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Miss Glamour prizewinners, from left, Marita Cameron 'Lady Pearl', Miss Glamour winner Victoria Letheby 'Curly Sue' and Chantelle Powick 'Miss Phoenix Belle'.



Retro Rocks Nambour

by **Tanya Outridge**

NEITHER COVID nor wet weather could dampen spirits at the weekend's Retro Rocks Nambour festival as locals enjoyed the fun and colour of custom culture responsibly.

"Getting this year's festival off the

ground was quite a journey because the goal posts just kept moving," said Festival founder and organiser, Kathleen Ashworth.

"Dancing has been one of the main attractions at the festival in previous years, and unfortunately it could not go ahead this year because of COVID.

"So we didn't have as many people turn out as we have in the past," she said. "Due to the weather on Friday we had a bit of a slow start, but as the sun came out, so did the people and I think that they had a great time and appreciated that the event went ahead.

"We did our best to enforce COVID safety measures with the help of our 'fun police', who wandered through the crowds with tape measures, sanitizing wipes and smiling faces, to remind people to be careful."

The Retro Rocks Festival has been running since 2014 and came about

due to Kathleen's love of Custom Culture, and her desire to showcase some of the retro-themed shops in Nambour.

"There were some really cool retro shops in Nambour and I thought the

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Editor's Letter by Cameron Outridge
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Have you ever wondered why some groups and organisations make it into the paper and not others? It's simply because they send us their news.

The Gazette is a community newspaper and we rely on submissions from "citizen reporters". If you would like us to print your news, please consider yourself invited to contribute.

We welcome all submissions, and while we can never guarantee that any submission will definitely appear we always prioritise local news from grass roots community organisations. And more is always welcome.

Simply email your story and/or photos to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

Meanwhile, our front page story is a prime example of communities safely and responsibly getting on with the wonderful & vibrant events that we have all missed so much.

Kathleen Ashworth and her energetic crew of volunteers deserve a big round of applause for continuing the Retro Rocks Nambour festival despite the constantly shifting goalposts.

It's been a big month for accommodation houses with the announcement of the prestigious TripAdvisor awards. It's wonderful to see local businesses recognised in such a competitive market. Their success highlights the quality establishments we have in the hinterland.

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The Falls named best small hotel in Australia

ROMANTIC accommodation, exceptional service and superb location are three factors that contributed to The Falls Montville taking out Best Small Hotel in Australia in Tripadvisor's 2020 Travellers Choice Awards.

There are other criteria too for guests who return time and again to The Falls.

"Currently, SEQ travellers are drawn to two to seven day stay options where they can avoid crowds while experiencing a quality destination. The Sunshine Coast hinterland fits that bill," said owner Alan Dryden.

"With overseas and interstate travel curtailed, Montville and Maleny are under substantial pressure. Skiing in Queenstown, cruising the Rhine and lazy Caribbean days are out of the picture. Quality local experiences are benefiting from a changed tourism landscape."

"Winter is always our peak season... cottage intimacy and comfort, wood fires, spa baths, massage treatments, intimate restaurants and cafés, eclectic galleries, quaint villages, clear night skies and epic daytime views," said Aryna.

"More broadly, people want to retreat to a place where they feel safe, where they feel welcome and where they can be with the person they most want to spend time with," Alan said.

"We have worked to create an attractive space for our guests to simply experience the solitude and beauty of the hinterland."

Aryna and Alan took a huge leap of faith when they purchased The Falls six and a half years ago.

"We thought it would be a good 'after children' project. It was a sea change from our careers in fashion design and publishing. But we absolutely love it. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience," Aryna said. "We have done comprehensive refurbishments and upgrades to the property this last year," she said. "The Falls Montville has never looked or felt better."

The Falls incorporates one of the oldest buildings in Montville - an 1885 Queenslander that was relocated from Ascot in Brisbane to make up the core of today's extensive 6 bedroom, 6 bathroom Manor House.

The rooms are filled with beautiful and unique furniture that the couple have collected from a lifetime of working and traveling the globe.



Owners Alan and Aryna Dryden ... "people want to retreat to a place where they feel safe, where they feel welcome and where they can be with the person they most want to spend time with".

Some furniture pieces have been in Alan's family for 400 years. And the walls are decorated with magnificent oil paintings and original artwork by Aryna's mother who is an acclaimed Ukrainian artist. And Aryna's own incredible talent as a designer is evident in every space.

Their six spacious and secluded rainforest cottages also enjoy lovely original art, wood fires, double spas, superb hardwood floors and private decks - genuine country cottage com-

fort with little touches evident everywhere.

The Falls was also awarded 2nd in Australia in Tripadvisor's 'Best Service' category and came 4th nationally in 'Romance'.

"The recognition is particularly pleasing in that it reflects on both our product and our delivery," Alan said.

"And the Sunshine Coast hinterland continues to shine as an iconic, boutique destination."

Residents object to proposed closure of Creightons Road

by Robyn Anns

A proposed road closure in south west Yandina is meeting fierce opposition from residents.

YADCA distributed a Flyer explaining that the proposed road closure would dramatically affect over 100 residents in Wappa Falls Road, Creightons Road, Mt Coombe Road, Glen Rowan Close, Bracken Fern Road and Retreat Crescent.

The road closure would mean hundreds of

cars and heavy vehicles would be funnelled through a housing estate to be built on land bordered by Creightons, Wappa Falls and Bracken Fern roads.

The developer wants to close Creightons Rd at the junction with Wappa Falls Rd, forcing all Mt Coombe, Glenrowan Close and Creightons Rd traffic through the estate on a narrow road, past houses.

This through road, only eight metres wide, would include four roundabouts. Vehicles

would exit at a roundabout at the intersection of Wappa Falls Rd and Retreat Crescent.

Already over 30 letters have been written to Marc Cornell, head planner for Council, with copies to Councillor David Law and to YADCA.

Residents say that among other issues the planned road closure would impede fire evacuation for over 80 homes and access to septic cleaning and water carrying services. Many homes have dams which need cleaning which require the transportation of heavy machinery.



Event organiser Debbie Collier with driver Stephen Freeman and his SC28 production sedan Commodore, current Sunshine Coast Speedway Club president Jim Cowley holding the Greg Soane's Memorial Trophy, and inaugural winner of the Greg Soane's Memorial race in 1972 Ray Austin.

Stalwarts to gather for reunion to honour Yandina Speedway

IN 1970 Ray Austin carved a track out of Kev Kirby's cattle paddock and began what was to become known as the Yandina Speedway. Ray was the first president of the amateur Nambour Saloon Car Club which commenced the racing at Yandina.

Sunday August 16 this year is exactly 50 years to the day since the first race on the track, which later became a professional international standard venue, literally carved from the bush.

"We used a chainsaw and cut the trees down at ground level and we just raced over them," said Ray. "The trees were the outside fence. It was a real bush track at first ... and because of all the stumps and the trees cut out of the bush you could sort of veer right off track, and come back on."

"I started racing in open wheelers in 1954 at Lowood race track," said Ray. "Then I went TQs (Compact Speedcars) and I've raced everything since. I even had a go at a pillion on a motorbike sidecar once. I got dumped on the track but that was a different experience."

"When we started Yandina it was originally a social speedway which developed into a professional speedway. I think cars like they have today are really something out of the box. Looking at what they drive now compared to what I used to drive in 1970's - I worked a standard 850cc mini modifying it to 1400cc - there's a world of difference. Still, it went all right."

"What gets you going is the adrenaline and the fumes from the cars ahead. You look at the bloke in front and you say I'm going to get past him because I can't stand the stink of his fuel!"

Current Sunshine Coast Speedway president Jim Cowley said, "The club owed its existence to people like Ray." Jim started racing at Yandina over 40 years ago at 16 and continues to race today. "Yandina was our local track but now it's

a housing estate," he said. "So we've thrown our weight behind Mothar Mountain Speedway in Gympie. At the moment we have 40 to 50 active members who get together for the friendliness, companionship and the thrill of racing. That's what it's all about. Whether we win or not it doesn't matter that much as long as you have a good race with someone. And we do race anywhere around the country from Cairns right down to Victoria and even Western Australia."

Ray's daughter Debbie Collier has organised a reunion and a commemorative lap of the old track site, for this Sunday August 16.

"Dad had the vision and desire for a track close to home," said Debbie. "Back in those days the starter stood on a 44 gallon drum to wave the Starter's flag."

"The first Saloon car race meeting was held Sunday 16th August 1970. Nambour Saloon Car Club formed 15th May 1970, commenced the racing at Yandina. Des & Dulcie Atkinson purchased the ground and Sunshine Coast Speedway Club was formed."

Debbie has produced a video honouring the race track's proud history. It will be on view at Yandina Historic House after the anniversary.



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Gabrielle Reinhardt's Piglets Cranny is a vibrant live music venue in Nambour ... "I wanted a space that was appealing for musicians to come and play".

Music lovers lap up 'urban, country' vibe at Nambour venue

A LOVE of live music and great bars and pubs was the inspiration for Gabrielle Reinhardt to open Piglets Cranny in Nambour.

"Today is the venue's first birthday and the response to her first venture has been such that Gabby already has plans for another one in the pipeline.

"I actually started my working career as a clinical audiologist so this is quite a change for me but I have always loved great food, music, bars and pubs," said Gabby.

"While travelling through Europe and metropolitan centres around Australia, I was fortunate to experience many of these and I wanted to create the same kind of atmosphere in my own venue.

"I wanted this to be a great place for families to spend time together and in particular, I wanted a space that was appealing for musicians to come and play.

"We have professional sound mixing equipment, a stage and lighting, all kindly donated by Big Audio, and the acoustics are fantastic. We also do all kinds of fun things like Drag Queen Bingo."

Piglets Cranny is a welcoming, warm alternative to a traditional Pub style bar and Gabby describes the vibe as "urban, country, Melbourne". The space surrounding the bar is decorated with comfortable couches and furniture that immediately invites you to sit and relax. There are board games and puzzles to have fun with, and of course, the stage, which dominates the space and attracts talented musicians from around the Coast.

There is a selection of well priced wines and Ten Toes beer on tap available, and beautiful pizzas are on the menu. "We have kept our food offering simple and we do it well," said Gabby.

We make our pizzas to order, and from scratch. Even the bases are made by us. We use premium ingredients such as Italian anchovies and local fresh produce. There is a definite art to a great pizza and I think we must have cracked it, because we have had people from Sydney and Melbourne tell us that ours are the best pizzas they have ever eaten!" Pizzas are also available to take away.

• Piglets Cranny is at 113 Currie Street Nambour. Phone 5476 4325. —Tanya Outridge



Clockwise from top ... Renée Tickle with an orange 1934 Ford, Miss Glambour entrants, and Retro Rocks Nambour organiser Kathleen Ashworth.

Nambour rocks on, come what may

From Page 1 festival was a wonderful way to make people across the Coast aware of them," she said.

"Nambour has unfairly suffered from a bad reputation over the years and I guess I wanted to help instill a sense of pride in the town.

"The festival has always been about colour, fun and a sense of community.

"Local businesses have been amazing supporters of the festival in previous years, and although many were unable to do the same this year because of the financial impact of COVID, we still enjoyed support from businesses like Korsos Photography, Downtown Burgers and Dirty Trix Garage," Kathleen said.

"We are also very grateful to our Sunshine Coast Council who supported us through their grants program."



Apex Directory 40 years in the making

THE Maleny Apex Business Directory is a familiar publication to most residents and businesses throughout Maleny, and this year marks the 40th anniversary of its first ever publication.

Across Maleny, residents and business owners rely on the Apex directory to put them in touch with local business, community groups, venues for hires, sport and recreation clubs and local political representatives.

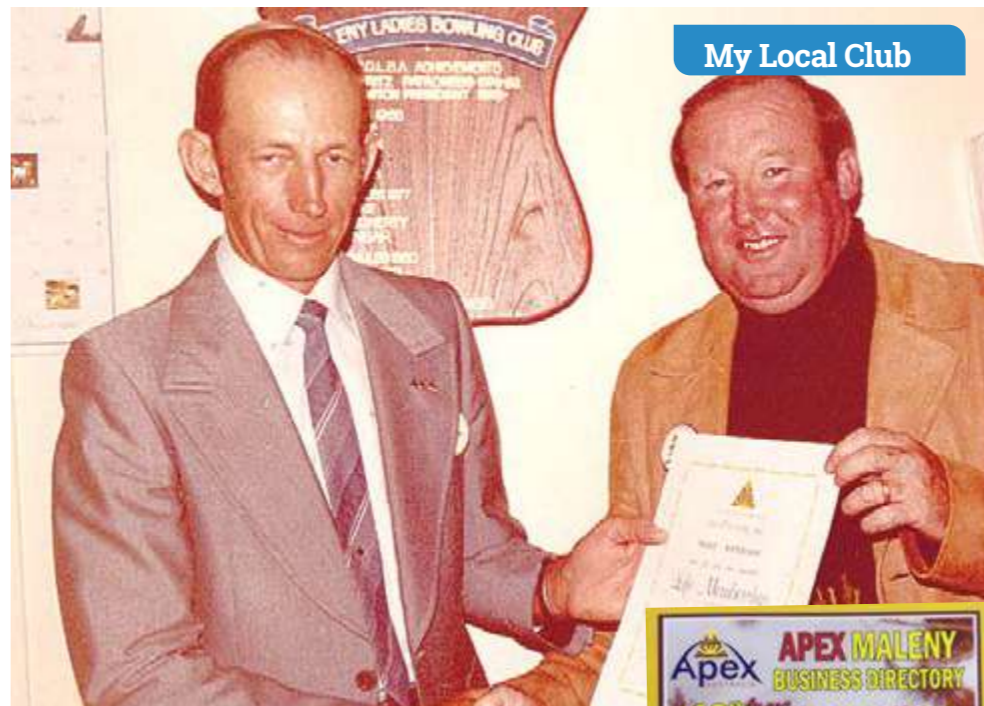
Over the last 40 years, the production process of the directory has significantly changed, however the club's commitment to their community and service has not wavered.

40 years ago, Alan Heading, who has since passed away had the idea to start a business directory as a way of supporting and promoting local business and providing a new fundraising avenue for Apex to continue its work in the community.

Alan was a Life Member of Maleny Apex, who grew up on a farm in North Maleny and went on to own a successful earthmoving business after the closure of the butter factory in Coral Street that had once supported numerous Hinterland families.

Alan's wife Bev Heading reflected on the time when the very first Apex Business Directory was put together: "The first edition was printed pages spread around our pool table and other tables of Apex members' homes. We would go around picking up a page at a time and stapling the book together. There may have been the odd page or two left over at the end of the night!"

"While Alan developed the initial concept, it was the entire club and all its members and their families who worked tirelessly to produce the directory and liaise with local business and community and I know this ethos continues with the club today," Bev said.



Alan Heading receiving his life membership from Zone President Brian O'Brian in December 1981. Right: The current cover photo features Members of the Maleny Apex Club at the 1981 Zone Convention in Maryborough including 4 life members and partners.

Jake Heading, Alan's great nephew, is a third generation Apex member and this year organised the directory and is continuing in the footsteps of his grandfather, father and uncles and their commitment to Apex and serving community.

"I really wanted to recognise Alan's contribution to the inception of the directory and ensure it was as strong as ever. I'm very proud of my family's contribution to the Maleny community and the directory," Jake said.

This year Maleny Apex Club has also marked a significant anniversary with it being 60 years since the inception of the club. Jake and current club members recognise that past members laid the foundations to support the community

My Local Club



Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway

BUDERIM-PALMWOODS Heritage Tramway members were invited by Sunshine Coast Council to take part in its Cultural Heritage Discovery promo video which was being filmed recently.

There were two segments — one down at the Krauss loco (still waiting patiently in its new shed) and the other down at the walking track.

BPHTT members Doug Benckendorff, Bruce Horton and Noel Williams, as well as property owner Peter Wise, appeared in the loco shoot and a few more members joined in for the walking track segment.

The completed video will feature many other heritage attractions around the area.

Peter Wise (on whose farm the Krauss has been stored since 2004) and Tramway members Noel Williams, Bruce Horton & Doug Benckendorff are all taking part in the video shoot.



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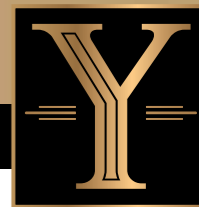
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The Outstanding Achievement Award, sponsored by Sunshine Coast Lightning, will be added to the line up in our 2021 Sunshine Coast Australia Day Awards and will be presented to one community member or organisation selected from all award nominations received across each of the categories.

"There's no doubt that this has been an incredibly difficult year and there are still many challenges we will need to face, particularly for those working on the front line in health, education, community services and many other sectors helping to look after our community," Mayor Jamieson said.

"If you know someone deserving of recognition, please take the time to nominate them for an award."

The Sunshine Coast Australia Day Awards are a celebration of the contribution that individuals, community groups and organisations make in our region.

If you know a person, community group or organisation making a difference to the Sunshine Coast community, now is the opportunity to seek that recognition they deserve by nominating them for a 2021 Sunshine Coast Australia Day Award.

Nominate in one of the following categories via council's website sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au:

- Citizen of the Year.
- Senior Citizen of the Year.
- Young Citizen of the Year.
- Community - Group or Organisation.
- Environment.
- Creative.
- Sport and Recreation



Smoked Dog is truly a family affair, run by Dave and Dineo Levell and their young daughter Talitha.

Coast's best ribs & brisket

EVERY so often you have the good fortune to stumble across what appears to be a 'hidden' gem, only to find out that it is in fact a well known, highly sought after "go to" for locals. This sums up Smoked Dog BBQ in Yandina.

Smoked Dog is truly a family affair, run by Dave and Dineo Levell and their young daughter Talitha. "Talitha mans the phones and takes the orders for us," said Dineo.

"She is such a great help." And since starting their enterprise three years ago, Dave and Dineo need all hands on deck as their reputation has quickly spread far and wide for having the best ribs and brisket on the Sunshine Coast, with people traveling from Caloundra and Noosa for their sensational authentic smoked ribs.

"We started out selling our food at festivals and events, and eventually started our own restaurants which have always been simple, "pop up" style venues," Dineo said. "We have always moved around a bit and I think people have tracked us down by reputation," Dave added.

Their food has been so well received that the couple are now planning to open a second restaurant at Kings Beach, Caloundra in the coming months.

Trained in a catering school in Cheshire, UK, Dave always had a passion for cooking. "I have built our own ovens and carefully source the wood we use," said Dave. "There are all kinds of elements that come together to produce the flavours and texture of excellent smoked meat," he said. "For example, we only use baby back ribs, which are more succulent, flavoursome and tender, and we always slice our brisket, rather than pulling it, because pulling dries it out. Slicing retains the juices and the flavour. And the meat is smoked for 14 hours, so the flavour is incredible."

"All of our sauces are homemade, to our own recipes," Dineo said. "A lot of commercial Bourbon based sauces, or BBQ sauces are really sweet and they overwhelm the flavours of the meat. So we have made our own sauces, and people really seem to enjoy them."

The evidence of this enjoyment is that over a typical weekend, Dave and Dineo sell over 300kgs of ribs alone. "As soon as we open, people start to line up and collect their orders," Dave said. "Often, our last customers of the night are local chefs who have finished their shifts and come here to eat," he said. "We take that as a real compliment."

Alongside the ribs and burgers, you will also find wings, onion rings, loaded fries, roasted sweet potato and cheesy corn on the cob.

Whether you take a seat and enjoy your food under the stars, or take it home to eat, one thing is an absolute certainty, and that is that you won't leave feeling hungry.

Smoked Dog BBQ is at 44 Fleming Street Yandina. Phone 0400 054 099.

Brush tail possum found freezing under dripping tap

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WHAT welcome rain, but it made for more calls for our Hotline 5441 6200 volunteers. One tiny little brushtail possum was found under a dripping tap one afternoon.

Poor little darling was frozen and had to be taken down to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital immediately.

I haven't heard the outcome of that and unfortunately the prognosis may not always be what we want. With some animals we feel like they come in, get cosy and warm, and then they think, "we can die in comfort now!"

We carers are ecstatic if the animals can be checked, cleared and come straight back to us for rehabilitation.

Another little ringtail possum was found curled up in the shelter of a patio. Trixie was a miserable little girl, with fur loss over her face and body. Fortunately there was no infection, just the effects of exposure away from the warmth of her family. Now snuggled up with her new 'family' she is improving fast.

Constant rain also means the loss of nectar from our native flowers so the nectivorous birds probably see a run of rainy days as a 'drought' for them! After the rain it is always lovely to see all the lovely new growth leaf tip for possums, and the plants providing plenty of fresh flowers and native fruits for our birds. My kangaroos are busy grazing on the juicy grass!

It's a great time to plant native plants. Trees, shrubs, groundcover and grasses will all draw in a beautiful array of wildlife, especially come springtime. It is a joy to watch the birds feeding away in the garden.



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Owner makes a splash in competitive coffee market

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If you are a coffee lover, head to Post Coffee House in Burnside where the main event is coffee.

"Some years ago I was working in Brisbane and had become aware of Dancing Bean Coffee," said owner Kate Dyce.

"People would come from all over Brisbane for this coffee which is a boutique product, roasted in Banyo. It has been renamed Coffee Roasters Collective, and I knew with such a quality product I was confident in making a splash in the highly competitive coffee scene on the Coast."

Post Coffee House caters for all tastes and dietary requirements. "We have 7 different types of milk and loads of gluten free options if you want something tasty to pair with your coffee," Kate said. "I have sourced our beautiful fresh cakes and savouries from independent local suppliers. It is one of the great things about business when smaller operators support each other. The rising tide lifts all boats."

At Post Coffee House, you can sit in, or there is a really lovely green space under the trees for you to enjoy your coffee.

"As you can see, we are also dog friendly," Kate said. "Gus is our resident meeter and greeter, although these days, he prefers to lounge in his favourite chair and keep our guests company."

"You'd be surprised at how many people come and sit with him while they drink their coffee. It gives people a nice little opportunity to relax and unwind."



Kate Dyce ... "It is one of the great things about business when smaller operators support each other."



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Melissa Richards of The Rustic Flower Co in Yandina has combined her love of old school concepts and products that are locally made with passion.

Shop provides appealing perspective on flowers, gifts and homeware

In our neck of the woods we are well and truly spoiled for choice when it comes to retail businesses that stock giftware and homewares. Melissa Richards of The Rustic Flower Co in Yandina has combined her love of old school concepts, products that are locally made with passion, and flowers to bring a truly unique and whimsical offering to her customers.

"I am drawn to things that are different and interesting, and I especially love to use things that people are throwing away," said Melissa. "From the beginning, I really wanted to collaborate with and support local artisans, so I stock loads of gorgeous locally made candles, jewellery, homewares and clothes. I also have really lovely handmade cards," she said. "My products are affordably priced and very high quality."

"A lot of my products cannot be replicated, and I think that is what makes everything so special. When you are buying a gift for someone it is so nice to know that it has not been mass produced and that every other person doesn't have the same thing. It is also gratifying to support other local businesses in our area. In that way, we don't compete with each other either."

As the name suggests, at The Rustic Flower Co the real stars of the show are the flowers. "Australian flowers are a favourite of mine, and my customers love them too," said Melissa. "They are just so interesting and have such longevity. You get to enjoy them for much longer than many other varieties of cut flowers," she said. Floristry allows Melissa to indulge her other great love, which is working with brides. "There is something so immensely rewarding about helping to make a special day even more beautiful," Melissa said.

"Weddings and special occasions are an opportunity for me to work with customers to make the event memorable. Again, I am extremely budget conscious and can create unique arrangements that are both lovely and budget friendly. There's nothing in the world more satisfying than making people happy."

The Rustic Flower Co is at 3-4 Stevens Street, Yandina. Phone 0422 034 300.

Escape from big city pays off for B&B champs

by Tanya Outridge

AVOCADO Grove B&B in Flaxton has claimed fifth place on Tripadvisor's "Best of the Best" Traveller's Choice list for Australia's Top B&Bs and Inns.

While owners David and Pam Hughes are honoured by the recognition, it certainly validates their belief that if they treated their guests like friends or family, they would have "half a chance of doing well".

David and Pam moved to the Hinterland from Sydney, 3 years ago. They both came from corporate backgrounds, so the decision represented a complete change of scenery for them, in every way.

"We just wanted to try something completely different, and spent a lot of time travelling the country looking for the best place to buy a B&B," David said. "We looked around NSW, WA and South Australia, but nothing really grabbed us. Then we happened to be on the Sunshine Coast, and took a drive up the Range. Within 10 minutes, we knew it was the spot for us," he said. "The place just hugs you."

David and Pam bought Avocado Grove and set



David and Pam Hughes moved to the Hinterland from Sydney, 3 years ago, having travelled the country looking for the best spot for a B&B.

about renovating and putting their own stamp on it. The purpose built B&B has been painted, lavishly refurbished and landscaped. It is nestled in a peaceful avocado grove, and there is an abundance of wildlife and stunning rural views at every turn.

"David has put his love of cooking to the test, and has become very well practiced at catering to all kinds of dietary needs," Pam said. "Our guests absolutely love his food, but I think that is a reflection of the enjoyment it gives him to prepare it."

"It is a joy to welcome our guests here and we find that 80% of our bookings are return guests. I guess that is a good sign that we are doing something right."

Visit Sunshine Coast Interim CEO Craig Davidson congratulated providers that had been recognised in this year's Awards.

"This year has been incredibly tough for our region's tourism industry, so to receive accolades like these is a real morale boost for not just the operators involved, but the entire Sunshine Coast region," he said. "These awards are based on feedback from travellers, and with word-of-mouth referrals still one of the most valuable forms of advertising there is, it's incredibly humbling to know that visitors consider Sunshine Coast tourism operators as some of Australia's best."

"These awards recognise the diversity of offerings we have here on the Sunshine Coast, and provide a great endorsement to inspire future travellers to start planning their ultimate Sunshine Coast escape."

For more information visit: www.tripadvisor.com.au/TravelersChoice.



Ted O'Brien chats with Project Officer Emily Boyd, centre, and Yandina Community Gardens President Colleen Bichel.

Recycle program turns waste to mulch

ORGANIC food waste from local businesses is being turned into compost in a project aimed at reducing landfill. Ten local businesses have agreed to keep their organic waste for collection by Yandina Community Gardens.

Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien said funding amounting to \$34,000 would help the Yandina Community Gardens initiative.

"I particularly love that there will be three different composting options on display for the public to learn about reducing and composting organic waste in their own homes."

Food Waste Program Project Officer Emily Boyd said the pilot program would run for 12 months. The program uses three compost systems to process waste: the worm farm, hot-aerobic compost system and now the black soldier fly larvae system. "Our aim is to divert as much food waste from landfill as possible so we're picking up all the food waste that is generated from local businesses such as cafés, restaurants and fruit shops and composting it back at our site," Ms Boyd said. Businesses need to separate their regular plastic and other landfill waste from the compostable organic waste, then Yandina Community Gardens will do the rest.

Drop into Yandina Community Gardens Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays or check out their website at yandinacommunitygardens.com.au.

Nambour exhibition to challenge views on homelessness

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to experience Nambour Community Centre's photographic exhibition - Changing Perceptions on Homelessness.

The exhibition, that coincided with Homelessness Week last week, shines the spotlight on the more than 120,000 people who are homeless every night in Australia. Census data reported

785 people were identified as experiencing homelessness on the Sunshine Coast.

Photographer Claire Reynolds said the exhibition featured 20 portraits with accompanying text depicting the subject's story.

"We asked each person if you could tell the world one thing about yourself, what would it be?" Ms Reynolds said.

"Each person interpreted the question differently. Khan said, 'Tell the world we appreciate it.' While Jesse said, 'I'm a peaceful guy and a mad-keen fisherman.'"

The exhibition at C-Square runs until 13 August from 10am to noon, with pop-up activities daily at 10.30am. For more information phone 5476 0153.

Facilities give men new lease on life

SUNSHINE Valley Men's Shed is going from strength to strength and thanks to funding from the Federal Government's Community Development Grant it now has the facilities to attract new members.

Federal MPs Ted O'Brien and Andrew Wallace said the project for new kitchen and toilet facilities totalled \$94,000.

"The grant has enabled the Sunshine Valley Men's Shed to construct a small extension to their woodwork shed which now includes a new kitchen complete with fridge, stove, and dishwasher. It also allowed them to build a small amenities block to include a disabled toilet and shower," Mr O'Brien said.

"Men's Sheds offer friendship, a sense of purpose and a place for older men to belong and contribute. Members around the Coast have told me that without Men's Sheds, there are local men who would not be alive today. These extensions are going to help keep the Sunshine Valley Men's Shed accessible and welcoming for all for years to come," Mr Wallace said.

Sunshine Valley Men's Shed President Ron

Baumann said the grant had been invaluable.

"These new facilities are much appreciated by the Shed Members as a large percentage of our members are in their twilight years, and until now the only toilet was 50 metres up a steep hill from our new amenities block," Mr Baumann said.

"The men's shed has a mix of activities compared to other men's sheds. Being on 2ha of land, the shed has woodwork and metalwork, and also the members cultivate and grow crops for sale at our roadside stall. Produce includes mandarins, avocados, pomegranate, figs and rosellas as well as worm farming, herbs and plants."

"In the Summer months the shed workers in the field will appreciate a welcome shower in our new toilet block and also with our new kitchen we can have some social evenings, BBQs come to mind. Wash up and toilet facilities provided by the Grant allow this to happen."

"These Amenities provided by the Federal Government Grant with Ted's representation are highly valued with many thanks from the Shed Members."

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In addition to this he has written hundreds of novels in many different genres—Murder mystery, romance, science fiction.

Many of Patterson's books feature Alex Cross. Alex Cross is a crime, mystery, thriller series. The series focuses on the Metropolitan Police Department detective and father, Alex Cross as he faces threats to his family and the city of Washington D.C. Several of these novels have been adapted to movies.

Both Morgan Freeman and Tyler Perry have portrayed Alex Cross in these movie adaptations. Another popular series (and my favourite) is the Women's Murder Club series. It features Lindsay Boxer – a detective in the San Francisco Police Department.

She is strong, brave and uncompromising. Three other women complete the Murder Club; Cindy Thomas is a crime reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle; Claire Washburn is the Medical Examiner and in her own words she is "black and heavyset"; Jill Bernhardt is a victim of spousal abuse (and, spoiler alert, she is murdered in the third novel of the series); Yuki Costello is the DA and she joins the club in the fourth novel.

Together they solve crimes in their home city of San Francisco and often meet up to share clues over Mexican food and drinks at Susie's.

Many of James Patterson's books are co-authored. When working with another author, Patterson sends an extensive outline to the co-author and then keeps a close eye on the novel's progress.

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Owners Karin and Paul Orwin left behind their corporate suburban world in Brisbane to live their dream of owning a luxury accommodation venue.

Country House is the Travellers' Choice

THE Country House at Hunchy has been recognised as a Tripadvisor 2020 Travellers' Choice Award Winner for Accommodation.

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"We look forward to the local tourism industry continuing to recover from what has not been a good year so far but booking numbers have improved recently," said Paul.

"We are really proud of what we accomplished in the Awards this year together with achieving 5 Star Accreditation and winning Silver in the Queensland Tourism Awards in November."

The Country House at Hunchy provides its guests with Accredited 5 Star Luxury Accommodation near Montville. Paul and Karin have been the owners for nearly 4 years after semi-retiring from their corporate suburban world in Brisbane to live their dream of owning a Luxury Accommodation establishment in their favourite part of the world.

The property is a sprawling modern Queensland Homestead with Hamptons styling set on over 11 acres of lush rainforest. It is designed to accommodate a small number of guests in a secluded, serene and private environment but close to all that the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland offers the discerning visitor.

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Jawa Furniture clears stock over two auctions

LAST Sunday was the first of two auctions to clear the stock for long standing Sunshine Coast business, Jawa Furniture. There were in excess of 1500 items to be cleared, including furniture, homewares and original artwork, hence the decision to hold the auction over two days.

"It was a day of activity with some items sold under the hammer, and many other items sold by negotiation with the sellers," said Palmwoods real estate agent and auctioneer, Mike Burns. "It panned out to be quite an interesting day," he said.

"Many happy buyers have taken home some awesome products and throughout this week there will be the opportunity for people with an eye for quality and a bargain, to do the same," Mr Burns said. "Sunday August 16 will be the final day as the premises must be vacated on the 17th."

"All the buyers I spoke with were surprised that such good quality items were on offer. There were solid timber tables made of teak and mahogany with stone insert centres, and lots of other unique pieces. In some cases, no more of those items will be made."

The final auction will be held on site at Shop 3 / 27 Evans Street Maroochydore, from 10am on Sunday 16th August

'To Sir with Love' screening

WHETHER you're enjoying a movie at the drive-in or taking part in the Super Seniors online programs, there's something to suit every taste during Seniors Week 2020 thanks to Sunshine Coast Council Libraries and Friends of the Library.

Sunshine Coast Libraries will host the 1960s British classic "To Sir with Love", at the Eumundi Showground on Saturday August 15.

Tickets are only \$20 per car and patrons are encouraged to BYO food and snacks. The movie begins at 6pm, but there will be live music by Nyssa Ray from 5pm when the gates open.

If you can't make it to the drive-in make check out the great Super Seniors programs available via the library website.

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"I did my apprenticeship in NSW and spent the first five years working as a tiler down south before moving to the Sunshine Coast in 2011," he said. "It is such a great place to live, I decided to start my own business here."

"I have been really fortunate to have been able to work on a really broad range of jobs with excellent building companies here on the Coast. This experience with home builders who lead with way in terms of design and style has enabled me to become very experienced at the types of tiling that is in very high demand."

Ceramics, porcelain and natural stone are all products that Owen uses on a regular basis, and popular patterns such as mosaics and herringbone are a speciality.

"I do a lot of external tiling and pool coping as well," said Owen. "This has become increasingly popular as people are spending more time in their outdoor living area, and they are investing in higher quality professional finishes."

Owen also does commercial tiling and works from North Brisbane and Caboolture, to the Sunshine Coast, Cooroy and Gympie.

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Celebrating 20 years

Explore a special exhibition drawn from the Sunshine Coast Art Collection that celebrates the 20th anniversary of Caloundra Regional Gallery. Take a walk down memory lane along a timeline filled with images and documents mapping the gallery's extraordinary history. See which works made the Directors' Cut, from past and present gallery directors, as well as Art Prize winners from 2006. The exhibition is on display from August 7 to October 4.

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Competition time

It's time to dig out your old photo albums and send in your favourite photos of fashion long gone for the annual Heritage Calendar photo competition. The 2021 calendar theme, "Isn't it Fabulous...Celebrating fashion we love to remember" will showcase a mixture of stylish garments. Entry is free and closes August 17. Visit heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for details.

One for the calendar

Rates are now due and if you pay by August 21 you'll receive the on-time payment discount on top of Council's \$35 COVID rebate. Register through MyCouncil before August 19 to receive future rates notices by email and you'll go in the running to win \$1000 off your next bill. Visit Council's website to register.

Domestic animal survey

Council is preparing to update the Domestic Animal Management (cats and dogs) Strategy and we're seeking your feedback. For many, pets are more than just a companion, while others prefer to enjoy pet-free places, and some may not have their own furry friends but enjoy being around them. Whether you are a pet owner or not, your feedback is valuable.

The survey closes August 31 and is on Council's Have Your Say website.

Mass Transit

Momentum continues for a mass transit solution to address our public transport needs now and well into the future. A mass transit solution between Caloundra and Maroochydore is being investigated. The strategic business case was completed in July 2019 and we're well underway on the next key milestone, the preliminary business case. Join us on the journey by visiting Council's project webpage and subscribing to receive Sunshine Coast Mass Transit updates.

Major grants open

Can your not-for-profit group make our community more active, inclusive or resilient? Do it with support from Council's Major Community Grants Program which is open now and closes August 24. Visit Council's website and search Grants and Funding for more information.

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Above: A-grade Men's Singles finalist Wayne Knetter, left, with Champion Doug Tognolini.

Right: Wayne Knetter in the final.

Left: A grade Ladies Singles finalist Karen Jensen, left, and winner Rochelle Tapara.

Big week at Woombye Bowls

From **Woombye Bowls Club**

WEDNESDAY 5 August saw a return to competitive Fiesta Fours at Woombye Bowls Club. Because of Covid 19 restrictions, we reduced numbers to 80 bowlers. Everyone enjoyed getting back out onto the greens to play competition again in glorious Winter sunshine.

The overall winners on the day, with 2+46, were a team from The Waves Caloundra, skippered by Carole Mc Donald. Runners up with 2+33 were a combined team from Albert Club in Gympie and Nambour, skippered by Joan

Callaway. Congratulations to all bowlers for supporting our small club at these unpredictable times.

A big thank you to the Woombye ladies who donated food, prizes and their time and effort in putting the day together. And to several men who assisted on the day. Great Woombye teamwork!

On Friday 6 August, the A grade Men's Singles Championship Final was held. Wayne Knetter and Doug Tognolini played a competitive, but twice rain-interrupted match, displaying quality bowls and good sportsmanship in trying conditions. Doug won the event and on Sunday, he went on

to play in the Champion of Club Champions at Coolom. He represented our club well, but went down to a tough competitor from Kawana.

On Saturday, our ladies and men's Penant teams competed in 4 divisions, with mixed success.

And on Sunday 8 August, the A grade Ladies Singles Final was also held. The match between Karen Jensen and Rochelle Tapara was a well-fought game with Roachy the eventual winner. She will represent Woombye in the Ladies Champion of Club Champions at Tewantin-Noosa in September.

Eumundi Dragons

U9s v Saints by Team Manager Andrew Hillhouse



Image by Leo Wiles

THE Eumundi Dragons under 9 team continues to improve and develop. The had a hard fought win against Saints in Gympie on Saturday. The whole team stepped up this week with very ferocious work in the rucks and mauls by Josh V, Jett D, Josh K, Ted W and George H.

Many times the dragons would come out with the ball resulting in some strong close running by Josh, Josh and Jasper. When the ball went a bit wider and George H, Josh V, Tristan Y, Brooklyn and Aiden H would make breaks around and through the opposition. Trys were scored both in tight and out wide. Passing and ball skills also improved from last week. This week our defence was much stronger with many tackles made by every member of the team at times holding the opposition out meters from the try line for numerous phases. There were some heroic try saving tackles by Aiden and Tristan on much bigger players and it was great to see Aiden run almost the full length of the field to catch and tackle a runaway Saints player. Player of the week this week goes to Aiden for showing great spirit and bravery and always backing up. Also great to see the team acknowledge each others efforts.

U8 Match report by Team Manager Jero Mansell

The Eumundi Dragons U8's played an awesome game in damp conditions at the home of the Gympie Hammers. Excellent support play was a strength again this week on top of some improving tackling and ball protection. Quil, Finn & Tristan lead the way on tackling bringing down a number of Saints players. Hunter, Jack & Zac made some great runs around the edges and through the middle with CJ Delivering a player of the day performance in support, stealing the ball and Making some great passes.

U11 Match Report by Team Manager Pamela Campbell-Jones

The Dragons met Noosa Red at Gympie on Saturday for another grinding game. The Reds started well earning plenty of possession and though the Dragons were working hard making plenty of tackles, the scoreboard was in Noosa's favour. The Dragons won more possession and played well in the second half. They dominated with some impressive strong runs and good team tries, though Noosa had enough of a lead from the first half to keep the win. The Best Team Mate was Will Sparks who was in everything.

Pony Club riders back in the saddle

MOOLOOLAH Pony Club riders are ecstatic that they can finally go out compete, hold club muster and clinic days.

Riders have been to recent Gymkhanas, cross country, jump and pole clinics. The club has grown in numbers over the recent years.

They have seen a jump from 69 in 2018 to 96 members in 2020.

The club welcomes riders of all ages and abilities.

"It warms my heart to see the smiles on the kids' faces as they head out on their ponies with their friends," said Club President Justine Townsend.

"We have been lucky during lockdown to still be able to ride our horses at home but the kids really love to catch up, ride, compete and learn together."



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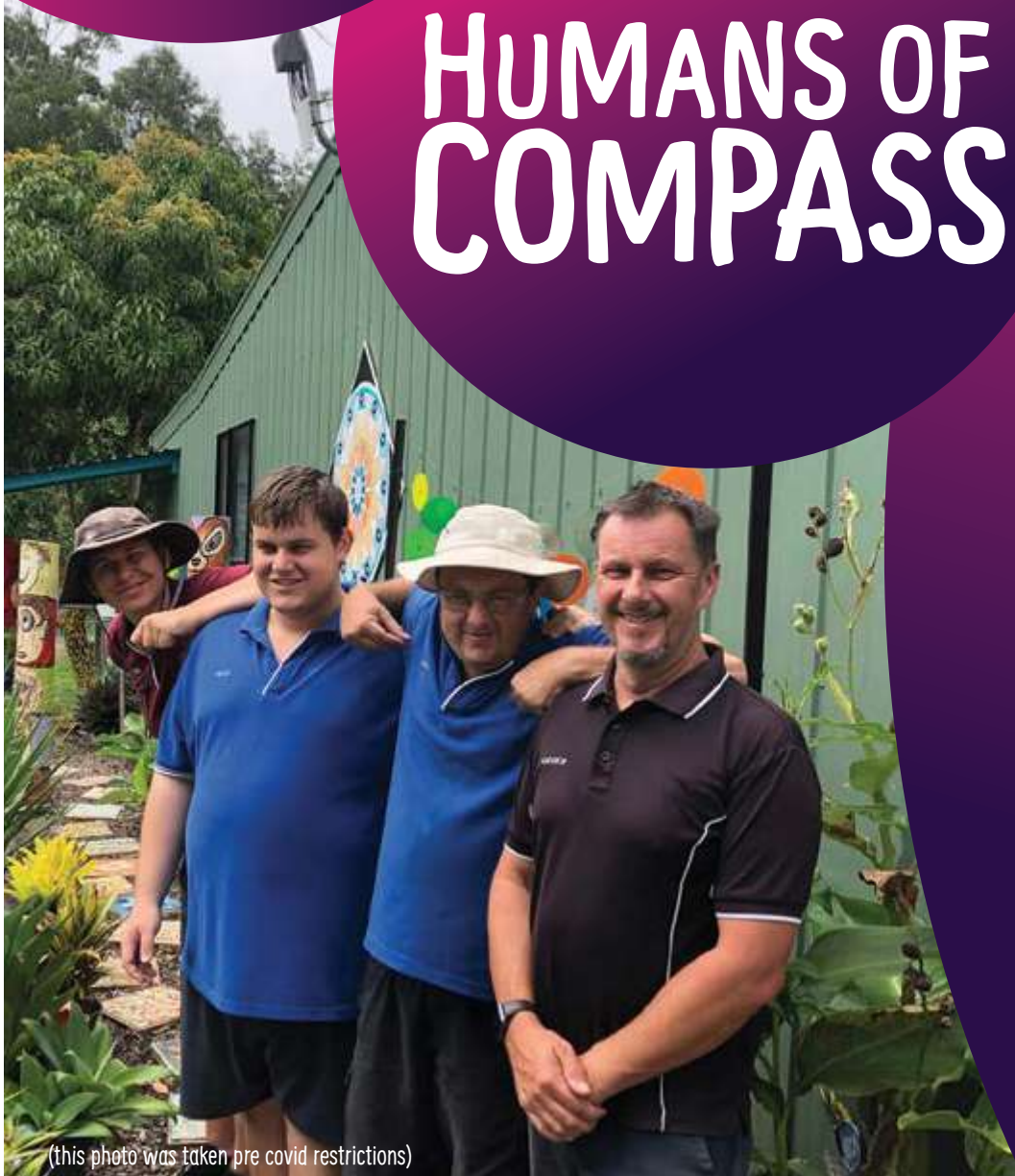
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