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Blitz on bad behaviour

Welcome sight ... Nambour police Senior Constable Brett Kamler, Acting Sergeant Tegan Grasso and Senior Constable Adam Humphries patrolling the CBD.

by **Cameron Outridge**

POLICE were out in force in Nambour last week following complaints about anti-social behaviour and public nuisance offences.

For the second time this month police patrolled the CBD, Quota Park and the train station in a move that has encouraged local businesses.

Nambour Acting Senior Sergeant Peter McNamara said officers had received complaints about disorderly,

abusive and offensive behaviour, as well as fights, stealing and other general bad behaviour in shared spaces.

Patrols focussed on known Nambour hotspots, the CBD, train station and Quota Park.

Sergeant McNamara said police would maintain increased presence over the school holidays.

Maroochydore and Nambour policing units and the Brisbane Railway Squad conducted the operation.

It was a repeat of a similar response earlier this month which resulted in 10 arrests and 21 charges being laid.

New member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said he "absolutely" supported police action to curb and control anti-social behaviour and crime. He welcomed an increased high profile police presence in Nambour CBD and congratulated officers for remaining mindful of homelessness.

"Our CBD must not only be safe and welcoming, but appear to be as

well. Nambour has seen an increased exposure to homelessness and poverty due to Covid-19, and so I urge police to be mindful that homelessness does not necessarily equate to criminal intent."

Business owners were grateful for the action. Marisa Page from Nambour News and Casket, who was held at knife-point in an armed robbery earlier this year, said everyone understood that vulnerable people needed support.

"(But) we have witnessed some very anti-social, nuisance behaviour over the past two years and it is a very welcome sight to see police presence in the CBD. Nambour is a great town with lots of potential and we would like to see everyone - local or visitor - to be safe and enjoy what our town has to offer. Thanks to police for all the assistance we have received over the past two years."

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

IT'S lovely to see that much of the news this week has a distinctly Christmassy feel. Despite the year that's been, our communities have rallied and are working overtime to celebrate the season and the sense of family, friendship, good will and optimism it brings.

SPEAKING of working overtime, the kids at North Arm State School have been hard at it writing some great stories which we present on page 26.

SPEAKING of ripping yarns, check out the story this page about Palmwoods' link to the Red Baron. Well done to Palmwoods Memorial Hall for acknowledging Cedric Popkin, the man credited with shooting down the famous pilot.

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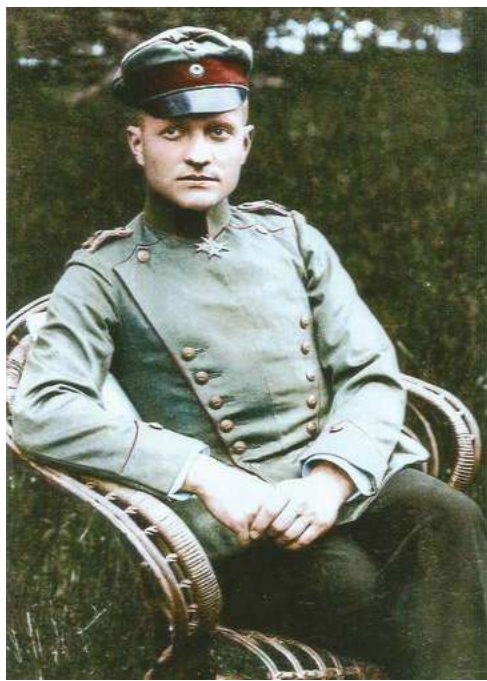
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The Red Baron, Manfred von Richthofen.



Wendy Southam and John Meredith inspect landscaping work outside Palmwoods Memorial Hall.

Hall honours Palmwoods gunner credited with shooting down legendary Red Baron

by Cameron Outridge

THE Aussie gunner credited with shooting down flying ace the Red Baron more than 100 years ago is to be honoured by Palmwoods, the town where he signed up to serve his country.

The identity of who killed Germany's most celebrated World War I pilot has long been the subject of controversy. But most experts now weigh the odds heavily in favour of anti-aircraft machine gunner Cedric Basset Popkin.

What's not in doubt is that Popkin hailed from Palmwoods at the time of his enlistment. He is named on the Roll of Honour at Palmwoods Memorial Hall.

Now, 102 years after he fired at the Red Baron's triplane, landscaping work will pay tribute to the former local carpenter.

Eye-witness reports and forensic evidence at the time suggest Popkin (1891-1968) was the person most likely to have killed Manfred von Richthofen on 21 April 1918.

Popkin enlisted in the AIF on 6 May 1916. By 1918 he had achieved the rank of Sergeant and was a gunner in the 24th Machine Gun Company, part of the Australian 4th Division, which was stationed in the Somme Valley, France.

In 1964, Popkin told the Brisbane Courier-Mail: "I am fairly certain it was my fire which caused the Baron to crash. But it would be impossible to say definitely that I was responsible ... As to pinpointing without doubt the man who fired the fatal shot, the controversy will never actually be resolved."

"When he enlisted he was living here in Palmwoods as a carpenter," said Palmwoods Memorial Hall Vice President Wendy Southam. "His name is recorded on the Roll of Honour. There was a lot of controversy around who actually shot down the Red Baron. A lot of people thought it was a Canadian pilot but, according to autopsies and ballistics reports, the bullet was moving in an upward direction and that could only have come from the ground."

"The whole purpose of the landscaping project is based around honouring Cedric Popkin, to give him the recognition he deserves."

Mr Popkin was born in Sydney in 1890. And, while he did spend a number of years in and around Palmwoods when war broke out, his chosen home was Tyalgum in the Tweed Valley where he is also honoured. The veteran lost his leg in the war but, remarkably, still managed life afterwards as a carpenter, postmaster and tobacconist. He is buried in Brisbane.

Popkin almost certainly was the one

Calibre 0.303 was the standard ammunition for all machine guns and rifles used by British Empire forces during World War I. However, it

is now considered all but certain by historians, doctors, and ballistics experts that von Richthofen was killed by a long distance, low velocity firing from the ground.

Autopsies revealed that the wound which killed the Baron was caused by a bullet moving in an upward motion. It was reported that a spent .303 bullet was found inside Richthofen's clothing.

These facts, and the angle at which the bullet passed through Richthofen's body, suggest that he was killed by a long distance, low velocity shot from a ground-based weapon.

Many Australian riflemen were also shooting at the Baron at the time. So one of them may have fired the fatal shot. However, Popkin was an experienced AA gunner, the volume of fire from his Vickers was far greater (at least 450 rounds per minute) than the bolt-action Lee-Enfield rifles (up to 30 rounds per minute) used by the infantry. And Popkin was the only machine gunner known to have fired at Richthofen from the right, and from a long distance, immediately before he landed. Despite this the RAF ultimately gave official credit to a pilot.

Hero to the German people

Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen was a Prussian aristocrat. He was an accomplished marksman and quickly earned a reputation as an ace fighter pilot.

He started painting his planes red so that he could be recognised in battle and so he would get credited with any kills that he got.

As his reputation as the most daring of the German pilots grew Richthofen became known as the Red Baron and went on to lead the Jagdgeschwader 1, often called The Flying Circus or Richthofen's Circus.

He claimed to have won 80 air battles and was a hero to the German people.

The day the Red Baron was shot down

On the morning of April 21, 1918, the Western Front was quiet for the troops at Morlancourt Ridge near the Somme River. The stillness was broken as the Red Baron engaged a Sopwith Camel. A Canadian pilot in another Sopwith Camel joined the air chase and fired on the Red Baron from behind.

It is said von Richthofen broke his own rules by flying low across enemy lines in pursuit of his prey.

Experienced gunner Popkin calculated the Red Baron's return path would bring him just above the ridge line. He fired 70-80 rounds, causing the Red Baron to crash land in a field. The fatal bullet entered through the right side of his ribs. He was still alive when the soldiers arrived at the wreckage and reportedly said

"alles kaput" ... which means "I am finished" before dying.

Fitting recognition

Palmwoods Hall President John Meredith said it was only fitting to recognise Palmwoods' connection to such a significant event in history.

"We also need to start planning for the Hall's 100 year anniversary in 2022," he said. "We'll do something special. It would be nice to find out about the old time dances that used to take place here. Maybe that would be an idea for inspiration."

Work is being carried out by George Davidson Landscaping on a grant from Council.

A wrought iron poppy will be a central feature of the landscaping. Excavation work will increase available space to the side of the hall and help attract more events and functions. Work will link with and be sympathetic to the existing Council landscaping work along Little Main Street. The Hall was opened on 12 May 1922.



Cedric Popkin above left. Right: The Roll of Honour in the Hall where his name is listed.



The Red Baron's triplane.



Cedric Popkin, right, with a gunner crew.

Petrie Park Craft Group.

ARE you looking for a friendly group of ladies to join for knitting, crochet or embroidery, or to learn these crafts? Petrie Park Crafts in Nambour invite people to the Monday cottage crafts group starting 9.30am. Marlaine on 5441 6852 would love to hear from you.

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'Police on the beat the best way to keep everyone safe'

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immediate past president Timothy Smith said the police operations were encouraging. "I extend my support to all of those involved. Reducing the instance of anti-social behaviour, which has been a concern for the community for some time now, is another positive in the revitalization of the town.

"I am sure that the work that is now being completed by all of the government and NFP organizations is wholeheartedly supported by the Nambour Chamber of Commerce."

Businessman Andrew Pitcher maintains Nambour is on the brink of an economic bounce-back. He said the community was delighted to see the increased police presence because law and order was imperative to prosperity. "Everyone has a right to feel safe in their home town," he said. "Operations like this increase confidence for businesses, their staff and customers, and if it's good for business it's



Acting Sergeant Tegan Grasso and Senior Constable Adam Humphries chat with locals.

good for Nambour.

"No one is saying we should lock everyone up and throw away the key but the reality is that police on the beat are the best way to maintain behaviour and law and order, for everyone's sake. Well done to Queensland Police Service. Please keep the patrols coming."

Police facing wave of issues

AMID calls for more patrols police are caught in a delicate balancing act as they battle dramatic increases in mental health, youth justice and domestic violence work statewide.

A Police spokesperson said officers were aware of community concerns in relation to anti-social behaviour in Nambour and had taken a multi-agency approach to address these issues in a "proactive yet empathetic way". Hence Friday's initiative.

"Police have engaged with local community groups, business stakeholders and government agencies to identify vulnerable persons in the Nambour CBD and connect them with services that can assist them," a spokesperson said on Friday.

"The focus of today's (Friday's) operation was to provide a high visibility presence to deter public nuisance behaviour. The goal of the QPS is to maintain public safety while ensuring some of our most vulnerable community members receive the support they need."

A business owner who has witnessed shocking behaviour in Nambour CBD, including prostitu-

tion, gruesome assaults and serious drug crime, said she appreciated the police presence on Friday but remained somewhat sceptical.

"I suspect it is in response to the last few days where some drongos were back in the square and business people complained," she said on Friday.

"I do appreciate the police presence but it does need to continue on a regular basis and, with the exception of today, I have not noticed an increase in police patrols at all.

"I do understand that police are stretched and that it is great to give them some positives — as they are always getting complaints — and I think that the police statement (above) is a fantastic sentiment and is a great goal for the police to aim for. However, I don't think that the police patrols are regular enough to ensure that the previous problems do not return. So I can't say that I am satisfied with their response in this area yet.

"But hopefully they'll continue to provide a high visibility presence to deter public nuisance behaviour on a regular basis."

Thieves steal war medals in cruel Kureelpa robbery

A Kureelpa family was left devastated recently after thieves broke in and "completely ransacked" and robbed their home in broad daylight.

Thieves took jewellery and electronic devices. Worst of all home owner Michael MacDonald, who toured Afghanistan as a combat engineer, had his service medals and an enemy AK47 bayonet stolen.

"We just wanted to put out a warning for people in the local area to be wary," said Kate MacDonald.

"If anyone knows anything about this, my husband would be grateful to have his Australian Defence Force medals returned which are of no monetary value but are very important to him. Thanks to our local police who were wonderful. Lock up everyone and keep an eye out in your street."

Police are investigating and have drawn fingerprints from draws and doors.



Michael MacDonald toured Afghanistan as a combat engineer.



The stolen medals.



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Angeline Dunne ... "I aimed to create a space where people could walk in and feel welcome and peaceful".

An 'Aladdins Cave' of giftware

FOR Burn Candles and Gifts owner Angeline Dunne beautiful candles are a little bit of an obsession. In fact, the Nambour business-woman has even created her own label.

"I absolutely love the ambience that candles create," she said. "They make a space feel so peaceful and tranquil and they tend to be a wonderful gentle trigger for all sorts of memories."

Angeline opened her gift shop four years ago and in that time, it has become a treasure trove of beautiful things. "A lot of my customers call it Aladdin's Cave," she said. "You can easily lose an hour in here, exploring."

Over the years Angeline has added to her range, with candles from other labels. "I am limited by time, when it comes to making candles and I had actually planned to phase my own label out because I have sourced gorgeous candles from other suppliers," she said. "But that caused a bit of an uproar with my regular customers, so I have kept my own label in stock."

In addition, Angeline now stocks fabulous giftware which makes gift buying easy. "I wanted to pretty much create a one stop shop

for unique giftware."

Burn Candles and Gifts stocks all kinds of beautiful smelling products to satisfy the senses, from candles to bath bombs, reed diffusers and essential oils and soaps. As well, there are Australian themed Maxwell and Williams cups, plates, tea towels and tea pots. "People really love these products," Angeline said. "They are such high quality and the Australian designs are just stunning."

There is a wide array of water bottles, glassware, martini and cocktail glasses, cheese platters, garden ornaments, greeting and inspirational cards, napkins, sox and oven mitts.

With Christmas well and truly on it's way, there are beautiful and unique Christmas decorations, Palas charms and jewellery, chocolates and fudges.

"When I first opened Burn Candles and Gifts, I aimed to create a space where people could walk in and feel welcome and peaceful," said Angeline. It's fair to say, she has done that.

Burn Candles and Gifts, 125 Mapleton Road, Nambour. Facebook at @Burncandlesandgifts

Stars come out in force for Maleny Christmas Concert

MALENY Commerce presents the Maleny Christmas Concert on Friday 11 December from 6pm-10pm. Gates open 5pm at the Maleny Showgrounds.

"This event is all about our community," said President Nicole Hilton. "It is being hosted by the community for the community. We will have Christmas carols, musicians, santa, food and bar."

Performers:

- Christmas Choir-backed by a 30-piece Salvation Army Band
- Lucy Gallant
- Kelly Cork
- Gemma Kirby
- Bobby the Kid
- Jon Hunt & Georgie Germano
- All-Star finale.

You can support local service groups who will be supplying the food and bar. Maleny Apex, Maleny Blackall Range Lions and Maleny Neighbourhood Centre will be catering with garlic prawns on skewers to sausage sizzle, curry bowls and more as well as sweets.

"Rotary will be running a bar with beers/wine/premixed spirit drinks and soft drinks for sale," said Nicole.

"Mr and Mrs Clause will be on hand for gold coin donation photo opportunities, covid safe of course! All donations going to the Maleny Flexi School."

Nicole said Maleny Christmas raffle tickets would be on sale by Maleny Blackall Range Lions and drawn on the night.

"There's a massive range of local businesses goods and gift certificates. You can even buy a Lions Christmas Cake or Pudding on the night."

"Maleny Commerce will have available for purchase Maleny Gift Cards so you can do some Christmas shopping."

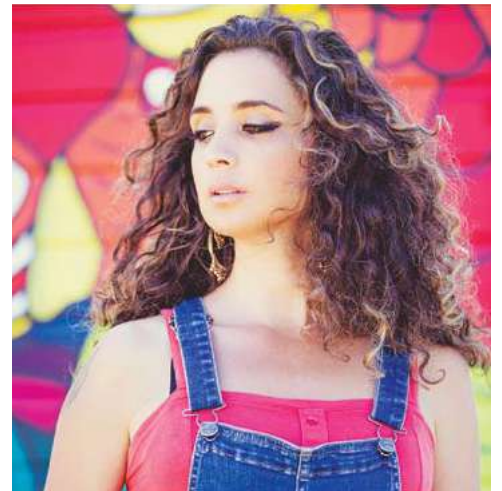
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Gemma Kirby, above, and Lucy Gallant will entertain at the Christmas concert.



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Feisty Magpies swoop lifelike mural

FIONA Groom's latest mural triggered more attention than anyone could have anticipated when local magpies started swooping the artist and her work.

"They swooped me but they would swoop the mural even if I wasn't painting," Fiona said. "It was an amazing story and very funny. I wish I'd taken video of them flying at the painting."

Fiona said she had to leave the job for a while as the birds continued to swoop her and the mural. "It just goes to show how brave they are because the birds I was painting are huge! So much bigger than the little magpies."

"After a while they settled down. But then we faced more challenges with the heat. Then we had wind, rain and storms as well. This one was challenging."

Fiona runs the art gallery at Yandina Historic House. "The work is inspired by the gardens around here. When I'm in my office I look out the window and I see a post and rail fence that the magpies sit on and it gave me the idea to do the painting. The animals I paint all have their own personalities."

You can admire Fiona's mural at Yandina Historic House & Visitor Information Centre at 3 Pioneer Road, Yandina. The Historic House and Art Gallery is Open Monday to Saturday 9.30am-2.30pm. The Museum is open Monday to Friday 10am-1pm.



Fiona Groom got the fright of her life when local magpies started swooping her and her realistic mural.

Got you covered! Bruffs paints CWA Hall free of charge

BRUFF Painting Contractors have coordinated with a number of businesses to do a wash down and a complete re-paint of our Nambour CWA Hall free of charge.

"We were getting quotes to have our building painted - when Bruff's offered to paint it free of charge," said Hall Manager, Coleen Giles.

"Each year we like to choose a community organisation and do a good deed for them," said Bruff Contractors Project supervisor Richard Chaplain. "Our partners also chip in and this year we got the job done for CWA Nambour. We painted the hall 12 years ago so we were happy to do it again." Other companies to chip in included Paint City, Marcoola Scaffolding, RoofBitz and Saber Signs.

"We are so appreciative to have our hall, in Nambour's Town Square, freshened up," said Coleen. "It has taken many businesses to play a part, from the supply of scaffolding, high pressure tanks and cleaning equipment, paint etc."

Nambour CWA Branch formed July 1928. The land on which the hall now stands was surveyed in 1955 by Fred Murray in 1958 and building began in 1958. The first meeting was held in the Hall 16 July 1958 with 42 members attending.

It was officially opened 27 Sept. 1958 by Mr. D A Low Shire Chairman.

Building was funded by the fundraising efforts of the Branch members and by public donations, constructed by local tradespeople, and was finally finished off with the help of local Service Clubs and improvements have taken place as funds became available.

It has been down through generations and indeed still is an integral part of the town. This hall is part of the Community and is used almost every day by many community groups.

"We are always interested in welcoming new



From left, Anthony Erskine-Shaw, Richard Chaplain, Coleen Giles and Michael Pickering at Nambour CWA Hall ... "In 2022 the CWA will celebrate 100 years, so our building will be lovely and fresh for the occasion."

members and we have an enthusiastic group of women for our craft morning every Tuesday from 8:30 until 11am," said Coleen. "They do some amazing crafts." The ladies enjoy each other's company whilst they work away at their crafts. Although, if you are not a crafty person, you are also most welcome!

CWA Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30am for a cuppa and meeting commencing at 10am until 11am and then a number of ladies participate in Tai Chi and movement classes which they thoroughly enjoy.

We have many activities being conducted in the hall including Yoga, Tai Chi, dancing classes, ballroom dancing classes, Stretch classes, after school drama classes, Kung Fu and Scottish Dancing. These classes are run by individuals and community groups.

"In 2022 the CWA will celebrate 100 years, so our building will be lovely and fresh for the occasion."

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New haven for gamers opens in Nambour

by Tanya Outridge

GAMING has been an “absolute passion of 30 years” for the owner of Heretics Haven, in Nambour, which opens Saturday.

“I have travelled all around the country gaming, made lifelong friends and connections and had a great deal of fun,” said David Harris. “When I decided to open Heretics Haven, I wanted to create that same opportunity for local people of all ages.”

David has had previous careers in retail and commercial construction, which has given him the experience to do just that. “I have been part of set ups of brand new Department Stores from scratch so I have a pretty good feel for what people want and how to most effectively organise a space. But I have to say, setting up this business has been the most challenging thing I have ever done!”

Together with his wife, Tamara Brown, their children and some close friends, David has put together a unique gaming space. “Our audience is anyone from the age of 6, to 106 and all other ages too,” said David. “This is an eclectic mix of games for everyone.”

Heretics Haven stocks tabletop games, board games and card games



Tamara Brown and David Harris are excited to help bring passionate and like-minded people together, away from screens to create lifetime memories.

for families, adults and kids. In particular, David has set up a space for hobbyists. “We have 12 tables set up for people to come and enjoy. It’s a fantastic space for Wargames and Role Playing Games enthusiasts,” David said.

“There is also a room for private hire and I think it will be an awesome space for birthday parties and for kids and adults alike to get together with other like minded individuals.”

Heretics Haven carries three major paint ranges, the Games Workshop Citadel range, the Army Painter Warpaints and the SMS modelling range,

along with all the accessories to accompany painting.

“I am excited by this opportunity to provide a space which brings passionate and like minded people together, away from screens, to meet new people, make new friends and create lifetime memories,” said David. “Opening right before Christmas will help friends and family of gamers to pick up some fantastic Christmas gifts as well.”

• Heretics Haven opens Saturday December 5 from 10am-10pm. Chadwick Chambers Building, 91 Currie Street, Nambour. Phone 5338 8919.



Christmas challenge ... Mel Stephens and Jackie Allen from Little Miss Bohoe.

Little shop in a little street with a big Christmas spirit

A gift shop in Palmwoods is putting down the challenge to other businesses get in to the Christmas spirit by decorating their shopfronts.

Little Miss Bohoe owner Jackie Allen said it was a great way to say farewell to a forgettable 2020 and she is encouraging fellow Little Main Street traders to do the same.

“I usually do a window every year but we especially thought we needed

to this year because 2020 has been so miserable for everyone,” she said.

“We just wanted to create some Christmas cheer. And now we seem to have set the bar because other business owners are jumping on board.

“We’re waiting with bated breath to see what others come up with,” said offsider Mel Stephens who makes home-made kids clothes.

Red Bench marks fight against domestic violence

MALENY will unveil its second red bench dedicated to the fight against domestic and family violence at the Neighbourhood Centre on December 17.

In collaboration with the Neighbourhood Centre and the Rotary Club of Maleny, the Speak Up Now – Stop Domestic and Family Violence (Maleny & Blackall Range) a function

will be held at 12 Noon on Thursday 17th December at the Centre.

“We invite members of the community to join us at this event and to find out why more than 175 red benches have already been placed in local communities throughout Queensland and elsewhere,” said Speak Up Now representative Val France.

In addition, the Maleny Neigh-

bourhood Centre is hosting its final community lunch of 2020. This will commence after the unveiling of the red bench at around 12.30pm and everyone is invited to stay and find out about all the great work the Neighbourhood Centre does within our local community. There is a nominal \$7 cost for a three course Christmas-themed lunch.

Hospital issues heat stroke warning

NAMBOUR Hospital has warned hinterlanders to remember the importance of proper hydration and sun safety as hot weather hits.

Nambour General Hospital emergency department director Dr Dan Bitmead said it was very easy to become dehydrated, especially when physically active, and it was important to be prepared and always bring water.

“Dehydration is the result of your body losing too much water and not

being replaced quickly enough. Your body can lose water very quickly in hot weather by sweating, and you also lose water simply by exhaling,” Dr Bitmead said.

“Remember it’s not just the elderly or children that can be affected by dehydration, it can affect any Queenslanders, even if you’re fit and healthy.”

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Again this year, the Rotary Club of Nambour are raffling a wheelbarrow full of Christmas Goodies to raise funds for Rotary youth programs that better prepare young people for safe and happy lives.

The raffle will help fund initiatives including: driver awareness to reduce devastating youth road trauma and deaths; drug and alcohol danger awareness; equine therapy for vulnerable young people; and programs specifically for disadvantaged youth to give them hope for a better future.

Businesses have generously donated vouchers and goods for the raffle, topped up with Christmas goodies. The first prize is an overflowing wheelbarrow containing a wide variety of goods valued at well over \$1,500.

Second prize is a one hour scenic Flight over the Sunshine coast with champagne and a hamper of treats valued at over \$700. Third prize consists of a range of sporting and outdoor goods and Christmas goodies valued at well over \$400.

The \$2 tickets will be sold at Lowe Street Nambour from 23 November through to 24

December when the raffle will be drawn and prize delivered to the lucky winners.

Nambour Christmas Raffle ticket seller Garth Jacobson said Nambour's generous business community deserved praise.

"Every prize was donated by local businesses. This is after they've been doing it tough all year," he said.

Rotary members are selling tickets in Lowe Street right up until December 24.

In a difficult year for us all, this is the first time the Rotary Club has been able to raise funds to support our local community.



Nambour Rotary Christmas Rafflers Judy and Garth Jacobson sell tickets in Lowe Street.



Outgoing Nambour Chamber of Commerce president Timothy Smith, holding wine, was congratulated by the new board at the recent AGM, from left, Michelle O'Brien, Ronnie McKenzie, Mark Bray, Tim Smith, Brian Bugenhagen, Elissa Wake, Paul Rutledge, Brent Dickson and Chris Beard.

Outgoing president sees bright future for Nambour

OUTGOING Nambour Chamber of Commerce president Timothy Smith has outlined three major initiatives he believes will have a significant impact on the town's prosperity.

Mr Smith said the Nambour Heritage Tramway project, development of the Entertainment Precinct and ongoing work of the University of the Sunshine Coast in C-Square would help set Nambour up for a bright future.

Works on the Tramway Depot terminus in Mill Street was completed earlier this year and works are underway on the tramway tracks.

"I expect that we should see the tram up and running through town in the coming year and this will then bring special attention to our area," Mr Smith said. "Obviously, the tram will provide some destination marketing for us, along with some of the other assets we have in Nambour - such as the mini trains and beautiful Petrie Creek along with our wonderful parks and walks."

Mr Smith said the tram should encourage destination marketing by Visit Sunshine Coast which can then be leveraged by the Chamber and individual members.

Mr Smith said Nambour's status as a Special Entertainment Precinct would enhance its reputation as being a great town in which to live, work and play.

Nambour's status as a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) is only the second of its kind in Queensland.

"I believe that business will again flourish in the future because of what is happening in this sector," he said.

He said the ongoing work of the USC in C-Square would be a vital component in the development of Nambour as being an education hub.

"This, along with the introduction of some cutting-edge tech companies such as R4 Robotics to our community, will only enhance our reputation that Nambour is not just a great place to set up a business but also the local environment and facilities provides a great location to live and raise a family."

At the November 18 AGM Mr Smith handed over the reigns to a new board of eight. Under the Chamber's constitution the new board will elect a new president and committee.

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C-Square offers free weekend parking

C-SQUARE is offering free weekend parking to help encourage more people to Nambour.

C-Square General Manager Tracy Martin said 2020 had been a tough year, especially in the arts and entertainment industry, but it was time to get out and support local entertainment businesses.

"We would really love to see more people in town on the weekend, enjoying a movie at Majestic Cinemas, taking the kids for a game at Planet Arcades and there are those awesome breakfasts at Endless Time," Tracy said.

"If we can make it bit easier for families to visit by providing safe, convenient and free parking right at the door of these great local entertainment venues, then that will be great for Nambour."

Tracy said everyone must feel safe when they go out and businesses were doing everything they could to

create an experience that is both COVID-safe and fun.

"There are so many options in Nambour," she said. "The new Stalwarts Brewing is just around the corner and very popular with the locals."

Stalwarts Manager Adam Tomlinson is excited about the great changes and the plans to bring new events into Nambour in 2021.

Meanwhile, Reimagine Nambour Chairman Peter Boyce said the free parking was a terrific initiative for the town. "It will go a long way to revitalising the Nambour CBD and will support efforts to activate the town and support many local business," Mr Boyce said. "There are some great plans for Nambour and the free parking at C-square will benefit many people."

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Robotics firm sees bright tech future in Nambour

PEPPER the Robot is part of the vision of local company R4 Robotics to redefine Nambour as an advanced manufacturing hub.

Founder Chris Kalle said Pepper, manufactured by Softbank Robotics had artificial intelligence for real world applications. "For instance Pepper can actually 'see' which patrons at a restaurant are anxiously waiting for service before your staff even realise," he said. "Pepper can then engage with that customer or let a staff member know that a table needs service."

NAO by SoftBank Robotics, another robot R4 Robotics' specializes in, can also be utilised in aged-care environments and hospitals. "It's about the human experience and sparking joy for people while solving a critical problem."

"Every business is unique, which is why robots can be so intrinsically helpful. With a robot you have the means to take the workload off your staff so they can focus on what they do best - being human. We're not building robots to replace jobs, we're creating a future collaborative workforce, as well as creating new jobs that we haven't even thought of yet."

Chris said a new multi-legged robot was in development as part of a line of intelligent robots from R4.

He is keen to see Nambour redefined with a new technology hub in emerging technologies like robotics, AI and design.



R4 Robotics owner Chris Kalle demonstrates Pepper on Friday.

C-Square Managing Director & Co-Owner Tracy Martin agreed saying the centre would be delighted to support a future tech hub, in the heart of Nambour. "It would be 100% aligned with our vision of business by day and arts and entertainment by night," she said.

Chris said having a future tech hub in Nambour would create a paradigm shift, creating enormous opportunities for locals and support the Sunshine Coast region with next generation

industry capabilities.

University of the Sunshine Coast Adjunct Professor Phil Graham supported the idea: "A future tech hub, especially one focused on new methods of manufacture and bespoke product design, is a natural fit for Nambour and an exciting prospect for its future."

"We've got a number of innovative businesses already using robotics technology like Maleny Dairies, Coyo and a growing underground of robotics startups here on the coast," said Chris.

"So having a local tech hub focused on industry and green manufacturing will be a game changer for the entire region."

R4 Robotics was born after Chris moved to Nambour in 2017.

Soon after Chris became one of the inaugural graduates of a world-first self-driving car engineer program.

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Member for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien, STEMM Co-ordinator Jacqui Deane and former Councillor Greg Rogerson with the winning toad, Rogo's Rocket.

Toad race raises funds for mums

FIFTEEN thoroughbred cane toads contested the Nambour Cup — the race that stops the region — an annual fundraiser to help teenage mums stay in school.

Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien launched the Nambour Cup in 2014 and has remained one of its staunchest supporters.

"The Nambour Cup is a fun way to raise awareness and funds for the STEMM program and the important work it does," said Mr O'Brien. "There is no more important work than being a mum and it is wonderful to see these young women being supported in this role. This year, \$1300 has been raised thanks to the generosity of local businesses, who once again put their hands in their pockets and sponsored a toad, even though this year has been extremely challenging for many of them as well. One hundred percent of the funds raised go to STEMM."

Founder and Co-ordinator of STEMM (Supporting Teenagers with Education, Mothering and Mentoring), Jacqui Deane explained "a lot of teenage mums don't have family support and it is difficult for them to learn to be a mum if

they don't have someone to show them. There are not a lot of wrap-around services offered to teenage mums and STEMM is one of the few," she said. "We support young mums not only with parenting and education, but also housing, when they are in financial distress, or in domestic violence situations, which we saw increase during COVID."

The STEMM program operates out of Burnside State High School, where the race was held.

This year's field included "Gazza" from the Sunshine Valley Gazette, Stalwart Brewing Co's "Stal Warts", Uptown Hair Studio's "Uptown Girl", and TramCo's "Tram Co Flyer". But the winner was Rogo's Rocket.

STEMM Coordinator Jacqui Deane said the Nambour Cup was always a hit with the girls, even if it did elicit a few squeals.

"We all really appreciate the community getting behind the girls like this," Ms Deane said.

"The funds raised help us cover the costs of our breakfast program, the creche which is really important to the girls, and providing a school bus."

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Christmas spirit to shine on at Montville at Christmas Fair

LONG cherished traditions will live on in Montville this year. On Saturday December 5 the Chamber of Commerce and local Community Groups bring together the fun of the fair to celebrate the season at its Festive Street Fair from 4-7pm.

"The Chamber wants to make Christmas shopping a joy with music, carols, street entertainers, unique shops, market stalls, balloon fun, foodie treats and Santa," said President Shiralee Cooper.

Fairgoers can shop locally at participating businesses for a chance to win one of three major draws featuring prize packages valued at over \$1000 each. "One of the Lucky Shopper prize packages includes a 2-night midweek stay at the award winning Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat, Montville," said Shiralee.

"We are so excited to feature a number of artists finally able to perform live. This year the 22 years-strong Pantastic Steelband will

be bringing the colourful sounds of the Caribbean to Montville. The infectious sound of their steelpan instruments, and their captivating rhythms, are a delight to young and old."

After a lengthy period without performances (due to the pandemic), the band is delighted to be able to present their distinctive music to the local community, courtesy of the Montville Chamber of Commerce and the Sunshine Coast Council.

Catch Pantastic's performance on the Pottery Building deck at 4.30pm and then from 5.30pm at St Mary's Hall, when they present a diverse selection of material from their repertoire - including some Christmas songs.

"The village's famous Christmas tree has shone on throughout the year and now, for anyone wanting to experience the magic of a Montville Christmas from twilight, our Main Street will be festooned in fairy lights. Come and join us on December 5," said Shiralee



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Works begin on \$2.65 million 'water wonderland'

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The upgrade will deliver two water slides and a children's zero depth splash zone (a water play area which will include two toddler slides), along with the 30 new car parks which are already underway.

"Council owns nine aquatic centres throughout the region and the water slides here at Nambour will be a first for our facilities," Mayor Mark Jamieson said. "The construction project will support local business and trades while at the same time, delivering facilities that reinforce our aspiration to be a healthy, smart and creative region."

Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Councillor David Law said the upgrade provided an economic boost to the area and promoted Nambour's revitalisation.

"The Nambour Splash Park will create a water wonderland in the heart of the hinterland, and I have no doubt it will be a drawcard to the town, empowering healthy and active lifestyles and facilitating many hours of fun for all ages," Cr Law said.

"During construction the pool will remain open but at times there will be noise and dust impacts. I'd like to thank pool patrons, park users and local residents in advance for their understanding."

"The construction crew will do everything possible to minimise any inconvenience while delivering the upgrade as quickly and safely as possible."

Belgravia Leisure Chief Executive Officer Nick Cox said the addition of a new Splash Park will provide the community with a state-of-the-art attraction that will make the Nambour Aquatic Centre a major destination venue for the whole family.

"Our goal with the upgrade to the aquatic centre is to reinvigorate the venue and transform the space so that it goes beyond being a place for exercise, to a place where communities can get together to relax and reconnect," Mr Cox said.

The upgrade includes \$1,050,000 from the Queensland Government for the larger water slides, \$500,000 from Belgravia Leisure and \$460,000 from council for the children's zero depth splash zone and an additional \$650,000 from council for extra car parking.

Neighbourhood Watch hosts Coffee with a Cop

BURNSIDE Neighbourhood Watch Group, in association with Neighbourhood Watch Queensland and the Queensland Police Service, will be holding a 'Coffee with a Cop' session on Friday 4th December 2020 from 7am to 10am at The Post Coffee House, Windsor Road, Nambour, opposite the Australia Post sorting office.

Come and meet volunteer members of your local Neighbourhood Watch Group and enjoy a free coffee of your choice, while also taking advantage of the opportunity for a chat with a Police Officer from the Queensland Police Service about any crime-related issues or questions to which you might want answers.

Neighbourhood Watch Queensland is an initiative of the Queensland Police Service, helping to reduce Crime and helping to make Queensland a safer place to live.

Burnside Neighbourhood Watch Group meets four times a year in the Library/Resources Centre at Burnside State Primary School, our next meeting being on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 from 7:00pm, to which all residents are welcome.

COVID-19 requirements for Social Distancing and Hand Sanitising are observed at all our meetings and events.

• What, Where, When: Coffee With a Cop. Post Coffee House, Windsor Road, Burnside. Friday 4th December 7am to 10am.

Author wins endorsement from Fergie



LOCAL poet and author Gerard Traub, pictured, has won praise from Sarah Ferguson Duchess of York for his children's book, Lily the Lotus.

"I am so deeply grateful to Lily," wrote the Duchess. "Self-knowledge requires depth and commitment to change. Lily offers us a lesson to follow her example of rising above the murky waters toward the sunshine, emerging unscathed and unblemished from her muddy pond. Touch base with your own Lily and create magic together. Happy blossoming!"

Traub's main character, Lily, dreams of a beautiful world beyond her life in a pond, and awakens to find beauty and light shining from inside herself.

Traub also released his debut poetry book, Reflections of Nature, a collection of poetry composed to inspire the reader to seek and awaken a deeper connection with nature.



Waste powers 1200 homes

SUNSHINE Coast Council is converting landfill gas to electricity at its Caloundra Renewable Energy Facility. The facility creates enough energy to power 1200 homes 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Service Excellence Portfolio Councillor Winston Johnston, pictured, said landfill gas was previously combusted via a biogas flare and released into the atmosphere. "Now it's converted to electricity at the new landfill-biogas-to-energy facility and fed directly into the power grid, reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

Business Feature



Joe Vaiana and Mark Welchman ... "We are very excited about our revamped Summer menu which has a very distinct focus on fresh, seasonal and local produce."

New chef serves up fresh summer menu in time for Christmas

by Tanya Outridge

AS was the case with many businesses forced to close or restrict trading earlier this year, the management and staff of the Woombye Pub took the opportunity to give the building a refresh and revitalise in preparation for reopening.

The Pub has been the cornerstone of life in Woombye village since the late 1800s, and the building and bistro menu have been given a 'once over' to well and truly carry it into the next decade.

"We were really fortunate that we had the bottle shop because we were able to continue to operate it through restrictions," Publican Mark Welchman said.

"And as the Bistro and bar had to be closed, we decided to use the time to give them a well deserved freshen, clean and tidy up.

"Fortunately, the size of the Bistro allows us to comfortably operate within social distancing guidelines."

As soon as it was permitted, the Pub offered a takeaway service for evening meals and staff were blown away by the support.

"We have such a close and supportive community here in Woombye and they really got behind us with the take away meals," Mark said.

"I suppose it was one of the positive aspects of the whole situation. People genuinely wanted to reach out and support local businesses.

"It is thanks to that, in combination with Job-Keeper that we were able to keep our fantastic team of permanent staff employed throughout."

As part of the refresh, new staff in key positions and a new chef have joined the team to bring fresh perspectives and experience to the Pub.

"Our new chef Joe Vaiana, has worked in hotels and restaurants around the Coast for many years and he has definitely been the driving force behind our new menu," said Mark.

Seasonal, local produce

"We are very excited about our revamped Summer menu which has a very distinct focus on fresh, seasonal and local produce.

"Our long standing Bistro favourites have remained on the menu but we have added fresh new dishes with a local, summer twist that we are looking forward to bringing to our customers. There is an emphasis on beautiful, locally caught seafood, steaks, delicious vegetable dishes and sides, and plenty of gluten free options. Being a family friendly venue, we haven't forgotten the kids either. There is a dedicated kids menu and a tasty pizza menu."

The Woombye Pub offers a newly renovated



private gaming room, boasting the latest in Dragon Cash and Lightning Link machines with Tiki Fire, High Stakes and more not to mention some old favourites including Spring Carnival, Choy Sun Doa, Pelican Pete, Red Baron all linked to a Jackpot Carnival system, topped off with some standalone Quadshot machines, you can't go wrong.

If you don't feel like playing the machines the public bar features a designated TAB area and separate KENO lounge for those seeking a different experience.

Private function space

Boasting one of the largest private function spaces on the Coast, The Woombye Pub is a fantastic venue for your next event.

It is ideal for work Christmas functions, birthday celebrations, engagement parties, product launches, business meetings, and the list goes on.

"Our team can easily create a food and beverage package to match the style of event you are hosting," Mark said. "Whether your function is for 25 or 250, we have the experience and expertise to make your event a huge success."

The Woombye Pub is open 7 days and has a free courtesy bus for patrons which operates Friday & Saturday nights, Sundays from 12, and is available for special event nights.

"Pickups may be available from Highworth, Rosemount, Nambour, Burnside, Coes Creek, Woombye, Kunda Park, West Woombye, Palmwoods, and Forest Glen," Mark said.

"We have basically taken care of everything for you. We are all geared up and ready to help you enjoy your next visit to the Pub!"

The Woombye Pub is at 3 Blackall Street, Woombye. Email info@thewoombyepub.com.au or phone 5442 1155.

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LEMON PEPPER CALAMARI | \$13 | Calamari / chips / salad / tartare / lemon **GFO**
GARLIC BREAD | \$6 | Add cheese and pepperoni for \$2
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MEAT LOVERS | \$25 | BBQ sauce / pepperoni / ground beef / bacon / beef strips / cheese
BBQ CHICKEN & BACON | \$24 | BBQ sauce / onion / smoked chicken / bacon / cherry tomatoes / cheese
VEGO | \$22 | Pesto base / roast pumpkin / pine nuts / fetta **VGN**

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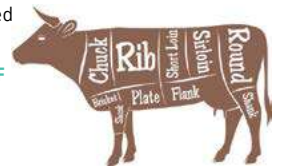
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LAMB RUMP & ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES | \$30 | Lamb rump / roasted baby beetroot / heirloom carrot / pearl onion / broccolini / zesty tzatziki **GF**

PORK BELLY SALAD | \$22 | Crispy pork belly bites / Asian slaw / kimchi / fresh herbs (this dish has a little bite!)

CRISPY SKIN SALMON | \$32 | Salmon / smashed kipfler potato / heirloom carrots / asparagus / beurre blanc **GF**

DUCK BREAST | \$35 | Cold smoked duck breast (medium rare) / fennel / pearl onion / smashed kipflers / pumpkin purée / orange glazec **GF**

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SEAFOOD LINGUINI | \$27 | Fresh Mooloolaba prawns / calamari / chilli / garlic / basil

ROAST VEGETABLE PASTA | \$25 | Linguini / roasted pumpkin / onion / asparagus / zucchini / tomato / locally made mighty bean tempeh (marinated in house!) **VEG VGN** add Prawns \$8, Chicken \$6, Calamari \$6

LEMON PEPPER CALAMARI | \$22 | Calamari / chips / salad / tartare / lemon **GFO**

TEMPEH SALAD | \$19 | Locally made mighty bean tempeh (marinated in house!) / Asian slaw / kimchi / fresh herbs **VGN GF** add Prawns \$8, Chicken \$6, Calamari \$6

LUNCH MENU Available between 12pm and 2pm daily

RUMP STEAK | \$18 | 200g rump steak, cooked to your liking, served with chips, salad and your choice of sauce **GFO**

REEF 'N' BEEF | \$26 | As above but instead of sauce you get fresh Mooloolaba prawns and calamari in a creamy garlic sauce **GFO**

FISH & CHIPS | \$16 | Your choice of, crumbed, battered or grilled barramundi with chips, salad and tartare

SEA 'N' SURF | \$23 | Grilled barramundi served with chips and salad, topped with fresh Mooloolaba prawns and calamari in a creamy garlic sauce **GFO**

BANGERS & MASH | \$16 | Pork sausages on mashed potato with onion gravy

DOUBLE BEEF & BACON BURGER | \$18 | Two house made beef patties, bacon, cheese, fresh onion, pickles with mustard and tomato sauce on a buttery brioche bun

PULLED PORK BURGER | \$16 | Pulled pork, house made slaw and barbeque sauce on a brioche bun (it might sound basic but this burger is far from it!)

AMERICAN GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER | \$16 | Grilled chicken, rubbed in our mild American style rub with creamy slaw and aioli on a brioche bun (Don't worry, it's not that hot)

STEAK SANGA | \$17 | At the Woombye, we are known for our steak sanga! We like to give you the best quality we can! This beast of a sanga comes with a marble score of 5+, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onion, bacon, cheese, barbeque sauce and aioli. We also give you a side of chips



HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA | \$12
BEEF RISSOLES WITH CHIPS OR MASH | \$12

STEAK & CHIPS OR VEGETABLE | \$12
FISH & CHIPS | \$12
POPCORN CHICKEN & CHIPS | \$12

GF - Gluten Free / **GFO** - Gluten Free Optional / **VEG** - Vegetarian / **VGN** - Vegan / **VGNO** - Vegan Optional

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From left Scott Harrison, Tristan Brown, Amber Werchon, Gavin Wuiske and Tamara Willcocks

Modern living in Nambour CBD

THE official release of 'Pinnacle on Maud' took place on November 18, with representatives from Grandview Developments, Amber Werchon Property and Council attending.

'Pinnacle on Maud' is described as a first for Nambour, comprising 40 luxurious and beautifully appointed units, within easy proximity of the Nambour CBD and entertainment precinct.

"We are extremely excited to have worked with the Council and local companies to create a project that is a first for the Nambour CBD," said Grandview Developments General Manager Gavin Wuiske.

"We have a long association with Nambour, having created and delivered the 57 Lot estate, Coes Creek Sanctuary, since 2014," he said.

"We love the Nambour community. It still feels like a big country town. People are friendly and we are spoiled for amenities and facilities here, from health and education to entertainment and hospitality.

"It is a picturesque rural town and our units have been designed to take advantage of the development's elevation which allows for leafy hinterland views. They represent a truly unique opportunity at a remarkably affordable price."

"Kudos must go to Grandview Developments

for moving ahead with this project," said Tristan Brown of Amber Werchon Property, Nambour.

"We really see this as a kick starter for bigger things to come for the town.

"We are getting very strong interest from first home buyers, investors and downsizers, which is not surprising as Grandview is very well known for delivering quality projects and finishes.

"As a first home buyer, you could be eligible for \$40,000 worth of government incentives on new properties - (\$15,000 from the State and \$25,000 from the Federal Government).

"Even if you are not a first-home buyer, the \$25,000 HomeBuilder grant is available for owner-occupiers. These incentives really boost affordability and viability," he said.

"These 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom 1 car units are excellent value, where the turnkey purchase price is equivalent to a block of land in nearby Palmwoods or Woombye," Gavin said.

"Pinnacle on Maud is a low maintenance, sustainable lifestyle product that is cheaper to own than rent. It will truly change Nambour low maintenance living while embracing a modern lifestyle."

• Enquiries to Amber Werchon Property's Tristan Brown on 0417 770 513 or Tamara Willcocks on 0435 849 580.

Christmas in the air at Yandina Craft Market



Stallholders from the Yandina School of Arts Craft Markets.

ON the second Saturday of each month, the Yandina School of Arts Hall plays host to a craft market.

"I had an idea to do this as we have several people in the area who were looking for an outlet to sell some of their handmade craft work," said organiser Lyn Simpson.

"The School of Arts is such a lovely central location, it was perfect for us."

Everything at the markets is handmade by the stall holder.

Items for sale include hand-made greeting cards & paper craft items, pottery, macrame, jewellery, lights in bottles, knitted & crocheted items, including toys & dolls clothes, candles, and sewing items, including bags, napery and baby gift sets.

"Something for everyone," said Lyn. "The next market is on Saturday December 12 and it will have a wonderful, Christmassy feel about it.

"It will be a terrific opportunity to find hand made, heartfelt Christmas gifts for family and friends."

• The market will be open December 12 from 9am until 12 noon.



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- Macrame
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- Candles
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3. CHICKEN A LA KING

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14. SATAY CHICKEN

Tender chicken breast topped with a satay sauce and served with yellow and green beans and rice (contains nuts).

15. SWEET N SOUR CHICKEN

Asian style sweet 'n sour chicken served with steamed rice & green beans

17. CHICKEN KORMA CURRY

Juicy tender chicken cooked in an Indian korma sauce topped with mango chutney, steamed rice and green beans.

19. MUSTARD CHICKEN

Tender chicken breast fillets, topped with creamy mustard sauce, roasted chat potatoes and aussie beans.

20. BUTTER CHICKEN

Tender chicken cooked in a mild Indian spiced butter sauce served with steamed rice and green beans.

37. CHICKEN PARMI

Crumbed chicken fillets, Napoli sauce, grated cheese & parmesan, served with chat potatoes & seasonal vegetables.

47. MANGO CHICKEN

Seasoned tender chicken with a mouth watering mango sauce, served with steamed aussie beans and chat potatoes.

FISH DISHES

25. ATLANTIC SALMON (Reg \$13.50 | Lge \$17.90) ★ NEW

Served with creamy dill sauce, seasoned chat potatoes, broccoli, yellow & green beans.

26. TUNA MORNAY PASTA

Tuna Pasta tossed in a mornay sauce served with sweetcorn, peas and sweet potato.

28. ATLANTIC COD & PRAWNS (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90) ★ NEW

Served with lemon sauce, mashed potato, broccoli & garden peas.

36. SMOKED SALMON FETTUCCINE

Fettuccine topped with smoked salmon, baby spinach in a creamy sauce served with broccoli.

46. BAKED FISH

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BEEF DISHES

5. COTTAGE PIE

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6. ROAST BEEF

Tender roasted beef served with gravy, chat potatoes, sweet potato and peas.

7. BEEF CASSEROLE

Tender beef cooked in rich gravy, served with mash and peas.

8. SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE

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9. BEEF LASAGNE

Traditional bolognese sauce between layers of pasta, topped with a cheese sauce and served with seasonal vegetables.

30. BEEF RISsoles

Beef Rissoles topped with gravy and served with mashed potato, peas and carrots.

31. BEEF STROGANOFF

Tender Beef strips cooked in a mushroom, paprika & mustard sauce served with Fettuccine & green beans.

32. MEXICAN BEEF AND BEANS

Classic Chilli Con Carne served with rice and beans.

35. BEEF MADRAS CURRY (MILD-MEDIUM) ★ NEW

A delicious Indian beef madras curry cooked with potatoes, served with rice and green beans.

41. SILVERSIDE

A family favourite - Corned Silverside served with a sweet potato mash and vegetables.

PORK DISHES

12. ROAST PORK

Roasted pork with gravy, chat potatoes and roast pumpkin.

27. PASTA CARBONARA

Pasta cooked in a bacon and mushroom cream sauce.

33. PICKLED PORK

Pickled pork topped with creamy mustard sauce served with chat potatoes, green and yellow beans.

48. CURRIED SAUSAGES & RICE ★ NEW

Pork sausages cooked in a mild curry sauce and served with rice and vegetables.

BANGERS AND MASH

All served with mash potato, rich gravy and seasonal vegetables

2. BEEF WITH BUSH TOMATO & PEPPER SAUSAGES ★ NEW

13. TRADITIONAL OLD ENGLISH PORK SAUSAGES ★ NEW

22. LAMB, HONEY, MINT & ROSEMARY SAUSAGES ★ NEW

LAMB DISHES

10. ROAST LAMB (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90)

Succulent tender lamb with mint infused gravy and served with chat potatoes, peas and carrots.

24. MASSAMAN LAMB CURRY (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90)

Lamb cooked in a thai style massaman sauce, served with rice and green beans.

42. MONGOLIAN LAMB (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90)

Asian style Mongolian lamb cooked with steamed asian vegetables and noodles.

VEGETARIAN / VEGAN DISHES

29. VEGETABLE LASAGNE

Marinated roast vegetables between layers of pasta, topped with three cheeses.

43. VEGETARIAN NOODLE STIRFRY

Stir-fried vegetables and rice noodles with sweet lime and chilli sauce topped with chopped peanuts.

44. CHICKPEA & VEGETABLE CURRY

Mild chickpea & vegetable curry served with basmati rice.

45. CREAMY PESTO PASTA

Penne tossed through pesto cream, broccoli and spinach, topped with parmesan cheese (contains nuts).

DESSERTS (\$4.50 each)

Apple & Rhubarb Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Bavarian
Bread & Butter Pudding & Custard	Passionfruit Cheesecake
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Chocolate & Almond Brownie & Choc Sauce	
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- Free delivery to most areas
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President Les Mott with acting Treasurer Linda Sciberras at Palmwoods Memorial Hall.

Indoor Bowls rolls on at Palmwoods Hall

INDOOR Bowls is a great sport that exercises the mind as well as the body.

It demands skill in understanding the use of the bias of the bowl, mastering judgement of distance and degree of turn in each particular carpet, and being able to plan and execute game strategies.

Described as a 'thinking persons sport' it provides a much-needed alternative to sports that rely on strength, agility and speed and is popular with current and former outdoor bowlers.

Palmwoods Indoor Bowls club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Palmwoods Memorial Hall.

"We get about 30 players come and join us twice a week," said President Les Mott. "New players are welcome and the first game is free. After that it's \$6 a game plus \$20 for insurance and membership for the year.

"There's no age limit. Our oldest players at the moment are in their 90s! December 3 is our last game of the year but we're back in January for anyone who's interested in fellowship, fun and gentle exercise."

Palmwoods Indoor Bowls club meets: Tuesdays 9am-12.30pm. Thursdays 12noon-3pm.



Book worms grab a bargain at the sale.

Woombye Community Library Book Sale success

WOOMBYE Library's first book sale for 2020 was a huge success.

As the community grows the library is happy to welcome new members, including five who joined at the book sale.

The new library web page is now running nicely and has a form for new borrowers to fill out and email in to us. Our catalogue can be viewed online too.

The library has received a generous donation of \$4000 from Friends of Maroochy Library. Thank you to Carol, Erica and Carole for visiting and making this presentation. This money will also be spent on new books.

"Our Balcony Book Sale on 20th and 21st November was a huge success, made so by the generosity and support of our Community," said Library Convenor Chris Milloy. "Library Volunteers worked tirelessly over the two days, a great team and I say a huge well done. We sold lots and lots of books, met some great people and signed up five new members.

"To Mikaela and Hannah from HOT 91.1 what a delightful duo.

"Thank you so much for visiting our book sale on the Friday morning your visit really brightened up our morning!"

The next Book Sale will be held in March. The library will close December 24 and reopen January 4.

New opening hours will be 9-12 & 2-5pm each day. Our Book Chat will continue on the second Wednesday of the month. Check our website or Facebook for more details.

MCU merges with Bank

MALENY Credit Union Board has resolved to engage in a transfer of its banking business to Queensland Country Bank. The transfer will take place in early 2021, with amalgamation with Queensland Country set for February.

Bunya House and the Maleny Charitable Trust will remain assets of the Maleny community. MCU's Member Investment Shares will be repaid in full by Queensland Country.

Queensland Country will become a rent-paying tenant of Bunya House and maintain a full-service branch at the location.

The bank will offer a modern internet banking platform, a banking app and new payment methods.

"In choosing Queensland Country as a partner, we have selected an organisation that shares our strong commitment to the needs of members and the communities in which they operate," a statement from MCU said.

"By retaining ownership of Bunya House and the Maleny Charitable Trust, MCU members will have access to a wider range of banking products and services while retaining the independence to fund local community projects that matter.



Movie night raises \$1900 for Palmwoods P&C

PALMWOODS State School's recent movie night proved a great night of fun & entertainment for all involved.

Over 250 guests attended and we raised about \$1900 for Palmwoods School P&C," said organiser, Leigh Martinuzzi.

Major sponsors who helped bring the event together included Aussie Home Loans Nambour, Vicki's Home Help, Palmwoods Early Learning Centre and Amber Werchon Property.

"We're eagerly looking forward to our next movie night which will be happening at Easter," said Leigh.



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Suncoast Church provides much needed Christmas cheer

WOOMBYE'S Suncoast Church is the midst of preparing for their next instalment of their annual Christmas Show entitled Hope is Here.

Featuring a talented cast this year's show introduces six heart-warming short stories that are sure to bring audiences goodwill and Christmas cheer.

All bound together by the theme of hope and narrated by a quirky guide, this show is not-to-miss event, say organisers.

There are five showtimes to choose from: four night-time shows and one morning matinee. The venue will follow COVID-safe plans and tickets can be booked online at suncoast.org.au

"With 2020 being a year that many of us might want to forget, we want to remind everyone that hope is still here," said Showrunner and Producer Mark Dunlop. "This year's show is designed to bring you all the warmth and joy that the Christmas message can bring with all the fun and cheer that comes with a show."

Lead Pastor Jonathan Gullo said Christmas

reminded us of what's most important in life.

"And as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, it's a great way to remember that hope can come even in the most tumultuous of times - even through the birth of a child."

Show times:

- 10 Dec, 5.30pm Markets, 7pm Show
- 11 Dec, 5.30pm Markets, 7pm Show
- 12 Dec, 5.30pm Markets, 7pm Show
- 13 Dec, 8.30am Markets, 11am Show
- 13 Dec, 5.30pm Markets, 7pm Show

Suncoast Church is located on Cnr Kiel Mountain & Schubert Roads, Woombye. For more information or additional photos, please contact Mark Dunlop on 5442 2200 or mark.dunlop@suncoast.org.au

Right: Featuring a talented cast, this year's show introduces six heart-warming short stories designed to bring goodwill and Christmas cheer.



Win a TV in Nambour News and Casket Giveaway

DECEMBER 3 marks Rodney and Marisa Page's second year of owning Nambour News & Casket. "With Christmas fast approaching we are having a giveaway as our way to say thank you to our customers," said Marisa. "Shoppers can win a 40-inch Smart Full HD LED TV valued at about \$500. All you have to do is spend \$20 or more in-store to receive an entry."

The winner will be drawn 2.30pm on December 23. "We are also having bonus random giveaways for anyone that has entered the TV giveaway." Prizes include Lotto and Scratch-It gift packs, gifts and café vouchers. "So lots of prizes to be given away."



Big blocks help to lift the bar on quality Palmwoods land

KIRA Steinhaus of Burns Property says she has some "big, stunning" blocks for sale in Palmwoods that help to deliberately maintain a standard of quality in the hinterland town.

"I'd like to really emphasise that we have made it our mission to maintain the integrity of a stunning place like Palmwoods," Kira said.

"Which is why 1500m2 is our starting point, offering space for a gorgeous home and a shed and/or pool. We have four sloped sites at 1500m2 and two flat sites at 2000m2.

"Priced competitively compared to lots much smaller, ours are starting at \$350k for the sloped sites and \$380k for the flat sites.

"We are focussing on providing comfort to the more established home buyers/builders in the market. With our demand for quality - by set-

ting the standard in minimum floor area of the build much larger than some existing subdivision covenants, along with top of the line engineering - this pocket is sure to hold its value and bring more to the surrounding community."

There is access either by Abbott's Road or Colsak Close. Kira said homes, particularly in Colsak Close which are already on larger lots, could benefit from the well-designed pocket for years to come.

"We intend to not only bring value but hold it by paying attention to detail of all elements of the development process."

With two of the spacious 1500m2+ lots already on hold, Kira said buyer interest was keen.

• Call Kira Steinhaus of Burns Property on 0418747759 for more information.



An artist's impression of the Forest Glen Village Centre.

Shopping and medical centre gets go-ahead for Forest Glen

A multimillion-dollar shopping and medical centre will transform Forest Glen into a vibrant village precinct, according to developer Tony Riddle of Sancus Property.

"This will be amazing for Forest Glen," Mr Riddle said.

"It will make the place a true destination. People are escaping the cities and heading for the hinterland and Forest Glen is a natural growth hub, along with places like Yandina and Bli Bli."

Forest Glen Village Centre will be a retail and shopping precinct, he said, with an IGA Supermarket as the anchor tenant.

Michael and Roz White of Whites IGA will

open their sixth Sunshine Coast store on the 6.6ha site at Mons Road. The site offers 15,500sq m of mixed retail, commercial and industrial space.

Mr Riddle said the Village would be a win-win for existing and new businesses in the area and help strengthen community ties in the area, which is growing steadily.

IGA would employ about 80 people, said Mr White. "The Village will create an ideal meeting place for locals to gather and network," he said.

Construction is set to start mid-2021 with completion in 2022.

The Centre will also offer a craft brewery, hairdresser, bottle shop and eating precinct.

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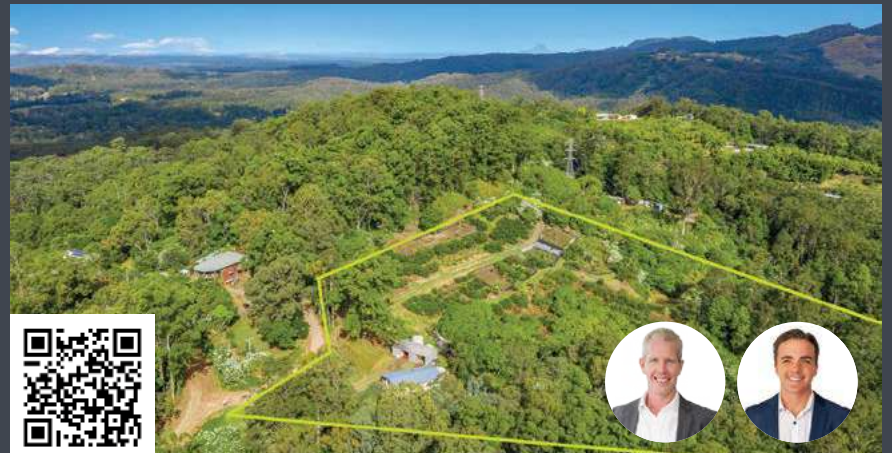


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Mapleton Gym expansion

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THANKS to the Range Community Gym & Fitness Centre (Mapleton) Association for inviting me to their annual general meeting on Monday 9 November. The association recently received a \$10,000 Council COVID-19 Community Response Grant towards expanding the gym floor area to allow more participants to stay active and healthy while remaining COVID safe. This area is now open for members within the community to enjoy.

I was very pleased to join the Mapleton Community Library Volunteers group for a morning tea last month. I would particularly like to give a special shout-out and thank you to our wonderful volunteers and community groups in Division 10 who have gone above and beyond this year. I am so proud to call this community home and grateful for all they do.

I recently attended Burnside Neighbourhood Watch's November meeting, where I presented information about the upgrade to Blaxland Road footpaths. Council will construct a missing link pathway from the bus stop outside 14 Blaxland Road to Carter Road. This will improve access and safety in particular for children as they walk to school. As we head into the holiday season, please also remember to lock-up your house and look out for children who may be playing with neighbours and riding their bikes in our local streets.

Best wishes to you and yours

Council has launched a terrific new campaign for everyone in our community to celebrate the festive season this year. Festive Season in My Neighbourhood encourages people to celebrate good neighbours and connect with one another.

Visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/festivekindness for a delightful selection of practical tips and ideas and be sure to tune in to council's Facebook page, YouTube channel or webpage on Saturday 19 December from 6.30pm to watch the Sunshine Coast Community Carols. You'll be in for a treat.

Please stay safe these holidays. Season's Greetings to you and yours.

If you have any questions please contact me at email: david.law@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Renewable energy facility opens

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DID you know council is now converting waste to electricity at its Caloundra Renewable Energy Facility?

As the Service Excellence Portfolio Councillor, I was proud to officially open this facility, along with Cr Rick Baberowski, Cr Joe Natoli, staff from council's waste team and LMS Energy.

This facility is now linked to the power grid and generates 7000 megawatt hours of renewable electricity each year.

That's enough electricity to power 1200 homes, 24 hours a day, seven days a week – delivering an innovative, sustainable and cost-effective solution to ratepayers.

Road safety boosted

Construction will begin in early December (weather and site conditions permitting) to upgrade three sections of Glenview Road at Glenview. All going to plan they will be finished by April next year.

The project has received funding from the Australian Government's Black Spot Program and will deliver a significant improvement for safe travel on this road.

Section 1 will include footpath and road shoulder work at the S-bend approximately 500m east of Stevens Road and will include a new footpath, retaining wall, fencing and drainage works.

Sections 2 and 3 will include new road edge guideposts, hazard signage, minor tree removal and digital warning signage to advise users of upcoming curves in the road.

Recycling tips

National Recycling Week was recently held – here are five simple steps to help you recycle right: • keep it clean, empty of food, drink and other contents • keep it simple, bottles and containers only when it comes to plastics • keep it safe for our workers and people sorting your recycling • size does matter (nothing smaller than the size of a yogurt pot) • keep rethinking about reusing, reducing and avoiding waste.

For more information visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au and search 'Learn how to Recycle Right'.

57th Queensland Parliament begins

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YESTERDAY the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, officially opened the 57th Queensland Parliament.

This is one of the Governor's most important duties as the Queen's representative in the State.

The opening of the first session always occurs on the second day the House meets following a State election, after the Governor has summoned the Legislative Assembly, Members have been sworn in, and a Speaker has been elected and presented to the Governor.

Many Members, their partners and special guests gathered in Parliament House's Legislative Council Chamber to celebrate.

The full ceremony entails a grand sense of occasion, including the Australian Defence Force conducting a traditional 19 gun salute at Kangaroo Point.

Christmas Hamper Giveaway

This year I'm spreading the Christmas cheer with ten festive hampers to giveaway! If you'd like to win a basket full of chocolates, chips, drinks, nibbles and other Christmas themed goodies, simply message me on my Facebook page, Andrew Powell MP.

You can nominate yourself to win, or if you're really in the Christmas spirit, consider nominating a friend, neighbour, family member or just someone you know will be doing it tough over Christmas.

Stay Safe on the Christmas Roads

December is one of the busiest months on the road, with more people than usual packing up the kids, pets and luggage and hitting the road for the holiday season.

The top four causes of fatal car accidents in Australia are speeding, alcohol consumption, driver fatigue and inattention/distraction while driving.

Please remember to slow down, nominate a sober driver, take rest breaks if you need them and put your mobile phone away.

Your family want you home safely to celebrate Christmas and New Year with them.

Make sure you're giving them the best present possible – you, safe and sound.

Let's spread optimism like a virus

Business Ideas
by Peter Gamgee



BUSINESS sentiment as statistically measured is in full swing. Recent Westpac predictions show the future trend in growth rate will outstrip that after the GFC! How can that be?

The real truth of the matter is not so upbeat. Let me explain.

My own observations, and those of my network across hundreds of businesses, show that most business owners are in a state of stress. The degree to which they are feeling overwhelmed varies but it's like being on a wild roller coaster and wondering why the heck you are there.

Here is what many businesspeople are experiencing. Do any apply to you?:

- Little or no business
- Overwhelmed with business
- Constantly changing rules and regulations for COVID19
- Confusion on government incentives with qualifying criteria changes and end dates looming
- Unpredictable sales
- Employees not wanting to work – due to Job Keeper
- Inability to get employees with basic work skills
- Suppliers succumbed to the severe drop in trade
- Supplies not available or slowed in delivery due to supply chain issues
- Boom & bust response of consumers between lockdowns
- Debt accrual
- Reduced ability to trade or reduced capacity due to pandemic restrictions

If you aren't concerned about some of these – you should be!

There are solutions to all of these problems. I have personally seen people in what could be considered "hopeless" business situations – coming out much stronger and profitable.

There is one single thing that is separating the pack – those that are succeeding despite the odds, and those who are on a downhill slide. The single thing is their state of mind.

Those who, through practice, beliefs, perseverance, or via support can maintain a view of Optimism for the future are the ones succeeding, or on a path to succeed in the coming years.

To explain why I promote Optimism as a first step answer – let's consider a reality check.

It is sad that small business owners, together with young men make up the majority of Australian suicides (refer ABS). This is predicted to escalate by 40% through pandemic related impacts to business. For every one who takes their life, there are many more who suffer mental health issues. Even the mildest depression can have a huge personal and of course business, cost.

So let's face it – it is real and it affects most of us whether we admit it or not.

Finding reasons for Optimism in your vision of the future will help you more than any other single thing. I encourage everyone to find and keep front of mind an optimistic future. Don't feel you have to do this alone. Here's a list of things you can do – choose what suits you: Join relevant motivational groups – virtually if not able to do it physically; join like minded business support groups; if spiritual - use your higher power; share and work with trusted mentors; read or "consume" as much as you can on personal development books; keep your life in balance (google Wheel of Life); explore and practice mindfulness.

I implore you to take this seriously. Test yourself – "Do I see an Optimistic future?". If you cannot truthfully and immediately say "yes" – then join the rest of us and take some positive steps. When you can be Optimistic you can pass the learning on as a pandemic to beat the pandemic.

Maintaining a safe water tank this summer

SUMMER in our region means sun, sand, surf... and storms and bushfires. Is your rainwater tank summer-ready and safely maintained?

Residents are urged to keep their rainwater tank safe this summer with regular, effective maintenance.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service spokesperson Greg Bennett said using rainwater tanks involved low maintenance, not no maintenance.

"Monitoring your rainwater tank is an important responsibility, consisting of a range of visual inspections rather than laboratory testing of rainwater quality."

Supporting our sports champs

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IT was wonderful to meet some of our Local Sporting Champions recently and the Nambour and Hinterland region is certainly ripe with talent. I'd like to give a big shout out to Nambour State College student Elijah Otasui who this year contested the State Basketball Championships 13-15 years. Students from St John's College in Nambour also have cause to celebrate. Lucy Wolfenden received a Local Sporting Champions award for competing in the 13-17 Years Water Polo State Championships. Mailee Fearon contested the 12 Years Hockey State Championships, while Isabella Kretzers, also an up and coming hockey star, made it to the 13-19 Years Girl's State Hockey Championships. I'd certainly encourage any eligible young sports person to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant. The program provides grants of between \$500 and \$750 for competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships. You can find more information here www.sportaus.gov.au/lsc.

Gazza fares well in Nambour Cup

The Nambour Cup raised \$1300 for Burnside High School's STEM program: Supporting Teenagers with Education, Mothering and Mentoring this year. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the sponsors, including the Sunshine Valley Gazette, whose toad "Gazza" made it into the final. Unfortunately, he was beaten by Rogo's Rocket belonging to former Cr Greg Rogerson.

HomeBuilder

The Morrison Government is extending the HomeBuilder program from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 which is great news for our local building sector and is protecting jobs through the construction of new homes and home renovations. For all new build contracts signed between 1 January 2021 and 31 March 2021 eligible owner-occupiers will receive a \$15,000 HomeBuilder grant. The construction commencement deadline will be extended from three months to six months for all eligible contracts signed on or after 4 June 2020.

Good morning Nicklin!

Rob Skelton
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IT has been a whirlwind of activity since election day. The result was very close. The first count had us in front by 79 votes and the recount had me securing office by 84 votes. I would like to acknowledge the exemplary management of the election process by the Returning officer Peter Jensen and his utterly professional staff. We can be sure that our electoral system is fair and legal in all aspects.

My priority now is to represent all the good people of Nicklin and ensure fair representation and as promised, a loud focused voice at the table of Government.

Parliamentary session

The swearing in ceremony was a humbling experience. To visit Government House and swear allegiance was the honour of a lifetime. My mother was with me and, as you would expect, she was bursting at the seams with joy.

Last Tuesday was the formal opening of Parliament by the Governor His Excellency the Honourable Paul De Jersey AC. It was a wonderful honour to be a part of that important ceremonial ritual.

Parliamentary role

It has been a great honour to be asked to sit on the 'Community Support and Services' parliamentary committee led by Ministers Enoch, Crawford and Linnard. This an honour not often offered to a new MP. This important work encompasses three key portfolios: 1. the areas of communities, housing, digital economy and the arts; 2. Seniors disability service and Aboriginal Islander partnerships; 3. Children, Youth justice and multicultural affairs. It was because these areas are of major importance in Nicklin and are close to my heart that I accepted this role.

End of year program

Parliament is in the Budget session this week followed by two weeks of Budget estimates. I will be in Brisbane Monday to Friday until the 18th December with only the weekends to get out into the electorate. Bear with me please.

Good news. Library hours extended

Library Corner with Del

FROM January next year, Woombye Library hours will be extended to include afternoons - 2pm-5pm in addition to mornings 9-12noon.

When I started teaching, my first Head of English was a man by the name of Peter Robinson. One day when I was volunteering at Woombye Library, I saw these books by Peter Robinson so I read the first in the series. Imagine my delight when I discovered Peter Robinson was the author of the novels adapted to the TV series "D.I. Banks" starring Steven Tomkinson. Set in the fictional English town Eastdale in the Yorkshire Dales, it is one of my favourite television programs. For the coming months, I read my way through the 27 books the Woombye library has and a whole new world opened up to me.

D.I. Banks, a former member of the London Metropolitan Police, leaves the capital for a quieter life in the Dales. What I like about these novels is that, apart from being great mysteries, they also include his home life and his personal trials and tribulations.

The earlier novels deal with Banks being married to Sandra and the father of two small children, Tracy and Brian. Robinson takes us through the marriage, increasingly struggling due to the pressure of Bank's job, to eventual divorce. The novels deal with how Banks copes with this all the while running a police force and solving crimes.

In each succession novel, the relationship between Banks and his children develops (sometimes good, sometimes not) and by the final novel they are young adults with Tracy at University and Brian quite famous in a band.

An integral part of Bank's life is Annie Cabot. She shares a close relationship with Banks and they were lovers for a time until Annie ended it. They still remain friends and Annie is instrumental in helping him solve crimes. Banks is also ably assisted by a colourful array of personnel.

Mystery books are fun to read because the entire premise is to engage the reader to try to "get the answer" before the end.

• **And finally ...** I have lived a thousand lives and loved a thousand loves. I've walked on distant worlds and seen the end of time. BECAUSE I READ. — **George R.R. Martin**

Toastmasters celebrates 35 years

ON the 1st November 1985, 22 enthusiastic Toastmasters celebrated the charter of their new club, Nambour Toastmasters.

Last Thursday it was fantastic to have two of those charter members, along with past presidents, past members, current members, and visitors gather to celebrate Nambour Toastmasters 35th Anniversary. Unfortunately, numbers were restricted due to COVID plans.

From the beginning, a vibe of excitement could be heard as past and present members caught up. Our two charter members Laurie and Gerhard shared how the club was formed. Past Presidents shared how they had been motivated, encouraged, and supported in their leadership. Even the reluctant leaders admitted being a president was the best thing that they had done.

One of our charter members Gerhard Sliwa surprised us by telling us he was 91 years young that day. We all want to be as switched on as he is.

All present had the opportunity of sharing what Nambour had given to them.

It was an honour to have our International



Barbara Nielsen District Director, Shane Kropp Past President 2009-2010, Phyl Dodd Past President 2013-2014 Sue Pinker and Ian Pinker.

Director Lesley Storkey and our District Director Barbara Nielsen attend our celebration which was a fun filled evening, full of memories and stories that spanned the last 35 years.

The highlight of our sumptuous supper was a beautifully decorated cake that was cut by Shirley and Pauline.

Ralph Smedley our founder says that we learn best in moments of enjoyment.

Nambour Club lives up to that motto.

Should you wish to further develop your communication and leadership skills in a caring and supportive environment, and you are over 18 years of age, we would love to have you visit our club. Check us out at <https://www.toastmasters.org/find-a-club> or phone Chris on 0408 782 753 or Coral on 0438 417 880

The Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (B2N). Unravelling the spin

by **Jeff Addison**, Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate, Sunshine Coast Spokesperson Rail Back on Track

WHAT do you think the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (B2N) actually is?

If you thought it was full rail duplication to Nambour, you have been sadly dis-track't-ed.

The problem is borne out of the limited funding for the 122.6km Sunshine Coast line from Caboolture to Gympie North (and all part of the North Coast Line). And it's enmeshed in the 80/20 federal/state funding squabble that continues to this day.

You may recall that I did an Opinion Piece on this in the SVG (August 26, 2020 p20).

[The original project cost was \$780 million, the state contributed \$160.8 million (20%) and the commonwealth contributed \$390 million (50%), leaving it 30% short-changed. This was the first time in history that our Sunshine Coast rail received federal funding. Public transport, including rail, is primarily the responsibility of the state.]

In actuality, today's short-changed project comprises just 13.8km of rail duplication from Beerburrum to Glasshouse Mountains to (1.5km north) Beerwah.

Yep, it's just two and a bit stations long for a \$550.8 million price tag.

The dual tracks stop shy of where the 20 year long-proposed CAMCOS heavy rail corridor is planned to branch off.

The current project could best be known as the Beerburrum to Woombye Rail Upgrade (B2W) IF you include the proposed passing loop extensions at Landsborough, Eudlo and Woombye.

Unfortunately, those passing loop extensions (which will improve freight) are only included in the stage 2 works - and there is not one dollar

allocated to stage 2 at this point in time.

[Refer: Catch 22 funding squabble above].

That said, these passing loop extensions MUST be done on an improved alignment or else they will lock in the current tortuous alignment for decades to come.

Thus, there will be NO freight improvements under this current stage 1 rail plan.

The 2016 Business Case (BC) says there will be a 3 minute travel time saving for commuters from Caboolture to Nambour, but that was when the #2tracks actually went to Landsborough.

It seems futile explaining that the shortest rail passing loop in the entire 1668km North Coast Line (NCL) is located at Palmwoods - because it's not slated to be extended.

That loop is 683m long and can only accommodate a freight train up to 650m long. The problem for the NCL being that Queensland should have freight trains 1500m long. But I digress.

The B2N Rail Upgrade according to the 2016 BC was a \$780 million (around 20km) 'rail' project, comprising road re-alignments, road over rail overpasses and carpark (park 'n' ride) expansions at Beerburrum, Landsborough, Palmwoods and Nambour. The carparks are to cope with the expected passenger demand by 2036.

The bus interchange at Landsborough is a new addition to the works, not mentioned in the 2016 BC.

Here are some gems from that 2016 Business Case on what is needed:

"Duplication of the Beerburrum to Nambour section of the North Coast line is explicitly mentioned in this strategy as a key transport investment priority and is expected to contribute to achieving the objective of expanding the use of rail freight through improving the efficiency, availability and capacity of the freight paths on the North Coast line."

or this beauty ...

"Freight demand by 2023, currently available operator-preferred freight paths on the North Coast line will be at capacity and from this point onwards, additional freight will have to travel via road, given the insufficient availability of train paths between Beerburrum and Nambour."

I am in favour of calling stage 1 of the project the 'Beerburrum to Beerwah Rail Upgrade' (B2B) with lots of roadworks and carparks (needed by 2036).

Meanwhile the freight task which has a 2023 deadline gets put on the funding back-burner.

It calls into question the expertise of the decision-makers.

The Bruce Highway is being upgraded to 6 lanes from Caboolture to the Sunshine Motorway, Mooloolaba and rest assured those extra lanes will soon be taken up by more cars and an even whole lot more B-double semi-trailers from 2023.

I usually say 'safe travels' or 'stay safe' to friends on road trips.

From 2023, that is about to become much more difficult.



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Swimming pool owners across the region are reminded that all pools, including spas and some portable pools need to comply with pool safety standards. Be sure your swimming pool is summer ready by visiting Council's or the Queensland Building and Construction Commission's website for more information about pool safety compliance.

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Letters to the Editor

Party politics needs a major shake-up

MY sense is that party politics is destroying our nation and I've come to the view that perhaps having a strong band of independents is the way to save it.

Cathy McGowan, Andrew Wilkie, Tony Windsor, Helen Haines, Zali Steggall, Kerryn Phelps, Jacqui Lambie and Ted Mack, come immediately to mind because of the way they conducted themselves with honesty, integrity and dignity and also, for the way they worked, and what they achieved.

I was encouraged recently when the Independent MP for Indi, Dr Helen Haines, introduced a bill to establish an Australian Federal Integrity Commission. Soon after, the Independent MP for Warringham, Zali Steggall introduced a bill to address the problems of climate change.

I am amazed these two independents, with very limited resources, and only a short time in the parliament, can do such good, comprehensive policy work. And this was in addition to Dr Haines' national Power Plan, developed with little but community support and good will, which offers a way forward for alternate energy.

In short, almost alone, but with the help of others dedicated to Australia's best interests, these two independents – rather than the government – have addressed some of the most important developmental needs of this country.

That leads me to appreciate the benefits to Australia of having politicians who are genuinely devoted to making a better Australia for

their constituents – and are not bound by the rigidity of the party system.

Recently, national media have devoted quite a bit of space to the newish phenomena of community based groups "Voices for Indi" and "Voices for Warringham", and similar local 'kitchen table' groups – a community collaborative representative model – which seems to be creating a mass movement to make federal politicians more accountable.

I understand not all people see the world as I do, but I am wondering if others feel disenfranchised by the current system, and also if there are any such groups on the Sunshine Coast.

— **Graham Dempster, Maleny**

Good to see Labor pick up two seats

BEFORE the state election, Mayor Jamieson said it was time to make the Sunshine Coast more marginal and that the Liberal National Party had for too long taken the region for granted.

Therefore, it was good to see the Labor Party pick up two seats, Nicklin and Caloundra, and that the new Palaszczuk government's very first cabinet meeting was held at Caloundra.

Labor is taking the Sunshine Coast seriously at the same time the LNP has dumped their two MP's from Glasshouse and Ninderry from their shadow line-up. Why? Still taking us for granted?

So, welcome to new Nicklin MP Rob Skelton who said, "From my perspective I just want to get into the hard work now of delivering the services and giving the people of Nicklin what they deserve." And hopefully the benefits will spread to neighbouring electorates like Ninderry as well.

— **Robyn Deane, Bli Bli**

Weeds overwhelming vegetation, wildlife

I recently attended an Invasive Weeds workshop run by Jeanette Nobes at Maleny RSL.

Jeanette is a consultant on invasive weeds and is passionate about dealing with these invaders before they completely overtake the beautiful environment on the Blackall Range. There were handouts available showing how to deal effectively with these pests.

Many of the woody weeds such as privet and camphor are overwhelming our native plants. As a consequence the natural foods that wildlife prefer, are squeezed out. Jeanette pointed out that these weeds are successful because they seed prolifically every year whereas our indigenous fruit bearing plants often only seed once every 5 – 20 years, putting them at a distinct disadvantage. Because of this many of our native birds and animals are compelled to eat the fruits of the weeds, compounding the problem by further spreading them.

Our wildlife is under enormous pressure with our expanding population and increased demand for housing. Many of us plant nectar producing garden plants that do not produce fruit for our rainforest dwellers, thereby encouraging nectar eaters, such as noisy miners and rainbow lorikeets, to the detriment of our fruit eaters.

I would encourage all residents to learn more about the impact of invasive weeds and attend workshops, if offered again, to learn why and how to deal with these weeds. Sunshine Coast Council has resources on their website under environment to assist weed identification and native plants best suited to replacing woody weeds. There are many lovely native plants such as blueberry ash, lillypillies and sandpaper figs which will enhance the environment and provide native fruits for our wildlife.

— **Meredyth Sauer, Flaxton**

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THE WILVOS hotline has been busier than ever. Eight hundred calls came through the Hotline in the last month from the 96% of the volunteers shifts recorded.

There were a huge variety of animals including birds, macropods, possums, gliders, echidnas and reptiles.

WILVOS also receive calls about other animals in distress, domestic and feral, and always ensure these are handled by the relevant organization.

My little red-necked wallaby, Traviata, is very happy to have a friend just a little bit larger than her. Lucy is bossy but they get along well.

We always try to group species with their own kind as it helps in their transition back to the wild. The joeys receive constant 'mothering' while young, but then they need to know and identify with their own species.

A very cute little swamp wallaby has been with me for a couple of weeks as another wildlife carer was moving house.

Banjo is forever entertaining as he finds his feet out in the backyard.

He is just at the stage of emerging from his mother's pouch so is often quite hesitant to venture into the big wide world, till his curiosity gets the better of him.

Naturally, he feels more secure after sunset and this is his adventurous time.

This exercise time is so important for them after every feed, allowing them to strengthen



their muscles and absorb sunshine for the vitamin needed for healthy bones.

It is sad to read about wildlife problems in different areas around Australia.

Bats always receive bad publicity because no one wants them roosting in their back yard.

I would not be happy to have a bat colony near my house, though I know they are fascinating animals that do so much good in the environment.

Where we hear about No Tree No Me with the koalas, in the case of bats it is No Bats No Forest, because their pollinating skills are unbeatable.

These problems are usually the result of habitat destruction by greedy, ignorant and thoughtless people.

WILVOS have had so many lovely, considerate members of the public contact the Hotline. Their phone calls have saved so many native animals.

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Eily's quilt honours Rats of Tobruk

NAMBOUR Historical Museum gave a huge thank you to Eily Rowen and friends for the fabulous quilt that she had made to honour the members of the 2/15th Battalion and the Rats of Tobruk.

Eily's father was a member of the battalion and was killed in Tobruk.

The quilt will be proudly displayed in the museum's Remembrance Room which has recently undergone a revamp with the aid of a Veterans' Affairs grant.

• We have many great families in our region,

and if you have been busy undertaking a big COVID clean-up, we would love to see donated any relevant photos of the area or family histories for our family files at the Museum.

• Museum President Clive Plater has been successful in obtaining a grant to fund a new entry and replacement of railings at the front of the Museum. The sign has been moved to further highlight the amazing historical images that now completely cover the front windows.

• Nambour Historical Museum is open Saturdays 10am to 3pm.

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\$10,000 Woombye Bowls event attracts 24 teams

THE 17th Annual Woombye \$10,000 was held the weekend 13, 14, 15 November, bringing 96 bowlers in 24 teams to our Woombye Bowls Club.

The Brian Slatter team from Dalby won the first prize of \$4,000 winning all 7 games plus also acquiring the Calcutta pot of over \$3,800.

Teams travelled from far and wide to compete-- such as Tara, Chinchilla, Toowoomba, Dalby, Wellington Point, Geebung, Brighton and various Sunshine Coast clubs. This carnival is the highlight of the year at Woombye Bowls Club.

During their stay, they also supported many local Woombye food, beverage and hospitality businesses, so beneficial to the economy of our area.

Tournament Director, Howard Riach, praised the efforts of all involved- bowlers, supporters, volunteers, staff and our dedicated green-keeper, Geoff Steele, in their show of strong community support to once again make this a stellar event.

Even in these tough and unpredictable times, our club has grown its bowling and social member numbers and we are proud that more people see that bowls at WBC is not just about bowling, but also about community engage-



Overall winners with 7 / 7 wins: Skip Brian Slatter and his team Allan and Jessie Slatter and Jon King from Dalby, with Woombye Men's President, Ian Cranney, and Organiser, Howard Riach.

ment, social interaction, fun and laughter.

A great weekend was had by all involved.

Our club was established in 1947 and has always welcomed anyone in the Woombye/ Did-dillibah/Forest Glen area and beyond to pop in to our Cobb's Camp Kitchen for yummy, reasonably-priced meals on Friday nights, free bowls coaching Friday afternoons from 3pm or during the day for a cool drink in air-conditioned comfort. Come along, relax and meet the locals as we are always willing to welcome arrivals to our friendly club.

Penny Edwards with 36 points, runner-up went to Sharrol Perdriau with 33 points and Beth Glover, also with 33 points and third place went to Robin Hay, with 32 points.

Saturday 28th November, 2020: The Monthly Mixed Medal Nett Competition was played with first place going to Richard Owen with 63 nett, runner-up went to Dylan Street with 66 nett and third place went to Paul Viertel with 67 nett on a count-back from Jeff Kruse, also with 67 nett.

With this very hot weather around, please make sure you are all very hydrated whilst playing and if you intend to play please book in for your games in order to be able to hit off when you wish by either going to our web page and booking in www.malenygolfclub.com or phone the clubhouse and book in on 5499 9960. Happy Golfing!

Maleny Golf Club

Monday 23rd November, 2020: Maleny Golf Club hosted a Mixed Stableford Competition with the following results :- first Russell Ashby 37 points on a count-back from Geoff Barling, also 37 points - runner-up Rob Kingma 36 points and third Wade Wockner 34 points on count-backs from Max Tompkins and Gerry Dunbar both also 34 points.

Tuesday 24th November, 2020: Mixed Stableford Competition. First Barb Moore 38 points on a count-back from David Durack, also 38 points, runner-up Scott Heywood 37 points, also on a count-back from Merv Schultz 37 points and third place went to Rob Bailo 36 points.

25th November, 2020: Our Ladies played in a Stableford Competition with first place going to

North Arm News

News from North Arm's budding journos

THIS term students from North Arm State School Years 4 and 6 have been putting their writing skills to the test to create newspaper articles for the local community. The students have learned all the ins and outs of writing a newspaper article, including how to write a good lead, supporting paragraphs, headlines and captions.

After brainstorming some relevant story ideas as a group, students selected their own topics to write about, sourced some great quotes to support their articles and took their own photos to accompany their story ideas. Please enjoy "North Arm News" as we showcase these stories. Thanks to the students and to Vickie Jaenke for organising. —Editor



Year 6 students scavenging in the garden, back row from left, Julian, Charlie and Alia. Front row: Miranda, Jess and Lily.

Going green at NASS

By **Alia C and Jessica P**

ORANGE, yellow, green and blue - you could see a rainbow of colours at North Arm State School as Vanessa Schofield helped students learn to build a healthy, happy garden.

As part of the school's garden program Ms Vanessa teaches the students how to plant a wide range of fruits and vegetables, build, fertilise and maintain garden beds, while also planting the seed of nature's knowledge into their minds.

Kitchen teacher Lis McColl said the fruits and vegetables grown in the school garden were much better for your health than fruits and vegetables bought from the supermarket.

"The nutrients are present and fresh, especially the Vitamin C," she said.

Year 6 student Miranda B said the program teaches students from Years 3-6 plenty of life-long skills. "I've learnt many skills like planting, weeding, looking after a garden and how to use plants in the kitchen so I can now make fantastic meals at home," Miranda said.

First school camp

By **Emily K and Olivia K**

STUDENTS from North Arm State School were eager to pack their bags in preparation for their first school camp to Maranatha recently.

Students took part in a three-day program which included various activities including tree top challenges, raft building contests and bush skills tasks.

Year 4 student Jayda W said she was excited about the different activities students would be participating in. "I think it will be an interesting experience for all of us," Jayda said.

Year 4 teacher Shugi Shaneman said the trip would teach students about team building and bonding.

"It will be a really fun trip for the kids and I think they will love it," Mr Shaneman said.

Overall, this year's camp will be an incredible experience for both teachers and students.

Splashes of colour at North Arm

By **Lily M and Miranda B**

STUDENTS from North Arm State School have been learning to develop their artistic skills through the GENAS art program, which takes them through a journey of colour and creation.

The program is run by Margaret Killip who is extremely passionate about what she does best - teaching kids a variety of artistic techniques, such as collages, water colour and acrylic painting, pastel artwork and cute clay creations.

Ms Margaret said she gets great satisfaction from seeing how proud the students are of the artwork they have created. "I love to see what the kids produce. I love to see their art when it's finished. It makes me smile," Ms Margaret said.

GENAS stands for Growing Excellence in North Arm Students, which the art program does by extending students' knowledge in art and creativity. "The more they do it the more confident every child becomes," Ms Margaret said.

Annual swim carnival

By **Jayda W and Tiale G**

THE whistle will blow as competitors from North Arm State School dive from the blocks at their annual swim carnival in Eumundi this December. Students will speed through the water, competing for first, second and third place in four different races including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.

All students have been training hard during their weekly swimming lessons at the pool and Year 4 teacher Ruth Robinson said there would be a race for everyone to take part in.

"It is good to be part of a team and there is a stroke for every ability," Ms Robinson said.

Year 4 teacher Shugi Shaneman said the students were all super excited and looking forward to taking part in some healthy competition at the carnival. "I think it's great that kids go to the swimming carnival because they get to have fun and compete against each other. It's a great day," Mr Shaneman said.

Maranatha looming

By **Miralee W and Lillianna E**

EXCITEMENT was building at North Arm State School as Year 4 students prepared for their first school camp to Maranatha last month.

Surrounded by high trees and picturesque cool rivers, students participated in three fun-filled days packed with activities.

Students also enjoyed exciting night activities including Minute to Win It and Night Owls.

Eager to pack her bags, Year 4 student Olivia said she couldn't wait to leave for camp.

"I think it will be fun to learn how to be independent when we go camping. It will also be a fun experience for us all," Olivia said.

Year 4 teacher Shugi Shaneman said camp allowed students to work as a team & have fun.

Camp a hit with year sixers

By **Madeleine B and Charlotte D**

SCHOOL was out for the week, as Year 6 students from North Arm State School spent their days working in teams and building confidence at Tallebudgera beach camp.

With a wide range of activities including tobogganing, bush walks and tree top challenges, the students were itching to jump on the journey and have a ball.

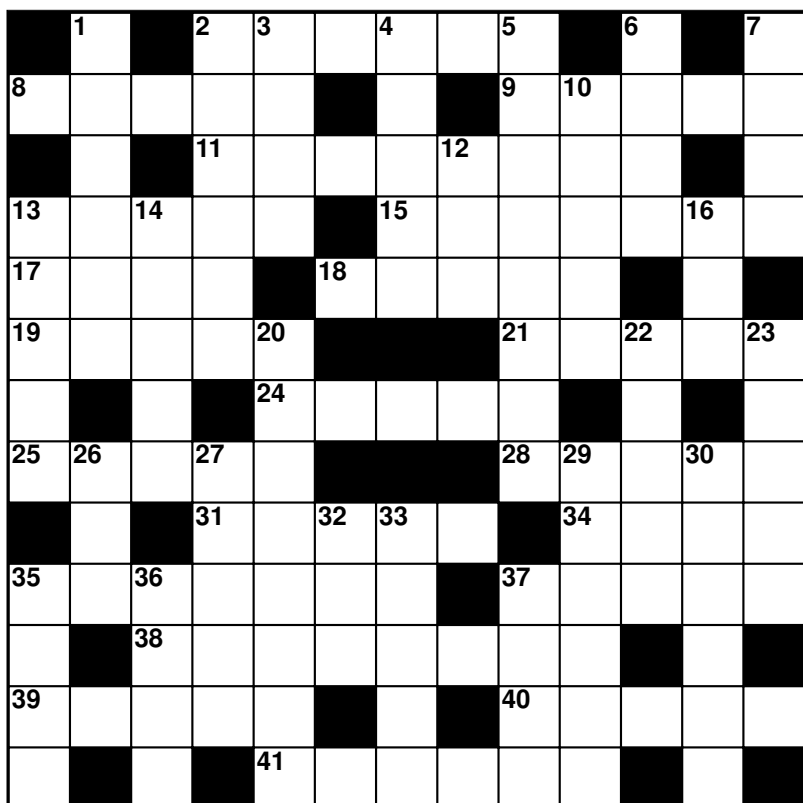
Year 6 teacher David McIntosh said camp was a great end of year experience for students before heading to high school. "Tallebudgera camp is for having fun, building self-confidence, finding your inner hero and learning through a challenging and physically active environment," Mr McIntosh said.

Since returning from camp students have found their inner hero through challenging themselves and pushing themselves to the max.

Year 6 student Julian H said the skills learned at camp would help students throughout the rest of Year 6 and prepare them for year 7 which was just around the corner. "Camp was really awesome because it encouraged us to work together collaboratively and increased our self esteem throughout challenging activities," Julian said.

Gazette Crossword

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ACROSS

- 2 Little wave
- 8 Person under age
- 9 Slow and dignified (mus)
- 11 Painstaking
- 13 Employs
- 15 Japanese guitar
- 17 Soon
- 18 Yields
- 19 Amounts owing
- 21 Under (poet)
- 24 Factory
- 25 Interpretation
- 28 Prophets
- 31 Performed
- 34 To let stand!
- 35 Waxy white cheese
- 37 Publication
- 38 Musical work
- 39 Get up
- 40 Assault
- 41 Choke

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