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8 Ball Aitken and drummer Jon Coghill will entertain the crowd at Tramfest on Saturday December 9. Jon has only played one gig since Powderfinger's finale in 2010.

Homecoming Beat

Powderfinger drummer to join 8 Ball Aitken for Tramfest extravaganza

by Janine Hill

A TWIST of fate will see Powderfinger drummer Jon Coghill play a rare gig in his hometown of Nambour this Saturday (December 9) with swamp-blues-rocker 8 Ball Aitken.

Jon and 8 Ball have agreed to team up for the Tramfest Christmas Festival, a community event and fundraising for the Nambour trams project, in Mill Street from 4-9pm.

The pairing came about after Jon found himself within arm's length of TNTCo chair, former Sunshine Coast councillor, hot-plate ace Greg "Rogo" Rogerson at a Sunrise outdoor broadcast from Nambour on Father's Day.

Jon, Sunrise weatherman Dan Anstey, and reality TV producer Dan Munday – all Nambour High students made good – had just been crowned Nambassadors on TV and Mr Rogerson had the sausages sizzling on the barbecue when his phone rang. "I had a pair of Ansell gloves on and was covered in grease from my armpits to the tips of my fingers when my phone rang in the back pocket of my Levis," Rogo said.

"I'd had a chat to Jon. I hadn't seen him since I was on council. Jon was standing in front of the council chambers talking to someone else. He was about 10 feet away.

"I sidled up to him with my bum towards

him and gave him a nudge with my elbow and said, 'Can you pick up this phone for me?'"

Jon dipped into otherwise forbidden territory and passed the phone to Rogo, noting the call was from 8 Ball, who he had interviewed while working as an announcer at ABC Coast FM.

8 Ball, who had agreed to play at Tramfest, was calling to say that his drummer could not make it but he would handle the gig on his own. "I said, 'Hang on a minute. Does the name Jon Coghill mean anything to you?'" said Rogo, who got off the phone and went back to Jon.

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Stars align in boon for Tramfest

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"I said to Jon, 'He's just rung me to say his drummer can't do Tramfest,'" Rogo said.

"Jon looked at me. He looked right into my eyes and said, 'No, Rogo.'

"I said, 'What do you mean, 'No'? You're the hot drummer from Powderfinger.'"

Jon, who has only played one gig since Powderfinger's finale in 2010, finally agreed to talk to 8 Ball about it. "I thought I wouldn't be able to do it. Then I spoke to 8 Ball, the nicest and coolest man in country and boogie, and listened to the songs," Jon said. "I was in. He's awesome and the songs are killer. I'm thinking of asking Rogo to be my agent now."

Rogo expects the combined pulling power of 8 Ball, who has 25,000 online followers, and the Powderfinger presence of Jon to draw possibly the largest crowd ever to Tramfest. "I'm not sure what we've had before but I think this will surpass anything we've had before," he said.

Entertainment will also include *All Strings Attached*, *Lazy Guns* and *The String Fusion Rock Orchestra*, plus there will be the usual food trucks pop-up bar, face painting, markets, and a rock climbing wall, and Santa will drop in with gifts for the kids during the event.

TNTCo has thanked the Nambour Chamber of Commerce and the Sunshine Coast Council for their financial support of Tramfest.

8-Ball, who lives at Glasshouse Mountains, has been touring but will play another gig with his whole band on 6 January at the Maleny RSL.

Christmas Party at revamped Vogue

A KIDS Christmas party will be held at the revamped Vogue Theatre in Nambour to coincide with the Tramfest Christmas Festival.

The Vogue, in Currie Street next to the Royal George, will be transformed into a Christmas wonderland for kids from 3-6pm on Saturday, 9 December. Santa will be on hand with presents to give away, courtesy of patrons of the Royal George, and parents and carers can take their own photos of their children with the man in red, free of charge. The event will be alcohol-free and a security guard will be in place.

Creative sisters set up shop in old church

TWO creative Nambour-based sisters have opened the doors of a store showcasing the work of artists and artisans.

Michelle Hearden and Kerry O'Connell have long-threatened to go into business together and now they have finally done it.

The Sunshine Artisan Collective store in the old Methodist church building on Mons Road, Forest Glen, opened Friday, 3 November.

The sisters' business plans came together after Michelle and her husband moved to the Sunshine Coast from Western Australia to help Kerry with their elderly mother, who is now in full-time care.

"My sister and I have always talked about how, if we were ever on the same side of the country, we would do a little business," Kerry said.

"My sister had moved over and we were having a day out and we happened to be going to Forest Glen.

"I said, 'I'll show you a church that would be perfect for a business and we drove past and it had a 'for lease' sign out the front.'

The sisters swung into action.

Kerry, a sewer, and Michelle, a painter like their mother, could see a need for an outlet for other creatives like themselves.

The shop stocks a variety of work from about 25 artists and artisans, mostly from the Sunshine Coast but also from Gympie and including a contact or two from WA.

"There are so many talented people here on



Michelle Hearden and Kerry O'Connell saw a need for an outlet for other creatives like themselves.

the Sunshine Coast. We've got an absolutely mind-blowing amount of talent here," Kerry said.

Customers will find home-made jam, paintings, pottery, macrame, jewellery, handmade toys, eco-dyed silk scarves and more.

Fittingly, a painting by Michelle and Kerry's mother, Joyce Bickle, once a prolific artist, was one of the first items sold.

Kerry said they were not a gallery and aimed to keep prices affordable, with items for sale from \$5 through to \$1000 and everything in between.

▶ A designated workshop area will be set up for artists and artisans to host workshops.

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Positivity in the face of Parkinson's

by Janine Hill

PETER Stidolph decided on his approach to Parkinson's disease the night after receiving his diagnosis.

While the rest of the world went to sleep, Peter went through a storm of emotions before reaching a decision before sunrise which has defined the last six years of his life.

"I thought, 'How the bloody hell am I going to get through this? We have three girls ... I was expecting I couldn't work,'" he said.

"And then I thought, 'You've never thought this way before. Get off your a...e, boy. You've never thought about your symptoms like this before so turn it around.'"

Peter, of Palmwoods, had been living with symptoms of Parkinson's for years before he was diagnosed with the disease so he resolved to keep living and approach life with positivity rather than surrender.

With that attitude, he has become involved in supporting others with Parkinson's and initiating fundraising activities despite his own personal challenges.

His involvement includes the Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy annual carols at Sundale Palmwoods, the Parkinson's Queensland fundraising walk in 2022 and 2023, the Nambour and District Parkinson's Support Group management group, and the Sundale Palmwoods residents committee.

Peter was one of several Glass House electorate residents presented with volunteer awards by MP Andrew Powell on 17 November.

Mooloolah Valley Community Association stalwart Jason Carroll, who gives generously of his own time to drive community events, including Mooloolah's first ANZAC Day dawn service this year, also received an award.



Turning it around: Peter Stidolph was diagnosed with Parkinson's and resolved to approach life with positivity rather than surrender.

Jason, who ran a mayor's office back in the United Kingdom, said it made sense to him to use his skills to help the local community.

"My plan when I came over here was to look at running some accommodation and I wanted to give back to the community. I know I can do events."

Mr Powell said the electorate could not afford the work done by volunteers if it had to pay them.

"Without volunteers most Glass House organisations and sporting groups just wouldn't exist. The Volunteer Awards are my opportunity to show them how much we appreciate their help."

► For information about the volunteer awards contact Mr Powell's office glass.house@parliament.qld.gov.au.



Nicole Hoffman: "I want to be a part of the regeneration of Nambour. I thought, 'I know what I'm good at and I'll give it a good go'"

Cafe idea draws owner back to brewing

by Janine Hill

NICOLE Hoffman finds the hospitality business as irresistible as coffee drinkers do the aroma of fresh roast.

After 17 years owning and operating cafes, Nicole sold out and took a break but two-and-a-half years down the track, has been drawn back into hospitality.

She will open Banksia Espresso, on the northern corner of Ann and Lowe Streets, Nambour, in December.

If Nicole's background in cafes is anything to go by, Banksia should be a resounding success.

With her husband, she established the Café Envy at Cotton Tree and Mooloolaba.

A resident of the Nambour area for 25 years, she thought it was the logical spot for her next venture.

"I have always loved Nambour and always thought it would be a great spot for a café," she said.

"I want to be a part of the regeneration of Nambour. I thought, 'I know what I'm good at and I'll give it a good go'."

"I feel that there's some traction in Nambour,

there's some quality businesses opening. I feel that we need about 10 of them and I want to be a part of that."

Banksia will not have the same full kitchen as Envy but will still offer a range of tasty treats: gourmet pastries, gluten-free cakes, vegan ice-cream, pre-made gourmet salads and chia puddings.

It will also sell gift lines – locally-made items, Australian-designed products and dried flower arrangements.

Nicola has endeavoured to source as much as she can locally for Banksia, including the coffee, a blend from Sunshine Coast Coffee Roastery at Kunda Park.

"Even the trades I'm using – plumber, electrician and others – are local to Nambour. I'm doing my little bit for the local area."

Nicole will be joined at Banksia by her daughter, Abby, 18, who shares her passion for great customer service, and two other team members.

► Banksia will be open Monday to Friday from 7am to 3.30pm and weekends from 7am to noon.



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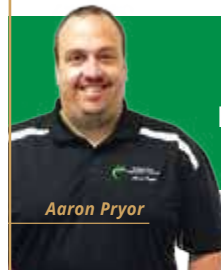
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Lyn Mills trains with Charlie Wetere.

Nambour grandma makes female boxing history

by Janine Hill

BOXER Lyn Mills did not get a win when she flew to Melbourne for her first fight last month but the consolation prize was not too bad.

Lyn, 71, went home with the record for being the oldest female boxer to fight in a competitive bout in Australia.

"Unless someone else comes in who is older than me, I've got that," she said.

Lyn was beaten unanimously at Ferntree Gully on 25 November by Victoria's Karen Watts, who at 62 had youth on her side.

Until then, Lyn had only ever fought in an exhibition match at the PanPacific Masters and was approached to take on Karen, who had been unable to find anyone in her age group to fight.

Lyn, who trains with Charlie Wetere at the OneHeart gym, Nambour, ramped up the running and dropped cake and biscuits to shed 9kg for the bout.

Although Charlie had schooled her up for the fight, she found Karen difficult to match.

"She's got an unorthodox style," Lyn said. "She was doing jabs but all over the place."

"I got on top of her in the last round but it

was too late by then."

She said she had no regrets about the fight and would do it again, even though she has been diagnosed with covid since she got back.

"It was a great experience. Even if I had known I was going to come down with covid, I wouldn't have given up the chance," she said.

The fight has also led to Lyn being featured in a yet-to-be-completed documentary.

"My granddaughter has a friend who makes documentaries, and my grandson is into UFC. They were sitting around talking and my granddaughter said, 'My grandma has a fight in November'."

Lyn said she had been amazed at the opportunities that had opened for her since she began boxing.

"I never thought four years ago when I started training with Charlie that all this would evolve," she said.

"I never went there to fight. I went there to get fit, and then it went to training for the PanPacs, then a fight, and now a documentary."

Lyn is under instructions from Charlie not to train for a couple of weeks but plans to get back into it - because who knows what will come next?

New bub and new café. Young owners embark on Lillypod adventure

by Janine Hill

IT would seem a brave move to take on business with a small babe in arms but for Mel Law, it was a no-brainer.

When her niece, Jade, decided to let the Lillypod Café at Palmwoods go to pursue a life of travel and adventure, Mel jumped in.

"She came to me and said, 'What are you thoughts?' and I said, 'Yes!'"

Mel knew it was a great little business and her niece had put a lot of effort into building it up but she also saw it as a good option for her small family.

Mel had been off work for eight months after the birth of Kaylen, now almost one, and her partner, John Sleeman, was slogging his heart out seven days a week working as a tree lopper to support them.

She did not want to send Kaylen to daycare at such a young age and could see the café offering them the chance to share care of their son and for John to have a better work-life balance.

John now works in the café two to three days a week, lops for the other two, and they juggle care of Kaylen between them, and with the help of a network of other friends with small children.

Café work is not new for Mel, who has been working in hospitality since she was a teenager. John is not quite so experienced, but she said he was doing a fine job behind the till.

"He's got a great personality. Cheery and happy and gets along with people which is great," she said.



In it together ... John Sleeman and Mel Law with baby Kaylen.

The young couple are joined by Aaron in the kitchen, gun barista Halle, and on the weekends, juniors Ruby and Airlee.

Mel loves the Palmwoods community, which she said had been very welcoming.

"We've got some customers who come two, three, four, five times a week which is beautiful. Just having that community is great."

► Lillypod Café is at Shop 4/7 Margaret Street, Palmwoods. Lillypodcafe@yahoo.com.



Mayor Mark Jamieson and Sundale Community Foundation Chair Caroline Hutchinson present a \$5000 cheque to Anglican Parish Nambour's Friday Night Burgers coordinator Coral McVean, centre, part of the total of over \$68,000 given by the foundation.

Friday Night Burgers:

Church's 20 year tradition of feeding homeless people

by Janine Hill

THE Sundale Community Foundation has put its money where some hungry mouths are.

The Foundation recently presented a grant of \$5000 towards Friday Night Burgers, which has provided reliable meals for the homeless and needy in Nambour for more than two decades.

Every Friday night, a team of volunteers gather at the Nambour Anglican Church to cook free hamburgers for members of the community who might struggle to get a decent feed.

Coordinator Coral McVean said between 75 and 90 burgers were served up every Friday between 6pm and 7pm.

Coral said the Anglican Church had hosted the weekly free feed for years. But the burger night's origins began with another church.

"It was started by a youth group at the Baptist Church in Nambour. They saw a need for the homeless to be given some assistance with a meal," she said.

"This was long before The Shack. They were very forward with their thinking."

The Friday night burger event has evolved over the years, moving from the railway station and the hands of the Baptist youth group to the grounds and auspice of the Anglican church.

Volunteers do not get quite so personally involved but there are still more than burgers on offer. Coral said a former hairdresser offered free haircuts and someone else arranged free clothing.

"Everything we do is for free, and we are very non-judgemental. People ask, 'How do you know they need help?' I say, 'I don't know. I'm not in their shoes,'" Coral said.

Coral said it had been rewarding to see some Friday Night Burger regulars get their lives back on track. She said the initiative was also rewarding for team members, including a young man who had not been able to work due to a disability but was proud to have a "job" counting donated stock. Burger ingredients come from the Suncoast Co-op and Coles Cooloom, through Second Bite, a food rescue organisation aiming to eliminate waste and hunger.

► If you would like to get involved in Friday night burgers, call the Nambour Anglican Church office on 5441 1018.

Experience Maleny at twilight this Christmas

THE Maleny Late Night Christmas event will be held on Friday 8 December 5pm to 8pm. Come along with the family and celebrate the festive season and end of the school year.

The kids can enjoy the petting zoo, face painting and a chat to Santa.

Some of the Witta Market vendors are joining in again this year but many more in the Riverside Centre and on the green near Peace of Green.

You can also stroll along Maple Street and visit the Riverside Centre and listen to street

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Showgrounds Masterplan revealed

from David Law

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I'm excited to announce that the Nambour Showgrounds Master Plan 2023-2038 was endorsed and maps a bright future for the venue. The 2023-2038 master plan focusses on the role of the showgrounds as an events centre and a community and sports facility provider. Some recommendations include significant upgrades to stables, parking and livestock space in the Equestrian Precinct and additional on-site parking to be formalised with further considerations for off-site parking opportunities. View the plan on Council's website.

Gift the joy of reading this Christmas

I'm asking our passionate community readers to support a heart-warming initiative that creates a positive new chapter in the lives of children in need. Please get involved to help Sunshine Coast Libraries ensure all homes across the region have a happy holiday with access to books, by supporting the 2023 Books4Kids appeal. From now until December 13 all Sunshine Coast Council Libraries will accept donations of new children's or young adult fiction and non-fiction books. Visit www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Whats-On/Books-4-Kids

Mills Street Nambour Tramfest

Come along to The Tramfest Community Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9 from 4pm-9pm at Nambour Tram Terminal, 28 Mill Street, Nambour. There will be live music, food trucks, face painting, markets, a rock-climbing wall and an appearance by Santa.

The cabinet of curiosity calls

Sunshine Coast Council Libraries' annual Summer Reading Club is back! From December 1 until January 31 2024, kids and teens are invited to join this free interactive program. They will receive an exciting Cabinet of Curiosities challenge card, where they will engage in three explorations unlocking prizes along the way. The Summer Reading Club is easy to join, register at library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au or at your local library.

Golden Fleece signage finds new home at Sommers'

by Janine Hill

THE Golden Fleece sign which once stood at Watson's Garage, Maleny, has been resurrected thanks to a sentimental servo owner.

The sign now stands proudly with two Golden Fleece bowlers at Sommers' Fuel Supplies, Witta, where the display is turning heads. Trevor Sommers felt it was important the sign did not leave the area when Watson's closed in 2021 after more than 60 years of trading.

With the help of good mate Neil Commings, a long-time Watson's employee, he approached the new owners about selling the sign.

"We went to see the new bloke and he wanted to sell the sign to an auction place," Trevor said.

"We explained to him that it was a part of Maleny and we would appreciate it if he would sell it to us on the condition that we would erect it and it would never leave Maleny.

"He had a think and he agreed to sell it to us."

Trevor engaged Shane Bailey, of SRB Industries, Witta's version of the Rick's Restoration TV show, to restore the sign.

Shane said the sign would have been one of the few, if not the only one, to have remained on display at a garage for more than 50 years.

"Golden Fleece was Australian fuel and it was bought out by Caltex in 1981 and all the



Trevor Sommers felt it was important the sign did not leave the area when Watson's closed in 2021 after more than 60 years of trading. Photos: Marsha Fotografiê, Maleny.

he removed the delicate ram and used it to make a mould for a new fibreglass one capable of standing up to another 50-60 years in the weather.

The corroded aluminium backing was cleaned and necessary electricals replaced in order to illuminate the sign once again.

Trevor also had Shane restore two 1950s fuel bowlers that had been rescued from a boat yard at Ningi, near Bribie Island, years ago to go on display with the sign.

The Golden Fleece sign and bowlers were erected at Sommers' Fuel Supplies at the beginning of November, where the precious garagenalia is guarded by a security system.

Trevor said the owners of vintage and retro cars were enjoying the Golden Fleece photo opportunity and people who knew the sign were glad to see it again.

"All the feedback we've had from locals is that they're so happy to see it stay in Maleny. It's not for me, it's for everyone."

signs would have been torn down.

The rams were only made of blown plastic so when workers were pulling them down, they wouldn't have survived.

The sign was carefully removed from Watson's and taken to Shane's place where

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from Andrew Powell
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Maleny-Kenilworth Road has seen a whole host of upgrades recently, and they're almost all complete! The Booloumba Creek section now has a brand new road. North of Lees Road, construction is well and truly underway and on-track for completion in early 2024. At Bakers Gully, the slope stabilisation works are finally finished, which means resurfacing should occur in the coming weeks.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard over the years to get these improvements. And to everyone in Witta and Curramore, I haven't forgotten you! I know we still need to get the stretch of road out of Maleny sorted.

Youth Crime Crisis – Share Your Story

In 2015 the Labor Government watered down the Youth Justice Act. Since then, crime has escalated impacting Queenslanders every day and created a generation of hardcore repeat youth offenders who know they are untouchable. Now the Government has convened a committee to discuss the problem it created. If you have experienced the impacts of the Queensland Youth Crime Crisis and would like to make a submission to the Inquiry into Youth Justice Reform in Queensland, please google 'QLD Youth Justice Reform Select Committee' and click on the link at the bottom of the page to make a submission.

Local Bus Service Improvements

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It would be helpful if locals could share their thoughts on what improvements you would like to see. To see others suggestions and add your own, visit www.yoursay-projects.tmr.qld.gov.au/sunshine-coast-public-transport/sc-east-west-bus-services before December 10.

Directory helps bridge gap between western and eastern wellness practices

SARA Miller knows from experience how hard it can be to find the right health and wellness help when its needed.

"In 2017, I went through a relatively life-changing experience. I had suffered with depression and things like that as well," Sara said.

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Last year, Sara was considering her options for the future, and decided to make it easier for other people to find the right practitioner for their circumstances.

She embarked on a mission to create a national online directory for health and wellness practitioners and has launched healthiihub.com.au, which will list traditional, allied and alternative health providers throughout Australia.

"I like to explain it as western meets eastern medicine. It's about holistic health," she said.

The directory has been a learning journey for Sara, who has experience in government administration, fitness equipment sales, personal training and management but had never built a website.

She has worked her way through special directory-appropriate software to build healthiihub.com.au and has strategies in place to increase search engine optimisation for the directory and her clients.

"It's been a challenge but I have the motivation. I can't wait to connect with the commu-



Sara's Directory makes it easier for people to find the right practitioner for their circumstances.

nity, with consumers who are on their own journey, with health and wellness practitioners, and I can't wait for health and wellness businesses to market themselves and be seen," she said.

Sara plans to put a proportion of the directory's revenue aside in the future to help other people on their health and wellness journeys through a scholarship or bursary-type program.

► For information, go to www.healthiihub.com.au or phone 0484 960 555.

Police target vehicle theft in campaign

SUNSHINE Coast Police will conduct mobile and foot patrols in targeted hotspots throughout December aimed at identifying insecure vehicles and reminding owners of the importance of doing their bit to reduce this type of theft.

Sunshine Coast District Officer Superintendent Craig Hawkins said unlocked cars and homes were easy targets for criminals.

"Don't make it easy to become a victim and don't invite criminals to your neighbourhood. We have seen an increase in these types of offences across the coast over the last year and we are asking people to avoid becoming victims by simply locking their homes and vehicles, keeping property out of sight and keeping their keys secure".

"We are seeing that almost all recent occurrences of houses being broken into here in Coolumb Beach and Peregian Springs have occurred through unlocked rear and side doors or through open or unlocked garages. Criminals are then taking car keys and making off in the owners vehicle", he said.

Superintendent Hawkins warned that often these stolen vehicles are used by the criminals in committing other offences and put the community at risk.

"Recently in Peregian Springs we saw a vehicle stolen using the keys criminals had obtained by gaining access to the house via an unlocked rear door.

"CCTV from another nearby house then showed them attempting entry into other vehicles in the street and moving on when finding them locked," he said.

Police will be checking the security of vehicles in hotspots including local shopping centres and residential streets throughout the Operation. They will be contacting owners or leaving a note on vehicles that are found insecure.

"We want residents and visitors to enjoy this holiday period. Secure it, don't Gift it," Superintendent Hawkins said.

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'Meticulous scrutiny': Palmwoods divided on new Coles Supermarket proposal

A surprise application for a Coles Supermarket in Palmwoods has stirred community debate. Without prior engagement with council planners, the proposal, which conflicts with current zoning and size regulations, also has residents divided.

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston said the project would be held to meticulous Council scrutiny because of its scale and the potential impacts on existing small businesses.

The site was originally earmarked for residential use. Added to that, the supermarket's size exceeds local planning schemes.

The project faces a complex approval process amidst a community torn on its necessity.

Cr Johnston said the application was lodged with Council early July 2023 and came "out of the blue".

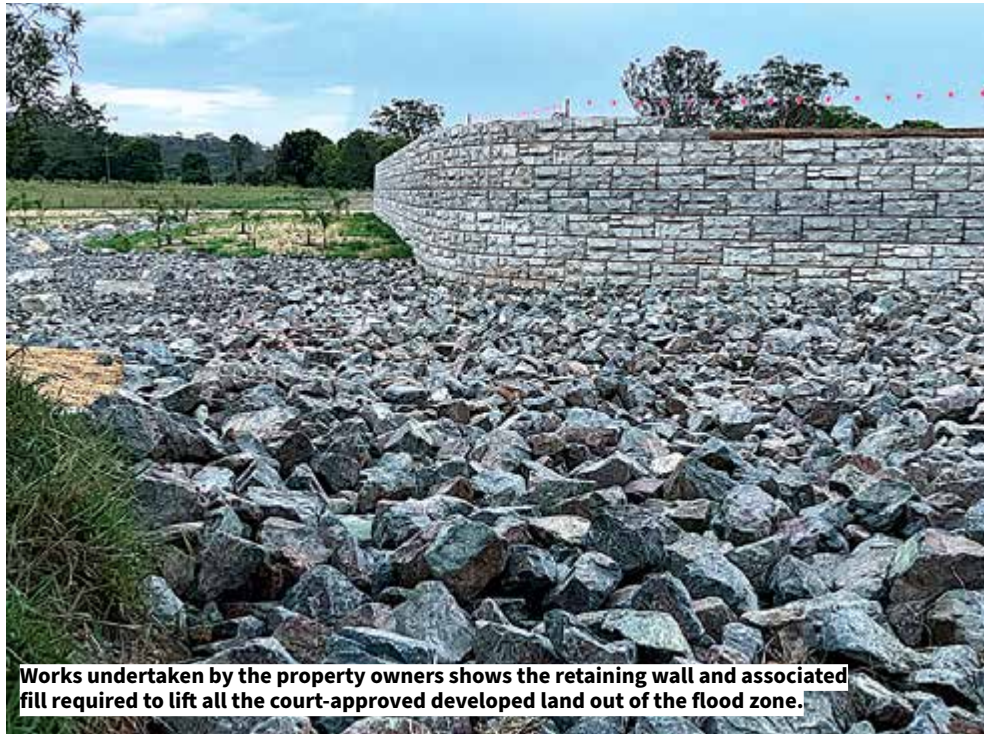
"This application for a Material Change of Use came as a surprise to myself and council planners as there had been no prior notification. Nor had there been any pre-lodgement discussions with council planners," he said.

"Based upon current direct community feedback to me, our community is quite divided regarding this application. However, most residents want a supermarket, not necessarily a full line Coles supermarket."

Cr Johnston said the application carried "significant and complex planning matters" that would need to be negotiated and considered by the planning team.

Planning issues include:

- The subject land is zoned for medium density residential development and has a



Works undertaken by the property owners shows the retaining wall and associated fill required to lift all the court-approved developed land out of the flood zone.

long-standing court approval for residential apartments. This zoning prohibits the development of shops and/or supermarkets, as it is a residential only zone.

- The subject land falls outside the designated business zone for Palmwoods. Main Roads are concerned about access and also the applicant's proposed roundabout, Council has a Local Area Plan (LAP) for the Palmwoods/Woombye area and this LAP restricts shop/supermarket floor areas to be a maximum of 1200msq. Well short of the 3400msq stated in this application.

- It is important to note that the site works carried out over the last six months are as approved by the original court decision relating to the townhouse development approval (not for a supermarket). These completed works may not be adequate for a supermarket development or any other commercial development.

- A supermarket of 3400sqm, may have significant impact on existing retail shops in both Woombye and Palmwoods. For example butchers, bakers, newsagents, delicatessens, bottle shops, other supermarkets.

- Council has already granted recently, approval for a supermarket between Hill and Church Streets, opposite Palmwoods Hotel. This approved site is located within the designated business zone for Palmwoods.

- The applicant will need to supply additional information to council's planners and consideration of all these matters will take many months. As Council enters the Election caretaker period at the end of January, continuing through until the swearing in of new councillors in April, a decision on this application is extremely unlikely to occur before May or June 2024.

To view the application and supporting documents, which are quite extensive, please go to the Sunshine Coast Council Website and access Development, application MCU23/0178.

"For those interested, although the Woombye Spar supermarket exceeds 1200sqm in floor area, that supermarket was established decades ago and as such is an existing pre-conforming development and therefore not subject to the current Local Area Plan for the Palmwoods/Woombye area," said Cr Johnston.

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If you're in need of any of the above cost of living relief or rental assistance, and you're not sure where to start, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at 5406 4100, or nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Group warns of Coast 'population explosion'

AN alliance of concerned community organisations has called for a population cap to be introduced by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. The *Common Sense Collective* says a cap would allow adequate infrastructure to be funded and built prior to the influx of any more permanent residents.

Spokesperson Jack Szydzik said his group was particularly concerned about population growth and its effect on infrastructure.

"At the moment they're doing it the wrong way around," he said. "Our roads are already choking – ask anyone who has to travel to and from work every day or do the school run.

"Then there's all the other service infrastructure that's required. A cap sends a strong message to State and Federal Governments. Only recently the media reported that the Federal Labor Government would not fund the massive infrastructure required for the Council's Corporate Plan and that the current Labour State Government has admitted that it does not have a plan to fund the infrastructure."

A media release from the group says Council's Smart City Framework and Implementation Plan quotes current population as 350k.

"And it will grow to 520k," the media release says. "That's an increase of over 150,000 people to live in the Sunshine Coast along with massive spending on surveillance, reducing the

urban footprint of the area and promoting behaviour change in travel choice. What the plans do not address is the lived experience elsewhere in the world where such globally-promoted high density living and 15-minute cities has led to the creation of urban ghettos, increased homelessness and crime.

"Already the Council has run up a \$453 million debt, and with Federal Government and State Governments reneging on funding the forecast escalation in Council spending it is we ratepayers and renters who will be slugged for many years to come. Significantly, our current Mayor is not seeking re-election.

"In writing this letter we hope to alert all residents of Sunshine Coast of the impending nightmare about to engulf our beloved Sunshine Coast.

"The coming Council elections in March 2024 will not be just business as usual. The very fabric of our culture and liveability is at risk, but the politicians and bureaucrats who are inflicting this upon us won't be bearing the cost.

"What is urgently needed is a new team of councillors who will truly represent the local community. We urge concerned voters in every Division to seek out appropriate candidates and be sure to give them maximum support in their run for Council. Time is running out to save the Sunshine Coast."

'Gap between polities and the people' triggers election run

SMALL business owner, freelance journalist and former political staffer Richard Bruinsma will campaign as an independent for Division 5 in the 2024 Sunshine Coast Council election.

Mr Bruinsma said he was nominating because of the ever-widening gap between everyday people and politicians. He also held concerns about the lack of action on the cost of living.

"I am fortunate to have had life and career experiences so far that have allowed me to chat to literally thousands of people in Division 5 over the years, including with local business owners, everyday residents, people from all backgrounds, and politicians," Mr Bruinsma said.

"This is a beautiful region, I love the people, over the years I've visited and written about every town, helped plant trees locally, spoken and supported local businesses, hiked in local bushland, competed in local fun runs, I've had thousands of conversations with local people about concerning issues, and I don't see anyone else who I feel stands out for the job.

"I've worked closely with local people, I've worked in three federal political offices, I understand the needs and challenges of local life, and I know the demands, expectations and challenges associated with politics.

"I know the local communities, I understand the aspirations of local people, and I feel obliged to use all my knowledge, my various skills and my commitment to people, to make a difference to the communities around where I live."



Div 5 candidate Richard Bruinsma

Mr Bruinsma said key issues in Division 5 now are the rising cost of living, the speed of development in the electorate and the need for appropriate infrastructure, including roads, and the growing gap between politicians and people generally.

Mr Bruinsma said he would door-knock regularly to listen to what people have to say, and will continue speaking with key community leaders and organisations, to understand the many important priorities of the people of Division 5.

"Political parties and their internal focus are among the factors helping create that widening gap between representatives and the people they are supposed to help. It's very risky that this is potentially creeping into the Sunshine Coast local elections," Mr Bruinsma said.

"That gap can only be closed at the local level by an on-the-ground representative who is eager to mingle in the community regularly and work to make local life better.

Cr Johnston running again

Incumbent Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston has indicated he will run again. To date he will face challenges from Mr Bruinsma and Greens candidate Tracy Burton.

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Bar worker tells tall tales and true in belated book

By Janine Hill

YOU would expect someone who has worked in pubs for 47 years to have some tales to tell. Jenny Gibbs has, and has put some of them in a book.

The Nambour 76-year-old recently become a published author with the release of *Pubs, People and Pussies*, a collection of stories gathered over a working life spent quenching thirsts from one side of Australia to the other.

Jenny's pub career began in 1964 when her father bought the Nebo Hotel, west of Mackay, and she also helped her parents during a couple of stints at the St Lawrence Hotel in north Queensland.

She went on to work at the Whim Creek Hotel, south of Port Hedland, and the Waverley Hotel in Perth, the Emerald Hotel in central Queensland, and the Prince of Wales in Proserpine, before taking on the challenge of the rundown Beach House Motel in Townsville and finishing up at the Sleepy Lagoon in Tin Can Bay.

Jenny said the average pub worker lasted about five years in the industry but she had loved it too much to leave.

"I've got amber fluid in my veins. It's a passion. I just love doing it. I was brought up with it."

She mixed with people from all walks

of life in pubs and said customers generally wanted a chat, as much as, if not more than, a drink.

"Most of the blokes who come in for a drink come in for a talk. They're often lonely. They'd tell me things that they wouldn't tell their best friend."

She said that a good bar tender listened without lingering too long.

"You've got to stay on the move. I was brought up to have no empty glasses on the bar. People get cranky if they can't get a drink."

Jenny has been asked numerous times to write a book. She got 75 pages down 15 years ago but put it all away in a drawer.

She resumed after a resident of the retirement village where she lives suggested she try using a dictaphone to record her stories.

Jenny has been delighted by the response to the book. One man bought 12.

"He said he usually bought all his mates a carton for Christmas but this year, he was going to buy them a book," she said.

"I was writing them out to Richard, Bill, Bob ... I wrote out 12 books and he said, 'That's my Christmas shopping done'. I couldn't stop laughing."

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Jenny Gibbs: "I was brought up to have no empty glasses on the bar. People get cranky if they can't get a drink."

Woombye centre's century of gymnastics

from Ted O'Brien

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I had the awesome opportunity recently to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Sunshine Coast Gymnastics Academy. The Academy began in 1923 and has since expanded and developed incredible athletes and gymnasts over the years. It is an honour to experience such a legacy, right around the corner in Woombye. It is not every day that you see such consistency and collaboration to continue to inspire generation after generation. Further, the Academy declared that this is only the beginning, as they pursue an awesome 100 years more!

Spring Road Trip!

Recently, I was out and about the electorate, as part of my 'Spring Road Trip,' which involves a mobile office to meet with constituents. Despite the rainy weather keeping us locked under the marquee, it was great to hear from the locals, about their concerns and about any opportunities. One of the reoccurring concerns remains cost-of-living and housing affordability on the Sunshine Coast.

Win for Veterans!

Recently I announced \$1.8 million of Federal funding for the Maroochydoore Veterans and Family Wellbeing Centre. The centre is established by RSL Queensland and Mates-4Mates and secured the funds through a grant program adapted from a scheme started by the former Coalition Government. The shopfront for veterans will provide care and support with some services to be provided onsite and others to be provided through the broad network of ex-service organisations on the coast.

Rotary Christmas Raffle to support young people

ROTARY youth programs will again benefit from the Rotary Club of Nambour Christmas Raffle with three terrific prizes on offer, totaling over \$5000 in value, including first prize of a wheelbarrow of goodies.

Proceeds will be used to better prepare young people for safe, meaningful and happy lives: driver awareness to reduce devastating youth road trauma and deaths, drug and alcohol awareness of their dangers, student bursaries at local schools, shared science

education, leadership and personal development experiences in Canberra and locally, and programs specifically for disadvantaged youth to give them hope for a better future.

Many community 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 \$1500.

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 \$3 tickets (or 4 for \$10) will be sold at Nambour Plaza from December 1 to 22. Tickets will also be available on-line. The raffle will be drawn and prizes delivered to the lucky winners on Friday December 22.

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Shade solutions for Palmwoods skaters

from Winston Johnston
Division 5 Councillor
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Division 5 skaters, riders, scooters and bladers are keeping cool as the temperatures rise, with shade sails installed at the local Palmwoods skate park. There's been no shortage of kick-flips, airs, rail hugging and grinds since nine large sails were installed at a popular skate park at the foothills of the Blackall Range in Palmwoods.

It's fantastic to see the works completed which also included upgrading the car park from gravel to bitumen and installing a drinking fountain.

I hope new cooler shade will create a social hub for our youth and broader community to enjoy. This project was made possible with funding support split 50:50 between Council and Heritage Palmwoods Community Branch.

New Flexilink timetable

Thanks to the feedback provided by residents of Conondale, Maleny and Witta, Council is introducing a new timetable for the Flexilink service on 1 December 2023, which includes one additional return Monday-Friday trip. Pick up a copy at the Maleny Library or download a copy at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/flexilink.

Dark Sky Reserve

After conversations with community members and initial investigations, I'm pleased to see Council proposing a Dark Sky Reserve encompassing 873 square kilometres in the Mary River Catchment. We recognise close to 15,000 members of our community call this area home, including those in Maleny, Mapleton, Montville, Witta, Flaxton and Conondale.

A dark night sky with plenty of visible stars has benefits for community wellbeing, retaining character of our hinterland areas, and promoting astro-tourism for hinterland businesses. It's also important to our native wildlife that need to move, feed or reproduce safely at night.

You can find out more about the proposal on Council's website. We'll be asking for residents' views on the proposal in 2024, so stay tuned.



A backhoe cleans up the remains of the Dome.

Sad day as landmark Dome building Montville, bites dust

THE ruins of what was once the famous Dome at Montville have been removed in readiness for a transformation of the prime site.

The Dome, or what was left of it, was acquired by a Victorian based property group last year after being on and off the market for four years.

A local source confirmed the property was again on the market but said the owning group was still considering options for the site and consultation with the Sunshine Coast Council and interested parties was ongoing.

The source, contacted through Montville Realty, said the site was zoned for mixed use and one option under consideration was to develop four business premises with perhaps three residences behind.

Another option was to construct backpacker-type accommodation with

an attached hotel, "all very stylish", he said.

The source said restoring the Dome had not been an option.

"It was totally out of the question. It was past its life," we are informed.

The Dome was built in 1972 by Roy and Rosalind Hayes to house a gallery and a bar.

Inspired by the geodesic domes of American architect Richard Buckminster Fuller, it was regarded as a revolutionary and novel building in its day.

At one stage, it contained a model railway but was home to Gallery D and a glass blowing studio prior to its closure.

The *Gazette* was informed the development of the site by the group in partnership with another party could be considered pending interest in the site.

- Janine Hill

'Just wanted to give something back': GP returns to serve Montville's needs

by Janine Hill

A DOCTOR is in the house at Montville again, much to the appreciation of its residents.

The Montville Health Centre has opened in the main street premises vacated by Ochre Health earlier this year, which also led to the chemist moving out.

General practitioner Doctor Peter Herbert saw the need for a doctor in the township and recognised an opportunity to gain a work-lifestyle balance.

Dr Herbert has owned a house in the area for more than 20 years and is now enjoying the opportunity to walk to work.

He said work was still being completed to set-up the clinic, mostly on the online and technical fronts, but he had begun seeing patients.

"It's a task to get the connectivity to set-up e-scripts and Medicare and other IT stuff but we've got to get through it," he said.

"It takes about a month to make it all work and get telephone and internet. The internet on the Blackall Range is terrible so we're getting a Starlink dish."

For now, the clinic can be reached on 3268 1395, which was the phone number for Dr Herbert's former clinic in



Dr Peter Herbert.

Brisbane.

Dr Herbert holds a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from the University of Otago in New Zealand.

He has

undertaken advanced training in aviation medicine, diving medicine, travel and tropical medicine, and has qualifications in obstetrics, gynaecology, occupational and environmental medicine.

He was a doctor for many years at Buderim, where he and his wife, Shanti, established the Suncoast Christian Health Centre, the Sunshine Coast's first 24-hour clinic.

"I sold off the Buderim one and went to Brisbane and got rid of that when I heard that Montville had run out of doctors," he said.

"I just wanted to give something back and do something for the community."

Dr Herbert said small towns were being disadvantaged by a federal system which provided greater financial incentives for general practitioners elsewhere, and the effect was compounded during a GP shortage.

"A place like Montville, it needs to keep its services and they need the chemist back as well. We're working on that, trying to get it to happen."

Palmwoods Singers celebrates 40 years

AFTER forty years the Palmwoods Singers Theatrical Society is still bringing the joy of musical theatre to enthusiastic performers and appreciative audiences around the coast.

Before advanced technology and alternative forms of entertainment, weekly rehearsals were a regular happening for many local families and the concerts staged by this wonderful group were always a "must go to" event.

With four fully-costumed productions a year and a cast of over fifty men, women, teenagers and children, it was a mammoth undertaking. Before the days of community grants, everything had to be self-funded and generous support from members and families meant that the group was able to build up an impressive technical and wardrobe stock with profits from each show distributed to various local non-profit groups.

Little Village Theatre, Palmwoods Singers' current operating group continues the tradition of ensuring that the over-riding element of rehearsals and productions is the joy of performance. Rehearsals have already begun for next year's show.

Musical Director, Marji Murray, said: "Palmwoods Singers has great pleasure in announcing a celebratory gala performance



Some of the cast members of a Palmwoods Singers production during the 1990s.

during June 2024 in the form of a rollicking romp around the world travelling with Royal Galah Airlines and the members of the Tittlesborough Amateur Operatic Dramatic etc etc Society.

"We happily admit that over the years, the content of our shows has ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous - but what better way to celebrate the significant milestone of forty years than to present a show that is jam-packed with fun and frivolity. The Royal Galah Performance, as the name suggests, will be just that!"

► Palmwoods Guide Hut will be the venue with the troupe of mad-cap thespians presenting three matinee performances on June 8, 9 and 16.

Letter to the Editor

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

teaching aids on our website, is a colouring book, ideal for grandparents to show the importance of colour in Nature. Colour is there for a reason, and all on planet Earth depend on and live off each other. We need to care for our plant. We wish everyone a safe joyful holiday.

- Lorraine and Dr Bob Roberts, Maju Publications, Nambour

Student shares memories of senior year and aspirations for the future

St John's College Nambour Graduate
Reflection by Mikayla Ford

IN the famous words of anti-apartheid activist and politician Nelson Mandela, 'education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world.'

As our final chapter of high school ends, the doors to life, the real world, with its endless opportunities and new possibilities, begin to unlock. My senior year was full of successes, emotions, hardships, learning, memories, and various highlights.

Attending St John's College not only as a senior student but also what we like to call a 'Johnny,' was both surreal and honourable.

Our senior year commenced with an impressive start, as Principal Martin Moloney and Assistant Principal of Religious Education Marcus Pojtek became part of our vibrant College community.

As the year progressed, our final year was rich with various whole-school activities, including St John's College Day.

Our final Year 12 retreat was full of excitement, forgiveness, friendships, and beautiful rituals that truly connected us as seniors of 2023.

For me, a key highlight of my senior year was witnessing the dedication and enthusiasm displayed by St John's College students and staff within the sporting realm.

The engagement in sports was also extended to Netball and Rugby in 2023, acting as captains and coaches, as seniors we were able to witness true teamwork and hard work from the students and we took pride in mentoring.

Throughout my senior years, I had the



Mikayla Ford: It is both an ending and a beginning

opportunity to complete a Certificate III in Allied Health, which provided me with direct entry into the University of the Sunshine Coast.

My aspiration is to be accepted into the Australian Catholic University for a dual degree in nursing and paramedicine.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the teachers, students, peers, friends, and my parents who have supported me, and loved me throughout my 13 years of schooling.

It has been an unforgettable journey!

Lastly, how could I forget the excitement of graduation?

It is both an ending and a beginning, it is an accumulation of whole-hearted memories of the past and big dreams for the future.

Balance With Colour to avoid depression

WE want to send our season greetings to readers and remind everyone to watch our videos on our website www.balancewithcolour.com and on YouTube, to stay safe and calm and balanced in your thinking during the coming holiday season and beyond.

The Balance With Colour technique is easy to learn and can quickly become a daily habit. It is for anyone young or old. It is a fun and bonding activity for families and can be shared with friends, social and business groups.

Our latest book addition to the learning and



Xochi and Ali Khan from The Narrows Escape, Montville.

Hinterland Shines at Tourism Awards

THE Sunshine Coast hinterland has again proven its status as a premier tourist destination with local businesses taking home top honours at Queensland Tourism Industry Council's Queensland Tourism Awards.

Three Sunshine Coast tourism operators took home Gold at the Awards hosted at Cairns Exhibition Centre on 24 November.

"According to Tourism Research Australia, the Sunshine Coast is now the number one destination in Queensland for holiday visitors. The Sunshine Coast is not just a location, but an experience," said QTIC Chief Executive Officer Brett Fraser.

"Local businesses have shown exceptional strength and innovation, contributing to the region's status as a premier tourist destination, and it's incredible to see a select group recognised for their efforts and contribution.

"But this growth is not just about numbers, it's about connecting people to the beautiful region and enhancing their travel experiences, which is what these tourism operators are focussed on."

Mr Fraser said the Coast continued to welcome more visitors eager to experience everything the region had to offer.

Award winners included:

- Creative Tours received Gold for Excellence in Food Tourism
- Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat received Gold for Hosted Accommodation
- Creative Tours received Gold for Tour & Transport Operators.
- Bli Bli House Riverside Retreat received Silver for Hosted Accommodation.

Nambour coffee scene brews up new drive-thru

CAFFEINE fix choices in Nambour have expanded yet again with the opening of another coffee shop.

Specialty coffee retailer Zarraffa's opened its latest store – a drive-thru – next to the Ampol service station on Bli Bli Road on Monday, 20 November.

The store, the eighth Zarraffa's on the Sunshine Coast and 75th in the franchise chain, is owned by Terry Bambury, James Burgess-Liehr, and Ben Old.

It is the first venture in Zarraffa's ownership for James, who has worked his way up from junior barista to area manager over 23 years.

"It's been an incredible trajectory for James and so rewarding to see one of our longest-serving employees finally realise his dream of store ownership," said Zarraffa's CEO, Marnie Sheldon.

"A huge part of our company success is the consistent reinvestment of our franchisees into new stores, and now we get to celebrate another level of achievement by James who brings a wealth of experience to the table."

James said after two decades with Zarraffa's it was the perfect time to transition to ownership. "As a local resident I am looking forward to doing the school run each day and then heading to our new store without leaving town, and we can't wait to get involved in supporting our local community, our schools and clubs in the area."

James said that in addition to serving exceptional coffee, Zarraffa's Coffee Nambour would contribute to the local community by pro-



Zarraffa's Coffee Nambour Franchisees Ben Old and James Burgess-Liehr.

viding employment for about 25 people.

The store will trade from 5am – 8pm seven days a week.

Coffee shops are flourishing at such a rate in Nambour that they are outnumbering the op shops for which the town has developed a reputation.

There are about 24 coffee shops currently open for business.

Meanwhile, Banksia Espresso opened in Anne Street last week.

Council slammed for scrapping Aussie Day Awards

LOCAL MPs have expressed their deep concern over Sunshine Coast Council's decision to discontinue its annual Australia Day Awards.

"This is the sort of woke nonsense that people would expect to see from inner city Greens councillors that are driven by left ideology," said Federal Member for Fisher, Andrew Wallace MP.

This follows the Council's announcement that the Sunshine Coast Biosphere Community Awards would replace the Australia Day Awards, which acknowledged outstanding service in the community.

"I cannot believe Sunshine Coast councillors would be pursuing this path. If the Sunshine Coast Council can take no pride in Australia as a nation, then they should hang their heads in shame."

Glass House MP Andrew Powell described the decision as gob-smacking.

"What a huge blow to the many amazing individuals and community organisations in our region that go above and beyond," he said. "Whilst protecting our environment is important, the Sunshine Coast is so much more than that. And it's because of contributions in business, sport, the arts, tourism, service clubs, community groups and so much more."

Mr Wallace said if a Coalition Government was in power, he would recommend that the council be stripped of its power and responsibility to undertake citizenship ceremonies.

"This raises the question once again with Sunshine Coast Council whether the bureaucrats are running the Council or whether the councillors are running the Council."

"Is the tail wagging the dog in Sunshine Coast Council?"

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Passion for cowboy boots inspires Nambour author's debut novel

by Janine Hill

THESE boots are made for walkin', goes the song, and Nambour Heights shopkeeper Ange Dunne's boots have walked her through to her first book.

These Boots will be launched on 12 December at 6.30pm at the Nambour Rugby League Club, where Ange's collection of more than 50 cowboy boots will be on display.

Ange said *These Boots*, inspired by her boot collection, was the story of a girl, Clancy, and how her much-loved boots change her life.

"It's what manifests for her when she wears the boots and what the boots mean to her," she said.

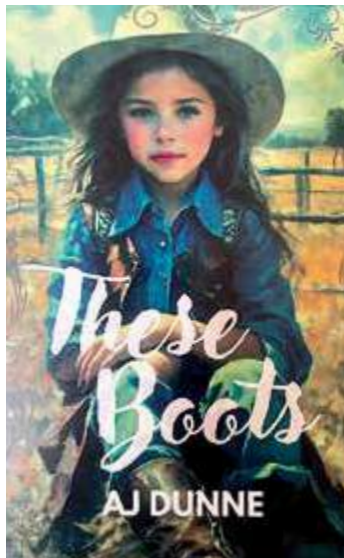
"It's about how people can be quick to judge someone but no-one really knows what someone has been through or are going through at the time.

"I'm hoping that this story of this little girl will change someone's life.

"Some people turn to drugs or drink but for Clancy, it's her boots.

'I hope it helps someone'

"For people out there who have had a blessed childhood, I



hope it makes them appreciate that blessed childhood, and I hope that it helps someone who has been through something like Clancy has been through."

Ange, the owner of the Nambour Heights Christmas and Gift Shop, said she had always wanted to write.

"I think if you really want to do something, you find the time. I'd come home from work and make dinner and then go and sit at my computer. My computer became my attachment, another appendage," she said.

"Sometimes I'd get up at 4am

and write."

The book contains a snippet of what boots mean to country singer Adam Harvey, who Ange met recently during a trip to Nashville where she acquired eight pairs of boots for her collection.

Ange's boot collection bloomed while she was writing Clancy's story, and she began wearing cowboy boots daily.

"It's something that's been in my heart but I always wondered about what other people would think. I never wanted to step outside the box and do something different," she said.

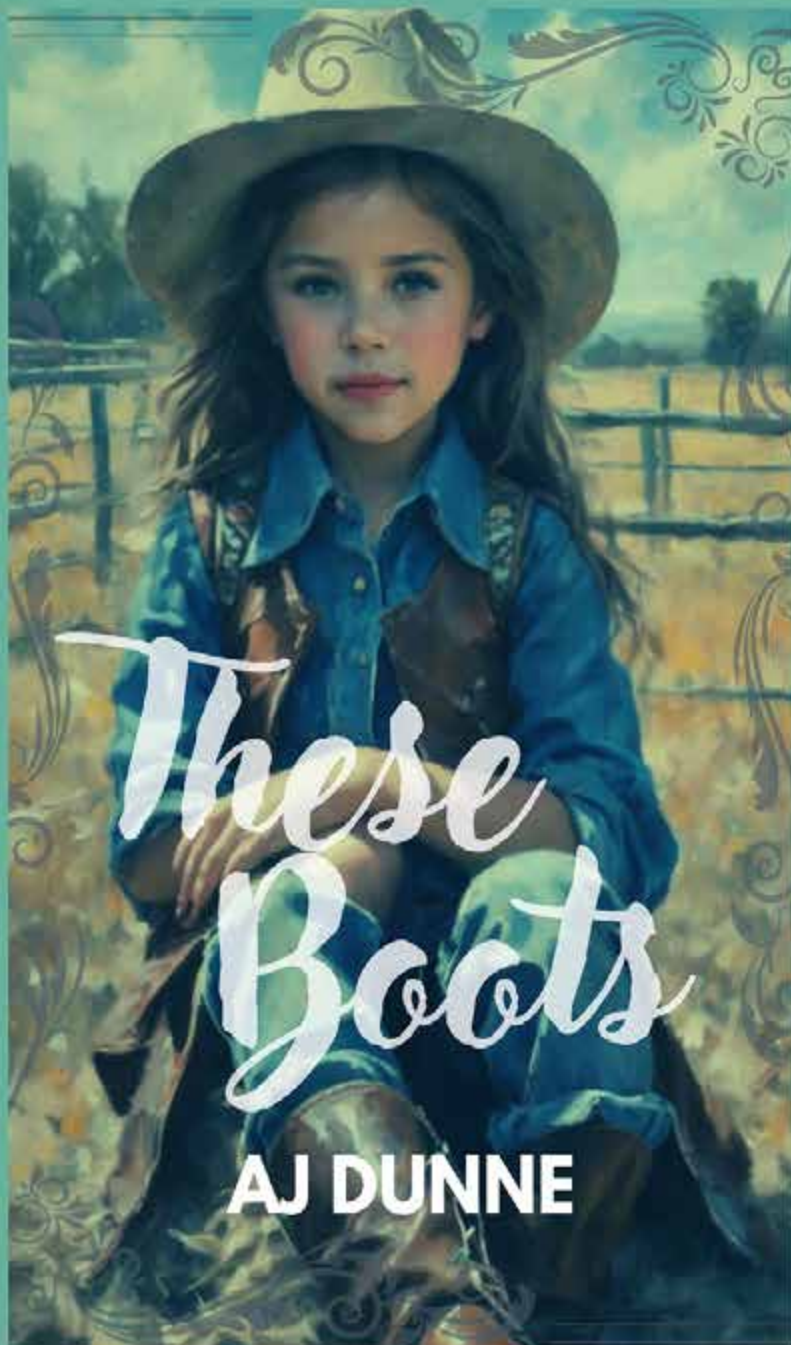
"How many people on the Sunshine Coast wear cowboy boots downtown? But I think I've grown on my journey so much and I can really resonate with Clancy."

Ange thanks publisher Rachel Bermingham, of Bermingham Books, for making *These Boots* a reality. She is already at work on her second novel.

► *These Boots* will be available at the launch, which will be open to the public, and from Ange's store from 12 December before making its way into other outlets.



Ange Dunne's cowboy boot collection bloomed while she was writing Clancy's story, and she began wearing them daily.



Join me and my family to celebrate the launch of my first book, "These Boots" This will be the first opportunity to purchase my book and have it signed by myself! For the first time ever I will have all of my boots on display!!! Feel free to wear your own boots.

When: Tuesday 12th December
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Nambour Rugby League Club
22 Crusher Park Drive, Nambour QLD 4560
RSVP: 2nd December to 0407 037 719

Can't wait to kick the dust up with you all!

XXX
AJ Dunne

What's On

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

Viva la Cello! Music lovers, this inaugural event is for you!

THE inaugural Cello Dreaming Summer Retreat Concert Series 2023 will be held at Eudlo Hall from 13-15 January. The series will present three public concerts celebrating the beauty of the cello and featuring guest artists from Brisbane and Sydney.

The series will showcase the cello in styles from Celtic, folk to tango, baroque to classical, Australian music and female composers to looping and improvisation.

Organiser and professional cellist Louise King aims to inspire and connect the audience to the beauty of the cello, celebrate the dynamic talent of our guest artists and provide an opportunity for emerging artists and local support acts to take the stage.

"The cello is experiencing a huge increase in popularity largely due to the YouTube sensations *The Piano Guys* and *The Two Cellos*," said Louise.

Headline artists include folk artist and singer-songwriter Monique Clare performing original music from her debut album 'Sight', Louise King (*Muses Trio*, *Cello Dreaming*) performing looping originals and well-known classics, Elizabeth Neville from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra featuring in the *Sunday Classics Cellissimo!* concert, Dan Curro from the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, Chloe Williamson from *Tango Enigmático*, *The Brisbane Tango Orchestra* and

Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Julia Janiszewski from the Canberra Symphony Orchestra.

The opening concert on Friday 13 January at 7pm - a 'Folk and Originals Night' - features three multi-style cellists.

On Saturday 14 January at 7pm, you can hear *Tango and Bach* with Brisbane-based ensemble *Tango Enigmático*, specialising in Argentinian tango music.

The last retreat concert on Sunday 15 January at 3.30pm is a program of well-known classical miniatures for cello and piano by Rachmaninov and De Falla, female composers Amy Beach and Nadia Boulanger, and rousing, heartwarming cello choir magic.

Louise, a professional cellist for over 25 years, is thrilled to invite such a vibrant cohort of professional musicians to present three weekend concerts to the region.

"If you have a child or adult learner at home practicing the cello, they need to see these concerts," she said. "Watching live music never fails to inspire and excite. You can't be what you can't see!"

► To find out more, register for the retreat or book tickets for the concerts, search 'Cello Dreaming Summer Retreat' on Humanitix ticketing or www.celldreaming.com.au/summerretreat/



Cello Dreaming presents a new Summer Retreat Concert Series celebrating the cello 13-15 January 2023 at Eudlo Hall.

Children's books to be raffled for a cracker Christmas!

RAFFLE prizes at the Maleny Players performances of *A Cracker Christmas!* written by Joy Hinckley, will feature a substantial bundle of Australian children's books by Maleny author Jill Morris, pictured.

The seven titles by Jill and illustrated in brilliant full colour by Australian artists, include fiction and non-fiction about Australian native animals.

These include Maleny's (missing) Southern Platypus Frog, that gives birth through the mouth; the threatened Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat and the beautiful ancient marine species Nautilus.

Jill will be present at both performances on Saturday 9th December (11am and 3pm) to sign the books for the raffle winners.

Every child (or adult) will be able to take away a copy of Coral Reef Fairy for Christmas!

► Tickets www.trybooking.com/CMJNS www.malenyplayers.org or cash sales at Maleny Art Direct on Maple Street. Thursday December 7 at 6pm; Saturday 9th at 11am and 3pm Sunday 10th at 2pm. Adults \$25; Concession and kids \$15; Children under 5 years Free.

Genealogy group to hold Irish seminar

GENEALOGY Sunshine Coast is holding a Seminar by two well-known Irish researchers Fintan Mullen and Gillian Hunt on the Saturday 17th February 2024 at the Nambour Showgrounds. Various topics will be discussed during the day and these researchers will also be available on Friday 16th for one-to-one sessions which need to be booked.

These are the same researchers who visited Australia in 2017 and presented at our premises in Petrie Park Road, Nambour which was very successful. Many new records are now available, and these researchers will be able to help us access them. The cost is \$100 for the day which includes morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch.

► Please contact our Society by email genealogysc@gmail.com or by phone on 07-5329-2315 to book in.

Hinterland Music Club - Maleny Country Music

HINTERLAND Music Club - Country Music Maleny will be holding their last Social for 2023 on Saturday December 9 with a Christmas theme at Pioneer Village, Bryce Lane, Maleny commencing 10am.

Unfortunately, some of our regular band members will be unavailable and Sandy Ann & Ian will be filling in on the day.

Admission members \$5 non members \$7 Bottomless tea & coffee for a gold coin donation and Sausage Sizzle for lunch \$3 or BYO.

For further information contact Rita 0457-744-333.

Maroochy River Country Music Club

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their Christmas Concert on Sunday December 10, at 12 noon.

There will be a tribute to Christmas, including our lovely young Clara will be singing.

Entry fee is \$8 and will include free tea and coffee and cake. Venue is ACMA Hall of Fame on Steggalls Road, Yandina.

There will be raffles available. Ring Darryl on 0458 671 568 for inquiries.

Lions Christmas Cakes are everywhere

NAMBOUR & District Lions wish to advise that they are selling Christmas Cakes and puddings at the Nambour Plaza from Mondays to Saturdays.

Cakes are also available at BOQ Nambour & Hinterland, Stephen Hammond Optometrist, Woombye Post Office and Palmwoods Post Office and Brady's Fruit Shed. Meanwhile, Nambour & District Lions Club start Gift wrapping outside Big W at the Plaza on December 4.

Money raised will be for Fire and Flood Victims.

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DECEMBER

December 6: Mapleton and District Community Association's monthly general meeting at the Mapleton Bowls Club, discussing community matters 6.30pm for 7pm.

December 7: Woombye's annual Lantern Parade will light the way to Christmas. A family-friendly event with a nativity play and lantern parade begins 5.30pm with a nativity play at St Margaret's Church in Blackall Street.

December 7, 9 & 10: Maleny Players present "A Cracker Christmas!" - a family-friendly play. Join the fun Christmas adventure at the North Pole. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/CMJNS or www.malenyplayers.org.

December 7 & 14: Nambour Museum's Annual Christmas Lights Display, 6pm-8pm on December 7th & 14th (enter from Bury Street). Children free, gold coin donation appreciated.

December 7, 9, and 10: Maleny Players presents "A Cracker Christmas!" by Joy Hinckley. Raffle prizes include children's books by Maleny author Jill Morris. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/CMJNS or Maleny Art Direct.

December 8: Maleny's annual Maple Street Christmas Party is on again on Friday from 5-8pm. Come along with the family and celebrate the festive season and end of the school year.

December 9: Woombye Celebrates Christmas on the Football Field from 4pm Woombye Snake Football Club hosts annual Christmas on the Field event for families for fun and a visit from Santa.

December 9: Montville Markets, 40+ stalls, Montville Village Hall, Memorial Close, perfect for Christmas, 7am-midday.

December 9: Spirit of Leonard Cohen biographical cabaret at Coolumb Civic Centre, 7pm. Tickets www.trybooking.com/CMWLC.

December 9: Tramfest Christmas Festival. Join the festive fun in Nambour CBD at the Tram terminus! Featuring 8 Ball Aitken and Powderfinger drummer Jon Coghill. It's from 4pm-9pm at Nambour Tram Terminal, 28 Mill

Street, Nambour. There will be live music, food trucks, face painting, markets, a rock-climbing wall and an appearance by Santa.

December 9: Kids Christmas party at the Vogue Theatre, Nambour, during Tramfest Christmas Festival, 3-6pm. Santa, presents, photos. Alcohol-free. Free entry.

December 9: Hinterland Music Club - Country Music Maleny Christmas-themed social at Pioneer Village, Bryce Lane, Maleny, 10am. Members \$5, non-members \$7. Contact Rita at 0457-744-333.

December 9: Enjoy a festive shopping opportunity with a truly local sights and flavours at the *Christmas Art & Design Market* on Saturday from 9am-3pm in Stevens Street Yandina.

December 9: Join the Community Christmas BBQ lunch at Nambour Wesleyan Methodist Church, Burnside, at noon. Free burgers, snags, salads, sweets, and carols after lunch. Contact: revscottlucas@gmail.com.

December 10: Maroochy River Country Music Club Christmas Concert at ACMA Hall of Fame, Yandina, 12 noon. Entry \$8 includes tea, coffee, and cake. Raffles available. Inquiries: Darryl at 0458 671 568.

Throughout December: Nambour & District Lions selling Christmas Cakes and puddings at various locations, including Nambour Plaza, BOQ Nambour & Hinterland, Stephen Hammond Optometrist, Woombye Post Office, Palmwoods Post Office, and Brady's Fruit Shed. Gift wrapping outside Big W at the Plaza.

December 13: Carols on the Green at Montville Village Green. 6pm-8pm. Featuring a sausage sizzle, Santa Claus, Face Painting, and Carol Singing!

December 15-16: Last chance to visit Montville Christmas Wonderland, the southern hemisphere's largest miniature display. Admission free but you must book a ticket online at www.montvillechristmaswonderland.com.au.

December 17: Violinist Hayden Wiseman performs classical and carol classics at Palmwoods Memorial Hall, 3pm. Tickets at the door or online at www.haydenwiseman.com.

December 17: 'A Little Village Christmas' Community Carols at Palmwoods School Hall, 5pm. Featuring Sunshine Brass Band, Santa photos, Christmas concert, and more. Free event. Book at Trybooking.com or A Little Village Christmas Facebook page. Email palmwoodschristmascommittee@gmail.com for inquiries or participation.

Happy BushCare over Christmas

Petrie Creek BushCare News with Norm Morwood

PICTURED is some of the team that came to a special weed control event beside Petrie Creek at the Gulung Gung site on November 30.

That's the site around the new Council Park in Nambour that among other things has a dog agility facility and is nearly surrounded by forest planted by members of this extended group.

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of the help from our very supportive Councillor David Law. Happy Festive Season all. We'll take a break for a month from regular events but may schedule some specials like the one indicated above. If you'd like to help in these activities, the next opportunities to join us are in Jan 2024 as follows.

- Namba Creek on Saturday 20 January starting at 7am. (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour)
- Gulung Gung on Wednesday 24 January



starting at 7 am. (Parking is available in the NE part of Aldi Carpark in Howard St Nambour and then walk down to the creek by following the rough track that skirts the north of the carpark. Alternatively walk across the new park from Quota Park off Matthew St).

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then at around 9am we'll finish with a well-deserved cuppa. For more info see the FB Page or email normmorwood@gmail.com

Festive flair, on the streets:

Yandina hosts Christmas Art & Design Market

MARK the calendar for a festive shopping opportunity with a truly local sights and flavours at the *Christmas Art & Design Market* on Saturday December 9 from 9am-3pm in Stevens Street Yandina.

"We are very excited about this collaborative event between Visit Yandina and Stevens Street Gallery," said Gallery Director, Toni Eggleston.

"The market is the perfect place to find heartfelt & handmade gifts for those special people in your life this Christmas.

"We've invited some of the region's best artists and makers to pop-up for our Christmas Art & Design Market - a curated market style event to kick-off the festive season," she said.

"There will be 20 unique stalls showcasing artisanal pieces and wares including original artworks, prints, handmade ceramics, jewel-

lery, gifts and so much more."

While you are there, discover Yandina's best street eats, cafes and restaurants, browse through bespoke boutiques and find one-of-a-kind artisan handmade gifts at the Stevens Street Art & Design market, all in the one Street.

The market promises a variety of free creative workshops, face painting, live sketching and live music throughout the day.

"We welcome both our local community and visitors to the charming historic town of Yandina, where you can connect with the creative spirit that thrives here."

► To book 'Make a Christmas Wreath workshop' visit <https://www.stevensstreetgallery.com.au/workshops>. The collaborative event between @visit.yandina and @stevensstreetgallery is supported by the Sunshine Coast Council.

MADCA welcomes all to twilight market and Light the Lights event

THE song "Welcome to all People" rang out at MADCA's Twilight Market and Light the Lights event on Friday night as families from The Range Community Kindergarten sang, swayed, and performed actions to this lovely Australian song by Ruby Hunter.

In addition, U3A Sunshine Coast group, *Sunshine Chimes*, played a selection of Christmas music to an appreciative home crowd while popular Sunshine Coast band, *Girl Friday*, provided lively music throughout.

There were some brief formal speeches before Cr David Law switched on the lights of the stunning Christmas tree designed and built by the Mapleton Men's Shed.

Balloons popped, children squealed, neighbours gathered over picnic blankets and eskies and the Range Community Gym BBQ team were run off their feet.

There was something for everyone at the



Twilight market stalls with balloon entertainers, face painting, homemade treats, and of course a visit from Santa who gave gifts to all the children.

The contributions of so many local businesses and groups ensured the success of this top-notch community event.

► For more information about what is on in the district please go to mapletonqueensland.com.au or join in at madca.com.au to contribute to building our community.



Church presents fresh take on Scrooge

PUTTING a fresh spin on the Christmas classic, Suncoast Church presents an original adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Opening on 7 December 2023, the Christmas classic has been adapted by a team of Sunshine Coast locals.

Giving a new flare to the story synonymous with the Christmas season, the writers have put a female Scrooge in the title role. Director and Co-writer, Elliott Hynes is excited about the audiences' response to the change.

"Scrooge is such an iconic character, adapting the story with a female in the role has been a great experience. We've taken the heart of Dickens' story and put our own spin on the classic tale.

"The character lends itself to the change really well and we've been able to explore the key themes of the story in a new light," says Elliott.

The Suncoast Christmas production is an annual highlight of the Sunshine Coast Christmas calendar, but this year is the first adaptation the team has taken on.

"It's been challenging taking on such a well

known and loved story because people are so familiar with the characters," notes Elliott.

Featuring 11 Christmas Carols all played by a live band, the production is a full-scale theatrical experience. There are over 70 cast and crew involved with the show, ranging from actors, dancers, singers and band members.

Emily Hynes, who plays Eloise Scrooge, has enjoyed stepping into the iconic character.

"It's a great story of change and redemption and the audience is taken on this incredible journey as Scrooge transforms over the course of the show with her interactions with the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

"I think the audience will enjoy the new take on the character," explains Emily.

Opening on 7 December and running through till the 10th, the production is free to attend with food trucks available before each performance.

► Get in the spirit of Christmas - Past, Present and Future this December with Suncoast's production of A Christmas Carol. Book via eventbrite.com.au.

The secret to escaping the holiday hustle

Montville destination offers Christmas dining & accommodation package at its finest

Business Writeup by Tanya Outridge

THANKS to the hustle and bustle that the season tends to bring, many people find themselves ready for a relaxing break by the time Christmas Day rolls around.

That is one of the reasons *Secrets on the Lake's* devised its Christmas package, according to owner Aldy Johnston. "It is also rather nice not to have to spend a lot of time on the road at one of the busiest times of the year, and for Sunny Coast locals, our accommodation is basically 40 minutes from everywhere," said Aldy. "A little break in a natural setting can be so restorative, and with the addition of our Christmas Package, you can rest assured that we will do all of the hard work for you."

Secrets' world class accommodation is the perfect backdrop for a peaceful and restful break amongst the trees. When the mercury is soaring, the rainforest offers cooler temperatures, and on wet or cooler days, it is wonderful to absorb the pure air and surrounding nature sights and sounds.

For Secrets' guests, the *Christmas Special Package* introduces a food package to lift the luxury and relaxation to a new level.

Thoughtfully curated selection

Priced for two, the Package features a thoughtfully curated selection. You can indulge with a delectable box of chocolates, a gourmet cheese platter for two, a sumptuous BBQ hamper, and the coveted

Christmas Platter, served promptly by 11am on Christmas Day.

"Putting together the food selection has been a lot of fun, and we are so excited for our guests to enjoy what we have on offer," said Aldy.

In typical Secrets fashion, the servings are fresh, delicious and generous.

"The Christmas package is for two, but in reality, it is equivalent to four satisfying meals," she said.

All the trimmings

You will enjoy a traditional platter comprising turkey, prawns, ham off the bone, potato salad, and a medley of seasonal fruits such as cherries and mango.

"We have complemented your feast with a freshly baked loaf of sourdough bread so that you can turn your leftovers into hearty sandwiches on Christmas night, and there is the choice of a bottle of champagne or a selection from our premium wine list," Aldy said.

No meal at Secrets would be complete without a mouth-watering dessert.

"Our dessert plate is so good, and it is brimming with Christmas treats including puddings, mince pies, shortbread, assorted chocolates, nuts, refreshing ice cream and homemade egg custard, all served with succulent raspberries," said Aldy.

"You can upgrade to the ultimate experience with a bottle of Veuve Cliquot or Moet Champagne to enjoy with your food."

In the lead up to Christmas, everyone is invited to enjoy beautiful



Owners Aldy and George Johnston welcome you to Secrets.

Christmas food on the deck, and the Christmas menu is so popular that it is available until the end of December.

Secrets Dining on the Deck has multiple zones to enhance your dining experience. The rainforest wraps around the deck, which offers expansive views across the lake. There is

plenty of space for larger groups, and the gazebo and hideaway are perfect for private functions. On warmer days, you can enjoy your meal in the air-conditioned gallery.

"Our team will be working hard so that you don't have to," said Aldy.

Dining on the Deck will only close on Christmas and Boxing Day and we



The Christmas Special Package offers luxury and relaxation to a new level.



are really looking forward to sharing traditional Christmas meals with our guests this year. Bookings are essential as we don't want anyone to miss out."

► 207 Narrows Road, Montville, phone 5478 5888. www.secretsonthelake.com.au. Restaurant open 8.00am until 4pm.

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Scott Lucas from the Nambour Wesleyan Church.

Methodist Church hosts Christmas BBQ

FOR the second year Nambour Wesleyan Methodist Church at Burnside are hosting their Community Christmas BBQ lunch on Saturday December 9 at noon.

"This year we're adding carols after lunch and some games. We'll have burgers and snags, and salads and sweets, and a can of soft drink - all free," said Pastor Scott Lucas.

"So we'd love to see people from our community drop in and meet some other locals from the neighbourhood too, play some games and have some fun in a very relaxed and easy atmosphere - and then head have some carols to sing along to."

The fortnightly New Wave Kids and New Wave Youth will kick off again in February 2024 when Pastor Scott returns from some long service leave and it's still just \$2 per child or \$5 a family.

"In the meantime our Christmas Day Service will happen at 8am Christmas Morning and our regular Sunday services will continue each Sunday at 9am. We'd love to see you."

► For more information please contact Nambour Wesleyan Methodist Church on 5476 4263 or by email at revscottlucas@gmail.com.



This old house hugs the eastern side of the Blackall Range. The front of the house sits at ground level. Inset: The backyard view over the escarpment to Mt Coolum and the Pacific.

One home, two families: The story of 365 Flaxton Drive

This Old House: telling the stories of landmark homes of the Blackall Range. This week G Plowman of the Montville History Group visits 365 Flaxton Drive.

THIS old house at 365 Flaxton Drive, Flaxton has no name, but it was once home to two of Flaxton's best known families who devoted their time and effort to benefit the community. It was known firstly as Hetherington's place and later as Copeland's place.

This lowest home sits comfortably close to the eastern edge of the Blackall Range. High ceilings promote coolness and give a feeling of spaciousness. Sash windows let summer breezes flow through to cool the interior. On the east, the windows frame the matchless views over coastal farms and far beyond to sandy beaches where ocean waves crash white against the shore.

When Anzac and WWI veteran Alfred D'Arcy Carruthers Hetherington, usually known as D'Arcy, returned to Australia in 1918 he purchased his citrus orchard at Flaxton and in 1922 married Christina Morris. D'Arcy had worked with the Flaxton community to establish the Flaxton Provisional School which opened in the same year. Later, the three Hetherington daughters, Margaret, Isobel and Elizabeth made the short walk up and over the hill to school.

D'Arcy Hetherington's father, Robert Blain Hetherington, retired as Police Magistrate at Warwick in 1924 and purchased an orchard in Flaxton plus his retirement home in Maroochydore. D'Arcy's younger brother, Frank, owned the farm directly opposite and for a time in the early 1930s, all three Hetherington families were farming at Flaxton.

When the citrus industry on the Blackall Range was decimated by disease most farmers turned their hands to dairying and pineapple growing to earn their living. The Hetherington orchard was hit hard and after nearly 20 years in residence, the family sold their house and farm and went to live and work in Brisbane.

The new owners, Roy and Marjory Copeland moved in and began growing pineapples in the land to the south of the house. They brought up their sons, Brian, Ken, Ian and Geoffrey here and all four attended the Flaxton School before all going on to higher education.

Mr and Mrs Copeland were great supporters of the Flaxton School and the local community. Roy, also a veteran of WWI, spent some years of the Second World War working at the Flaxton sawmill which was considered by the Manpower organisation as an essential industry. Marjory was an active supporter of the Flaxton CWA and Montville St. Mary's church.

The farmhouse has no near neighbours and for over one hundred years it has looked to the east and watched on as the early morning sun paints the sky in red and the ocean waves in glittering silver.

Externally, the house has changed little over the years, but progress has forced some changes. All rural houses once depended on rainwater collected from the roof and stored in tanks to supply their drinking, bathing and clothes washing needs.

The once familiar sight of corrugated iron tanks sitting on elevated tank-stands are now a rare sight. The installation of sewerage or septic systems has seen the demise of the tiny outside building which once housed the lavatory. With the coming of electricity, the old stove recess, wood burning stove and chimney have long gone.

With the passing of Roy and Marjory, one of their sons took over the family home and Copeland ownership continued for over forty years.

More recently the home has been rented as a 4-bedroom cottage on two levels with a study, bathroom and ensuite. The house front sits at ground level but is stumped at the back and partly closed in underneath with cement blocks. This century old home remains a reassuring link with the past and forms part of the fond memories of the many Flaxton children who adventured here with the Hetherington and Copeland children.

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Orchid Club's charity blooms despite difficult conditions

THIS year has been a challenging year for many, certainly for those who have a passion for growing orchids.

Climatic conditions have adjusted many an orchid plant's flowering sequence with a great number of plants flowering earlier than expected.

This set a challenge for members of orchid clubs on the Sunshine Coast to ensure that they had sufficient plants in flower to exhibit at scheduled Orchid Shows.

Growers have proved through considerable effort to rise to the occasion and exhibited 225 flowering plants for judging, a mighty effort by all at the recent Nambour Orchid Species Show staged in Buderim on November 11.

The show attracted 550 visitors, who were delighted at the array of flowering plants on display and showed their appreciation of Nambour Orchid Societies community com-



Nambour Orchid Society President George Peever presents Melanie Bruhn, Executive Director Cittamani Hospice, with a cheque for \$2000.

mitment, which once again allowed an annual donation of \$2000 to be made to Nambour Orchid Societies charity, Cittamani Hospice.

Nambour Orchid Societies contributions over the years exceed \$21,000. This is our way of recognizing an organization that assists so many families in a time of need.

From garden to vase: growing your own cut flowers made easy!

Homesteading Column
by Racheal Pascoe

There is something wonderful about having fresh flowers in the house. A vase of colour in my kitchen or dining room just lifts me. I love the colour, the smell and best of all, I love that I grew them myself! You can grow your own flowers to enjoy and share with others. I promise it is not that difficult.

The best ones to start with are sunflowers. They are hardy and once established, they kind of just get on and do their thing. Now, where to buy seeds? The very best value is to buy them by the big scoop at the Nambour Produce Agency. They even have some already bagged up ready to go. This way you can be generous when planting. Get the kids or grandkids involved, they can dig the soil, help you plant and care for them with watering. Many flowers that are good as cut flowers in vases love full sun, so choose your spot in the garden accordingly. Sunflowers need to be grown in the full sun.

Be mindful when planting seeds. Not too deep – not too shallow. A good rule of thumb (green of course!), is that a seed contains enough energy to grow through the soil up to the surface the distance that it is big. So, if a sunflower seed is about a centimetre, then plant the seeds only 1cm

below the surface, this way you will have most success with germination.

Sunflowers can be planted in trays or pots or directly in the ground where you want them. Once planted, keep your seeds damp, water each day at the start. You will see some action in 7-10 days. Once they are about 3 inches high, you can cut back the watering to every other day. Sunflowers will take about 10-12 weeks to get glorious heads on them. When picking them to enjoy inside, strip each stalk of most of the leaves, to reduce wilting. Oh and don't forget to leave a couple of heads out there for the bees and parrots!



Zinnias are so wonderfully colourful.

So many flowers to grow

There are lots of other flowers you could grow at your place to bring inside as cut flowers. Zinnias are so wonderfully colourful. (They are the ones in the pic with me). Billy Button, Straw flowers, Statice, Queens Lace, Kangaroo paw... there are so many to get excited about.

Sidestep the florist or even buying them from the grocery store. Heading indoors with a beautiful armful of homegrown flowers is a very rewarding feeling and sharing some flowers with others is just the best!

If you are looking for a bunch of bright flowers right now, today... then look no further than gerberas. They come in sensational colours and are grown locally. Pop into Rosemount Gerberas and let Andrew set you up with a bunch of bright happy blooms to take home. They are located at 506 Petrie Creek Road, Rosemount.

Join me next time for lots of info on keeping chickens. Happy Homesteading!

Generosity Overflows:

Businesses unite for grand Christmas draw

GENEROUS local businesses have banded together to create a lucky draw and make someone's Christmas and New Year extra special.

After tasting her friend's delicious home-made Black Garlic Himalayan Salt, Tani du Toit, from *Catalyst Therapeutic Bodywork* in Palmwoods, decided it had to go into a massage hamper she was planning to give away for Christmas.

"I had planned to add some of my favourite candles and an indoor plant, but as I started to mention my plan to friends, my favourite businesses and clients, donations started to pour in," she said.

"All I had to say was 'Will you share the love?' and the resounding response was, 'What can I do? Count me in.'"

"I even had a business from the Fraser Coast send down a \$110 gift pack."

The hamper includes 19 donations from writers, bakers, artists, a boutique, fabric and vintage shops, a hairdresser, "and, yes, my favourite candle-stick maker," Tani laughed. "For the butcher bit you'll have to go enjoy a burger at the café who donated a gift certificate."

Tani estimated the hamper to be valued at least \$1300. It's free to enter, so head to Tani's Facebook page *Catalyst Therapeutic Bodywork* (at Palmwoods) for details. Tani said all entrant's names will go into a hat and drawn on December 17.

► The Joyful Creators Hamper is made possible by: Naomi-J Candles, Sunshine Coast; Little Layla Boutique, Palmwoods; Pounamou Queensland, Palmwoods; Pepa's Organic Black Garlic Salt, Maleny; The Gourmet Storr, Nambour; Leigh Martinuzzi - Martinuzzi



Pepa Demasson with her small-batch organic garlic salt at The Maple Street co-op. Pic by Ketakii Jewson-Brown.

Property Group; Shades of Jungle, Bli Bli; Mr Beesley's Vintage Store, Nambour; Little Fox & Me, Palmwoods; Black Bird Majik, Glass House Mountains; Elevate Aerial Academy, Palmwoods; Fabric Cartel, Nambour; Grounded Café at Woombye; Coastal Villa Hair, Palmwoods; Sacred Knowledge Energy Tools, Fraser Coast; Palmwoods beekeepers Sharon and Grace; The Sunshine Valley Gazette; Funky Books author Chris Collin, Bli Bli; and Catalyst Therapeutic Bodywork, Palmwoods.



Zafer Sarac demonstrates traditional Turkish archery at the Abbey Medieval Festival. Photos by AB Photography.

Turkish Medieval archery tradition on target thanks to re-enactment group

JANISSARY Barracks Inc, a Turkish medieval re-enactment group specialising in traditional archery, is thriving on the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Established in 1999 by Dr Zafer Sarac, the group has grown to over 50 members, with 23 active archers. They hold regular Sunday practices at the Abbey Museum medieval festival grounds and Tuesday sessions on Sarac's property in Eudlo.

A staple at the annual Abbey Museum Medieval Festival in Caboolture, Janissary Barracks is keen to expand its reach by offering archery lessons to the local community.

"We're eager to teach archery to students and adults alike," said Dr Sarac, reflecting the group's commitment to preserving and promoting the ancient skill.

"As a sport, archery is a very popular activity around the world. It is the same in Australia," said Dr Sarac.

"In addition to its past successes in modern archery competitions, Australia has sent four traditional horse archers to Mongolia for the World Horse Archery championships.

"It is a very active sport. Turkish traditional archery is linked to other Asiatic archeries, especially very closely with Mongol archery. It is more challenging than modern archery, because you have to learn a variety of skills to be able to hit your target, which could be positioned in different situations.

"We also do horse archery which, again, requires a completely different skill set. Apart from two Turkish members, all our members have a different country of origin.

"The youngest member is an 8 year-old-girl, and the oldest is a 75-year-old gentlemen."

► Those interested in joining or learning more can visit Janissary Barracks Inc on Facebook or contact Dr Sarac directly at 0408 727 639.

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Judy Exley's life of community, scouting and dedication

Vale: Judy Exley 1937 to 2023

LIKE many Montvillians, Judy retired to Montville. In 1995 she and husband, Gordon, bought a home at Negus Road, an open planned house with generous decks on a large, sloping block which allowed them to pursue their passion for gardening. She loved her 28 years in Montville.

Judy was born in Leeds in 1937. In her teens she became a Scout Leader and her passion for and commitment to Scouting was born.

Judy and Gordon married in 1959 and emigrated to Australia as 'Ten Pound Poms' under the post-war Assisted Passage Migration Scheme. After renting in Hawthorne and Geebung, they were finally able to buy a home in West Chermerside in 1965.

There, they had three children: Beverly (1965), Paul (1966), and Russell (1970). It was there that Judy and her whole family became more active in the Scouting movement.

She became District Commissioner, West Chermerside District of the Queensland Scout Association; coordinated the 8th Australian Jamboree in Brisbane and assisted in running the 16th World Scouting Jamboree in Sydney.

She was presented the Chief Scout Award for Meritorious Conduct before retiring from active roles in Scouting to become manager of the Scout Outdoor Centre in Baden Powell House.

One aspect of Judy's Scouting legacy that every Montvillian on Western Avenue would recognise was her passion for walking. For years, she and Gordon would walk around eight kilometres every morning along Western Avenue and down the Narrows and back.

As a result, they were more than able to undertake the hike to the first camp in the Everest Section of the Sagarmatha National Park. Even when the Narrows Road became too steep for them, they continued to walk Western Avenue every morning and joined a group lobbying for the provision of footpaths along the road on safety grounds.

Judy brought her appreciation of community and the management skills she had developed through Scouting to the Montville Community. Along with Gordon, she volunteered to deliver meals for Meals-on-Wheels along the Blackall Range. This led naturally to her becoming a volunteer at Range Care.

Then in 2009, when the Montville District of Neighbourhood Watch looked like closing from a lack of support, Judy agreed to become its Area Coordinator.



Judy Exley.

With the help of secretaries, Lenore Tonks and later Jocelyn Bannister, she restructured the group, increasing 6 large Zones into 10 smaller, more manageable ones; recruited 10 Zone Coordinators who in turn recruited two or three 'Blockies'.

Neighbourhood Watch was now an organisation of almost 50 volunteers managed by Judy through quarterly meetings – a tribute to her organisational and management skills.

Initially, their role was to welcome new residents, brief them on security measures and distribute local newsletters – The Village Crier and later, the Montville/Flaxton Happenings. Judy always had a smile and a contagious laugh that soon had new residents feeling like they had found a friend.

When the Montville/Flaxton Happenings closed in 2005, the loss of reliable local news was felt by a range of local groups including Neighbourhood Watch.

In 2009, Judy approached the Montville Rural Fire Brigade to produce a joint quarterly newsletter with Neighbourhood Watch.

This newsletter was printed free of charge by the office of local State Member, Andrew Powell. 3,200 copies were distributed through Neighbourhood Watch.

Later, the Montville Village Association (MVA) was invited to include a regular column in the newsletter.

When Judy retired from Neighbourhood Watch management, she continued as a 'Blockie' until failing health prevented this. Judy was a regular attendee of MVA meetings, actively supporting many of its community initiatives.

She will be remembered for her initiative, leadership, friendship and dedication to the Montville community.

– from Doug Patterson, Montville History Group

A Montville farmer, builder, fireman & worker for the community

Vale: Desmond Barry McCulloch 1939 – 2023

DES arrived in Montville 70 years ago, in 1953 as a fresh-faced fourteen-year-old. His parents had bought a pineapple farm on the southern side of Western Avenue, and later rented a second farm on the northern side of the road.

Des worked as a farm labourer chipping 'pines' for £1 (\$2) a day to help support the family. In 1962, Des's parents moved to Sandgate, selling the southern farm and Des took over the rent of the northern farm. After batching for 18 months, he married Bev Duhs in 1964. The first thing the newly-weds did was to take out a bank loan to buy the farm.

The farm income was so poor that Bev was earning more working at Coles than Des could make farming, so he went to work with his uncle building farm sheds, cow bales and pig sties out of concrete and concrete blocks.

However, from 1970 on, he worked for a number of Sunshine Coast builders expanding his skill base and becoming a much sought-after builder and tiler. With Bev working at Coles and Des working as a partner with builder, Arthur Walker, an after-hours farmer and night tiler, they were able to pay off their loan and start their family: Michelle then Michael.

Both Des and Bev shared the values of living in a small community and contributing to its wellbeing. In the early 1970s, Des joined the new hall committee fighting to save the old School of Arts Hall infested with white ants and requiring urgent repairs. Des restumped the building, ran the front rod across the width of the ceiling to pull the sagging wall in, eradicated the white ants, repainted the hall inside (at night) and installed concrete steps at the main entrance. This mainly voluntary, after-hours work, led by Des, restored the hall as a community facility for another 50 years.

Although the restoration of the hall was the biggest community project Des was involved in, it wasn't the only one. He helped build and stand the Bell Tower at the St Mary's Church of England Church. He helped stand a new flagpole in the Village Green. And with Bev, he helped in setting up the Easter Dawn Service in Carpenter's Place, Carols by Candlelight on the Village Green, the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the World War One Memorial in front of the hall and was a willing supporter of School P&C Working Bees.

His donation to many a school fete consisted of a truckload of pineapples for the local fruit



Des McCulloch

stall. Not a committee man, Des however agreed to become a Trustee of the Montville Sports and Recreation Grounds in the 1980s until 1992 when it was transferred to the MVA.

With his truck, his tools and his experience, Des was always the first to be approached to help another community project.

Des was also a well-regarded member of the Montville Rural Fire Brigade. He was elected First Officer of the Brigade in 1984, and stayed in that role for 10 years. Des and Len Gorsch had 4x4 tractors with 500 litres spray units with hose reels (for their orchards) which they adapted for fire-fighting purposes when needed.

Under Des's leadership, the brigade acquired its first official fire truck in 1986 and soon after a 5000-litre back-up tank on a trailer.

Des and Bev loved their dancing and over the years organised dances to raise much needed funds towards the extensions for the Montville Hall, including change rooms, toilets, storerooms and kitchen.

In 1999, Des and Bev were jointly presented with the Montville Citizen of the Year Award for their service to the community over four decades. They relocated to and spent the next 23 years creating a very successful avocado farm, leasing their much smaller Montville farm – their family home. After Blackbutt, they retired to a three-quarter-acre block behind the Glasshouse Mountain Sporting Precinct where Des could still have his vegetable garden and fruit trees.

Over the last couple of years, Des and Bev have worked closely with the Montville History Group to record Montville's history over the second half of last century – still quietly serving the community they claimed 60 years ago.

– from Doug Patterson, Montville History Group.

WILVOS celebrates 30 years

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

THIS December is a month of dual celebrations for WILVOS. Besides Christmas we are also celebrating our 30th birthday.

After some years working under the umbrella of National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Wildlife Volunteers Association Incorporated came into being on December 15, 1993. Yes, WILVOS began last century!

Soon after, wildlife carers had to become completely independent and self-funded. It was a struggle meeting printing costs and the annual \$2000+ to Telstra for the 24-Hour Hotline. This meant some serious fundraising. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers the organization continued to provide an invaluable service to the community. Injured and orphaned wildlife had someone to rescue them from often sad situations. Local parliamentarians provided use of their photocopy machine. The lovely staff at MP Peter Wellington's office copied newsletters and printed material.

Emailing was the dream, but did people ever know their correct email addresses? There were so many 'bounce backs' in the early stages. Technology was a great time saver as it became more user-friendly.

The continual pressure of meeting costs makes wildlife volunteering even more exhausting. Along came a beautiful lady from Nambour who sent WILVOS a large cheque. It was a credit to the committee that before banking this cheque a couple of weeks later, the treasurer made sure that the lady was quite sure it was what she really wanted to do! What integrity!



In coming years Chairperson, Sylvia Whiting, was awarded an OAM for her contribution to native animals and the environment. I was very proud to receive a Pride of Australia Medal. WILVOS as an organization has been recognized with many awards over the years, but the priority has always remained focused on native animal welfare, and the education of our youth, who are the future of wildlife in Australia. Several Junior WILVOS members are studying or have graduated from vet science at university. Their knowledge of native animals will make such a difference.

WILVOS are always grateful for the support of their amazing volunteers, wonderful members of the public, local parliamentarians, and Sunshine Coast Council.

In today's environment our statistics are needed to provide for the future welfare of our native animals. Domestic animals need to be contained, native gardens need to be planted, development must be restrained. There will be many battles to be fought in the future but looking at the passion of WILVOS active carers, hotliners and the lovely Friends of WILVOS, there is always hope!

Some of the Woombye Community Library volunteer team outside the library.



Woombye's book sharing legacy continues to flourish, 125 years on

Woombye Community Library News by Cathy Cash

I think Mrs Charlotte Kuskopf, who started Woombye Community Library way back in 1898 would be both astonished and grateful to see her book sharing legacy continue to flourish well into the 21st century. Pictured are just some of our Woombye library team members before our recent book sale, which was a great success! Thank you to our loyal hinterland community for your amazing support.

December 5 is celebrated worldwide as International Volunteer Day – a day to pay

tribute to all those who make good things happen in their communities, whether it be by coaching kids' sport, helping to feed hungry families or reaching out to others to share a love of reading.

There is a common factor shared by all those who work in volunteer roles around the world, and that is the desire to see beyond our own front door and to step out and then step up.

It's not that hard once you take that first step, and beware – volunteering can become a lifelong habit!

A big thank you to volunteers everywhere for everything you do.

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Key trends and factors: A Look at the property market in 2023

Real Estate Column
with RE/MAX Principal Tristan Brown

As the sun continues to shine on the landscapes of the Sunshine Coast, so does the spotlight on its dynamic property market. The year has brought a mix of challenges and opportunities for real estate enthusiasts, homeowners and investors. In this article, I'll delve into the key trends and factors shaping the market over the past year.

Continued Growth and Demand: The Sunshine Coast has maintained its allure, drawing in both local and interstate buyers seeking a slice of the coastal lifestyle. The region's natural beauty, coupled with a thriving local economy and employment opportunities, has contributed to a consistent demand for properties. Whether it's beachfront estates, suburban homes, or hinterland retreats, the diversity of offerings has kept the market buoyant.

Tech and Lifestyle Hub: The region's transformation into a burgeoning tech and lifestyle hub has added a new layer of appeal for buyers. With remote work becoming increasingly prevalent, the Sunshine Coast has become a hotspot for those seeking a balance between career and quality of life. The development of co-working spaces, innovative startups, and technology-driven initiatives has positioned the Sunshine Coast as more than just a tourist destination.

Sustainable Living and Green Developments: As environmental consciousness continues to grow globally, the Sunshine Coast has embraced sustainable living practices. This is reflected in the rise of green developments, eco-friendly architecture, and an increased

emphasis on renewable energy sources. Buyers are showing a preference for properties that align with eco-conscious values, driving developers to incorporate sustainability features into their projects.

Infrastructure Investments: Infrastructure plays a pivotal role in the growth of any region, and the Sunshine Coast has seen significant investments in this regard. Improved transportation links, upgraded utilities, and the expansion of amenities have positively impacted property values. These developments not only enhance the overall appeal of the region but also contribute to the long-term growth of the property market.

Market Challenges and Adjustments: While the Sunshine Coast property market has experienced growth, it hasn't been without challenges. External factors such as economic uncertainties, interest rate fluctuations, and global events have necessitated adjustments in pricing strategies. Sellers and developers have had to remain agile, adapting to changing market conditions to ensure continued success.

In conclusion, as the Sunshine Coast celebrates another year of growth and resilience in its property market, the region stands as a testament to the enduring appeal of coastal living combined with a progressive and sustainable lifestyle. Whether you're a potential buyer, investor, or simply an observer, keeping an eye on the evolving trends and developments in the Sunshine Coast property market promises to be a fascinating journey as it continues to evolve in 2023 and beyond.



Inside this solid steel-frame house, there are surprise features around every corner.



Peaceful off-grid acreage

AGENT'S CHOICE: 91 Towen Mount Road. Offers over \$899,000.

THIS solid character home is positioned on 14.5 pristine acres and offers incredible northern views across the hinterland. Located in Towen Mountain, this property is just minutes to local shops and schools of Burnside, Coes Creek, and Nambour.

A long, partially-bitumen driveway from the main road ensures the lucky buyer has peace and privacy far from nearby properties. The top of the driveway to the left features a long 18m x 6m 6-bay shed with 5 roller doors and side access.

The fully fenced yard is complete with a fire pit and native plants. At the front of the property there is a long front patio. Inside, there are surprises around every corner.

With 2.7m high ceilings, soundproofed internal and external walls, vinyl plank flooring, gas cooking, open plan living and a full length Modwood deck ready to take in the views and breezes, this lovely home is easy care and comfortable.

A 2.4kw Voltech off-grid system keeps the house alive with no connection to mains power whatsoever. A Nature Loo composting toilet system and a 90,000 concrete water tank take care of all the other essential services. There are several fruit and vegetable gardens around the property, allowing you to easily grow your own food.

► The property is priced to sell, and expectations are that it will not last long. For more information call the listing agents Scott Walters on 0447 474 982 or Liezl Lutman on 0426 893 884.

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After 52 years the family has reluctantly decided it's time to pass this beauty on to another lucky family.

Nambour Heights retro delight

AGENT'S CHOICE: 57 Isabella Avenue, Nambour. Offers over \$699,000.

WELCOME to a new slice of mid-century paradise at 57 Isabella Avenue, Nambour. Built in 1959, this split-level home is a retro time capsule. Step inside, and you're greeted by the warmth of polished timber floors that set the tone for the entire home. The large retro kitchen is a chef's dream, with loads of space.

The house design capitalizes on natural airflow for cooling, with its original large 2-way windows throughout, open and shut breeze ways, and a large void between the lounge room and sunken kitchen.

Situated on a sprawling 733-square-meter corner block, this property can accommodate your boat, motorhome, or caravan with ease, thanks to the potential off-road space.

The garage shed is a huge 6 meters by 6 meters, offering endless possibilities as a workspace, man cave, or to house your vehicles.

Inside, the home has three cozy bedrooms, a

stylish bathroom, and an extra-large entertainment area, perfect for family gatherings.

Outdoors is a private courtyard and expansive backyard with meticulously maintained gardens, and the Bowen mango tree was planted so visiting family from out west could enjoy these prized fruits at their annual Christmas stay. After three generations, the family is still enjoying the fruit.

The backyard space has plenty of room for a veggie garden and chickens, and is fully fenced. There's even a water tank for the garden.

This solid brick home would suit the family, or could be a rental goldmine or Airbnb retreat.

It is located 5 minutes from the heart of Nambour. So, whether you're a young family in search of your forever home, an investor eyeing a hot rental, or an Airbnb aficionado, 57 Isabella Avenue is worth a serious look.

► Contact selling agents Tristan Brown on 0403 665 643 or Liezl Lutman on 0426 893 884 to arrange your inspection.



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- Gorgeous country kitchen with French doors
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WELCOME TO THE MARKET

86 Treehaven Way **MALENY**



Be quick to view this charming character home on over 1 acre (4065m²) in sought-after Treehaven Way, just minutes from Maleny. All the elements are in place to make this your forever property, just add your own personal touches inside, and design your dream garden!

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

- Gorgeous rural outlook over neighbouring farmland
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101 BARONGA ROAD, COOLOOLABIN

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Original condition block home on 8 hectares with incredible ocean views. Solid and well positioned in a quiet location this property will tick your boxes. This is a deceased estate sale with all genuine offers considered. Call Toby for inspection details.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



383 OBI OBI ROAD, MAPLETON

3 / 2 / 4

This gorgeous open plan home sits on an acre of easy-care land capturing incredible views of the Obi Obi valley. Features include timber floors, wrap veranda and lots of intrinsic charm. There is also a large shed with mezzanine floor with room for all the toys. Call Marcia or Steve for inspection details.

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131 HUNCHY ROAD, HUNCHY

3 / 2 / 2

Original condition block home on 8 hectares with incredible ocean views. Solid and well positioned in a quiet location this property will tick your boxes. This is a deceased estate sale with all genuine offers considered. Call Toby for inspection details.

FOR SALE
OFFERS FROM \$1,300,000 CONSIDERED



99 HENEBERY ROAD, BURNSIDE

3 / 3 / 4

New to the market is this well-maintained solid brick home on a usable 6923m² that includes spring fed dam, high set carport and attached workshop, plus under roof garage. The open plan interior includes raked ceilings. This remarkable property is being sold for the first time since being built in 1982. Call Marcia or Steve for inspection details.

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'More than the sale'

Popular Century 21 Living Local agent reveals his approach to real estate

ASK David Gaskin what makes a great real estate agent and he will tell you it's much more than just making sales.

"Apart from integrity and honesty, it's all about the experience," says the Woombye Century 21 Living Local agent.

"Anyone can give the spiel but it's about building relationships with people and making sure they don't feel like just another number."

A true local, David has lived in Woombye since he was seven and knows the area like the back of his hand.

With 25 years of retail experience under his belt including running a family business for many years, David's love of people and his ability to build a great rapport with his clients is at the heart of why he chose a career in Real Estate.

Well-known among his peers as an affable and enthusiastic character, he is passionate about good old-fashioned customer service and goes well above and beyond to ensure his clients receive top class service each and every time.

"I try to take the stress away as much as possible," he said.

"Sometimes that might mean mowing the lawn or picking up the palm fronds at the



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property, but that's all part of being a great Agent and getting the best results."

Support at a highly emotional time

While it's no secret that buying or selling a property can be a highly emotional time for some people, David says recognising and respecting these emotions is the key to a great client relationship built on genuine care and trust.

"It's probably the biggest purchase they will ever make and there are lots of emotions ... they might be selling their long-term family home where they raised their children and have a lifetime of memories."

When he is not looking after his clients, David is supporting the community and is currently the Vice President of The Woombye Snakes Football Club.

David is also a proud father of two, daughter

Paris has just started her career as a mid-wife and son Sebastian is finishing year 12 and is looking forward to a future in the film and TV industry.

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Shop 2/18 Blackall Street Woombye
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This meticulous 'Blue Chip' parcel of land has been in the same family for 51 years.



10.8 acres in Chevallum

AGENT'S CHOICE: 65 Chevallum School Road. Auction Saturday December 16.

PRIVACY, rural tranquility, open paddocks, trees, nature and desirable lifestyle options are all represented in this lovely property.

The 'Blue Chip' parcel of land has been owned by the same family for 51 years, and the property's facilities and features are vast and versatile.

Constructed in 2005, the brick, steel framed 'Glenwood Builders' family home can be 4, 5, or 6 bedrooms, and has 2 bathrooms plus an office, representing in excess of 300m² under roof. There are 3 separate indoor living / leisure areas, plus the poolside outdoor entertainment area. There is an additional side patio with an eastern aspect which catches the morning sun.

The spacious central kitchen features a dishwasher and step in pantry.

The home has air conditioning, ceiling fans and security screened doors and windows, as well as a spacious walk in linen closet.

Situated approximately 100 metres from the principle residence is a council approved one bedroom Colourbond studio/ retreat with bathroom and carport.

A 15m x 6m shed with 2 open parking bays, storeroom and enclosed 6m x 6m multi purpose area including a bathroom is connected to a 9m x 3m high roof access Van port.

The 10.8 acre block is a picturesque balance of 50% open grazing paddocks and 50% surrounds and boundaries forested with a variety of mature native vegetation.

A small citrus orchard includes mango, star fruit and mulberry trees. The originally Certified Organic soil combines red volcanic and sandy soil.

► Please contact Kirk Patrick at Century 21 Living Local, Woombye on 0439 395 599 to arrange your inspection.



Traditional elements in the home shine against a thoughtful renovation and neutral backdrop; high ceilings, VJ walls and casement windows will delight.

Glorious character cottage

AGENT'S CHOICE: 84 Baker's Road, Elaman Creek.

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Escape the everyday and create an enviable weekender or offer short term accommodation for those looking to experience a rural retreat and explore the Hinterland.

Traditional elements in the home shine against a thoughtful renovation and neutral backdrop; polished timber floors, high ceilings, a slow combustion fireplace, VJ walls and casement windows will delight.

The gorgeous country kitchen features French doors which lead to a delightful rear porch and there are sweeping rural views at

every turn.

The cottage has a large 2-way bathroom with bathtub and a powder room.

The property has 25 acres of open grazing land, 10,000 gallons of rainwater storage, and a huge 16m x 13m 3-bay shed with 3 phase power.

There is established native vegetation with Bunya pines, Red Cedar grove and a seasonal creek, and at the dam there is a character shack which is perfect for lazy summer days.

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