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## Family plans to rebuild after blaze

A Nambour family has been left devastated but determined to rebuild after a fire gutted the business last Wednesday.

Three fire crews were called to the fire at the Stihl Shop Nambour on Coronation Avenue at 8.50pm on Wednesday (February 8) and left about 10.40pm.

Most of the structural damage was contained to the workshop area, where the fire started, but there is overwhelming damage throughout. Almost all the stock and equipment in the business has been ruined by either the heat, smoke, ash or water.

Daughter Georga said the family was still coming to grips with the enormity of effort that will be required to get the business back on its feet.

"Yesterday (Thursday, February 9), I think in our minds, we were like: 'We'll come in, get in there, clean it out, and we'll be trading next week'. That's what we thought.

"But I don't think that that is the reality. There's a lot of smoke damage throughout the whole shop that needs to be repaired and cleaned and replaced.

"I didn't realize that smoke was capable of such destruction. It's on everything. Smoke spread from the workshop, through the whole shop, and then out our front roller door.

"So it's all through the ceiling and the roof. Everywhere. There's a lot of damage and potentially we're going to have to try and trade out of, maybe temporarily, somewhere else. I don't know what the plan is yet, we're just trying to work it out.

"Right now, we can't use any of the store or workshop because all the smoke damage is in the ceiling as well.

"And all the stock in the shop is coated in it. So currently, we can't do anything. We can't use any of it, can't sell any of it. We don't have power. It's a lot more damage than we first thought.

"But we've got our insurance, thank God, so they will sort everything out for us."

Georga said it would be months before they were back in the shop operating fully as before.

"Which is devastating. We're a family of five, plus our staff. It's awful. Now, we can't do anything. We just want to get in there, but we can't. Just sitting here is so frustrating."

The Nambour community and nearby businesses had been incredible and were a silver lining to a terrible situation.

"We've had the Bat Fit Crazy Gym next door bring us morning tea and lunch yesterday.



From left, Rebecca, Catherine, Andrew, Dana and Georga Kendray amidst the blackened workshop area.

"We've have the Sunshine Mitre 10 in Nambour help us out. My mum went to go get cleaning stuff, and they were like: 'Take it.' So they are supplying all the cleaning stuff which is incredible.

"We've had the owner of the shop next to us has let us store our stock in that building, which is so nice.

"We've got customers calling up, not wanting anything, they just want to make sure we're okay, if we need anything. I had customers turn up, and they bought us ice and drinks.

"Yeah, it's pretty incredible, when you need it, how the whole community just comes together. We're so lucky.

"But Mum and Dad are absolutely devastated. It's their lifeblood and, my Dad, he lives and breathes this business."

The Kendray family has run the business since parents Andrew and Catherine bought it in 2016. Georga and sisters Rebecca and Dana work there along with other staff.

A Queensland Police spokeswoman said the blaze was non-suspicious.



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# Abigail offers her voice to help fellow homeless community

A Nambour homeless woman is organising a fundraiser and public awareness campaign to help her fellow rough sleepers.

Abigail, who became homeless three years ago when Covid hit, said her broad goals were to obtain locations for homeless people to reside without fear of being moved-on and to get addicts into effective rehabilitation.

“The homeless people are like my family, they’re like my extended family. And look, we don’t always get on,” she laughed. “But we want to be part of the solution.”

“A lot has been said about the homeless situation in Nambour and we wish to find a way forward with the Council and community’s help. We need somewhere to go, and legally, so that the police don’t have to move us on wherever we go. And this is where the Council needs to step up and provide legal spaces where we can stay, shower and toilet.”

“At the moment we just hide in the bush. We just hide away and it’s like ... I’ve been hiding for three years. I’m tired of hiding.”

Abigail said there were measures that could be relatively easily implemented and also have a disproportionately large positive effect on the homeless population.

“I have a list but we basically need areas to sleep. It doesn’t have to be built accommodation. But you can’t put us all in one big space because we’re pretty dysfunctional so that wouldn’t work. The places need to be free, easy to access and where we are not going to be moved on. We need toilets, hot showers and bins.”

On a more personal level, Abigail wants to raise money to fund month-long private rehabilitations for local addicts who desperately want to recover.



**Abigail: “We need somewhere to go, and legally, so that the police don’t have to move us on wherever we go”.**

“Julie (not her real name) has been on the street for 25 years in Nambour and is desperate at the moment to get into rehab,” said Abigail.

“Julie is absolutely desperate because her friend died (possibly of an overdose) a few days before Christmas and she’s like, ‘don’t give up on me, please don’t give up on me’ and I said ‘I won’t give up on you, never’. She doesn’t want to be the next.”

“I find it interesting because when the police come down and talk to her, they’re also like, ‘we don’t want you to be the next’. The police love her.”

“I would like her to go to rehab because the detox facility in Brisbane – you go for a week and then – unless you have a rehabilitation facility to then go to you get popped back out on the street. She’s already done that before. I would really like her to have some of the private rehab facilities for a whole month and fully detox.”

“We’ve got a beautiful community. There’s so many that do so many kind things. But the homeless don’t have a voice. Now, I didn’t want

to be that voice. I certainly don’t want to be the organizer. I don’t wanna be a leader.

“But I know that if I don’t advocate for them, they’re gonna get squished. They’re gonna get charged, they’re gonna get fined. They’re gonna get pushed to wherever to hide in the bush. And then it will be a few months where everything dies down, and they’ll come back again. It’s just, that’s not a way, this is not a solution. So let’s be a solution. What are the solutions to help them when they need it? If they want help, let’s help them. They wanna get into rehab, let’s make it happen.”

You can give to Abigail’s fundraiser at [www.gofund.me/ede312cf](http://www.gofund.me/ede312cf). The price of private rehabilitation at the Gunnebah Addiction Retreat is \$13,500 for 30 days (and \$450/day for each day thereafter). See [www.gunnebah.com.au/cost/](http://www.gunnebah.com.au/cost/).

► Abigail was going to approach the Nambour Magistrates Court on Monday (February 13) for permission to hold a public assembly at a date to be confirmed.

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**Parking in the spotlight:** Rhonda Billett and Cr David Law with the parking map which is now live at [www.iamnambour.com.au](http://www.iamnambour.com.au), along with the Nambour Vintage Shopping map and more.

## Initiative puts Nambour car parking locations on the map

IN the later part of 2022, the Nambour Chamber of Commerce, Nambour Tram Co, ReImagine Nambour and the Nambour Retailers Group joined forces with Cr David Law and his internal council teams to bring some relief to parking in and around Nambour.

“Previous parking maps had been designed for Nambour about 10 years ago, but unfortunately they were only in paper form,” said Rhonda. “Back then, the online community was not what it is today, so once the maps had been distributed, the map benefits were lost.

“However working with coast Graphic Designer Katie Buckley, Sunshine Coast Council as well as our Nambour Groups, we have been able to identify all parking availability in the Nambour CBD and surrounds and create a fully downloadable version for anyone who lives, works or plays in Nambour.”

The map is now live at [www.iamnambour.com.au](http://www.iamnambour.com.au) along with our Nambour Vintage Shop-

ping map and other Nambour and Surrounds information.

“We urge people to get on the site, download your copy and get in the know of what parking options are available.”

Cr Law thanked Rhonda for coordinating the work with community organisations and for her “determination to build a positive change”.

## Nambour Connection Road armed robbery

DETECTIVES from Nambour Criminal Investigation Branch are investigating an armed robbery that occurred at Nambour Connection Road intersection at around 11pm on Saturday January 28. A grey Subaru hatch was stolen during the robbery and was later located burnt out in Wondunna on January 30. Investigations are ongoing.



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# 'I owe my life to those kids'

## Teacher tells of alleged assault in Short Street Nambour

A 59-year-old teacher says he's lucky to be alive following a sickening attack in a car park in Nambour CBD.

A video of the attack which left him in hospital with a broken eye socket shows a 32-year-old man delivering a sickening kick to the head. The video was posted on the Gazette's Facebook Page and has been given to Nambour Police.

The Nambour man was walking through a car park in Short St about 6.35pm on Tuesday when the assailant knocked him down and punched him repeatedly until a young male and female nearby helped by bravely distracting the alleged offender.

"I can't believe that I'm standing," the teacher said after seeing the footage of the incident. "Especially after that last kick to the head. I owe my life to those kids."

"It happened so fast with no warning," he said. "He came straight up, and smacked me in the face, and he was running."

"It was so fast that I actually didn't even get a fright. This guy was crazy. His eyes - when I did catch his eyes - he was just so high, it wasn't funny. And those people are really strong."

"I just went down and a few blows later, I thought: 'If I don't start fighting back, I'm dead here. I've got to do something here or I'm done'. And I threw a few punches, which probably meant nothing to this guy as he was that drug-crazed."

"I did get a few swings back, but I was on the ground and he was pinning me down. But I did manage to get a leg up between him and me, and pushed him away a bit. And then I don't know who my guardian angels were, but they pulled him away."

The man said he had been on his way to a trivia night at Beach House Hotel.



**A video of the incident shows the moment the teacher (on ground) is kicked in the head. A nearby female and male person then stepped in to distract the attacker.**

Following the attack there was blood coming out of his face everywhere and he went into the hotel confused until patrons noticed and took him to hospital.

"My head was very dizzy. He hit more than once in the head, I've got to tell you. My head feels like the Swiss Alps."

The man said he didn't think there was anything he could have done to avoid the situation except stay out of town altogether.

"I think the only thing you can do to avoid that situation is just not go there."

"I don't like to use the phrase, 'I was in the wrong place at the wrong time', because I was in the car park and I should be allowed to be there without getting my face bashed in."

"And that's the issue now. It's a major parking area. And I shouldn't have to be on the lookout for the type

of people who hang out there - they drink, they take drugs.

"From what I understand this guy had been ripped off in a drug deal, and he thought he was chasing the guys who ripped him off. And he just ran straight up and smacked me."

"People may say 'it was one of those things', but it shouldn't be one of those things. People should be able to go wherever they like, whenever they like, and feel safe about it."

The man said despite the situation he was grateful to police, hospital staff and his spirits had been lifted from the outpouring of support he received on Facebook Page "Living in Nambour".

He said police were doing the best they could but were understaffed and burdened with drug and domestic violence issues. "I really do believe that they just have got no staff. They work really hard and do everything they can."

He would also like to know the identity of the young samaritans who came to his assistance. "Nambour is a good place," he said. "I've never been happier living anywhere. Its just sad that a few make life not nice for us all."

Nambour Police have charged a 32-year-old Yandina man with one count of assault occasioning bodily harm and one count of wilful damage. He's been scheduled to appear in the Nambour Magistrates Court.

An ambulance arrived and took the alleged attacker to hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

The victim also broke his thumb in the incident. The Short Street-Lowe Street area is notorious for unlawful behaviour.

▶ Anyone with information or video footage should contact Policelink or Crime Stoppers.

Cr Law: Yes, it's a problem and we need to look for fresh solutions that will work

DIVISION 10 Cr David Law, pictured, said he understood public concerns about safety in Nambour but the recent assault of a teacher in Nambour needed to be taken in the context of broader statistics.

Cr Law said he kept up to date with publicly-available police figures showing that, statistically, Nambour had less of a crime problem than Maroochydore.

"The population for Maroochydore is 20,000, plus or minus, and it's the same population in Nambour. And yet, when you look at the total number of crimes, the total number of crimes in Maroochydore are almost double what they are in Nambour. That's over the last three months."

Cr Law questioned whether the Gazette's coverage of Nambour CBD safety issues might make the problem worse by making people hesitant to come in to town.

"It seems to me that if you were in Nambour looking at crime, you'd think it was the worst place in the world. And then in Maroochydore, where it's in fact double with the same population, it gets a mention in the media, as it should, but it doesn't get this intense focus as it seems to in Nambour."

"I guess one difference is the number of people who visit Maroochydore would be quite different to the number of people who visit Nambour."

"So we need to encourage people to want to visit Nambour. And if we keep focusing and highlighting on our crime and our good order misconduct offences, then we're going to struggle to encourage people to want to come here."

Cr Law said that following some



feedback on local Facebook Page Living in Nambour he spoke to about 12 people - including businesspeople and the teacher who was assaulted - at an impromptu open meeting he organised in the town square.

He said the conversations helped reinforce his understanding of CBD businesspeople's concerns and he was keen to look at new solutions that might work.

"I'm not suggesting that what businesspeople are experiencing isn't happening. What I'm saying is, 'we may have different views on how to deal with that'."

"And, yes, let's put the call out for more police. And that's happened. And we've worked with them to get a Mobile Police Beat in Nambour."

"We know what the challenges and the problems and the issues are. And I'm really wanting to focus on giving people a reason to come to Nambour, rather than focussing on reasons to stay away. When I talk to the wider community, there are some amazing things happening in Nambour."

"The safety study that Council has done with the University should be with me by the middle of March. And I will certainly be talking to the community about that."

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# MP responds to online outcry regarding CBD bashing

MEMBER for Nicklin Rob Skelton MP, pictured, has responded to the local outcry on social media which followed a recent attack on a 59-year-old teacher in a Nambour CBD car park.

I would like to express my gratitude to those of you who have reached out to me regarding the recent concerns about community safety. In response, I have written this letter to provide more information on the measures being taken to ensure the safety of our community.

Combating violent crime and anti-social behaviour, which is a widespread issue not just across the whole of Australia, but also in the US and New Zealand, requires a collective effort from all members of our community. Please take the time to review the details below and contact me if you have any further concerns.

Violent crime of any sort is entirely unacceptable. The recent alleged assault suffered by a member of the community is disgusting and has no place in a civil society. I want to assure you that ensuring the safety of our community is my top priority. As a local resident and a parent with a young family, I truly understand how important this issue is to the community.

I am in regular contact with the Minister for Police, the Minister for Youth Justice, Sunshine Coast District Superintendent Craig Hawkins, and the Officer in Charge of the Nambour Police Station. The Police are doing an amazing job at tracking the offenders down and bringing them to justice. Unfortunately, there is a small group of recidivist offenders who are committing the majority of the offences.

Crime and anti-social behaviour are complex issues, but community safety must come first. All of the current activity to prevent and disrupt crime will continue but the community is demanding tougher penalties too.

As you may be aware, the Premier has recently announced a suite of increased penalties aimed squarely at keeping the community safe. Violent criminals should receive harsher punishments and the community must be protected.

Among the new measures are:

- Increasing the maximum penalty for stealing a car from 7 years to 10 years' imprisonment
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- Increased penalties for criminals who have boasted about these crimes on social media

- A \$9.89 million fast-track sentencing so criminals are convicted faster, spending less time on remand and more time serving their sentences

- The construction of two new youth detention centres

- The appointment within QPS of Assistant Commissioner to the position of Youth Crime Taskforce Commander

- The increased penalties apply to adult as well as juvenile offenders.

Legislative changes will be introduced this year. This is one of the most comprehensive reforms ever seen in Queensland.

Tougher penalties and increased surveillance in the CBD will help disrupt the illegal activities of those who wish to do harm, identify recidivists, and protect the community. I recommend any business owners in Nicklin with CCTV to register with the Community Camera Alliance to help Police better identify offenders.

We will never stop looking for innovative new ways to target wrongdoers and support the community. Unfortunately, there is no one-size-fits-all solution and it's going to take a whole of community approach. The best thing anyone can do to assist, is to report any suspicious or illegal behaviour directly to Police as soon as possible. There are a range of contact numbers at the end of this letter to assist constituents to ensure authorities have the information they need to do their jobs effectively.

I will continue to lobby for improvements in the criminal justice system to improve community safety. I know how important this is to people in our community.

## Everyone has a right to feel safe in their town

Comment by Cameron Outridge, editor

BUSINESS and townspeople took to Facebook last week following the assault of a 59-year-old teacher. Many voiced their concerns and shared personal anecdotes about safety in the CBD.

The Gazette's view is that everyone should have the right to feel safe in their own town. They should especially have a right to feel safe in the CBD, a place of free trade and commerce. And they should have a right to feel safe walking across their town square or doing their banking. And many people don't.

When we interview public-facing, mum-and-dad businesses in town, many hold legitimate safety fears. Some are traumatised. They hold concerns for their employees and customers and are reluctant to have their name in print for fear of online blowback or

even of physical damage to their businesses.

Statistics do not tell you those things and this is why the safety issue in Nambour needs more consistent attention.

No-one is saying this is not a complex issue. But an immediate solution seems clear. Businesses on the frontline say more regular police patrols would alleviate the issue, just as they have in the past.

But we are told police recruiting is not keeping pace with the number of officers leaving the service, let alone keeping pace with population growth & complex social issues.

Our courageous officers are under tremendous pressure. At the end of the day, policing is a state government responsibility.

The state needs to encourage more recruits to join the service, so they can get more boots on the ground and do their jobs effectively.

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### Curated Plate

The festival menu for The Curated Plate is fermenting.

If you're a Sunshine Coast based restaurant, venue, winery, cellar door, brewery, food producer, wine maker, tourism operator, musician, band, or food truck and can offer a warm and inviting food event that features Sunshine Coast produce or products, follow the link to The Curated Plate Industry Partners page and think about how you can join this growing event [www.thecurated-plate.com.au](http://www.thecurated-plate.com.au)

### Grow It Local

The annual Grow It Local awards are a prime opportunity for home gardeners to show off their patches and produce, whether it's from a backyard, community garden, balcony or kitchen windowsill.

With award categories including best chook name and wonkiest vegetable, the awards aim to make home food growing simple, social and fun.

Post an image of your entry on Facebook or Instagram, and in your caption make sure you: hashtag #growitlocal, tag growitlocal, mention Sunshine Coast Council and the category you want to enter.

For a full list of categories, visit the Grow It Local website.

The awards are open until March 30.



Andrew Powell with Tony Hartley and Dennis Hensby at Maleny-Kenilworth Road in Witta.

## Push to fix pothole-riddled road: 'The fight isn't over yet'

MEMBER for Glass House Andrew Powell is committing to fight for further upgrades to Maleny-Kenilworth Road, this time on the Witta section between Curramore and Maleny.

"On the back of the recent success we've had with commitments to improve Maleny-Kenilworth Road at Cambrook, I'm setting my sights on getting the Witta section fixed too," said Mr Powell.

Long term residents Tony Hartley and Dennis Hensby who use the road daily have strongly supported the push to address the quality of the road.

Last year, Tony and Andrew launched a petition calling on the Government to repair the road seal and verges of Maleny-Kenilworth Road between the main Maleny township and Curramore Road.

In his response to the petition, which received almost 1000 signatures, the Minister for Main Roads said Transport and Main Roads (TMR) contractors regularly inspected the road

and repaired safety issues as soon as possible.

"The Minister should then explain to me how there are constantly potholes in the road?" said Mr Powell.

"The repair jobs that actually do get done are addressing the problems and barely last more than a week before the potholes open back up again."

"It's a safety issue. The road is riddled with potholes, infrequent mowing of the verges results in lack of good line of sight, and there are patches where grass is growing through and cracking open the bitumen," said Mr Hartley.

"I've seen many a car cross over the double white lines to avoid potholes. It's dangerous," said Mr Hensby.

"I'm thrilled that the Cambrook section of the road is getting sealed and widened, but the fight can't and won't stop there. There are other sections of Maleny-Kenilworth Road that are just as dangerous and the Witta section now has my full attention," said Mr Powell.

## QCWA International Women's Day High Tea

YANDINA Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) is hosting a High Tea on Friday March 10 at 11.30am at the QCWA Division Hall (11 Stevens Street, Yandina) to celebrate International Women's Day.



You are all invited to come along and enjoy delicious, homemade savoury and sweet treats served on beautiful vintage crockery and listen to our guest speaker Ms Fiona Simpson MP, Member for Maroochydore. Attendees are invited to dress in our 'Lavender and Lace' theme. There will also be a raffle, a lucky door prize, and prizes for best dressed.

Funds raised will allow the branch to continue to support members of the local and wider community.

• Due to limited numbers, bookings are essential. Tickets are \$25 and are to be pre-purchased by contacting Yandina Branch President Maureen on 0478 659 639 or [qcwayandina@gmail.com](mailto:qcwayandina@gmail.com).

## Coolum Caravan Club

FORMED in 2002 we welcome members from all areas of the Sunshine Coast, and, meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Mudjimba Community Hall.

Visitors are welcome.

Our group rally once a month to areas of Queensland and Northern NSW (February to November), and are usually of a week's duration (Caravan Parks and Showgrounds).

Occasionally there is a "roving" rally for an extended period going further afield to different locations.

Trips are fun and great friendships are formed.

Activities may include sightseeing, morning walking group, meals out at local venues, group one pot dinners, camp oven and jaffle iron meals, disc bowls, finska, board games and quizzes, and, of course the usual Happy Hour (around a campfire when possible).

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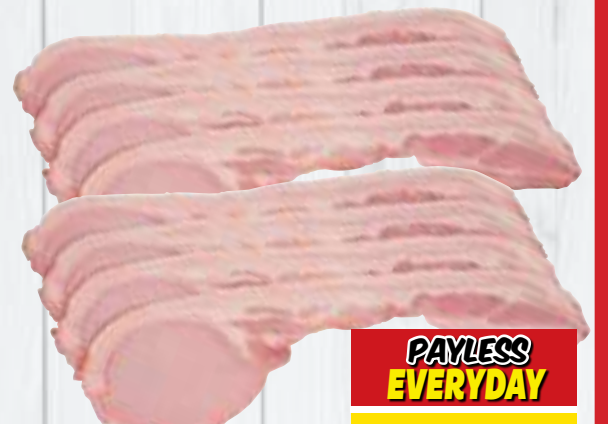
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I am pleased that a project for the upgrade of Sunridge Road and Upper Landershute Road is now underway.

I encourage you to provide your feedback and local knowledge to the design team so that together we can achieve the best outcome.

This stage in the Council's Unsealed Roads Upgrade Program is very important to establish the design for the road and to determine the future funding required to complete the construction works.

If you have any feedback, please let us know by Friday 3 March 2023 by emailing mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. All feedback will be considered and be treated in confidence.

### Industry Partner Opportunity. The Curated Plate

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### Clean Up Australia Day

I invite you to be part of the 33rd annual Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 5.

This year several groups will be running clean-ups across Division 5. To register, simply visit the Clean Up Australia Day website at www.cleanup.org.au/cleanupaustrialiaday, select 'join a clean-up' and search for an event nearby by entering your postcode or suburb.

### Keeping you connected

Please do keep an eye on my Facebook page for the latest Division 5 news and information. Visit [www.facebook.com/winstonjohnstondivision5sc](https://www.facebook.com/winstonjohnstondivision5sc)

# From corporate careers to holistic counselling

## Business Writeup Cookies & Pickles

FOUNDED to help people create change in their lives, Cookies & Pickles opened its doors in Montville in late August, 2022 and represents a labour of love for its mother-and-daughter business partners.

Tania Thomson and Tayla Roach come from corporate backgrounds, with Tania having been heavily concerned with business finance, data analysis and structure while Tayla was a manager at Apple.

"It was interesting that we both felt compelled to make a change and pursue our passion at the same time," Tayla said.

"We are all about 'going all in on yourself' and this change represents us doing that in our own lives.

"I had owned this shop in Montville for years and when the previous tenants moved on, it seemed an opportune time to make a radical change ourselves!" said Tania. "I always wanted to own a store, and here we are."

Over 6 weeks, Tania and Tayla renovated and fitted out the space themselves, including the design, the painting, and even polishing the concrete floors. The space is a peaceful showcase for the beautiful products they offer.

"We have body care products, medicinal mushrooms, adaptogenics and self development books," Tania said. "The intention of the store is to bring people back to the core of natural healing and give them the tools and resources to heal themselves."

"We really wanted this community," Tayla explained. "There are a lot of people here who are interested in wellness and natural healing. As well as providing our own treatments and products, we will be bringing in new practitioners who are in alignment with what we are doing."

With qualifications in Psychology, Quantum Healing, Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) and a range of other holistic modalities, Tayla takes a multi-faceted approach to supporting her clients.

"I have a degree in Psychology but never felt inclined to register as a Psychologist because I felt it would limit me in terms of what I could offer," said Tayla.

"My passion is for deep integrative work that



**Tania and Tayla: "... the work we do is far from alternative, and in fact should be the first point of contact when it comes to looking for the solution to your problems".**

leads to spiritual development. I don't think it is any accident that people who seek me out are generally ready to engage in a collaborative process to 'do the work'."

Tayla uses a combination of modalities including NLP, hypnotherapy, past life regression, crystal therapy, colour therapy, spiritual and chakra work to assist her clients to understand and heal themselves at a very deep level.

"People are often then in the position where they are ready to go into a business of their own, or really focus on an existing business with renewed clarity and sense of direction," Tania said.

"I can help small to medium sized businesses in such areas as set up, data and operating systems, strategy and implementation of systems and processes to get rid of the manual labour that creates errors. So what we are

offering is an 'end to end' solution."

"For years we have been heavily invested in holistic practices and services that guide individuals back on a journey of self discovery," Tayla said.

"We believe that the work we do is far from alternative, and in fact should be the first point of contact when it comes to looking for the solution to your problems."

Tania agreed. "At the end of the day, when an individual's mindset shifts to a focus on health and wellbeing, it can be the start of something big. For us, we want to leave this place better than the way we found it, one person at a time."

► Cookies & Pickles is at Shop 5/168 Main Street Montville. You can get in touch at [hello@cookiesnpickles.com](mailto:hello@cookiesnpickles.com)



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## 'Old school' bakery offers traditional delights

A Nambour bakery has opened its doors to retail customers seven days a week in order to meet demand from its growing customer base.

The Gourmet Storr now bakes seven days a week, after previously offering a retail service on Saturdays only.

"We were getting so many requests to open every day that we decided to give it a go," laughed owner, Mel Storr.

Mel and her baker-husband Chris have been running The Gourmet Storr as a wholesale bakery for around two years. They supply Chris's delicious bread to restaurants and cafes around the coast.

With 24 years of experience under his belt, it's safe to say that Chris really knows his stuff when it comes to baking.

"I started baking when I was 16 and I guess over time, you get to know what works when it comes to what people want to eat," Chris said.

"I have found that people really love 'old school' baked goods and so do we. That is why we choose to make these products."

"Pretty much anything that Chris makes turns out to be delicious," Mel said. "There have been very few 'bad' products. He is just a natural," says Mel.

Customers of The Gourmet Storr will be delighted to see such a mouthwatering range of traditional bakery favourites on the shelves.

"We have sausage rolls, muffins, bee stings, almond croissants, fruit cake, vanilla slices, hedgehog slices, caramilk slices and freshly made salad rolls, plus there are more items to come," Mel said. "Due to space limitations we will change and rotate items. And we will also be introducing pie flavours in the near future, we are just perfecting the recipes first."



From left, Hayley Pearson, Chris Storr, Jono Smith and Mel Storr provide 'old school' baking at its best in Nambour.

"Chris recently made the most amazing vegetarian 'sausage' roll with spinach, ricotta and pumpkin," Mel said. "It was delicious and a 'must try' even if you are not vegetarian."

"I have my own rocky road recipe that I thought I would make and it has proven to be a hit with our customers," said Chris. "So it will stay on the menu."

"I don't even like rocky road but when I tried Chris' recipe, it was so yum that I went back for more!" said Mel.

Chris also bakes a range of beautiful breads including white, wholemeal, grain, fruit and cobb loaves and sourdough. "Our sourdough loaves are very popular," said Mel. "We have plain sourdough as well as jalapenos and cheddar, sundried tomato and feta and kalamata olive and rosemary. These loaves are delicious as a sandwich, with a meal, or on their own."

"Chris is an incredible baker and we are so excited that we can share our food with locals every day now," Mel said.

► The Gourmet Storr is located at Shop 5, 186 Currie Street, Nambour and there is plenty of parking. Facebook page @TheGourmetStorr.

## Petrie Creek Bushcare

PETRIE Creek Bushcare has planted thousands of plants along our Petrie Creek Bush Care sites. If you'd like to join in or just enjoy the results, the next opportunities to join our Bush-Care activities are as follows.

• Namba Creek on Saturday 18 February 2023 starting at 7am (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour).

• Gulung Gung on Wednesday 22 February starting at 7am (you can park in NE part of Aldi Carpark in Howard St Nambour and 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.

► For more info see the FB Page "Petrie-CreekCatchmentCareGroupInc" or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com

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Grant recipients under the previous funding round included:

- Woombye Tennis Club (\$10,000 towards a new kitchen); and
- The Range Community Kindergarten in Mapleton (\$3,000 towards shed upgrades).

EOIs must be submitted no later than 10 March for projects located in the Fairfax electorate. Up to 20 local projects will share in \$150,000.

For more info, ring my office on 5479 2800 or email ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au

### Liam's Life-Saving List

Calling all 18 to 35 year olds — you're in a position to save the life of someone suffering from cancer, like my cousin Liam.

Liam was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer of which he requires a crucial stem cell donation from a suitable match if he is to recover.

Liam's Life-Saving List campaign is urging young Australians to take an extra two-minute step at the blood bank and add their name to the stem cell register to potentially help save a life.

Head here to find your nearest donor center: [www.lifeblood.com.au/donor-centre](http://www.lifeblood.com.au/donor-centre)

You can also visit my facebook page to view Liam's Today Show interview which sent his campaign viral.

### Tragedy in Syria and Turkey

No one should have to suffer the horrors that the people of Syria and Turkey have endured these past few days. My deepest sympathies go to the families and communities that have lost loved ones and to those who continue to search for survivors.

I support the Albanese Government's decision to provide an initial \$10 million in humanitarian assistance to those affected.



Linda says yellow lines, as indicated (Photoshopped), would help alert drivers to not park across her driveway. BELOW: Exhibit A ... a car parked across Linda's driveway recently.

## Call for action on driveway parkers

LINDA Skinner has lived in her Blackall Street Woombye house for 20 years and she reckons it's about time Council did something about people parking cars across her driveway.

And she has a simple solution.

Linda, who used to own Woombye Bakery, said the problem occurred a couple of times a week and could mean she was trapped at home. Or it could prevent her or her visitors, including health carers, from entering the property.

She says she's been on to Council but they keep telling her that people should know not to park across her driveway.

"I tell them 'I'm well aware that people should know that, but that doesn't stop them parking across my driveway,'" she said.

"A simple solution, and one I've seen in use in other Council jurisdictions, would be to paint yellow lines next to the existing white lines."

Linda said everyone knows that you can't

park on yellow lines and they would serve as a visual cue to alert people to the driveway.

"People don't realise there's a driveway there. As they drive along looking for a place to park they see a break in the parked cars and assume it's a space. But it's my driveway," she said. "A yellow line might make them realise."

"I've had men telling me to F-off. Others simply don't see the driveway and are very apologetic."

"I've got my car parked on council land at front of my place at the moment because yesterday when I got home there was a car parked across my driveway. A couple of yellow lines would make all the difference."

"I'm at my wits end. A couple of weeks ago my home care nurse couldn't get in. I don't need a yellow line across the driveway just alongside the existing white lines."



From left, Bonnie Schultz as Jean, Sheila Oliver as Mother, Karen Faa as Rita.

## Colorful Perceptive as always

THE walls of the Lind Theatre are already rumbling as it gets back into full swing for a new year of entertaining seasons. The small group of dedicated theatre lovers, has already begun rehearsals filling the theatre most days of the week. The variety guaranteed for the first production of their One Act Play Festival, *Shades of Red, White, and Black*, promises to be three tales of drama, comedy, and suspense, while introducing new Directors Angela Braby, Colin Gre-vett and Catherine Steer. The seasoned theatre makers usually wear other hats so it is time for them to come out from behind the curtains and show their directorial prowess.

► *Shades of Red, White & Black*: February 16-18. Details and bookings at [lindlane.com.au](http://lindlane.com.au)

## Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

HERE'S what's showing now at Majestic Cinemas in Nambour.

Now Showing: *Magic Mike's Last Dance* (Channing Tatum and Selma Hayek); *Avatar the Way of Water*; *Knock at the Cabin* (thriller) and from Feb 16 *Ant Man and the Wasp*; *We are Still Here* (Australian-New Zealand anthology); *Tar* (Cate Blanchett) and *The Whale* (Best Actor Oscars nominee Brendan Fraser).

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## Bowls Club gears up for big tournament

THE Yandina Bowls Club (Club Yandina) has their preparations well underway to host its Open Fours Tournament again on the weekend of April 1 and 2.

Last year's tournament saw Club Yandina host 28 teams for the weekend, with teams coming from all over southeast Queensland and as far away as Charleville. This year's tournament promises to be even bigger and better, with teams filling fast to compete for the \$5,500 prize pool. Local businesses have also shown their support again for the event, through generous Sponsorship and donations of raffle prizes.

Club Yandina sees this annual Open Fours bowls competition as a fantastic opportunity to introduce visiting bowlers and their families and friends to the homely delights of the Club, the historic hinterland township and the surrounding areas.

Local bowlers and visitors are of course always welcome at Club Yandina; at their Social Pairs Bowls on Tuesdays from 1pm, and at our Friday Barefoot Bowls from 4pm and Bistro from 6pm. Please follow Club Yandina on Facebook, and contact them by phone on 5446 7126, or by email at yandinabowlsclubinc@bigpond.com.



Pixie, Angela, and Kerry enjoyed the opening event of Banquet.

## A Banquet of Tasty Morsels at The Old Ambo exhibition

BANQUET by Liminal and Friends is the latest art exhibition at Nambour's Old Ambo gallery. Banquet comprises a large number of works which fill the gallery space. It is a diverse show ranging from street art inspired spray painted works and installations to pottery, ceramics, paintings and digital art.

Artist Julia Hegarty explains that Liminal is an eclectic bunch of artists from Nambour and the Sunny Coast who met at Nambour TAFE and decided to unify their many different art forms into one exhibition. "The show was three months in the making with lots of help from the local community which has been very supportive," Julia said. "The Old Ambo generously donated the gallery space to us and assisted with lighting and pulling together the band for the opening."

As part of the show there will be workshops and guided walking tours of Nambour. Details may be found on the Old Ambo's Facebook and Instagram pages. Artist Humble Dumpling says that street art walks are a joyful excuse to take a walk in the evening cool, and enjoy your township through a nocturnal lens.

He says that the title of the exhibition, Banquet, was a joke but it is also the truth, in that it is a thematic thread to weave between diverse works, which make a rich gumbo of exotic flavours.

Banquet runs at the Old Ambo at 80 Howard St, Nambour, until February 22. The gallery is open from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 3pm. We hope you can join us at the table.



Street artist Humble Dumpling with his installation, 33.



## Application lodged for car wash in Yandina

A Development Application for a car wash (MCU23/0020) has been lodged on the double block near the Fleming Street / Yandina-Coolum Road roundabout.

The site is at 1679-1681 Yandina Coolum Rd Yandina (Lot 1 & Lot 2 RP44329).

The development site is a square shaped allotment created from two separate lots under the same ownership.

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## Creative arts schedule goes live

**Show News** with Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show President Rowan O'Hara



THE Silver Craft section is a new addition to this year's 2023 Creative Arts & Handcrafts Schedule and is attracting interest from across the Sunshine Coast and Gympie. The Nambour Lapidary Club is hosting this section. Contact nambourlapidary@hotmail.com or 0493 679 482 or www.sunshinecoastshow.com.au for more.

**Sewing section:** All entries must be submitted to the Club for official judging before May 20. The section has been expanded to encourage emerging artists to enter their creations. If you've been sewing for less than 2 years, you can show your work to a large audience.

**Craft section:** On a sad note, we thank Patchwork Angel and wish the very best as their circumstances have changed and their shop is now closed at Forest Glen. Thanks for the years of sponsorship of the Craft section. We look forward to reuniting our partnership in the future.

**Bread section:** We're excited to introduce a white bread class for professional bakers in our Cookery Schedule. Sour Dough & Cob Loaf classes have been introduced for home cooks. Now is the time to start perfecting your bread. Entry for juniors is once free and we are pleased to have the Cammy Yates' "All Abilities" cooking section once again. Iced cakes have two show themes this year - "The Paddock" and "Fun at the Show". Just imagine.

**Bee's knees:** Apiculture's a popular section with jars of honey always coming in thick and fast. 2022 was hard for our little winged pollinators, with so much rain. Hopefully, 2023 will be kinder and bees will be back to doing what they do best - making honey. Mead and wax are also products of honey. We are proud to have both of these in our schedule. Interested in taking a trade site or entries, contact our office staff who will help with any questions.



From left Cathy Daveson, Dianne Brewer & Elaine Wells.

## Do you love to chat? Seeking volunteers for Visitor Centres

CATHY Daveson has been volunteering in the Visitor Information Centres (VIC's) for nine years and believes the Centres are the best way to help visitors find out about the Hinterland.

"Today, we have been chatting with a couple travelling around in a little van from Brazil," Cathy said. "Regardless of age, people still want to have a chat with someone face-to-face and find out where to stay and what to do. And absolutely everybody wants a hard copy map."

Dianne Brewer volunteers at the Montville VIC, was born in Nambour and loves meeting different people from all over the world who pop in for information.

"Growing up in the region, I know quite a bit and can share the tips but to stay updated, I've had to get out and about to discover new things in our own backyard."

"The top thing people want to know about at the Montville Centre is info about our wonderful walks and waterfalls," she says.

Elaine Wells is also a born and bred local and

her must-visit attractions are Kondalilla Falls and Mary Cairncross Reserve. She jokes, "my kids say I'm doing a job I love as I can tell people where to go and get away with it!"

Visit Sunshine Coast Industry and Trade Coordinator Beth Mahoney said they are seeking more volunteers to help out at the Montville and Glass House Mountain Visitor Information Centres.

"We are always looking for enthusiastic people who love to have a chat. Local knowledge is handy, but not essential. Training and a uniform are provided with shifts typically for half a day and available 7 days."

"One of the best perks of the role is the familiarisation training program we run that gets the volunteers out and about and seeing and meeting the businesses and seeing behind the scenes. There is no better way to experience it first-hand, so they can talk about it to visitors."

Interested? Contact beth.mahoney@visit-sunshinecoast.com or call 0458 788 285.



## Mapleton Hall Country Markets

MAPLETON Hall's first Country Market for the year will be held on Saturday 25th February from 8am to midday.

As members of the Hinterland Market Trail we welcome you to join us.

Feast on waffles with seasonal fruit and cream or icecream from the kitchen. The Blackall Range Lions Club have you sorted with egg & bacon rolls or a sausage sizzle.

New to the market is the Veteran Youth Xperience (VYX) coffee van with all funds going directly to run youth camps which are run by Veterans.

Don't forget to pick up your sourdoughs, pestos, pizza bases, honey, jam and chutneys as well as the many different stalls inside and outside the hall. With easy onsite parking behind the hall. See you there!

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## Family celebrates as Fred turns 102

NAMBOUR resident Frederick Sandell, pictured, turned 102 on January 15. Daughter Mirth Fabbro said a family luncheon was held in his honour.

Mr Sandell had the same career his entire working life. He began as a commercial accountant in December 1935 as a junior clerk with Australian Iron and Steel Ltd at Port Kembla NSW. His career finished in Rockhampton in 1989 when Mr Sandell retired from Australian Provincial Newspapers as assistant manager.

In 2013, when Mr Sandell was 92, he was acknowledged with a 70 years of Membership from CPA Australia.

It was only about five years ago Fred and his wife Jean sold their Kenilworth property, which had been in the family for 100 years, and moved to Nambour to be closer to daughter Mirth. "I've attached a photo of Dad with one of his congratulatory letters and certificates from the whose who of politics," said Mirth.

## Popular camping area set for \$2.1 million upgrade

MORE visitors will soon be able to enjoy one of the Sunshine Coast's most popular camping areas thanks to a \$2.1 million upgrade.

Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon said a contract had recently been awarded to local construction company *Be! Building Group Pty Ltd* for the upgrade of Conondale National Park's Booloumba Creek 1 camping area.



Tristan Brown, centre, on site with developers Tristan Stent and Chris Eastwood.

## New land release in Coes Creek

REMAX Nambour recently hosted an Open Day for a boutique land release in Coes Creek.

"The Retreat" comprises 14 flat generous sized blocks with a 3,885m<sup>2</sup> green reserve, a tranquil centrepiece.

"Coes Creek is such a desirable residential area already, in part because it is leafy and features contemporary homes on large blocks," said RE/MAX Property Sales & Rentals Director, Tristan Brown.

Block sizes at The Retreat range from 603m<sup>2</sup> to 878m<sup>2</sup>. Several directly face Rod Smith Drive to the north, and the others will be accessed via new cul-de-sacs. Pricing starts in the low \$400,000s.

"All of the blocks are flat, so this will keep building costs down for buyers," said Tristan. "The project has understandably attracted plenty of interest and we have four lots under contract already. I think people love the idea of larger blocks in a well-established, leafy pocket but still close to all of the amenities of Nambour."

"There is genuine value on offer here, you can custom-design a wonderful lifestyle home to meet all your needs whilst retaining a decent size yard for alfresco entertaining and outdoor play for pets and children."

Construction at The Retreat is set to com-

mence early next month and the blocks should be ready to build on by this October.

"This represents the Developer's second project in Nambour," Tristan said.

"They previously developed The Hideaway, in 2020/2021 so we knew that they were a reputable company. We believe it is important for a local company to market projects such as this because it gives buyers an added level of security. We have on the ground knowledge and are accessible, and therefore more accountable."

First home buyers may be eligible for the \$15,000 state government grant on new builds, making this an excellent opportunity for families in the area.

"The Retreat is within walking distance to child-care, parks and playgrounds, and local shops, and schools," Tristan explained.

"Convenience is another compelling reason to purchase here. This is peaceful, suburban living away from the hustle and bustle, yet close enough to access everything you could want, or need."

"Enquiry from pre-marketing has been strong, indicating that this will sell out quickly."

► Contact RE/MAX Property Sales & Rentals today on 5470 7000 to find out more and express your interest.

## Law professors to explore the rule of law and freedom of speech at event

HIGH-PROFILE speakers will provide insight into ways to maintain our Freedom of Speech and the Rule of Law in Australia at the next *Moving Forward Sunshine Coast* community event on Sunday March 5.

Guest speakers include Professor Augusto Zimmerman, pictured left, currently a Professor of Constitutional Law and Head of Law at the Sheridan Institute of Higher Education in Perth and Professor Anthony Gray, pictured left, currently Professor of Law at the University of Southern Queensland. They will be introduced by the acclaimed speaker at the last *Moving Forward* event, Emeritus Professor of Law, Gabriel Moens.



Professor Zimmermann's presentation will discuss the rise of a movement identified in a new book to be launched at the event. In the book, various authors offer insights into the "woke revolution" sweeping western nations.

*Moving Forward* says Professor Zimmermann will help to identify emerging issues in Australia. The topic of Professor Gray's presentation is 'Freedom of Speech and Critical Race Theory'. He has published many articles on this subject and is one of the leading authorities in this field. *Moving Forward* is committed to organising informative events for the Sunshine Coast community.

The group says it is non-political, non-denominational and all-inclusive and values everyone's inherent rights and freedoms, including their freedom of speech. The group appreciates the importance of hearing different opinions from a variety of speakers and hopes to encourage open and respectful discussion and debate about relevant topics.

► The event will be held at the North Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba. Doors open at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. Go to [www.buytickets.at/movingforward.sunshine-coast](http://www.buytickets.at/movingforward.sunshine-coast) to purchase your tickets.

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## 'Transparency' lacking

by Jeffrey Addison, Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



**I**N a huge expenditure announcement on Monday 6 February at 1.03pm, we learnt that Downer EDI have been named the preferred applicant for the supply and construction of 65 new six-car trains for Queensland Rail.

A contract award to Downer is expected to be made mid-2023. It was a \$7.1 billion announcement for the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP). It will create 800 jobs over ten years.

At the 2020 election we were promised 20 new trains by the Palaszczuk government. But, at that time, those who understood public transport knew that wouldn't be enough trains to run as often as they planned, after the opening of Cross River Rail (CRR) in 2025.

RAIL Back on Track, myself and others said publicly we would need at least 42 more trains (and more likely 50) to run them at the frequencies proposed. So this latest announcement is warmly welcomed.

Meanwhile, I have a suggested list of improvements for these new train sets after personally experiencing the last batch of 75 NGR (Next Generation Rollingstock) trains. It includes:

- Seating that does not feel like cardboard after a two hour journey from Brisbane to the Sunshine Coast (Nambour).
- USB Power outlets to recharge phones and other portable smart devices.
- Wi-Fi capacity more than the current 20Mb limit that businessmen told me they consumed before they left the station.

Thankfully the media release has already revealed that one of my preferences will be included, i.e. USB mobile phone charging stations – which is good news. Bicycle racks will also be provided on board.

The winning location is Torbanlea, north of Maryborough and construction of this new state-owned manufacturing facility is due to start later this year.

The new trains are due to hit the tracks from 2026; one year after CRR opens, with the final trains in service by 2032.

The QTMP also includes construction of a new maintenance facility and train stabling at Ormeau, on the Gold Coast.

The tender includes the trains' ongoing operation and maintenance. "The Palaszczuk Government will now work closely with Downer to undertake detailed design on the trains to ensure they are customer-focussed and fully accessible for passengers" said the media release.

Let's hope they get that right.

There was a bit of an issue with the preferred applicant as Downer had engaged lobbyist group Anacta Strategies, some of whose employees have since been banned from approaching the government in this current term.

The Lobbying contact logs showed Anacta Strategies had contact with a senior policy officer in the Transport Minister's office regarding Downer, seven times in 2020 and one contact was with the Minister's chief-of-staff.

In a move to be seen to be accountable, the Premier banned certain individuals involved in lobbying companies from lobbying ministers and public servants, but only until the 2024 election – while the company's themselves are still free to do so.

The BIG question; if there's no undue influence, why did Downer feel the need to engage them in the first place?



Nambour Crushers Coach Ken Kerr and Captain Martin Cordwell at a recent training.

## Cordwell looks forward to Crushers rugby league return

NAMBOUR Crushers skipper Martin Cordwell has played over 100 games for the Sunshine Coast Falcons but is this year relishing a chance to return to his junior club.

"It will be great," Cordwell said. "I played here when I was five years old, so I'm coming back to my roots really, and hopefully we'll win a premiership."

"We've been training really hard and I think that we've probably got the right group that can win football games this year. Obviously it's just gonna challenge our depth a little bit with the younger fellas but it's a great opportunity for them to step up and get the mixture of experienced players like Jack Beetson. We'll go all right."

"We'll also get a few Falcons players too. Every team gets affiliated Falcons players – the ones that don't play Q-Cup. Or the ones who miss out because of the returning Melbourne Storm players."

"So I think we're going to have an exciting year. Our depth is probably not great but if we can avoid injuries we'll probably go well."

"But even if we get a few injuries, it's an opportunity for young players to step up."

"Young hooker Joe Butler will probably get his opportunity this year to play a fair bit of A grade. There's Isaac Walker-Rosewarne, a great second rower coming through. And then there's Lucas Scott (halves, fullback)."

Meanwhile coach Ken Kerr, who played and coached senior football in the UK, has lined up a number of players from overseas who are keen to lace on the boots for the Crushers.

"They're all kids but they're good players," he said. "They're in their early 20s. Two are coming over specifically just to play football and there's two that are over here more for a good time, but they're all decent players. They've played Super League Academy level. So they can play. Two of them have played professionally."

"It's good because they're outside backs and we're struggling in those positions. But we have got a good strong pack, especially with Marty (Cordwell) being fit this year."

"We also have a big promising front rower in Jovyn Johnston from Dalby."

"We won't be changing much from last year but what I do hope will change is the number of injuries. Because we went through 38 players last year with injuries and availability."

"So we had a shocker with injuries and it probably showed in most of our results."

"We've been getting 20-30 to training so we're shaping up all right. But we are lacking enough under 19s."

"I think a lot of the clubs are similar. Sunshine Coast needs to promote the game better in the schools."

"Nambour is the heart of the comp, where it all started from, but none of the schools play the game."

In the UK, Kerr coached Lakewood Trinity's Women's Super League team and Saddleworth Rangers Men.

▶ The Crushers kick off their season with play the Sunshine Coast Nines Tournament at Sunshine Coast Stadium on Saturday February 25 followed by a trial on March 4 at Oakey.

## Financial and Legal abuse – how seniors can protect themselves

**SPEAK Up** Now will hold another of their popular forums for elders in the Maleny RSL on Monday March 20 from 9am-11.30am. A spokesperson from the organisation said there were many forms of abuse, and they are not all physical.

"While domestic and family violence often means physical abuse, and that is usually what hits the headlines, it is not the only form of coercive control, and it is not afflicted only on the young."

"We tend to think of abuse as physical, but psychological, financial and legal 'abuse' or 'control' can be just as devastating, especially on the older and perhaps more vulnerable among us," she said.

Speak Up Now, an initiative of the combined service clubs of Maleny and the Blackall Range, was started in 2020 as an attempt to bring awareness of the various forms of abuse in the community.

Now joined by the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, one of the most popular of the committee's activities has been the Seniors Forum.

According to the committee the popularity of their Elders' sessions and the questions participants asked has thrown up some serious concerns the community needs to be aware of. The committee has brought together experts who can lead the way to support the concerns of older people, and show them the steps they need to do to protect themselves.

The forum on March 20 will begin with a short film in the form of a fictional drama outlining in a practical way some of these issues for seniors and their legal rights.

This will be followed by a free morning tea and then a question and answer session.

The organisers know the film will bring up some concerns the audience may not be aware they have, but they encourage participants also to bring along any questions at all they may have already to ensure your rights to safety in your advancing years.

Representatives from Queensland Police Service (QPS) Vulnerable Persons Unit, Centacare Domestic Violence Service, and Relationships Australia Elder Abuse team will be available for questions from the floor or to speak to in private later.

▶ RSVP before March 13 to 0419599042 (Val France). If this is not possible for you, come anyway and bring your questions.



Rick Paget Manager from Maleny Neighbourhood Centre and Val France from Speak Up Now.

## Yandina Country Music

YANDINA welcomes Father and Daughter duo Tom Doyle and Tracey Combes to the ACMA concert on Sunday 19th February. The Hall of Fame is at 24 Steggalls Road, 12 noon start. You'll enjoy popular country music and other upbeat, crowd-pleasing favourites with a great house band. Walk-ups welcome. Raffle and door prizes, byo lunch, free tea and coffee. Entry \$8. Enquiries 0437 191004.

## Vulnerable squirrel gliders find refuge

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

Sometimes it is just sad to be on the WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline. Many species are so seriously impacted by the removal of just one tree. The people on the ground don't see those hollows or crevices that are homes to so many of our native animals.

There may be a number of glider families, but a feathertail glider looks no bigger than a moth if gliding out of the tree.

This week another two little squirrel glider joeys came in after their mother was a victim of yet another cat attack. It has been decades since WILVOS have seen so many calls come through the Hotline, or from vets and wildlife hospitals, for orphaned and injured gliders. Tragically, the majority of the live nineteen squirrel glider orphans have come in as single animals. That means the mother and the sibling are dead – over 30 dead squirrel gliders in the space of months. Fortunately, all joeys have survived, even the tiny ones. WILVO carer, Samantha, is in need of some sleep!

This is an indication that something horrific is happening to our environment. It shouldn't be surprising. Wildlife are not allowed to be released in National Parks in Queensland, yet logging is allowed. These are not saplings they are logging - they are apartment filled trees that have taken decades to get to that size.

On the residential side, it is not only housing



A pair of little squirrel glider joeys being cared for by WILVOS.

developments that destroy habitat. A landholder decides a tree is in an inconvenient spot and decides to cut it down. One tree – nothing lives there! Take another look. Those hidden hollows may contain sugar, squirrel and feathertail gliders, possums, insects, reptiles, and numerous bird species. Bird nests are hidden from predators. Of course they don't want us to see the eggs and chicks.

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## Fairplay vouchers available for sport

**Andrew Powell**

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### Parkinson's Fundraising

Like many other Queenslanders, I have a personal and close relationship with someone living with Parkinson's. To say it has turned their world upside down is an understatement. This year I am once again taking part in '1,000,000 Steps Ahead Of Parkinson's' - a hike through the Sunshine Coast national parks which takes multiple days. The trek navigates some of the Coast's steepest terrain to symbolise the difficult journey of someone newly diagnosed with a disease that affects over 100,000 Australians.

The aim is to raise at least \$30,000 for Parkinson's Disease, which will assist specialist Parkinson's Nurses, contribute to early diagnosis support and greater access to educational resources, local clinics and therapies. All donations above \$2.00 are tax deductible. [www.1000000-steps-ahead-of-pd.raisesely.com](http://www.1000000-steps-ahead-of-pd.raisesely.com)

### Maleny's Latest OAM & AM Recipients

Huge congratulations to Mrs Florence Woods OAM and Dr Theresa Craig AM, two of Maleny's newest Order recipients.

Mrs Woods has spent many years volunteering for the Maleny Show Society, Maleny Uniting Church, Busy Needles Group, Senior Citizen Club, Maleny Historical Society, Ben Bryce Park Retirement Village Auxiliary, Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Liberal National Party of Australia.

Dr Craig, while working as the treasurer of the Nationals federal management Committee, the President of the National Women's Council, the regional chair of the Sunshine Coast LNP and President of LNP Women, also found time to dedicate herself to research in the cattle and beef industry. Well done and thank you to Mrs Florence Woods OAM and Dr Theresa Craig AM.

## Letters to the Editor

Do you have an opinion to share? A range of viewpoints leads to better debate and better outcomes.

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### Council apparently catching dogs with jawed traps. Is this humane?

We think people need to know there are Sunshine Coast Council-monitored dog traps (jawed) being set in at least one place in our hinterland.

I know because my wife and our neighbour witnessed this on Saturday February 4 this year. She followed the prolonged and pitiful howling of an injured dog somewhere on the opposite creek bank of Petrie Creek to our place.

They came upon a female pet domestic pup, not even 12 months old, trapped by the leg in the trap's jaws.

Just as they approached, the voice of a council worker told them to come no further - they'd be trespassing on private property!

As they were on the creek bank and not on private property (it's Crown land so the public can access) they paid no heed and comforted the pup who just wagged her tail and settled a bit.

Then the council chap opened the jaws of the trap- which was monitored by a camera back to council offices. This trap was placed at a land-owner request. We thought such traps weren't used now, especially as any animal (bandicoots, wallabies included) could step on it. The council man was good enough to get back to us later that day and tell us the vet had reported no fracture and the pup went to the pound.

My wife met with Cr Winston Johnston who was amazed these traps are still used. Surely we can trap roaming animals more humanely.

- Name & address, withheld.

### CBD safety: Let's get proactive before something drastic happens

Regarding the break and enters, stolen vehicles, drug problems and other crime-related incidents happening in various towns throughout the Hinterland, especially Nambour, I offer the following solution.

A meeting should be called by the Local Councillor and the State MP ASAP to find a solution.

The meeting should include Police, Emergency Services, Welfare Agencies, Paramedics, Community Reps and any other relevant parties to find a solution.

It achieves nothing to say it is no worse than other places or deny there is a problem at all. First of all, we need to accept there is a problem and get on and fix it.

I understand Council has instigated yet another study into Nambour to find a solution.

Poor old Nambour has had, in the past, more studies than you can get at Harvard University.

The State Government are going to strengthen the laws and that's all very good. But, again, that is down the track.

The people with boots on the ground like the people I have listed above know what the problems are.

Get them all in a room together and I'm sure they will come up with a solution.

Let's get proactive and not reactive before something more drastic happens.

- Trevor Thompson, Former Deputy Mayor Maroochy Shire Council

### Clean up Australia Day

RESIDENTS are invited to be part of the Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 5.

This year several groups will be running clean-ups, including Night Eyes Water and Landcare, Rotary Club of Caloundra Pacific, 2nd Nambour Scout Group, Twin Waters Residents Association and many more.

Everyone is welcome to join. To register, free simply visit the Clean Up Australia Day website at [www.cleanup.org.au/cleanupaustaliaday](http://www.cleanup.org.au/cleanupaustaliaday), select 'join a clean-up' and search for an event nearby by entering your postcode or suburb.

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**AGENT'S CHOICE:** Maroochy Circuit, Yandina  
YANDINA continues to bring incredible property to the market and this latest example is as unique as it is beautiful. Every inch of this 900m<sup>2</sup> block has been used to full potential and the result is nothing short of extraordinary.

The large primary residence begins beyond the large front door with vinyl plank flooring, 2.7m ceilings, and a full ducted air-conditioning system. An oversized master suite at the front of the house is fitted with the same beautiful plantation shutters that adorn every window of the house, and also features an over-sized ensuite with dual shower heads, dual vanities, and an extensive walk-in-robe.

Continuing past the master bedroom, the house opens up effortlessly with a large open-

plan combined kitchen/living/dining space. 900mm gas cooktop, large walk-in-pantry, and views to the pool. Large sliding doors open up this space up to flow seamlessly out to the rear patio and large pool.

Three more large bedrooms, separate laundry, and well appointed main bathroom are located beyond the main kitchen which also opens up to a second living area. All bedrooms feature built-ins, ceiling fans, and plantation shutters.

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**AGENT'S CHOICE:** 576 Mountain View Road, Maleny. Price by negotiation.

NESTLED at the end of an inviting, tree-lined drive is this award-winning home on a site that once formed part of Mary Cairncross Park. Today, the property is surrounded by remnant rainforest and a pretty rural outlook to the Northeast.

Large windows and sliding doors create a feeling of being part of the environment while a sunken sunroom and master bedroom offer a view to the rainforest.

The home is filled with character and features around every corner; high ceilings and feature timber beams, timber window frames and doors reclaimed from the National Bank in Maryborough. The open-plan kitchen, dining

and lounge forms the heart of the home and is centrally located to the upstairs master bedroom with en suite and second bedroom also with en suite. Downstairs the third bedroom is a large space offering a seating area, study or workout space and en suite; it would create the perfect dual living space or work from home.

Further living, work or creative space is also available in a separate two-room studio; the addition here of a bathroom and kitchen space would provide AirBNB potential.

Positioned on Mountain View Road and within easy access to Hinterland wedding venues; bridal parties and their guests would have the property in very high demand should you choose to offer short term accommodation.

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WELCOME TO THE MARKET

576 Mountain View Road **MALENY**

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Nestled perfectly at the end of an inviting, tree-lined drive is this award-winning home on a site that once formed part of Mary Cairncross Park. Today, the property is surrounded by remnant rainforest and a pretty rural outlook to the Northeast.

This truly unique offering has room to entertain, space for visiting family and friends and loads of modern style accentuated by features of a bygone era.

- Award winning pole home
- Two-room separate studio
- Sunken sunroom perched to capture the rainforest views
- Large timber deck off the main living space to soak in the landscape
- Lots of bird and butterfly attracting native plants

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269 Witta Road **WITTA**

4 1 5

Combining 11 acres of 'Land for Wildlife', walking tracks, creek, remnant rainforest, open grazing land and a rambling brick home, this property meets the brief for privacy, tranquility, and nature.

- Large deck looking onto palms and stunning forest trees
- Open plan lounge / dining and kitchen with cathedral ceilings
- Well-appointed large kitchen
- 12m x 6m shed with power
- Creek and separate paddock

One of the outstanding aspects of this property is the gentle nature of the land; it offers a peaceful and private retreat with room to grow and put your own stamp on the place over time.

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756 Bald Knob Road **BALD KNOB**

4 2 3

Designed to sit perfectly within its landscape with a truly amazing outlook, this is one unique offering.

- Cleverly designed home; picture windows take in the amazing views
- Sleek, modern styling throughout, bamboo flooring & quality carpets
- Outdoor entertaining area to the North and East perfect for large gatherings
- Stunning rocky creek running through the property, two spring fed dams
- The 13.5 acres (5.5ha) would suit cattle or horses

Whether you're looking for the forever home with room for animals, or the lock up and leave weekend retreat, you'll be supremely impressed with what's on offer.

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WELCOME TO THE MARKET

35 Bunya Street **MALENY**

4 2 2

Location is the major drawcard of this 1012m2 property perfectly positioned within walking distance to the Maleny CBD and schools; its treed outlook is just waiting for its new owners to revel in.

- Lovely outlook over town to treed hills
- Large parents retreat with en suite
- Spacious lounge area with wood fire
- 6m x 9m workshop/studio space with power
- Established trees offering privacy

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PRICE REDUCED

429 Mountain View Road **MALENY**

3 2 2

This stylish and much-loved home is perfectly positioned and designed to capture one of the absolute best views of the Hinterland.

- Panoramic views to the Glasshouse Mountains, the Sunshine Coast & Brisbane City
- Deck extending the length of the home with an elevated sundeck
- High raked ceilings
- Tasmanian Oak flooring throughout
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**FOR SALE**  
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