you're a buyer. Make the price attractive to generate interest and competition. And then you'll be more likely to achieve a better outcome.
- 2. Neglecting home preparation:** Failing to properly prepare the home for sale can turn off potential buyers. Sellers should declutter, clean, and consider minor repairs or improvements to make the property more appealing. If items aren't attended to, it can turn the buyer into a 'detective' and they can start looking for what else is wrong with the home. Remove these objections so that they can appreciate the purchase and fall more in love with the property.
- 3. Ignoring curb appeal:** First impressions matter. Neglecting the exterior can discourage buyers from even wanting to see the interior. Make sure the landscaping, front door, and exterior of the home are well-maintained and inviting. Remember as a seller you are competing against other homes in the area ... you are selling "in competition not isolation".
- 4. Being uncooperative with showings:** Limiting showing times or being inflexible can hinder potential buyers from viewing the property. The more accessible the property, the better the chances of a quick sale.
- 5. Over personalising the space:** While personal touches make a house feel like a home, too much personalization can make it difficult for buyers to envision themselves living there. Neutralize decor to appeal to a wider audience.
- 6. Ignoring marketing and presentation:** Effective marketing is key to attracting buyers. High-quality photos, videos, and prominent positioning on the internet can make a significant difference in generating interest.
- 7. Ignoring feedback:** If potential buyers provide feedback after a showing, take it into consideration. Constructive criticism can help identify areas that might need improvement which may result in a smoother outcome.
- 8. Limiting the marketing reach:** Don't rely solely on one method of marketing. Utilize multiple channels, including online listings, social media, and traditional methods, to reach a broader audience.
- 9. Hiring an inexperienced or jaded agent:** Choosing the right real estate agent is crucial. An experienced and knowledgeable agent can guide you through the process and help you avoid common pitfalls. But you also want an agent who is enthusiastic and demonstrates a desire to represent you. You want an agent who will work tirelessly for you.
- 10. Rejecting early offers:** An early offer might be lower than expected, but it's worth considering. Waiting for a higher offer that might not come can lead to a longer time on the market. Keep in mind that the first offer generally comes from a buyer who is committed and has possibly missed out on other properties. Therefore their offer is timely because they are motivated and have a desire to secure the home. This buyer, due to their motivation, can often represent the best price in the marketplace.

This kitchen has everything you need to create culinary masterpieces.



### Spacious Bli Bli family home

**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 84 Atkinson Road, Bli Bli. Offers over \$899,000

THIS stunning 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom house is a true entertainer's delight beautifully finished to offer you a luxurious and comfortable living experience. Set on a spacious 1280m<sup>2</sup> block, this property boasts ample space for both indoor and outdoor activities. With a full-length veranda and entertaining area, pool with Bali hut, storage under the house, and plans and approvals in place to build underneath, this residence presents endless possibilities for expansion.

Step through the front door, and you'll find

yourself in a spacious and light-filled open floor plan that seamlessly connects the living, dining, and kitchen areas, ensuring effortless flow between spaces. The interior exudes a warm and welcoming atmosphere, thanks to the carefully chosen colour palette, high-quality finishes, and tasteful décor throughout.

The gourmet kitchen is a chef's dream, featuring high-quality appliances, sleek cabinetry, and ample storage and countertop space for meal preparation.

► To book an inspection or for any further inquiries, contact the selling agents Steven Clay on 0438 510 583 or Scott Walters on 0447 474 982.

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The scale of the high raked ceilings open up the main living and kitchen considerably, with superb finishes.

## A surprise around every corner: Hidden Bli Bli masterpiece

**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 20 Riverview Street, Bli Bli. Offers in the low \$1 millions.

TUCKED away in the quietest part of one of the Sunshine Coasts most desirable suburbs, this incredible low-maintenance family home ticks so many boxes it needs to be seen in-person to be believed.

New fencing, immaculate gardens, new driveway and perfect lawn greet you as you arrived at the property.

The oversized front door opens up to a covered foyer that leads straight down between the main house and the double lock-up garage to the outdoor entertaining space with bar and large covered deck overlooking the salt-chlorinated pool.

Walking into the main house, the high raked ceilings open up the main living area and kitchen considerably. The kitchen boasts superb finishes like 40mm stone benches, new flooring, and plantation shutters. No expense has been

spared throughout this superb renovation.

Down the primary hallway, passing the oversized separate laundry, two bedrooms and two of the three bathrooms feature with the same plantation shutters throughout, built-in robes, frameless showers, floating vanities and exquisite tiles.

Beyond this part of the house, the journey continues uninterrupted through the large walk-through office into the second living room. Two more generous bedrooms feature off this living space, one of which having the 2nd masterfully renovated ensuite.

With other box-tickers like a double-lockup garage with internal access, 3.3kw solar system, fresh paint throughout, ample space for outdoor BBQ and kitchen, and fake grass around the pool for low maintenance, this beautiful home is sure to be an instant hit.

► For more information contact the listing agents Scott Walters on 0447 474 982 and Garren Reisinger on 0476 950 007.



19 Kingsview Dr, Flaxton

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Perched high in the Sunshine Coast hinterland prepared to be wowed by this custom A-frame eco-friendly home tucked away in an exclusive enclave in Flaxton.

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6 🚗 3 🚗 6 🚗 2.6 Acres  
Tristan Brown 0403 665 643  
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OFFERS IN THE LOW \$1 MILLIONS

**167 Flaxton Drive MAPLETON**  
1.82 Hectares  
Scott Walters 0447 474 982



OFFERS OVER \$719,000

**7-9 Tamber Street NAMBOUR**  
3 🚗 2 🚗 1 🚗 810m<sup>2</sup>  
Scott Walters 0447 474 982  
Jai Barber 0492 855 196



CONTACT AGENT

**12 Barwood Court BURNSIDE**  
819m<sup>2</sup>  
Tristan Brown 0403 665 643  
Frederic Tober 0402 001 179



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**19 Kingsview Drive FLAXTON**  
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Scott Walters 0447 474 982



\$629,000

**8 Fleming Street YANDINA**  
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Richard Krausz 0422 997 810  
Stephanie Black 0401 977 230



OFFERS ABOVE \$649k CONSIDERED

**10 Fleming Street YANDINA**  
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Stephanie Black 0401 977 230



OFFERS OVER \$1,380,000

**18 Whitcross Road BLI BLI**  
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OFFERS IN THE LOW \$1 MILLIONS

**20 Riverview Street BLI BLI**  
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OFFERS OVER \$899,000

**84 Atkinson Road BLI BLI**  
4 🚗 2 🚗 2 🚗 1280m<sup>2</sup>  
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Scott Walters 0447 474 982



OFFERS OVER \$450,000

**9/76 Blackall Terrace NAMBOUR**  
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Steven Clay 0438 510 583



\$599,000

**15 Reilly Road NAMBOUR**  
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OFFERS ABOVE \$619k CONSIDERED

**2/17-19 Ballinger Court BUDERIM**  
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\$415,000

**5/70 Carter Road NAMBOUR**  
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**4 Doolan Street NAMBOUR**  
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**4 Coes Creek Road BURNSIDE**  
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# Grand country estate with views forever

**PROPERTY OF THE WEEK:** 138 Geraghty Lane, Wootha. Price by negotiation.

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

Often sought, but rarely found, this property combines so many of the attributes that are desired by buyers in the Maleny area.

The Wootha/Reesville property enjoys the convenience of proximity to the vibrant township of Maleny. The spacious colonial style home features grand, formal and cosy, casual living spaces (all with superb views), and is set on 100 acres of mixed grazing and bushland featuring undulating topography.

The Country kitchen features stone benches, induction cooking and huge walk-in pantry.

There are 4 large ensuite bedrooms, 2 living areas, timber floors, extra high ceilings, and ducted air conditioning.

A sparkling inground pool is positioned directly off the entertaining area and the home has a 8.8kw solar system.

There is a double carport plus a 6m x 6m workshop and an 18m x 8m machinery shed with 3 phase power.

The property has galvanised cattle yards with a vet crush and loading ramp and is currently running Droughtmaster cattle.

Established trees are dotted around the paddocks and magnificent views from various aspects of the home and property are protected forever.

► To arrange your inspection of this special property, contact Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate's Jess Luthje on 0438 616 064.



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



**936 YABBA CREEK RD, IMBIL**  
4 BED | 2 BATH | 8 CAR | 22.22ha | \$2.5mill

55 acre hobby farm with a modern 422sqm home. Pool, sauna, double garage + high roof carport + 4-bay machinery shed + separate guest studio. Water licence for Yabba Creek.



**38 WHISTLER RIDGE DR, YANDINA CREEK**  
6 BED | 4 BATH | 8 CAR | 4319m2 | \$2mill+

True dual living on acreage, offering unparalleled luxury and versatility. 4 bed main home + 2 bed second residence, pool, 4-bay shed and beautiful hinterland views to Mt Ninderry.

**6 COUNTRY COOLUM DRIVE, YANDINA CREEK**  
3 BED | 2 BATH | 4 CAR | 4740M2

\$1.495 million

Semi rural property only 15 minutes to Coolum Beach and 25 minutes to Noosa

Resting on over an acre of manicured gardens with established fruit trees, water feature and a productive veggie garden, this fully renovated Queenslander has been restored back to its former glory. There is absolutely nothing more to do.

An entertainers delight, with upstairs verandah, downstairs balcony, garden retreat under the house and a huge undercover entertaining area at the rear of the home with a fire pit.

Sit on the upstairs verandah and take in the panoramic valley views and incredible sunsets. Beautiful hardwood floors, quality fittings, gorgeous modern kitchen. Easy to add 4th bedroom under the home with council approval.

Inspections are a must ... you are going to fall in love.



**Tony Bennett**  
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WELCOME TO THE MARKET

138 Geraghty Lane **WOOTHA**

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

Cattle yards plus an 18m x 8m machinery shed with 3 phase power complete the ideal rural picture. This property is truly unique, private and peaceful, and ideally suits an escape to the country with all the luxury comforts!

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

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WELCOME TO THE MARKET

42 Bunya Street **MALENY**

4 2 2

This gorgeous property offers an exceptional design that effortlessly flows throughout the home creating seamless living for the whole family.

- Gorgeous rural outlook over neighbouring farmland
- 893m<sup>2</sup> low maintenance block with plenty of room for everyone to play
- Open plan kitchen, living and dining space adjoining an outdoor alfresco area
- Master bedroom with generous walk-in-robe and en suite
- Additional rumpus/media room

Offering an exceptional opportunity, only an inspection will unveil all that is on offer at this delightful family residence.

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1/20 Avocado Lane **MALENY**

4 2 5

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

- Quiet, private, fully fenced 4622m<sup>2</sup> block
- Kitchen boasts a double oven, large corner pantry and dishwasher
- Separate, fully lined workshop
- Covered entertaining area
- Beautiful birdlife; Black Cockatoos, Kookaburras, Galahs, King Parrots & Rosellas

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

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18 Snowwood Avenue **MALENY**

4 2 2

Perfectly positioned at the end of a whisper quiet street, in sought-after Cloudwalk Estate, sits this contemporary DJ Sommers-built home.

- Picturesque walk to town
- Light-filled central kitchen with gas cooktop
- Rear deck with connection to the internal space
- Double lock-up garage, fantastic storage and onsite parking for visitors
- Just minutes to town amenities and golf course

Set on a lovely 906m<sup>2</sup> block, this property offers the growing family everything they need; space, modern appliances, storage, and easy access to all the amenities.

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WELCOME TO THE MARKET

760 Maleny Stanley River Road **WOOTHA**

4 2 1

Nestled amongst 15 acres of open grass and revegetated bushland, just 8kms from Maleny, sits this impressive 4-bedroom home with views to the Conondale Ranges.

- 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.

**FOR SALE**  
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The large double-brick 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom home was built in about 1980.

## Solid home offers outstanding views & privacy on 2.4 acres

**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 385 Blackall Range Road, West Woombye. Buyer interest from \$1.1million.

THIS property is now available to purchase for the first time since 1985. The current owners have loved living here every day for 38 years.

It's been a wonderful property and home to raise their family but now it's time to downsize and allow the next owners to 'put their own stamp' on it.

The large double-brick 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom home was built in approximately 1980. It's a very solid well built structure, awaiting some internal cosmetic refurbishments (if you wish). It's almost all original and is an excellent base product to work from.

Situated high on the hill crest, the panoramic outlook stretches from the South West, all along the Blackall Mountain range stretching to North. It's predominantly stunning green views with patches of rooftops scattered intermittently.

The 2.4 acre / 9,580m<sup>2</sup> block is level around the house and surrounding parking areas and

then slopes back down to the road entry. The land is fenced on three sides with various site options for a large shed if required.

Among the many features and inclusions are a large concrete salt water pool, large dimension lounge and family / dining rooms, and a separate walk in 'butlers kitchen' in addition to the main kitchen.

There is an electric fireplace, a split system air conditioner and ceiling fans throughout. The roof was replaced in 2018, and a brand new waste water treatment system was installed in August 2023.

The property boasts 2 x 45,000 litre concrete rain water tanks, a horse stable / storage shed, a 'chook' house and avocado, mango, banana and macadamia nut trees.

For the family, the school bus station is a minute from the gate and the property is located 7 minutes to Woombye and Nambour.

▶ To arrange an inspection of this much loved, solid family home, contact Kirk Patrick on 0439 395 599.

## Have Your Say on the Nambour Plan

**David Law**  
Division 10 Councillor  
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Council has been working on a draft concept plan which will help revive the region's historic hub of Nambour and guide its future. The Nambour Place Revitalisation Project aims to develop a strategy for Nambour's town centre to fuse its growing reputation as a creative and welcoming place through greener streets, wider pathways, art installations and open spaces. I encourage our community to view the concept and share their feedback via an online survey before September 18, 2023. The community can also get involved by meeting the project team at one of the pop-up sessions running until September 14. To provide your feedback online and for more information on pop-up sessions, please visit Council's Have Your Say website.

## Stormwater Pit Upgrades - Parsons Street, Nambour

As part of this year's stormwater renewal program, Council is replacing two stormwater pits in the easement behind Parsons Street, Nambour. I am pleased to see these stormwater pits being upgraded as part of Council's commitment to maintaining our infrastructure. Works is scheduled to start the week beginning September 4 with construction expected to be complete within two weeks, weather and site conditions permitting.

## Nambour Community Safety Survey Results

I would like to thank residents for providing their feedback on the Nambour Community Safety Survey late last year to understand community perception of crime and safety in Nambour. The final report presents nine key findings and six recommendations to be considered by Council and the Nambour community. Some recommendations include creating a multi-agency partnership, implementing visible uniformed patrols on foot and bike and activating space and fill empty shopfronts. The final report includes all findings and further recommendation and can be viewed on Council's Have Your Say website.

## New footpath along Coral Street

**Winston Johnston**  
Division 5 Councillor  
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I'm pleased to see works starting on a new section of concrete footpath along the southern side of Coral Street, Maleny. The new footpath will connect the existing footpath at 19 Coral Street with the entrance of the Co-operative Park. The current grass surface is regularly used by residents and visitors, so I am certain that this linking concrete footpath will be warmly received. Please be patient and use the footpath on the western side of Coral Street, whilst this footpath is under construction.

## Branching out

Sunshine Coast Council joined forces with Zero Positive for Schools and State Member for Glass House Andrew Powell to empower the next generation of eco-warriors in honour of National Tree Day last month. Young people rallied together to plant more than 400 trees at Maleny Ecological Park while gaining valuable insight into the importance of connection to Country and environmental action. Great work to all involved.

## Go Batty for Bat Night



Book now for a free family friendly event - the 9th Annual Australasian Bat Night at Maleny Showgrounds on Saturday, 14 October from 1pm.

See native animals up close, enjoy a guided roost tour, watch the outdoor movie, listen to local bat experts share their knowledge and lots more. Bookings are essential by searching 'bat night' at events.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

## Successful Yandina Street Fair 2023

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



Thank you to all of the businesses, community organisations, committee members and volunteers who worked so hard to make Yandina Street Fair 2023 such a resounding success! It was wonderful to see the thousands of people in attendance, celebrating the region and everything it has to offer. It was a great opportunity to chat with locals about a wide range of issues.

A very special shout out to the Yandina North Arm Rural Fire Brigade. They were there to help set up and stayed to help clean up. What an outstanding effort from the team in supporting their community.

## \$2 million for Burnside PCYC

We know our young people see PCYC as a safe space, and that they help provide access to mentoring and referral services. They're crucial hubs in our communities. That's why we've announced a record \$56 million in funding for PCYC to deliver more services, establish new clubs in new locations, refurbish existing buildings across the state and replace old clubs that are no longer fit for purpose. This includes a massive \$2 Million for our PCYC Sunshine Coast facility in Burnside, so they can continue doing what they do best.

## Smart Energy Savers Program

We're offering up to \$1000 to help your household make the switch to more energy efficient appliances through the new Smart Energy Savers program!

As part of our push to ease cost of living pressures for Queenslanders, the \$22 million program offers rebates for a range of eligible energy efficient appliances, including washing machines, dish washers, dryers, refrigerators, air conditioners, and solar and heat pump hot water systems. Low-income households will be able to claim the most on appliances, however all Queenslanders will be eligible to access cost-of-living support on selected appliances.

Register your interest at <https://www.epw.qld.gov.au/resources/reusable-snippets/hespp-form>

## Community forces pause on Quarry plans

NORTHERN Blackall Range and Image Flat communities have convinced Sunshine Coast Council to pause its plans to seek private tenders to operate its Dulong and Image Flat quarries.

A detailed submission outlining community concerns with the proposal, and backed by numerous local and regional community advocacy groups requested SCC put an indefinite hold on releasing the tenders until all matters raised could be addressed.

Following extensive investigations and professional advice, hinterland residents are of the understanding that SCC-owned quarries at Dulong and Image Flat may be treated differently from private quarries in the region under the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme (SCPC). If founded, the anomalies could offer planning and development, operational and commercial advantages to SCC that local private quarry companies do not share.

Vice President of Blackall Range Land Use and Planning Association Lindsay Holt was concerned that any advantages may also be transferrable to a successful lessee. "Should a contract be signed between Council and a private quarry operator under the current planning arrangements, those potential advantages may never be wound back. Council needs to address these problems urgently," Mr Holt says.

"Community investigations have also raised concerns that under the current SCPS, residents living near Image Flat and Dulong Council-owned quarries may not have the same essential and expected legal opportunities for participation in planning application decisions as those living near private quarries."

President of Hinterland Quarry Action Group, Anne Veivers, says residents were worried that, if a private lessee applied to increase production at either Council-owned quarry, the community can't have fair input into the decision. "This is of huge concern to residents as they're the ones who stand to be most impacted in their homes by any future changes," Ms Veivers says.

"Hinterland residents living with Council-owned quarries must have the same rights as everyone else. The community is asking Sunshine Coast Council to demonstrate it's a level playing field for both public and private quarry operations and all residents equally in the Sunshine Coast region." SCC advised hinterland residents late last week that it is taking the matters raised very seriously and will temporarily pause the quarry tender process while it considers the content of the community submission. According to Mr Holt, it's a good start. "No one is against Council running their own quarries, but unfortunately, there may be problems relating to Dulong and Image Flat quarries that need urgent attention by Council."

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## Sad farewell to Mike Ahern AO

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On Friday, 25th August, the State of Queensland said farewell to a true gentleman and former Premier, the Honourable Mike Ahern AO. A boy from Conondale that led Queensland, and my political party, during a tumultuous but pivotal time. And did so with distinction. His footprints lie all over the Sunshine Coast and the electorate of Glass House. My sincerest sympathies to Mike's family and friends.

## 50th Anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in Vietnam War

This month, we marked Vietnam Veterans Day - the 57th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. It was also the 50th Anniversary of Australia concluding its involvement in the Vietnam War. I have often wondered why an anti-war sentiment was directed at those who served on the frontline. The decision to go to Vietnam in the first place was not theirs. The decision to implement a conscription was not theirs. The decision to increase our deployment was not theirs. Nor was the decision to withdraw. Those decisions were made by people like me - the politicians.

It was to the politicians of the day, and them alone, that any disillusion with our participation in Vietnam should have been directed. Not the fearless men and women on the ground, at the battlefield. I feel a sense of sadness that we did not welcome them back as the heroes they were. Regardless of personal beliefs of the benefits or otherwise of the war, they deserved to be thanked and cared for. So I say a heartfelt "thank you for your service"! For you are the giants on whose shoulders we stand.

## Year 8 Scholarships

The Harding Miller Education Foundation offers life-changing scholarships to young women in Australian public high schools. Applicants must be in year 8 in 2023 to apply. Each scholarship is valued at \$20,000 over four years from years 9-12 and provides critical resources and support to enable our scholars to finish high school. Please visit [bit.ly/2024HME-Applications](http://bit.ly/2024HME-Applications) to access the application link.

## Women's sport inspires policy

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This season, it's the women who are winning. We have seen the Australian women's national cricket team retain the Ashes trophy, the Diamonds take home the Netball World Cup and the Matildas win the heart of the nation with their performance in the FIFA World Cup.

Despite the interest in women's sport, too many young girls are still being forced to change in the carpark of their sporting club. I was proud to have secured more than \$300k for female changerooms at two sports clubs on the Coast, but we need more. I fully support the Coalition's announcement to keep the momentum building in female sports by committing \$250 million towards community sporting infrastructure.

## Backpacker tax

I was recently approached by Bli Bli locals, Robyn and Mark, owners of Fraser Island Adventure Tours who raised their concerns about the impact of the increased cost of working holiday visas on their business.

Labor has hiked the cost of the working holiday 'backpacker' visa, making it the most expensive visa of its kind in the world. This will also impact farmers who rely on backpackers for seasonal work. Backpackers are part of a suite of people-to-people links that we have with around 40 different countries in the world, allowing young people to travel throughout Australia and also undertake part-time work and study.

They are the ones who serve us in cafes, wait on us in restaurants and pick our fruit and vegies. In horticulture alone, backpackers represent around 80% of the workforce and contribute \$3 billion to the Australian economy every year. I recently raised this issue in Parliament and voiced my concern about the impact this will have on our economy.

## The Voice Referendum

It's looking more and more likely that The Voice Referendum will be held in mid-Oct. There will be opportunities to cast your vote via post and pre-poll. These details will be available on the AEC website - [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) - soon after the date is announced.

## Echidnas are truly unique and fascinating Australian native animals

**Nature Watch News** from Donna Brennan Wildlife Volunteers, WILVOS, 5441 6200 [www.wilvos.org.au](http://www.wilvos.org.au)

SADLY our WILVOS Hotline is still receiving calls about echidnas. This always occurs during the cooler months, breeding time for these exquisite animals.

Males may spend considerable time in pursuit of a female echidna. In these weeks there could be a number of males following one female and this is called an 'echidna train'.

When an echidna is rescued, there are no obvious external features to define the sex of the animal. There are no teats, as puggles drink from a milk 'patch'. A pouch is only formed when the female is getting ready to produce an egg. She carries the egg for 10.5 days until the tiny puggle hatches. This little one grows quickly, becoming too large, and maybe a little prickly, to be carried around in Mum's pouch.

Fifty days after hatching, the puggle is deposited in a burrow. It may be a burrow in cool dense shade, under the roots of a tree, or one dug under a pile of branches. The burrow temperature is a cool 15 degrees. Mum may forage up to a kilometre away, returning to feed her youngster every 5 to 10 days. This burrow is the reason echidnas should never be relocated. From September, should someone relocate an echidna, it may be a female feeding a puggle in a nearby burrow. Removing the mother means certain death by starvation for the puggle. These animals are so vulnerable. Even as adults they only have prickly spines as a defence. No teeth, and no poisonous spines. They have to be smart to avoid predators.

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