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PUSH FOR PARKING

Businesses spearhead push for more parking in Nambour CBD

NAMBOUR business owners are joining forces to push for more parking in Nambour CBD to boost trade and add vibrancy to the shopping precinct.

Local businesswoman Deb Lawson is organising the drive for meaningful action to attract more shoppers to local main street shops. She's calling for more parking spaces and more parking turnover.

"It is difficult to invite successful retailers to open in Nambour if their customers can't park anywhere!" said Ms Lawson, who owns mixed retail store Gatherer, on the corner of Currie and Howard Street.

"Potential businesses and potential shoppers are put off because they can't park easily. We hear this on a daily basis in stores around Nambour CBD. At the end of the day you've just got to put the horse before the cart, you've got to have easy parking before you can have easy shopping."

Ms Lawson said she had spoken to fellow retailers and approached Council who had suggested getting other businesses on board to give the issue impetus.

"We're launching a survey to collect the data," she said. "If we can get a good amount of signatures maybe we can get this issue looked at for real."

The survey asks two questions:

- Do you have trouble finding convenient car parking in Nambour for CBD shopping?
- If parking was more readily available, would you shop in town more frequently?

Link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/HS3DMLZ

Ms Lawson said different time-zoned parking areas (30 mins, 60 mins, 2 hours and 3 hours) could be implemented to encourage parking turnover.

"This can help to move traffic through the CBD, allowing more people the opportunity of parking close to what they need, when needed."

David Harris from Heretics Haven in Currie Street agreed. "I'd like to see better policing of the parking spaces to stop people parking in the same spot all day," he said.

Mr Harris said people often parked their



Nambour CBD business owners want more parking in town. Back row from left, David Harris from Heretics Haven, Chamber of Commerce President Mark Bray, Andrea Kirwin from Peace Run Records, Lee Hillman from Backbeat Records and Chris Ludwig from Somsuay Thai Massage. Front row, Somsuay Kruayu from Somsuay Thai Massage, Deb Lawson, Mel Crane from Pet Affection and Tamara Brown from Heretics Haven.

cars across multiple motorbike spaces and in loading zones. "My delivery guys have to park blocks away some days, because the loading zone is occupied," he said.

Longer-term initiatives might include: traffic calming in Currie Street; re-configuring Currie Street to allocate more parking spaces; and a better crossing for pedestrians at the Howard Street/Currie Street intersection.

"Many CBD businesses feel one of the best solutions would be a new multi-level public car park somewhere in the heart of town," said Ms Lawson.

"You know, there is one thing we get tired of hearing as residents and business owners: 'Nambour has so much potential,'" said Ms Lawson. "We wholeheartedly agree. That's why we have invested our lives in this town and moved our families here, as well as open businesses. We now need that potential to be reached."

"There are some great initiatives and exciting times for Nambour coming. We are all looking forward to the future, but we need this one looked at more closely to help tie everything together – more parking means we can attract

more customers – with more customers comes the need to employ staff – ensuring employment for locals, and on it goes".

"With improved parking we may be able to fill the empty buildings in town as well."

Ms Lawson acknowledged the business community had tried to get the issue off the ground in the past, with not much change taking place, but she was not disheartened.

"Stores in CBD Nambour have their struggles, and this is a big part of the issues we all face."

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Nambour plots course for vibrant future

AFTER 23 years in business and painstaking campaigning to bring a new lease of life to Nambour, local businesswoman Rhonda Billett is filled with optimism about the direction the town is taking.

The owner of Uptown Hair Studio and Tram Co Director has been working behind the scenes for the past three months to help bring four organisations to the table for monthly meetings with Sunshine Coast Council aimed at growing the local economy.

Ms Billett said Nambour Chamber of Commerce, Reimagine Nambour, Tram Co and Nambour Retailers Group were working alongside Div 10 Cr David Law, Mayor Mark Jamieson and key council staff. The aim is to help ensure everything they do aligns with Council's vision for Nambour with a particular focus on the Nambour CBD revitalisation.

It's not about reinventing the wheel but working with the plans, groups and resources that were already in place, such as the recently-announced Nambour Activation Plan.

As well, Ms Billett said Nambour had been identified in Council's 2024 Planning Scheme Draft as one of only three key Economic Hubs on the Sunshine Coast.

"Our organisations want to move forward with these projects for Nambour, taking into account Sunshine Coast Council's Draft 2024 Planning Scheme for Nambour and Surrounds whilst working with Sunshine Coast Council's Corporate Plan for 2022-26 and the Nambour Activation Plan.

"We, as a collective, want to live up to those expectations and deliver some positive results to our community, as our region grows. This is our opportunity to show the world what Nambour has, with so much to offer.

"We are incredibly lucky in Nambour to not only have a proactive community but also, com-



Rhonda Billett: "The future of Nambour is going to be full of vibrancy for our and future generations to enjoy long into the future."

munity groups committed to delivering new Nambour concepts and events for Nambour to be proud of and enjoy."

The groups will leverage off the established IAMNambour brand, developed in 2021 by Reimagine Nambour.

Top three priorities

THE top three priorities include the following:

1. Nambour Web site including:

- What's On In Nambour
- What's Here in Nambour eg Parks, Public Spaces

• Development / Investor pathways to enable better economic connection for growth and Sustainability for Nambour business

- Parking in Nambour
- Special Entertainment Precinct Activation
- Information pack to attract future businesses

2. Nambour Lowe St Activation

- Town Square activation - encompassing IAM-Nambour Safe
- Community Activities /Events in the Town Square
- Street and Building Beautification

3. Nambour Events

- More Nambour Showgrounds Events
- Nambour Library Forecourt Events
- Sunday Rummager's Markets
- Various Pop-up Music Events
- Skate Park Events & Food Truck Fest
- Nambour CBD Sunday Markets

"With our plans starting to take shape, the future of Nambour is going to be full of vibrancy for current and future generations to enjoy," said Ms Billett.

"I've done community work on and off in Nambour over the years of having a business here and I was so thrilled on this occasion for all of our groups to be able to get together and create a plan that lives up to council's expectation as a economical hub in the Sunshine Coast region and to be able to instigate some changes that the community want to see.

"Nambour is a large catchment area and we want to focus on events that stimulate the economy and support business and make Nambour a vibrant place to live, work and play."

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Graeme Brown, left, and Brett Warren from *Sigtown Nambour* applied brightly coloured *I Am Nambour* window wraps to various vacant tenancies.

Groups join forces to freshen prominent CBD shop fronts

NAMBOUR Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with Reimagine Nambour and Council's Economic Development team to add a fresh look and some sparkle to several prominent CBD facades.

On the one hand Reimagine Nambour's Peter Clark arranged for Graeme Brown and Brett Warren from *Sigtown Nambour* to apply brightly coloured window wraps to various vacant tenancies in the Nambour CBD to enhance potential retail/business investment.

"We utilised the *I Am Nambour* brand in the window wraps and it has visually enhanced the Nambour CBD," Peter said.

Meanwhile, Chamber President Mark Bray co-ordinated various shop-front facade clean ups with thanks to Jon McCabe, owner of *Water Attack Pressure Washing*.

"Some months ago the Chamber identified some building facades in Nambour that could do with some TLC," said Mark.

"The cleaning has certainly brightened up the town," said Mark. "It was a joint effort and an example of what can be done when we get together and cooperate."

"A big thank you and gratitude, to *Water Attack Pressure Washing* for a great job, the Council Economic Development Team for their funding assistance, and to the building owners who were prepared to join in this project and contribute funds to the works."

The facades cleaned included: Chadwick Chambers; the previous Downtown Burgers premises; Radiology Building (Cnr Currie and Howard Streets); Carolans Real Estate; Nambour Disposal and the Mill Street Carpark.

I Am Nambour ambassador Rhonda Billett said the projects exemplified what could be achieved when key community groups worked with council and government.

"And there's lots more coming Nambour's way in the next 12 months under the Nambour CBD Activation Plan," she said. "This is just the start of what the Nambour community organisations are joining forces to achieve."

"If anyone wants to get involved or donate their time, we would love to hear from you, especially as we roll out more and more activation and events for Nambour."

The projects were funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements in conjunction with Sunshine Coast Council.

Free Coffee Catchup

► To stay up to date or get involved with the Nambour CBD Activation Plan, pop along to the next Free Coffee Catch Up bought to you by Nambour Chamber of Commerce on July 20 at *Sweet and Flour Bakery* in Nambour from 8am to 9.30am. Interested community members and business owners welcome.



Jon McCabe, owner of *Water Attack Pressure Washing*, has blasted clean several prominent facades in town.

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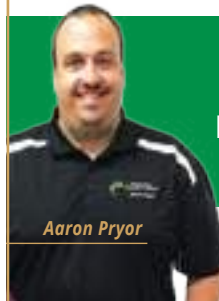
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Petrie Creek Bushcarers restore habitat

GAIL Hill and Sameer Punde, pictured above, plant a *Pararistolochia praevenosa* vine (Richmond Birdwing Butterfly critical plants) during a major activity in June at the BushCare site on the banks of Petrie Creek near the Rugby ovals at Woombye in June.

This was one of 50 vines that were donated to our native animal habitat restoration activities by the team from Sunshine Coast Council that is doing maintenance on the old rubbish dump nearby.

A big help to the biodiversity of plants and wildlife in the area.

Next opportunity to join us in these BushCare events on Petrie Ck will be at:

- Namba Creek on Saturday 16 July starting at 8am. (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour)

- Gulung Gung on Wednesday 27 July starting at 8am. This is a special being combined with the National Tree Day planting. (meet in the NE corner of the carpark at Aldi off Howard St Nambour.)

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided

► For more info see the FB Page "Petrie-CreekCatchmentCareGroupInc" and www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au, "BushCare" or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email norm-morwood@gmail.com.

Retro Rocks Nambour August 12 and 13

JOIN in the fun this August 12 & 13 to celebrate the return of the Coast's most loved vintage festival – Retro Rocks Nambour! Celebrations will kick off in the Council forecourt on Friday before getting into the full swing on Saturday. There will be fashion parades, show & shines, performances and more. Then we put on our dancing shoes and turn back the clock to put on the High School Hop.

Wallace confronts Labor for 'spin and spam' on rail

FISHER MP Andrew Wallace has launched an attack on the Labor State Government saying it continues to rehash old infrastructure announcements to galvanise its image after years of neglecting the Sunshine Coast.

With the long-awaited North Coast Rail duplication project finally beginning to take shape, Mr Wallace said it was hardly a cause for Labor to celebrate given their track record on the project and its "astounding delays".

Mr Wallace said the previous Coalition Federal Government provided \$390 million to fund 50 percent of the \$780 million duplication of the North Coast Line from Beerburrum to Nambour four years ago.

"That's 50 percent of a project which is 100 percent the responsibility of the State Government," he said.

Mr Wallace said the Labor State Government argued for many months about the State and Federal contributions to the Beerburrum to Nambour rail duplication. "Rather than stumping up with its 50 percent share, Labor chose to drastically shrink the scope of the project, to a stretch from Beerburrum to Beerwah, coughing up just 30 percent of the project cost."

"As rail advocate Jeff Addison points out, the reduced project scope means that the project fails to reach our busiest stations in Landsborough and Nambour, robbing thousands of residents of the chance to opt in to travelling by rail. It also makes the unreasonable delay in delivering the project all the more farcical."

Mr Wallace said that the failure to invest in and deliver rail infrastructure for the Sunshine Coast reflected how little the Palaszczuk Government and local Labor State Members care about the region.

"Has the Member for Caloundra spoken out for the people of Landsborough to return to the original project scope? No. Has the Member for Nicklin stood up for the people of Nambour, who have been crying out for this duplication for years? No. Their silence on rail infrastructure is deafening. The people of Caloundra and Nicklin deserve State Members who will speak up for their communities, beyond party politics," he said.

"Instead of leadership, we are constantly spammed by rehashed announcements from a tired State Government," he said.

'No hesitancy on the part of the State,' says Nicklin MP

In response Mr Skelton said Mr Wallace "must be suffering from memory loss" if he thought delays in the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (B2N) were due to any hesitancy on the part of the current State Government.

"Might I remind Andrew during the long nine years the Abbott/Turnbull/Morrison Federal LNP Government were in power both himself and MP for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien, failed to deliver a single new rail sleeper on the Sunshine Coast."

"The Palaszczuk Government is getting on with the job of cleaning up after their mess and delivering more than \$3 billion worth of transport and road projects across the region over the next four years."

"Andrew and Ted have never missed an opportunity to try to make a political football out of this project instead of fighting for our region's fair share. They couldn't even pick up the phone to get former Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Transport Minister, Barnaby Joyce, to meet with Qld Transport Minister, Mark Bailey, for two entire terms! What kind of leadership is that?"

"As a member of the Palaszczuk State Government, I look forward to working with the new Albanese Labor Government to ensure our region finally gets its fair share of transport infrastructure from Canberra," he said.

"The difference in their approach has been like a breath of fresh air compared to the toxic nature of the former Morrison Government, over which Andrew presided as Speaker during its dying days."

"I ask both the MP for Fisher and the MP for Fairfax, when are they going to earn their pay checks and actually offer something constructive for their constituents instead of playing out the same old tired games. The Sunshine Coast deserve better."

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The calendar will capture the various ways we travelled the region - from the back of trucks, bicycles made for two, cars and skates to boats, trams and trains, perhaps even horse and cart or penny-farthing!

Winning entries will be included in the 2023 Heritage calendar, which goes on sale at libraries and customer contact centres, in October.

Winners also receive a canvas print of their image, a VIP invitation to the calendar launch event as well as five calendars to share with family and friends.

Sunshine Coast Council Community Portfolio Councillor Rick Baberowski said the calendars provided a fascinating snapshot of our region through the lens of our locals and their visitors.

"This is a calendar with great community appeal and I love that every image opens up a personal moment or memory that we may never have otherwise seen," Cr Baberowski said.

"These photos were taken well before the days of Facebook or social media, and were unlikely to have been shared beyond close family and friends, so it's a really special privilege to share these stories.

"These may have been passed down through the generations but perhaps you don't know the details of the people, buildings or landmarks.

Entry to the competition is free and submissions can be made at heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au until 5pm, Monday, August 15.

Online entry is preferred however



Sports Day Parade, Woombye, 1964. This Woombye Hall Billies float was inspired by the Beverly Hillbillies, a popular TV show at the time. Images courtesy Picture Sunshine Coast.



Sparkling cars line Currie Street in Nambour.

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Book Exchange owner Darren Bailey says poor parking availability makes it difficult for customers to visit his shop.

The push is on for more parking

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"I'm door-knocking people for a petition just to collect the data, to collect the evidence. I'm told people have been talking about improving parking for 15 years. But for some reason it's not on the agenda."

Well-known local musician Andrea Kirwin said more parking was needed if Nambour was to live up to its growing reputation as a music hub and cement its looming status as a Special Entertainment Precinct.

"If we are going to encourage music venues to open there needs to be ample parking in town to cater for crowds," she said. "If we sold 400 tickets to a show, where would they all park?"

Nicklin MP Rob Skelton said he was looking forward to finding out more.

"I agree businesses would most likely benefit from more parking in the CBD," he said. "I look forward to seeing the results of the survey and working with Council, residents and business to find the best solution for our community."

Nambour Book Exchange owner Darren Bailey said a lack of convenient parking made it difficult for even most loyal customers to visit his much-loved Currie Street institution.

"This shortage of spaces, combined with people parking their vehicles all day in the one spot has led to people

finding different options other than shopping locally," he said.

"I have been consistent in my complaints to council for over 10 years but I am usually told that there are no possible areas to use as new parking and that resources are not available to improve existing areas. Personally I am having to park my own vehicle a long distance away from my own business and walk into town as I do not have a parking space.

"In my opinion monies should be designated to give our Currie Street all the basic essential services. I urge people to remember that, not that long ago, Nambour main street was the go to place for the whole Sunshine Coast area to come and visit and shop."

Div 10 Cr David Law was on leave last week, but he provided a Nambour Local Area Parking Plan from 2017 which outlines most of the suggestions put forward more recently by local businesses. See the plan at www.sunshinevalleygazette.com.au, attached to this story online.

▶ To have your say about improving parking in Nambour CBD fill out the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/HS3DMLZ. There will also be forms for people to sign in various stores around town.

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Markets

- Every Saturday: Yandina Country Market from 6am to 12pm, North Street, Yandina.
- Every Saturday: Kenilworth Country Markets from 8am to 1:30pm at Kenilworth Town Park, Charles Street.
- Every Sunday: Maleny Art, Craft and Collectables Markets 8am to 2pm Maleny RSL.
- Second Saturday of the month: Montville Growers and Makers Market, 7am to 12 noon at the Village Hall. Enquires: Liz 0424 042 376 or Visit montvillevillageassociation.org.au
- Fourth Saturday of the month: Mapleton Country Markets at Mapleton Hall, 8am-12noon. Phone Paula 0419 726 603 or email country-market.mapleton@gmail.com.
- Third Saturday of the month: Witta Growers Markets, 7.30am-12noon, 50+ stalls, enquiries: wittamarket@gmail.com
- Nambour Rummagers Market Every Second Month, Sunday 9am to 1pm at Nambour Tram Co, 28 Mill Street, Nambour. Handmade, pre loved and vintage treasures. rummage@NambourTram.com.au

Events

- July 15 to August 20: Yandina artist Jeff Manning is exhibiting a large solo show at the Old Ambo Gallery Nambour. Including stained glass and recent paintings the subjects vary from acrobats and magic acts to street vendors and roadside stalls.
- July 16 to 31: Wildlife Exhibition by Jim Cox at Mary Cairncross Gallery, Mountain View Road, Maleny from 10am to 2pm every day.
- July 16: Medieval, Crusaders, Mercenaries and Artisans meets at the Nambour PCYC every Saturday. For info email Michael Geppert at mcma.inc@yahoo.com.

- July 16: Mass for Troubled Times Oriana Choir, 2pm at St John's Cathedral Nambour.
- July 17: Mass for Troubled Times Oriana Choir, 2pm at Stella Maris Catholic Primary School, Maroochydore.
- July 17: Rummager's Market Nambour: vintage, pre-loved, hand-made, live DJ, sausage sizzle. 9am until 1pm, 28 Mill Street Nambour. Book your spot via direct message to Nambour Tram Co on Facebook.
- July 20: Nambour Christian College Showcase Day from 9.15am. Phone 5451 3333 or info@ncc.qld.edu.au for more information.
- July 20: Free Coffee Catch Up bought to you by Nambour Chamber of Commerce at Sweet and Flour Bakery from 8am to 9.30am.
- Saturday July 30: Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club presents the Nambour Swap, from 6am, at the Nambour Showgrounds.
- Sunday July 31: 2022 Maleny Wedding Festival Trail on Sunday from 10am to 3pm.
- Saturday August 6: Arioso Chamber Ensemble Concert 2.30pm at Eudlo Hall www.ariosochamberensemble.com/concerts.
- Friday August 12: Retro Rocks Nambour Friday in the Forecourt from 5pm.



- Saturday August 13: Retro Rocks Nambour 9am-3pm; High School Hop from 6pm.
- August 18: Nambour Christian College Principal's Tour from 9.15am. Phone 5451 3333 or info@ncc.qld.edu.au for more information.
- Friday 19 August: Monique Clare supported by Tahna. Live Peace Run Records 14 Queen St, Nambour. Doors Open: 6.30pm. Tickets \$25 + booking fee.
- Friday 26 August: Aine Tyrrell Live at the Black Box Theatre Howard St, Nambour. Supported by Andrea Kirwin. Doors Open 6.30pm. Tickets \$25 via Eventbrite.

Norman Swan to visit Maleny

NORMAN Swan was one of the first medically qualified journalists in Australia and has had a broadcast career spanning more than 30 years. He currently hosts Radio National's *The Health Report* while also reporting on several other ABC programs. In addition to being an active journalist and health broadcaster, he has a deep strategic knowledge of the Australian health-care system and is committed to evidence-based approaches.

Many of us dream of staying as young as possible as long as possible whether we're in our 40s, 70s or 80s, and there's a growing conga line of products, and people, offering to assist with that.

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Some are a downright waste of money. So how do we know what and who to trust? These are the questions Dr Norman Swan tackles in his new book *So You Want to Live Younger Longer?*

Dr Swan brings together what's known, what's not known, what's hopeful but not harmful and harmful and not hopeful, summarised with quick takeaway messages backed up by the science and evidence.

And, introducing: Fiona Robertson

Fiona is both a writer and doctor. Her short fiction has been published in literary magazines and anthologies in Australia and the UK, and has been shortlisted for international competitions. Her collection of stories, *If You're Happy*, won the Glendower Award for an Emerging Queensland Writer at the 2020 Queensland Literary Awards.

"Mapping a terrain of loneliness, compromise, ageing and tension, these short, sharp pieces create pockets of surprise and solace in unexpected places..." - *Cate Kennedy*

▶ Dr Norman Swan, in conversation: Maleny Community Centre, Friday August 12, 6pm. Tickets \$25 and \$18 for students. Visit www.outspokenmaleny.com. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



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Award-winning revival of Nambour's town square

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The Nambour Forecourt Revamp received the 2022 AILA Queensland Landscape Architecture Award for Small Projects and Regional Achievement for Sunshine Coast.

Division 10 Councillor David Law said he was proud to see council's Design and Placemaking team members recognised for their efforts in transforming the space in front of the Eddie De Vere building in Currie Street.

"The tired space is now a hive of activity after being transformed from a walkway to the library that was hot and unpleasant to one that is cool, green and friendly and encourages people to congregate for events like Nambour Forecourt Live!" Cr Law said.

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"The result is a socially engaging, collaborative and, most importantly, fun area that will hopefully inspire other councils to entrust their landscape architects in similar projects.

The AILA jury citation said when temporary activation of the space was needed in a way that would stimulate the imagination of the community, the Sunshine Coast Council [Placemaking] landscape architecture team was able to produce a response that was both practical and creative, with an obviously successful outcome.



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Nambour cruise specialists to host information evening

BUSINESS WRITEUP: Easy Travel & Cruise

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Stalwart Alehouse shuts down completely

AFTER closing its doors in February Stalwart Brewing Company owner Adam Tomlinson has appointed liquidators to wind up the operation.

The Stalwart Alehouse & Brewery in Currie Street was popular for its craft beer, food and live music.

It opened on July 18, 2020 carrying with it high hopes of bringing a breath of fresh air to town.

But the brewery could hardly have picked a worse time and it struggled with pandemic lockdowns, restrictions and the vaccine mandates smothering its chances.

Twilight Country High Tea

THE Landsborough School of Arts Memorial Hall will be hosting a "Twilight Country High Tea" on Saturday 16th July 2022.

The event aims to bring the local community together again as well as showcase the Landsborough Hall as a modern and inclusive space for an evolving community.

The event promises to be sensational with a fabulous menu of High Tea delights, a glass of bubbly on arrival, live music and thousands of dollars of raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses. The organising group, all volunteers, have been overwhelmed by the support of our local business community including, Major sponsors from the Landsborough Pub, Sunshine Coast Council, Bucks Bakery, IGA Landsborough and Landsborough Love Where We Live and many more.

Any profits generated from the event will be allocated towards the ongoing community project of air-conditioning our historic hall, making it more accessible for events in the future.

► Ticket bookings are required via [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), search "twilight country high tea landsborough".

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Palmwoods bowlers contest Club Championships

from Palmwoods Bowls Club

SEVERAL club championships were decided in a busy week at Palmwoods Bowls Club with Julie Johnston named A-Grade Ladies Champion.

Julie defeated Gail Clewett 25-20 in an extremely high-quality final, with some of the best bowls you could witness.

Julie got away to a strong early lead with some very consistent bowling, but Gail began getting her range and looked threatening. The last end saw Julie pick up two points in a very tight contest.

In the lead up matches, Julie defeated Rose in the first round and then Annie Lennon in the semi. Gail overcame Fiona, then accounted for Annie Mac to reach the final. The standard of the ladies bowls this year has been outstanding.

Every player is showing tremendous improvement and the future of Palmwoods ladies is looking very bright.

Julie will contest the Champion of Champions at Kawana this Saturday from 9am.

Geoff Brown wins Men's title

Congratulations to Geoff Brown for taking out the Men's A-Grade Singles title. Geoff narrowly defeated Rick Barnett. This was another game of the highest standard, but the more experienced Geoff showed his class when the pressure was on despite a great struggle. He is in great form and thoroughly deserved his victory. Even so, Rick was right in the game and could still have easily come home with the bacon on the final end.

In other news, Club Men's Pair winners Col McKinlay & Johnny Moore head to Kawana on July 16 for the Championship finals.

Ladies Pairs champs, Gail Clewett & Fiona Woodley, also contested the Sunshine Coast Championship and although not winning, they gain a lot of experience from the game.



Ladies Pairs runners-up Judy Walker & Dell Casey, left, and winners Fiona Woodley & Gail Clewett.

Triples, Socials and coming events

Every Thursday from 1pm, Palmwoods hosts their weekly club day, the "Dead Chook Triples". All bowlers are invited to attend including club, social & visiting bowlers. It is a great day with prizes for the winners and lots of raffles.

Wednesday night 6pm is also a fun night for Social Bowls, so come on down and have a game. Palmwoods is a fun family club, and we welcome everyone to come and enjoy a game.

Coming events at the club include the Annual Ladies Fiesta with lots of lady bowlers attending from all over Southeast Queensland. It is held on Wednesday September 7 and nominations are now being accepted. There is over \$1500 in prize money with three games of 12 ends, with lunch and afternoon tea provided. It is a highlight on the Ladies bowls calendar.

► For all bowling enquiries, please contact Dom 0439218022 - Col 0422379893 or email secretary pwbowlsec@palmwoodsbowlsclub.com.au



Men's A-Grade final runner-up Rick Barnett, right and champion Geoff Brown.



Ladies A-Grade runner-up Gail Clewett, left, and champion Julie Johnston.



Mixed pairs players Col McKinlay, left, & Geoff Brown, and Rose McKinlay & Sylvia Hollins.



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Montville woodworker, Hugh, with one of his incredible creations.

Montville club's 'Wonderful Weekend of Wood' a success

THE Woodies Wonderful Weekend of Wood was a great success which attracted large crowds according to event co-ordinator and Vice President Julie Breen.

Held recently at the Blackall Range Woodworkers Guild (also known as the Montville Woodies) headquarters at 230-238 Balmoral Road Montville, crowds enjoyed box making, scroll-sawing, pyrography and other skills on display as well as a huge and wonderful array of timber items made by members for sale on both days.

"People came from all over southeast Queensland to enjoy the varied activities on display, and no-one was disappointed," said Woodies President Max Barrenger.

One of the popular attractions was the Miller's Shed where the club's millers showed how they handle the logs which are cut into slabs and then dried in accordance with a specific procedure to reduce the moisture content to a certain level before being used for wood making by

members. Slabs were on sale to members of the public and many took advantage to buy slabs.

The millers fielded enquiries about the various species of logs milled by them.

"All logs are donated to the club by members of the public who want to remove a tree from their properties for various reasons. So we are able to recycle the logs and also help the environment," said Max.

The mill was designed and constructed by Woodies member John Holland.

Max and Julie thanked everyone involved in the Weekend including the public, the media for excellent publicity, and Woodies members.

The Woodies plan to hold their annual Santa's workshop prior to Christmas so members of the public can buy handcrafted wooden items which make excellent presents.

A long-established tradition by Guild members is to make a range of children's toys which are donated to the Salvation Army for distribution in their Christmas appeal."

Large type is a sight for sore eyes

Woombye Community Library News with **Cathy Cash**

MANY avid readers will agree that one of their greatest fears is to one day be unable to read or to easily access books.

While we cannot cure failing eyesight, at Woombye Community Library we do offer a good selection of large type books in our East Wing covering a variety of genres from mystery and crime to historical and family sagas.

While many readers do choose electronic devices to adjust their preferred font size these days there are still plenty of people who prefer the tactility of printed books. I must admit I am one of them. There is another way we can assist those who have difficulty accessing their much loved reading material, and that is through our Woombye Community Library "Books on Wheels" service.

Started six years ago by library volunteer Chris Hitzman, this mobile service delivers books to local borrowers who for a variety of reasons cannot make the journey to the library themselves. Past recipients of this service have

been people who have either short term or long-term mobility issues, are recuperating at home following a hospital stay or perhaps those who have no easy access to transport into the village.

Chris currently has a handful of grateful customers who look forward to her regular visits with fresh books and magazines in hand. Borrowers can chat on the phone with Chris or another mobile library volunteer, who will try to select books based on the reader's preferences for specific authors, titles or genres. Some people may prefer a few unusual "lucky dip" selections chosen by the library volunteer just for fun!

Borrowers may have up to 7 books/magazines for 4 weeks and a regular delivery and pick up day can be arranged to mutually suit the customer and the "Books on Wheels" volunteer. The delivery area is within the circulation area of the *Gazette*, depending on volunteer availability at the time.

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Chamber Ensemble returns to Eudlo Hall

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The program includes Vivaldi's cantata *Laudate pueri Dominum* and Celso sonata in A minor RV 413, JS Bach's Violin Sonata in A and Weimar Harpsichord Concerto No 3. Overall, a stunning array of masterpieces.

Concerts are 2.30pm Sunday 31 July at the Abbey Church, Caboolture, Saturday 6 August at Eudlo Hall, and Sunday 7 August at The Majestic



Judit Molnar, Margaret Caley, Dan Curro and Janet Brewer weave "a beautiful musical tapestry".

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► Tickets are \$32 Adult, Concession \$28, School Student \$10. These are available online at www.ariosochamberensemble.com/concerts or cash at the door.

Students work on dune care program

TWENTY-ONE North Arm State School students and their parents joined forces with Coolum and North Shore Coastcare Volunteers to help restore the Yaroomba Beach dunes and collect rubbish on Monday, 27 June.

As part of the school's extension English project, Kids in Action Save Sea Turtles, Archie, Noah, Samuel, Rafferty and Archer initiated and advertised a beach clean-up with their peers to recruit additional students, and Coolum and North Shore Coastcare volunteers offered their support and expert guidance.

Students and parents arrived with their gardening gloves, and Coastcare volunteers provided the digging tools, native plants, buckets of water crystals, and beach clean-up bags.

In just two hours, fifty native plants including Coast Banksia, Beach Birdseye and Pig Face were planted. Weeds such as Corky Passion Vine, Mother of Millions and Mile a Minute were removed, along with a large bag of polystyrene, hard plastics, chip packets, bottle caps

and drinking straws. "It's been great to see our students working collaboratively alongside passionate and knowledgeable Coastcare volunteers to manage coastal habitat," said Ms Vickie Jaenke. "The students have asked if they can use today's rubbish in a creative way to show how long it would take for each of these items to break down if it ended up in the ocean."



To finish the day, the Coastcare volunteers led everyone on a guided walk through the Yinneburra Bushlands Conservation Reserve to experience what the regenerated mature forest resembles.

"I really enjoyed my morning at Yaroomba with Coastcare repopulating the dunes with native trees and plants that belong there," Archie said. "We were able to collect a lot of rubbish off the beach before it washed into the sea, and Coastcare taught me some information about marine life that I hope to use in our Kids in Action Save Sea Turtles project."



Noosa Mayor Clare Stewart, Sandy Bolton, Purpose Real Estate Board member Helen Glanville and CEO Andrew Elvin.

Purpose launches new hinterland office

SOCIAL enterprise agency Purpose Real Estate recently opened a new office in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

The opening of the Tewantin office provides a platform for Coast2Bay Housing Group and Purpose to provide practical solutions to the housing affordability crisis in Noosa for individuals and businesses. It adds to the existing office in Nambour.

Noosa Council has taken active steps to explore all options for addressing the housing crisis and will be signing an MOU with Coast2Bay in the next few weeks to advance action on addressing housing affordability.

Noosa Mayor Clare Stewart and Noosa MP Sandy Bolton officially opened the office on Monday June 27, alongside Noosa community and business leaders.

Purpose Real Estate directs all profits back to parent organisation, Coast2Bay Housing Group for channelling into projects such as RISE 2 and affordable housing.

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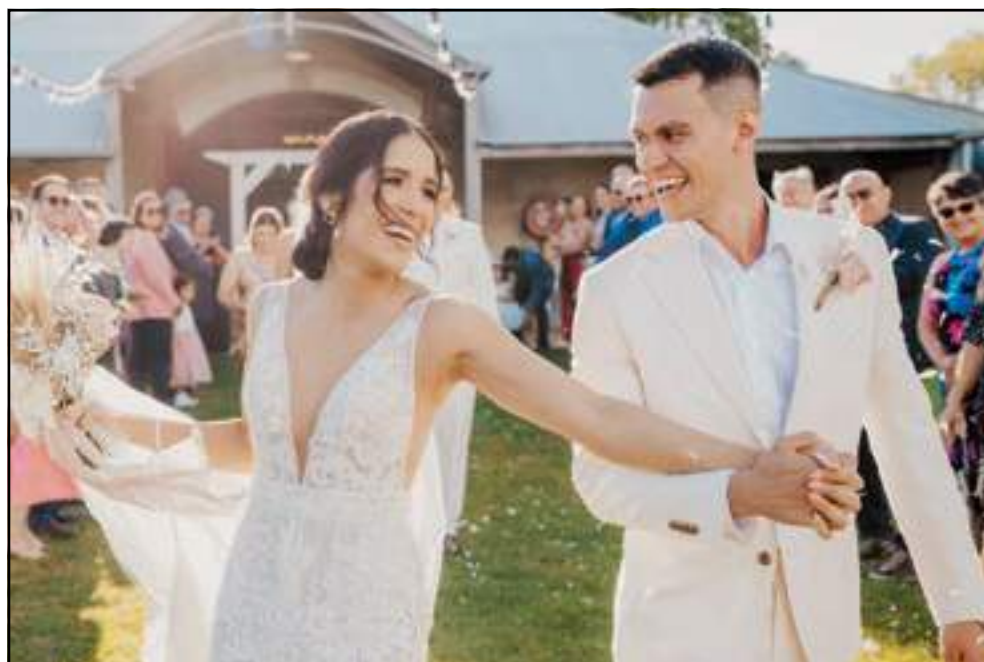
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Challenge Accepted hosts competitive games in three different gear types including laser tag, gel balls and NERF gear (Non Expanding Reactive Foam) at the Price Street location.

Owner Peter Greiger said players enjoyed refereed and realistic scenarios in an ever-changing playing field in the 650 square metre premises. Eyewear and footwear is compulsory but gel balls weren't painful.

"It gives kids the opportunity to get off their devices and come down here and experience a realistic, challenging and fun activity where they can have simulated battles, but in real life," Peter said. "It also keeps you fit."

"Everything is done in a safe and family-friendly environment. We've got something for everyone over eight years old. We do birthday parties, corporate events, team-building and we're about to open a shop selling gel blasters.

"With all the kids out there sitting at home playing video games, this gives them a facility to go to and play out those video game dreams but it's real, it's safe and it's incredibly fun."



Challenge Accepted: from left, Zoe Kilpatrick, Millzy Makenzie, Peter Grieger, Ashlee Walls and Brett Coustley are aiming for success.

Also, the social side of it is huge."

Anyone interested should keep an eye on Facebook and consider special public sessions which are open to everyone on Saturdays from 4.30pm.

"We've had a very good response, crazy actually. We've had over 300 visits on the website every day. The big thing is birthday parties."

Peter said he was also trying to get a gel ball league up and running involving teams from all around Queensland.

► Challenge Accepted 34-38 Price Street, www.challengeaccepted.quest. Phone 0448 777 980 or check FB @challenge1accepted.



Speed limit lowered from 60 to 50km/h through Eudlo

THE speed limit through the Eudlo business centre on Palmwoods-Mooloolah Road will be lowered next week to improve safety.

Member for Nicklin, Rob Skelton, said the speed limit along about 500 metres, between Eudlo State School and Olsen Mill Park, would be reduced from 60km/h to 50km/h.

"We've listened to the community and Transport and Main Roads (TMR) undertook a speed limit review on Palmwoods-Mooloolah Road through Eudlo," Mr Skelton said.

"The review recommended reducing the speed limit and this was endorsed by the Speed Management Committee, which includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Sunshine Coast Council and TMR.

"The review process considers a range of factors such as road function, roadside environment, road construction standards, prevailing traffic speeds and crash history."

Mr Skelton said work to implement the new speed limit, including replacing signs, would start on Monday (11 July) and was expected to take a day to complete, weather and conditions permitting.

"I urge all motorists to observe the new speed limit and always drive to conditions," he said.

► For more information, contact 5451 7055 or northcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au.



Nature Watch Cattle Egrets

CATTLE Egrets are common in Australia. Originally some were introduced from Africa in an attempt to control insects in the cattle country. They may have also migrated here from Asia.

You have probably seen these birds whenever there are cattle just waiting for the cattle to flush out grasshoppers and other insects. Some years ago hundreds of pairs colonised a Melaleuca swamp opposite the entrance to what

is now Rotary Village in Jubilee Drive in Palmwoods (where this photo was taken).

There were so many of them that their guano (excrement) killed the trees. This was an exceptionally large colony. Another small colony can be seen beside the old Bruce Highway near Federal.

Both sexes have the same buff colouring on the neck and breast during breeding season. A normal brood is three chicks but can be as many as five or six if food is plentiful. - Don McGlusky, Diddillibah

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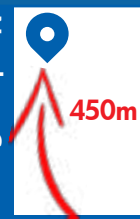
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Thankyou & Farewell Maleny IGA

Rob & Samantha Outridge thank Maleny for 27 wonderful years

Owners say goodbye after serving Maleny since 1995

27 years and 27 million customers later

AFTER 27 years popular owners Rob and Sam Outridge are selling their beloved hinterland business.

Rob and Sam will hand over the reins of Maleny IGA to the Seasons IGA Group on August 1.

After running the IGA for seven days a week, 364 days a year, the couple is eager to take a well-deserved break and look back on what they achieved.

"I think the most gratifying part of the experience has been looking back and seeing the value we have been able to add to our community by supporting family owned small businesses and employing local people," Rob said. "Family and community are everything in the end, and here in Maleny, I hope that we have had a positive impact on both.

"When we first came to Maleny, we basically had a ten year plan. But the town has been wonderful to us, and here we are 27 years later!"

"We must have been doing something right judging by the lovely feedback we are getting since the announcement. It's been quite overwhelming," said

Sam.

The entrepreneurial couple made the move to Maleny on the October 2 1995 after running a successful newsagency in Mundubbera.

"The business ticked every box on our list," Rob said. "It was a great business, in a great town, with plenty of scope to add value and grow.

"In the beginning, we were completely raw. We went from having a couple of staff at the newsagency, to 62 staff, in a whole new industry. It was daunting to have that many people looking to us for leadership when we ourselves were learning as we went along," he said.

The existing staff were instrumental in assisting Rob and Sam in the early days, and the periods of exponential growth that soon followed.

"There are so many people who helped us when we first arrived, and none more so than Lena Beausang, who was a Manager at the time," explained Rob. "Without Lena I really don't know how we would have survived, to be honest."

The couple invested back to back 100 hour work weeks for years, and the business quickly expanded and enjoyed double-digit growth, year on year.

"Maleny has been very good to us," said Rob. "It has been an amazing place to raise a family, and a connected and thriving community to be a part of. And the community has rewarded us over and over again for the effort we have invested in the business.

"It is an incredibly responsive place," he said. "The community won't take a step back if they are not happy with you but, by the same token, they will always step up and support you as well. We have been overwhelmed by the messages of support we have received since we made the decision to sell. It validates our decision to go into business in Maleny and make it our home.

"Now we are excited to pass the business on to the Seasons IGA group who will take it into its next chapter."

Rob estimates the business has served about 27 million people - equivalent to the population of Australia during their years.



The Outridges have seen generations through the turnstiles of their IGA store... "Now we are excited to pass the business on to the Seasons IGA group who will take it into its next chapter."



Thankyou Maleny AND FAREWELL

After 27 wonderful years as custodians of Maleny IGA we have decided to sell our business to Season's IGA Supermarkets. Settlement will occur on Monday 1st August. We feel a great sense of gratitude to the people of Maleny and the Hinterland who have chosen to shop with us for such a long time. Thank you for supporting our business, the dozens of local suppliers and the hundreds of locals we have employed.

Rob & Sam Outridge

Thankyou & Farewell Maleny IGA

Rob & Samantha Outridge thank Maleny for 27 wonderful years



Staff outside Tytherleigh's Store (now Maleny IGA) 1926.

Renovations & expansions helped boost local economy

JUST twelve months after Rob and Sam took the business over, the first major renovations took place.

"We spent \$1.3 million dollars and basically gutted the building during the first wave of renovations," Rob said. "At the time, our accountant told us we had spent too much. Twelve months later, he was saying we had not spent enough!"

Everything was replaced, from fixtures, fittings and refrigeration, to the floors which were restored with the now-iconic Tasmanian oak flooring. "You can still see the different eras in the ceilings though," said Rob.

"We made a point of using as many local tradesmen, engineers, town planners, designers, architects and key people as we could during our renovations, because it has such a terrific multiplier effect back into the community," he said. "This is in line with our commitment to add value and keep local dollars circulating locally."

A \$3 million renovation followed in 2014, when the floor space was increased by 100m2

and space under the building utilised. The renovation reflected the growth of the business and presented the opportunity to elevate the already unique supermarket shopping experience.

From the outset, the couple blazed a trail in terms of creating a shopping experience unlike typical supermarkets. The country town feel has been enhanced with sophisticated, metropolitan styling and product lines. This creativity and innovation has been recognised and awarded many times over.

"We have worked hard to incorporate design features that were unique to our town," Rob said.

The store got hold of a local Bunya pine that was knocked over during Cyclone Oswald from local wood artisan David Linton. It was used to build the beautiful timber shelving and produce bins in the fresh produce section.

An art installation representing the Obi Obi creek winds through the ceiling of the fresh produce department and adds interest and a local vibe to the store.



The modern store retains the Universal Providers branding in a nod to the past.



In the 90s Xpress photos and smokes were prominent.



Before: The Maleny IGA delicatessen, 1990s style.

Innovative Community Benefits Club democratises small town giving

MALENY IGA has supported countless community groups and not for profit organisations since 1995. This commitment to give back was formalised with their Community Benefits Club (CBC) scheme in 2006.

"Maleny is an incredibly engaged community and I used to keep a 'run sheet' of sponsorships and donations in the early days," said Rob.

"Up until 2006 we had donated or sponsored around \$700,000 to various community groups. We found that the same groups typically benefited from our support, but there are so many other worthy organisations doing fantastic work in the community. And we wanted to give our shoppers the option to support the organisations of their choice," Rob said.

"When we devised the CBC scheme it seemed like a very democratic way for the funds to be allocated back into the community and it meant that value could be added to a wider range of community groups."

Since 2006, more than 150 community organisations have received \$1.7 million thanks to



Rob hands over a cheque to Maleny CWA in 2002, some of the \$1.7 million donated.

Maleny IGA customers nominating their preferred organisation or charity through the CBC scheme.

Sam said the number one CBC beneficiary was Sippy Creek Animal Refuge.

"We are aware that there are some groups that have been kept afloat thanks to the funds

that flow back to them from CBC, so it really is a win-win for everyone concerned," she said. "It is wonderful that our customers can see the difference they can make by shopping with us."

The CBC scheme has represented the perfect working model of the old adage 'what goes around comes around'.

"We have seen that these contributions have fostered the health of the community," said Sam. "We have always looked for ways we can add value, in every situation and the CBC has been good for the community, it's good for business and it makes us feel good. The goodwill has come back to us in spades and we have been humbled by that."

A story of hard work and dedication

Message from Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston

PRIOR to Rob and Sam Outridge purchasing Frews Supa Value store in Maple Street, Maleny, 27 years ago, Alison Frew introduced them to me and recommended my business to become their general insurance broker. Rob, Sam and their business partners accepted this recommendation and thus began a strong continuous business relationship and personal friendship.

Not long after taking over the store, they renovated and extended the store, as well as renaming the business Maleny IGA. As the business grew and as a result of subsequent renovations and extended floor area, they were able to develop a larger delicatessen, significantly expand their range of refrigerated products, and meat products. In addition they expanded their range of locally produced specialty foods and visitors often speak with wonder about these specialty products which are not available from the big supermarket chains.

Due to their hard work, friendly personalities and extensive range of specialty items, they developed strong support from local clubs and organisations. Consequently when Woolworths opened their store in Maleny, the Maleny IGA continued to receive strong support and the store today is a focal point for locals and visitors alike.

Locals and staff will remember Rob and Sam working long hours, often when the store closed, in preparation for the following busy trading days and holiday periods. Operating a large and growing grocery store is hard and exhausting work. Although they will be greatly



How The Range News covered the change of ownership in 1995.

missed at Maleny IGA and within our local community, I know that our community will wish them well for the future and that they enjoy travelling as well as spending much more time with family and friends.

The new owners of Seasons IGA have purchased a great business and will be warmly welcomed as an integral part of the Maleny Community.



After: The delicatessen today is much more stylish and user friendly.



Today, an art installation representing the Obi Obi creek winds through the ceiling.

Thankyou & Farewell Maleny IGA

Rob & Samantha Outridge thank Maleny for 27 wonderful years



Local staff have always been at the heart of Maleny IGA. Below, Lena Beusang was instrumental in the Outridge's early years.

Nurturing hundreds of young employees' working lives

SINCE 1995, the IGA has been the biggest employer in Maleny and for many young locals, a job at the IGA represented their first experience of employment.

Over the years the business has employed over 1000 locals, many of them school-aged kids.

"It has been a privilege to take on young people and give them their first work opportunity," said Rob. "While some kids take to work like a duck to water, for others, it isn't so easy. They need to be given time to find their feet because everyone is different. Employing young people with our own money has been incredibly rewarding.

"I have often checked in on new employees who report to their Supervisor that they are struggling. I generally encourage the supervisor to be patient and hang in there for a month or so. More often than not, with a bit of patience, they blossom. It has been incredibly fulfilling to see our young staff come out of their shells and become confident and capable.

Sam said it was gratifying when parents of past employees thank them for giving their child their first work opportunity.

"We have been told by many parents that



their child's employment and training with us was one of their best work experiences. And for some young people who had been experiencing social anxiety or other issues, it was transformative. Our focus has always been on developing our people and building good experiences for them in the workplace."

Rob said some past employees had gone on to become extremely successful adults with their own businesses.

"Now we are also now finding ourselves employing the children of our early staff," he said.

Twenty seven years later, Rob and Sam are employing multiple members of the same family, or having past staff return from time to time.

"I guess that is a good sign that people have found this to be a good work environment," said Rob. "Leading a team of people to add value to our community and its families has to be one of the most rewarding aspects of our time in Maleny IGA."

Swag of awards earned over the years

THE Maleny IGA has been recognised with many awards over the past 27 years.

Sam said the awards process was quite involved but they felt that, in the early days, it was a valuable exercise. "It was affirmation that we were doing something innovative and special and we wanted our team to also share and enjoy that feeling," she said.

The store has been happy to rest on its laurels in recent years and not entered awards. Some of the most prestigious accolades include:

- 1998 - IGA & all Independants - QLD Store of the Year
- 1999 - IGA National Retailer of the Year - Deli Department
- 2001 - IGA National Retailer of the Year - Produce Department
- 2001 - Sunshine Coast GIO Business of the Year
- 2002 - Sunshine Coast GIO Hall of Fame
- 2007 - IGA National Service Award - Check-outs

'Trick up a trolley' procession was a highlight

IN a thriving, bustling community like Maleny, there have been many highlights for Rob and Sam but some have stood out more than others.

"The community feedback we received during the 100 Year History celebrations in 2005 really blew us away," Rob said.

Celebrations culminated with a parade down Maple Street where the schools, the hospital, sporting groups and community organisations pushed decorated shopping trollies down the street, in a procession past the shop.

"They called them 'tricked-up trollies."

"There were thousands of people in town and it was incredible to have been part of such an important historical milestone for the store, and in Maleny.

"We will never forget it," said Rob.

Rob and Sam and their team have been recipients of numerous local, State and National awards



Thousands of people packed Maple Street in 2005 for the store's Centenary Celebration.



The store's facade has changed over the years but the commitment to local service and local suppliers remains consistent. Below, the store in the 80s.



An incubator for local producers and suppliers

MALENY IGA has a well-earned reputation for carrying boutique and specialty products from local suppliers, a point of difference that helps separate them from other supermarket chains.

"A lot of local producers and suppliers have enjoyed their start in business through our store," Rob said. "Around 15 percent of our range is supplied by local businesses. We have become a bit of an incubator for business start ups, with industries from IT companies to primary producers starting out with us and in some cases, going on to become extremely successful. Maleny Dairies is a good example of this," he said.

Maleny Dairies milk is the top selling line in dairy, and the number one selling product in the deli is Peachester ham.

"We also have beautiful products from Maleny Cheese, Pomodoras, Montville Coffee and Country Harvest, just to name a few," he said.

"Narelle Ratcliffe of Country Harvest initially worked for us before moving on to purchase Country Harvest with her husband Steve, and we love that we have been able to continue working with some of the incredible staff that we have employed over the years."

In the early days, Rob and Sam supported the Agriculture Department of the Maleny High

School.

"I remember the students had grown a huge crop of silverbeet and we took all of it and sold it in the shop," he said. "Not surprisingly, it sold out very quickly. Our customers were extremely supportive of the idea."

The couple has remained passionately committed to sourcing, showcasing and stocking Australian products.

This has been vigorously backed up by a growing demand by consumers for Aussie products.



"When we launched our Aussie Wobblers (pictured) campaign in 2020 it was exceedingly well received and supported by our customers," said Rob.

Woolies arrival prompted a passionate response

LONG-TIME Maleny residents will remember when Woolworths came to town in 2006, and the passionate response it aroused.

While the story went international, the Outridges tried to remain focussed. "Funnily enough, while it was pretty stressful at the time, having such major competition forced us to lift our game," said Rob. "We had time to prepare and differentiate ourselves as a business," said Sam. "We could see that there were many compelling reasons to implement more local touches and engage the local artistic community to definitively put a stamp on the business as being uniquely 'Maleny'.

"It put us in the right mindset and, as usual, we enjoyed incredible community support."

Thankyou & Farewell Maleny IGA

Universal Providers for over 100 years



John Tytherleigh was born in Islington, London, on January 28, 1867. His biography by his wife Edie "The Finest Man I Ever Knew" is a tribute to her husband, a hardworking business man who set up stores in Landsborough (1894), Woombye (1899), Maleny (1905) & Caloundra (1935). John & Edie had 4 daughters & 2 sons and their family became managers of his stores. He was a Councillor of the Caboolture Council representing Mellum Creek, which later became Landsborough and was the First Chairman of the Landsborough Shire Council.

Photo of the Maleny Store, with the late Frank Rough on the left. Picture Sunshine Coast

ESTABLISHED by English born John Tytherleigh in 1905, the Universal Providers Maleny IGA store has undergone many overhauls in its 115 years.

In its time the business has only had six owners, and has maintained the commitment to family and community that was the foundation of its inauguration all those years ago.

A resident of Landsborough, John Tytherleigh was well known as a community-minded man who became the first Mayor of the newly proclaimed Landsborough Shire. During his 39 years of residence in Landsborough, John took an active interest in public affairs. He was looked upon as a wonderful clear-minded and able leader.

Under John's leadership the Landsborough School of Arts and Shire Hall were built. Despite his active interest in public affairs John Tytherleigh never neglected his business or family. He had four daughters and two sons, all of whom were involved in the Tytherleigh empire.

The Tytherleigh's Maleny store was eventually bought out by G Eustacé in the early 60s.

Later the store was purchased by W Ross when it was a 4-Square, then Struben & Cook in the 70s when the store became a Supa-Valu Food market.

The Frew family took on the busi-

ness in the 80s and on the 2nd of October 1995, Rob and Sam Outridge took the reins and it has undergone many transformations since.

The couple retained the iconic Universal Providers trademark for Maleny IGA and that is how the business branding remains today. It remains the oldest original commercial premises in Maleny.



Tytherleigh's Limited, Universal Providers, on the right,



Supa-Valu Foodmarket and Price Rite Hardware in Maple

An Open Letter from Rob & Sam Outridge:

Letter to the Editor – Sunshine Valley Gazette

To the people of the Hinterland

It is almost impossible to sum up 27 years of business in Maleny in a few short words.

However, if we were to use one word to describe how we feel, it would be "grateful"

Grateful that we chose such a wonderful business to purchase in 1995.

Grateful that the business was located in such an engaged community.

Grateful for the dedication of the over 1,000 locals we have employed. We feel particularly lucky to have employed the whole Gray family, including Owen as store manager for the past 8 years and Karen as HR manager since 2003. The business is as much a reflection of them as it is of Rob and Samantha.

Grateful to the families who have allowed their children to work their first jobs with us.

Grateful for the suppliers – particularly the local Sunshine Coast suppliers for the products and services you provided for us.

And grateful for the customers who chose to shop with us – even though there is so much to choose from on the Coast.

We are humbled by our experience.

Thank you.

Rob & Sam Outridge

July 2022



And a message from the new owners



Dear Maleny

We look forward to growing the Seasons family in the town of Maleny on the 1st of August 2022.

Rob and Sam and their team here in Maleny have done an amazing job with the store and we are truly inspired by the connection that has been created with the local community and the entire Maleny team. Rob and Sam will forever be a special part of Maleny and a welcomed companion and mentor to our business. From the culture he has created with his team to the love he has for the local community, we congratulate you for what you have achieved, and we are honoured to continue your legacy in the special town of Maleny.

We are a Christian based business, and we live by Christian values. Seasons IGA was founded in April 2019 with our first store which is located north of Brisbane in the town of Clontarf. We are a local family business and today, we have nine (9) stores which are all located between Brisbane and Noosa. We are an Australian business, we are a Sunshine Coast / Brisbane based business, and we are local business that supports local producers, the local economy, and the community. Our current locations are Cleveland, East Brisbane, Greenslopes, Clontarf, Redcliffe, Burpengary, Caloundra, Yandina, Noosa and soon to be Maleny.

We are 100% reliant on our customers and on the communities which we serve. Our vision is to create a presence on the Sunshine Coast and positively impact the lives of our shoppers and our staff. Our mission is to inspire people to love food by giving them the products they want in an environment which encourages shoppers to engage with us and enjoy the time they spend in our stores. Food is such a big part of our lives, it brings people and families together; we want to enter the homes of customers through your dinner plate- shopping should not be a chore, it should be an enjoyable experience, and this is what we try to achieve in our stores.

The Maleny business has always supported the local community and we look forward to continuing with the initiatives that the Maleny team have in place with the local community. Life is all about people and as a business we try to go beyond supporting the community, our aim to play a part in the transformation of a community to make people's lives better. We have just launched our Apple a Day campaign across our stores – all the profit from every apple sold in every Seasons store across all our locations will go towards a large community project, at present together with the local Citipointe Redcliffe location and many local businesses we are building a brand-new youth centre in the north of Brisbane.

We see a need to participate in creating an environment where the next generation can be mentored and guided to become the leaders of our tomorrow.

We have a soft spot for our elderly and love to see them enjoying our stores- we offer pension day every day with a 5% discount to pensioners every day of the week in all our stores. We have a Seasons customer loyalty programme which allows customers to earn points on their purchases at any of our locations; these points can be utilised in store and are great for those big spending and special occasions.

Every Christmas, we partner with the local Citipointe Church group and local MP's to deliver hampers to families which cannot afford to enjoy a warm Christmas meal in their homes- last year we touched 2500 families through this Citipointe initiative. This is just an example of one project which we currently involved in, there are a vast number of smaller community projects around each of our locations. None of these initiatives can be achieved alone, we partner with several other local businesses and individuals in each community.

We appreciate the significant support we receive from IGA and our local suppliers in all our community initiatives and in the important role they play as our business partners. Together, we can achieve so many things. We love our Seasons staff; they share the passion of our vision and they are the frontline of our business- they pitch up every day and nothing would be possible without them.

People resist change and our goal is not to turn the Maleny IGA upside down, but rather maintain and build on the current offer. We respect and love the history of the Maleny store and we look forward to becoming the next chapter. In every location that we have acquired or established, we have employed more people creating more jobs in the community, we have increased the number of products on promotion, and we have decreased the price of many products to an everyday low price.

Rob and Sam and the Maleny outlet has built an impeccable reputation and we look forward to the challenge of building on this foundation. It takes more than one person to achieve what this store has achieved, and we recognise the value of the entire team at Maleny and congratulate you on the role each of you have played in building a truly community driven and customer focused supermarket.

We look forward to winning your hearts and appreciate your support.

Kind Regard

The Seasons IGA Family



Costa Georgiadis, Marion Beazley and Sophie Thomson at the weekend's Queensland Garden Expo.

Garden Expo crowds flock to Nambour Showgrounds

WITH nothing but blue skies, soil, speakers and plants in sight all the right ingredients for a blockbuster 37th Queensland Garden Expo were in place at the weekend, with thousands of people flocking to Nambour Showgrounds for Australia's largest sub-tropical gardening event.

The Expo has continued to be a massive drawcard for tourism on the Sunshine Coast for the last week of school holidays with 65 per cent of attendees arriving from outside of the region.

Event Manager Marion Beazley said while it was too early to tally exact ticket sales, listening to feedback from visitors as well as exhibitors every indication was that the event was a huge success.

"The queues at the gates on Friday morning indicated the appetite for this event and with more people turning to gardening than ever before over the course of the pandemic, the demand for plants, information and all things gardening is at an absolute premium," Ms Beazley said.

Those exhibiting at the Expo and presenting as part of Australia's largest gardening speaker program could not have been happier with the turn out, as the event welcomed back crowd favourite Costa Georgiadis as well as ABC Gardening Australia's Jerry Coleby-Williams, Claire Bickle, Sophie Thomson, Millie Ross and Phil Dudman.

With tens of thousands of plants sold over



the course of the weekend, combined with the high volume of tourists from out of town, the Expo provided a healthy injection into the local economy.

"The economic impact of this event is estimated to be more than \$10 million so we were thrilled that the event was able to be back in full swing this year after Covid restrictions impacted the Expo last year and forced us to cancel the year before," Ms Beazley said.

The Queensland Garden Expo is an annual event held every July. To find out more, please visit www.qldgardenexpo.com.au.

Wildcats to host 'All Abilities' game on Saturday

THE Nambour Wildcats will be hosting an "All Abilities" game on Saturday July 16 at 9.25am at their grounds at the Nambour PCYC.

"The "All Abilities" program is aimed at providing kids with disabilities the opportunity to participate in soccer," said Club President Sharna Grand-Court.

"Currently any kids who want to play pay a \$5 fee and can come and play a modified, slow

paced and relaxed game of soccer with other kids of all abilities. This is a new initiative of the Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association and we are hoping it will grow.

► For more information contact the SCCSA at admin@sccsa.org.au or register your interest at sccsa.org.au Nambour Wildcats home ground is at 3 Youth Avenue, Nambour.

Farewell to Rob and Samantha Outridge

ROB AND Samantha Outridge have sold their IGA business and will be handing it over to the new owners early in August. In their 27 years in Maleny, they have supported many community and sporting organisations.

Rob was also a member of the Maleny Rotary Club in the late '90s and was awarded a Paul Harris Medal in 2002 for his service to Maleny.

The Rotary Club of Maleny will be hosting host drinks and nibbles on Thursday July 21 at the RSL from 5.30-7.30pm, and we would be very pleased if you could attend to help thank Rob and Samantha in person for their support.

A cash bar will be available and finger food will be provided by Maleny Rotary Club.

Maleny Rotary has extended an invitation to community and sporting organisations to send representatives to the event. Unfortunately,

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numbers are limited due to the capacity of the RSL hall, and registration for the event is essential for catering purposes which can be done online through TryBooking at www.trybooking.com/CAUBD.

– Paulette Steele, President, Maleny Rotary Club

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The Young Pinnacle program is designed to provide enrichment and early high-school transition opportunities for interested students.

Pinnacle prospects preview College's renowned program

NAMBOUR State College has been busy introducing year 5 and 6 primary school children to its acclaimed Young Pinnacle Immersion days.

The Young Pinnacle program is designed to provide enrichment and early high-school transition opportunities for interested students.

Year 5s recently explored four of the College's Pinnacle strands: *Athletes*, *Creatives*, *Scholars* and *Change Makers* during a day filled with rich learning experiences.

"By the end of the day, our 5s were excited about the prospect of exploring their Pinnacle options further," said Acting Junior Secondary Head of Department Talitha Tranent. "They will have time up at our farm as Young Cultivators and time navigating our digital world as a Young Innovator next term."

On June 8 the Year 6 Pinnacles were able to spend half of their day as a *Young Cultivator* and the other half as *Young Creators*.

"This in-depth exploration of the Pinnacle

strands we have on offer enable our future Nambour State College students to have a better understanding of what area they would like to apply for next term."

Importantly, it was also an opportunity for the Year 6s to meet Mrs Tranent who will continue to support any students transitioning into Junior Secondary.

The Pinnacle Program provides the opportunity to connect and learn with like-minded students. Students are supported to improve their skills across the six key capabilities of character, citizenship, collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking. "We can't wait for next term, and already have preparation well under way to ensure our immersion experiences deliver," said Mrs Tranent.

► For more information about Nambour State College's Pinnacle & Young Pinnacle Program, please head to: www.namboursc.eq.edu.au/curriculum/excellence-programs



Volunteer Marie Miclo with RangeCare client Annie Belaubre. RangeCare's volunteers play a significant role in supporting clients and staff.

RangeCare powered by selfless volunteers

BUSINESS WRITEUP: RangeCare

THE invaluable services provided to Range residents by RangeCare would not be possible without an army of caring and passionate volunteers. Volunteering is an important foundation of our community and there are many ways in which people can help.

"RangeCare's volunteers play a significant role in supporting both our clients and staff," said Volunteer Coordinator Cara Doherty.

"We have an incredible team of over 150 volunteers who typically contribute over 10,000 hours of their time each year. This generosity allows RangeCare to support our clients in living their best life through delivering a comprehensive range of services."

RangeCare works with their volunteers to best match their skills and areas of interest with their organisational needs. They offer a welcoming and supportive team environment, with regular training workshops and events for volunteers.

Cara said volunteers supported the community through a wide range of roles, including Meals on Wheels, driving clients to and from appointments, kitchen volunteers, day respite support, social support and friendship to people in their homes, Op Shop volunteers and office administration volunteers who assist with various administration tasks.

"And they bring a wealth of skills and life experience," said Cara. "Volunteers often tell us that they get just as much out of volunteering

as they give and we love the fact that the benefits are mutual. Through volunteering with us, many people make new connections in the community, feel a sense of meaning and purpose and we know that volunteering increases people's overall wellbeing," she said.

"The benefits that our volunteers bring to our clients, the communities in which we work and to the organisation as a whole are innumerable and we are very thankful for their generosity and support."

"I started volunteering with RangeCare to get to know more people in the area and make new connections. It was important to me to connect with people who care. It's giving me interesting things to do with my time. I don't feel like the visits are part of volunteer work, it's more like visiting a friend now," said RangeCare Volunteer Marie Miclo.

"It's good for me to have a friend like Marie, because I do get lonely. I'm more of a shy person, so it's nice to have someone visit me at home. I enjoy speaking the same language. We talk about many things - cinema, TV, politics. Sometimes we go out for coffee. It's very good, excellent" - Annie Belaubre (RangeCare client)

Volunteer with RangeCare and use your existing skills while learning new ones in a welcoming and supportive team environment. It's great to know that you are making a real difference in people's lives.

► Call 07 5445 7044 or visit www.rangecare.com.au/volunteer to find out more.



The Young Pinnacle Program

Applications open for students entering Year 5 in 2023



The Young Pinnacle program is an enrichment program for bright and motivated Year 5 and 6 students. Students experience four high school immersion days per year, and are fast-tracked to the full Pinnacle Program at Nambour State College. The program aims to develop higher-order thinking skills, the bravery to try new things and friendships between like-minded students from different schools.



Application process:
Applications can be found on the Nambour State College website or by scanning the QR code. Applications are due by the 25 November 2022.



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Rural landowners can apply for financial help to complete on-ground environment projects on their private property, with Council's Landholder Environment Grants now open. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for projects such as bush regeneration; reducing sediment loss on farms; control of environmental weeds; modifying non-boundary fencing to make it wildlife friendly; revegetation of degraded areas; and to establish vegetation corridors and buffer zones. Please read the guidelines on Council's website and submit your expression of interest before 22 August.

Sunshine Coast 2023 Heritage Calendar Competition

Grab your photo albums. Council is looking for old pictures that show how people got around the Sunshine Coast in days gone by. Car, bike, boat, skates, train, tram or horse, all of them are wanted! Winning images will be included in the calendar and winners will receive a canvas print of their image, plus calendars to share. Visit heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au between 15 July and 15 August to enter.

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Don't miss the latest Caloundra Regional Gallery exhibition

Veiled Histories celebrates NAIDOC and honours two extraordinary visual storytellers—acclaimed First Nations artists Jennifer Herd and Joanne Currie Nalingu. In this striking exhibition, you'll experience symbols of connection, strength and protection from Jennifer's shields, alongside Joanne's deep linking with her Country through to language and the river. Exhibition closes 21 August. For talks, events and more information, visit gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online – Thursday 28 July at 9am.

In Conversation - Becoming Anti-Racist

Venue 114 is thrilled to launch 'In Conversation – Becoming Anti-Racist' on Friday 22 July with special guest former Socceroo captain and Member of the Australian Multicultural Council and Human Rights activist, Craig Foster AM. Joining him for a powerful and thought-provoking discussion will be MC Mackayla Jefferies and esteemed panellists. Tickets on sale now at venue114.com.au.

Memoir writing workshop

Take this deep-dive, hands-on workshop with award-winning authors Paul Williams and Shelley Davidow to learn memoir writing secrets. The six-hour workshop on 17 July includes morning tea and lunch. Tickets are \$50 and bookings essential via Council's library website.

Just on the horizon

The 2022 Horizon Festival program is out now, and it's packed with free and ticketed arts events right across the Sunshine Coast from 26 August to 4 September. For the first time, you'll find the Wonderland Spiegeltent in Cotton Tree Park, with an extraordinary program of music, performances, workshops and more, for the whole family. Book at horizonfestival.com.au and follow @horizonartfest on socials.

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Friends take Christmas to the next level

BUSINESS WRITEUP:
Christmas Charm Creations

PALMWOODS friends, Kym Ward and Sheree Bevan have taken their love of all things Christmas to the next level with the start of their business, Christmas Charm Creations.

"It all started because we both absolutely love Christmas," Kym explained. "We really liked the idea of selling Christmas themed decorations and figures at local markets throughout the year," Sheree said. "So we started buying Christmas characters from overseas suppliers, but we quickly found out that local markets prefer products to be handmade."

This did not deter Kym and Sheree, who set about watching "about a million" videos on YouTube, on making Christmas decorations.

"We were particularly drawn to the crazy Whoville style and that is where a lot of our inspiration has come from," said Kym.

Kym had always enjoyed pottery, but Sheree had no experience in arts or crafts at all.

"I had never even made a single bow," Sheree said. "Now I could tie one in my sleep."

A room in Kym's house has been turned into "the glitter room" and is bursting with gorgeous and lovingly made Christmas creations, each and every one of which is totally unique.

"We could not duplicate a decoration if we tried," laughed Kym. "The look of every piece depends on where the glitter falls!"

Sheree and Kym are building up stock in preparation for Christmas and will be selling their beautiful wares at the Maleny RSL Markets on the 24th of July.

"It is a good way to gauge what types of decorations people like the best," said Kym.



Kym Ward and Sheree Bevan are building up stock in preparation for Christmas and will be selling their beautiful wares at the Maleny RSL Markets on July 24.

"We have so much fun planning and making our decorations," Sheree said. "We both have input into every piece."

Seeing the smiles on the faces of their customers makes this labour of love worth every moment.

"After the first markets, we both commented that a special look would come over people's faces when they saw our stall," Sheree said. "It's like they couldn't help themselves but smile. It's just beautiful. And if our creations make people smile and bring them feelings of happiness, then I think we really are honouring the spirit of Christmas."

► You can see Kym and Sheree's decorations at the Maleny RSL Markets on the 24th of July and you can keep up with their work on their Facebook page @christmascharmsunshinecoast



Zumba Gold is a lower-intensity class focussing on balance, range of motion and coordination. Pictured are Julie's students from Landsborough.

Zumba Gold classes come to Woombye

JULIE Allen has been teaching Zumba Gold Classes out of Landsborough Hall for just on seven years now.

However, as much as she will miss her "amazing gals", it is time to bring her expertise to ladies closer to home in Woombye.

"Zumba Gold is so much better for the joints as we mature," said Julie. "And don't think that you won't work hard, you certainly will work up a sweat! It's a fun and energetic way to keep moving and it's a great way to start your weekend. We also use weighted hoops for our

core, and drumming sticks for some real fun."

Julie's classes cater specifically for seniors, but everyone is welcome. "I love to bring the social side into the classes, and we love to have coffee and chats, and let's not forget the occasional bushwalk to raise funds for charities."

Classes start Friday July 29 at 10.30am and each Friday thereafter at Woombye School of Arts (Lower Hall), Blackall Street, Woombye.

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Local Ambulance Committee member Geoff Brown, Manager of Clinical Education Alexis Hughes, Nicklin MP Robert Skelton, local wood carver Terry Maddison, Acting District Director Rob Cornthwaite, Officer in Charge Nambour Station Joy Reitz and Local Ambulance Committee President Gary Langford.

New Sign for Nambour Ambulance Station

A wooden sign celebrating the ambulance service's centenary has been handed over to Nambour Ambulance Station.

The sign was hand-carved by local artisan and former ambulance officer Terry Maddison.

Nicklin MP Rob Skelton and other dignitaries attended the station to witness the handover of the sign celebrating how far the service has come over the last 100 years. It features a hand-drawn cart alongside a modern Ambulance.

From humble beginnings as a timber building on Howard Street in 1922, the Nambour Ambulance Station has serviced the needs of Nambour and the hinterland region for over a century, providing emergency transport and first aid for members of the community.

Transferring to the brick building in Rigby St in 2001, about 50 staff members are currently stationed there, with nine acute emergency

units, two patient transport units and one emergency response unit.

Terry took up woodcarving as a hobby after nearly 40 years working as an Ambulance officer and he regularly gifts his artwork to local organisations in recognition of special occasions.



Therapists reach new heights

BUSINESS WRITEUP: Sacred Body

AFTER two years of steady growth, Palmwoods' *Sacred Body* has expanded into a newly refurbished clinic in Montville.

"I had been feeling that a move was necessary for the growth of the business for some time," said founder, Linda Goggan. "We have had such wonderful local support that I needed more therapists, service offerings and treatment rooms. Earlier this year when the building was sold, I was forced to stop procrastinating! It was extremely synchronous, as these things usually are."

After an exhaustive search for the perfect place, *Sacred Body* found a new home in Montville.

"This clinic has been such a find," Linda said. "We have poured our hearts into the fit out and I hope that our clients find it to be a place of repose, stillness and rejuvenation. It has certainly been designed with that purpose in mind."

The new space features a massage room, a purpose-built couples treatment room, a beauty therapy room and a sumptuous private, mini bathhouse.

"We are so happy about the look and feel of the clinic," said Linda. "The bathhouse is just gorgeous. We have put the Far Infrared Sauna in there, along with an aromatherapy steam shower and a magnificent deep bathtub."

"We can now offer mineral baths and we add magnesium, essential oils, organic coconut milk and locally grown, organic roses to the water. The experience of soaking in that tub is blissful. It is so luxurious and restorative. I find that mums in particular love it because although most of them have a bathtub at home, almost none of them use it to relax in."

Beauty therapist, Sheri Respondino offers her beauty treatments from the Montville clinic and massage therapist Mary-Lou Reed



From left, massage therapists Mary-Lou Reed and Linda Goggan and Beauty therapist, Sheri Respondino make up the team.

joins Linda to offer massage.

"Mary-Lou also works on the esoteric level to bring healing to her clients," said Linda.

"We are excited for our existing clients to come and enjoy their treatments in our new clinic and we can't wait to welcome new clients to the Sacred Body experience."

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Passion for property keeps mobile agent on the move

FOREST Glen based mobile real estate agent Rosemarie Caston has been busy over the past couple of years selling properties from the Sunshine Coast to Gin Gin and Toowoomba.

"It has certainly been an interesting time in real estate," Rosemarie said. "We have seen property values explode on the Sunshine Coast and I think a lot of property owners are capitalising on that spike by clearing their debt and reinvesting their money north and west, where they are able to secure more property for their dollar."

According to Rosemarie, around 60% of her clients are from the Sunshine Coast and the remainder, largely from Brisbane.

"I have been in real estate since 2009 and established Imagine Real Estate in 2014," Rosemarie said. "I had been inspired by a wonderful agent who sold a property for me, and I went into my own business with a strong desire to run things my own way. I wanted to be able to look after my clients in the same way that I like to be treated."

Rosemarie's client-focused approach has seen her agency grow organically, with many of her clients entrusting to her both the purchase of a new property and the sale of an existing one.

"It makes for very smooth and easy transactions when one agent deals with both,"



Rosemarie Caston is on the move: "I wanted to be able to look after my clients in the same way that I like to be treated".

Rosemarie explained. "Being mobile allows me to serve my clients in this way."

"I am extremely energised by and passionate about everything I do," Rosemarie said. "It is almost impossible to achieve the best results for others if you don't inherently have passion."

This explains how Rosemarie has struck a balance between running a growing agency, being mum to three children, competing at an international level in Chito-Ryu (martial arts) and giving back to the community as a Coast Guard Volunteer.

This same commitment and discipline saw Rosemarie become the first female coxswain (skipper) at QF6 in the flotilla's 45 year history.

"I dedicate 100 percent of my effort to what I am doing because it is a disservice to everyone involved to offer less," Rosemarie said.

► You can contact Rosemarie on 0427 439 090 or visit her website www.imaginerealestate.com.au



Immaculate family home on the doorstep of wonderful Noosa

AGENT'S CHOICE: 73 Lake Entrance Boulevard, Noosaville

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It has five generous bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, a massive open plan kitchen, lounge and dining area that spills outside to the tiled entertainment area complete with saltwater pool and outlook to natural bushland behind.

The floorplan is ideal for dual living. The tiled, northeast-facing entertainment area features a sparkling saltwater pool.

This property is fully fenced and extremely private with eco landscaping on 612m2, so there is no grass to mow except the front nature strip.

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Here are the less-obvious costs of buying your first new home

by **Matt Wall** BOQ Nambour & Hinterland Owner-Manager

BUYING a home is an expensive purchase. You know that going in.

However, it's essential that first-time home buyers understand that the cost of buying a home extends far beyond the sale price.

There are a number of fees, taxes and other expenses to consider when searching for your perfect home.

So let's look at the most important costs to address when buying your home.

1. Stamp duty

This is typically one of the largest costs outside the home price and typically averages in tens of thousands of dollars.

2. Mortgage registration and discharge, transfer fees

Bureaucratic procedures often equal costs for home buyers — and there are a lot of document

and paperwork expenses to consider.

Not only must you pay a fee to register your mortgage with the title of the property, but also potentially pay to have the previous mortgage discharged.

Also, there is a Govt charge a fee to transfer the title of the property. The good news is, first-time home buyers in Queensland pay nothing in transfer fees on homes up to \$550,000 in value.

3. Lender fees

Lenders typically charge fees throughout the mortgage process. Some of the most common are loan origination fees, settlement fees and mortgage insurance, if you didn't have a big enough down payment.

4. Inspection fees

A home inspection is vital to ensuring the home you intend to buy is actually in a liveable

condition. A building inspection is required before you can move in, and a pest inspection is generally recommended.

5. Solicitor/conveyancer fees

Legal expertise is important to secure during home buying, but it comes at a cost. For example, you'll likely need to hire a solicitor or conveyancer to handle settlement and the official finalisation of transfer. Their services are also needed for drafting and reviewing contracts.

How can you prepare for the total costs of ownership?

Your home loan is only going to cover the purchase price of the property, and likely will have its own closing costs.

That makes it vital for you to budget ahead of



signing on the dotted line. You need to take into consideration all associated costs, which may also include:

- Utility start-up fees.
- Moving charges.
- Building and content insurance.

► In the market for advice on how to manage the total costs of home buying? To chat about your banking, insurance or property goals and how BOQ Nambour & Hinterland can help, pop in to the branch or give us a call on (07) 5376 9999 today! This article is for general information purposes only and is not intended as professional advice.





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block, there is immense privacy and serenity on offer for a family and guests. Located in serene Curramore, just 12 minutes from the bustling township of Maleny and 6 minutes from the ever-popular Witta Markets where local artisans and producers offer the best of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. With great views from the rear of the property taking in the rural atmosphere and the local fauna and flora, this property is an absolute must inspect.

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Offering complete privacy, with incredible views to the Sunshine Coast and Baroon Pocket Dam, this stylish home delivers the ultimate in lifestyle and entertaining. Boasting an 18m inground pool and generous entertaining areas; there is stunning views in every direction. With attention to detail in every element throughout the home; Italian tapware, imported English light fittings, Turkish travertine tiles, recycled hardwood timber from Western Queensland and Glasshouse Mountain rock forming the facade of the home, there is so much to fall in love with at this very special property.

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AGENT'S CHOICE: 2/6 Betsy Way Nambour

THIS immaculately presented duplex, elevated with a northerly aspect, is tucked away in a quiet cul-de-sac in 'Rosemount Rise' on the north-eastern side of Nambour, offering exceptional convenience and elegant, easy-care contemporary living of the highest calibre.

Across a light-filled level it offers low maintenance single level living suitable for all ages and stages of life. The three bedroom, two bathroom home features expansive open plan living and dining, covered alfresco patio at side, covered terrace at rear, and single lock up garage with laundry.

Other highlights include: split system air-conditioning in living, ceiling fans, Caesarstone benches in kitchen, stainless steel appliances, shower over full sized bath in main bathroom, quality window furnishings.

There are no body corporate fees and a decent sized garden with established plants and landscaped terraced gardens which enhance overall appeal.

This could suit an entry level single/couple, small family, downsizers/retirees, or investors. It is spacious, stylish, and well-located. Just a 15 minute walk into town to access amenities including shopping, dining, rail to Brisbane, cinemas, medical/dental, gyms, and banking.

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"We have just sold the one next door, which attracted a huge volume of enquiry in a short space of time, and multiple offers," said selling agent Richard Krausz.

► Contact Remax Nambour's Richard Krausz on 0422 997 810 or Megan Manly on 0421 040 807.



There are huge glass windows at the north-facing front inviting in abundant natural light.

Your new shop comes with tenanted flat

AGENT'S CHOICE: 59 Perwillowen Road, Burnside

THIS iconic commercial building located on a busy road with prime branding/business exposure, is a blank canvas for a buyer to reimagine.

The property has a two-bedroom apartment at rear, currently rented for \$300 per week.

The building has a 120m2 (approx.) floor space with kitchen facilities, a huge 6m x 10m covered deck at side with sink, toilet facilities, and storage rooms.

There is a two-bedroom, one-bathroom residence with a living area and kitchen plus storage and laundry under the building along with parking for tenant/owner at rear.

The home also features hardwood timber flooring, VJ wall panelling, 2 x split system air-conditioning units, ceiling fans, and two entry doors (allowing for the possibility of dividing into two tenancies), and both external and internal entry to the deck.

There are huge glass windows at the north-facing front inviting in abundant natural light.

The retail space has been a convenience

store, takeaway, and café in the past; and was recently returning \$600 per week - it is now vacant and ready for a new lease of life.

With hundreds of cars passing every day on their way to nearby schools, town, and the mail centre - there is excellent exposure, and a substantial sized residential catchment area in and around Burnside, Perwillowen, and Coes Creek as a potential customer base.

At the rear, the residential space is private and cosy, also with hardwood timber floors - and can remain a tenanted investment. Or the new owners and/or business operators could move in and benefit from the convenience of living where they work.

There's also plenty of workers in and around this locale to provide patronage to a variety of businesses, from food-related, yoga studio, tutoring centre, real estate agency, counselling premises, through to barber/hairdresser, florist.

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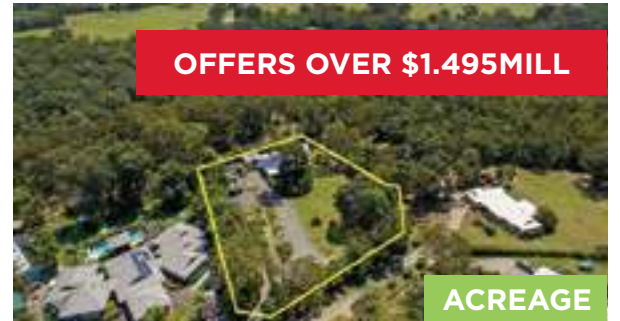
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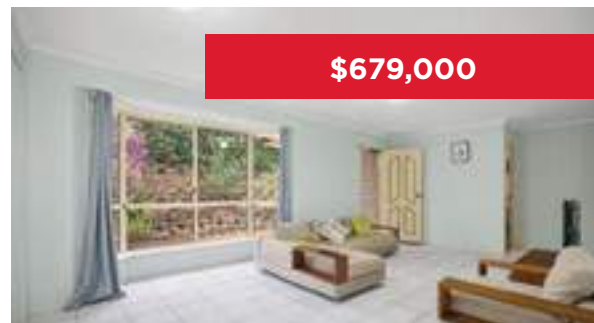
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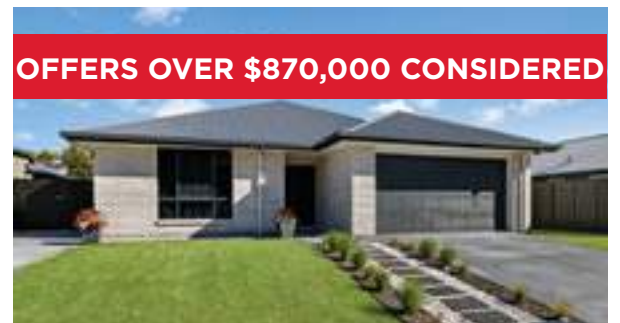
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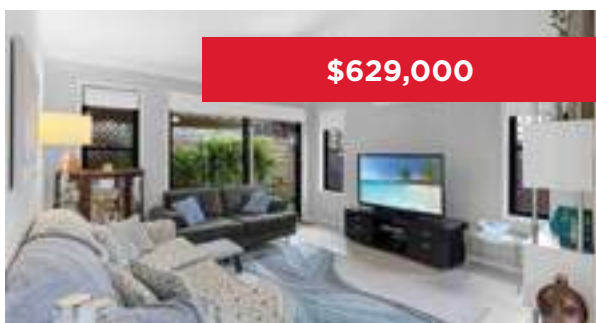
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Nambour Forecourt revamp wins award

David Law
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Nambour Forecourt's latest revamp has taken out two awards at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) awards. Nambour Forecourt Revamp received the 2022 AILA QLD Landscape Architecture Award for Small Projects and the Regional Achievement Award for Sunshine Coast at the recent awards.

I'm proud to see council's Design and Place-making team members recognised for their efforts in transforming a declining regional civic space into a well-used and loved place.

The tired space is now a hive of activity. Transformed from a walkway to the library that was hot and unpleasant to one that is cool, green and friendly it is now a great place to meet for events like *Nambour Forecourt Live!*.

Introducing bespoke shelters, a pop-up forest of trees surrounded by long tables, increased lawn space and a vibrant mural has created a space where people relax, dine, play, perform and just be.

Community Strategy Leadership Group

Seven new members have joined the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy Leadership Group and have begun their two-year term to help build a stronger community.

Members include representatives from government, community groups, organisations, agencies, service providers and community who have a focus on providing local, social and community services and outcomes.

I'd like to thank the outgoing members. It has been a pleasure to work alongside members from the first term and achieve a number of successes for the Coast.

NAIDOC Week

This year's NAIDOC Week theme was *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!* which calls on our community to rally for systemic change and continue to support and secure institutional, structural, collaborative and cooperative reforms. At NAIDOC Week in 2020 I made a commitment to have the Aboriginal Flag flying at council buildings. This was achieved earlier this year and the Aboriginal Flag was raised on 25 January and will always remain.

Brisbane to Nambour Rail Upgrade

Ted O'Brien
Federal Member for Fairfax
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Recent news reports have highlighted that progress has been made on Stage 1 of the Beerburum to Nambour (B2N) rail project, for which I secured \$390 million in Federal funding for in early 2018.

Since the Queensland Government refused to match our funding on a 50:50 basis, the Federal Government is paying 70% of the project's total cost.

I'm also disappointed that it's taken the Queensland Government over four years to act since receiving our funding commitment, but it's great to see the project now taking shape.

When completed, B2N will greatly improve efficiency along a key freight route, reduce congestion on the Bruce Highway and will provide a better and more reliable rail service for Sunshine Coast and Brisbane commuters.

However, Stage 1 is only part of the story with duplication falling short of Landsborough.

This is why Stage 2 of B2N is so important. I believe the design for Stage 2 needs to change to allow for full duplication – that's two tracks – all the way to Nambour Station. What's more, the duplicated line should be designed to accommodate for Fast Rail in the future.

To this end, I secured \$5 million in last year's Federal Budget so a new Stage 2 could be designed. But, yet again, we are still waiting for the Queensland Government to match our funding before the new design can be undertaken.

To help me continue fighting for this project and another important rail priority – i.e. passenger rail to Maroochydore – go to www.fas-trail.com.au

More for Seniors

Peter Dutton recently proposed a new measure to support older Australians by doubling the amount of income that age pensioners and veteran service pensioners can earn without reducing pension payments.

This change would help older Australians pick up extra shifts or working hours and help small businesses struggling with labour shortages. This proposal is now with Government.

Jobs done, works completed in Div 5

Winston Johnston
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I'm pleased to see a range of works completed across Division 5 recently.

Some of the works included replacing the bollards at Taronga Park, Palmwoods with more greenery.

Flaxton Drive Park also got a new seat by the Blackall Range Lions Club.

The carparks at Briggs Park and Lingura Avenue in Palmwoods underwent upgrades to resurface the area, improve drainage works, construct new kerbs and footpaths, plus landscaping.

The feedback has been very well received by the local sporting clubs and community members.

Pounding the pavement

Maleny residents might have seen works start on renewing the pathway along Myrtle Street in Maleny.

The 125-metre-long stretch of existing pathway from Beech to Miva streets on the East side will be replaced and widened to 1.5 to 1.8 metres.

Works will start following completion of similar works on Coral Street. Construction is expected to be completed within two weeks, weather and site conditions permitting.

Heading to Horizon Festival?

Have you booked your Horizon Festival experience yet? The program is out now, and it's jam-packed with free and ticketed arts events right across the Sunshine Coast.

Plus, for the first time, check out the Wonderland Spiegelent with its extraordinary program of music, performances, workshops and more – for the whole family.

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When to upgrade Neil Rd Bridge

Andrew Powell
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A number of Mooloolah residents have recently contacted me regarding the Neill Road Mooloolah River crossing and its regular closure due to flooding. TMR have advised me that the Neill Road Bridge is scheduled for an upgrade as part of the Landsborough to Nambour rail duplication. But as this isn't funded, they can't give me a timeframe for when this may happen. Here's what I want to know: are you happy to wait for the bridge to be upgraded as part of the rail duplication? Or would you like me to push for it to be done sooner?

Glassies Voting Now Open

The nomination period of the Glass House Small Business Awards saw 105 businesses and 53 employees nominated. Many of these businesses and employees were nominated up to 20 times each! The next stage – voting – is now open on my website. Remember, nominations don't count as votes, they just create a shortlist of people and places to vote for in the voting period. It's crucial that if you want them to win, you head back to the website to place your votes before August 9.

Sunshine Coast Heavy Rail Commitment

The Sunshine Coast wants it and the LNP will fund it! Leader of the Opposition David Crisafulli has committed to fund the State's share of heavy passenger rail on the Sunshine Coast. This rail line from Beerwah to Caloundra to Kawana to Maroochydore will connect the Sunshine Coast to south-east Queensland in preparation for the Olympics.

The Palaszczuk Government did not allocate a single dollar in the State Budget to build this major infrastructure project for the Sunshine Coast. In its Budget, the former Federal Government committed 50 percent of the \$3.2 billion cost to deliver this project thanks to the great advocacy from my federal colleagues Andrew Wallace and Ted O'Brien.

A Crisafulli State Government will match this funding.

Skilling Queensland for Work

Rob Skelton
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The first Skilling Queenslanders for Work round of 2022 has officially been announced. Organizations in Nicklin have received \$703,800 out of the \$41 million provided across Qld to assist over 6,000 disadvantaged Queenslanders.

Congratulations to ECollaboration, who received \$534,700 to deliver the Sunshine Coast Natural Areas Restoration Project, and Sunshine Coast PCYC, who received \$169,100 to deliver the Sunshine Coast Get Set for Work Program. I know they are going to deliver great things for our community.

Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce

The Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce has handed their second report into women and girls' experiences of the criminal justice system.

Thank you to the brave women and girls and their advocates who told their stories to the taskforce so that the system could improve for others. The Government will carefully consider all 188 recommendations of this report.

The Palaszczuk Government remains deeply committed to ending violence against women, and to ensuring women and girls are respected and safe in all environments, including in our justice system.

We hear you and we acknowledge your experience and the impacts that has had on you and the people in your lives. Read the full report: www.womenstaskforce.qld.gov.au

Flying Fox Grants

Eleven new flying fox projects are set to fly for Councils across Qld thanks to \$301,000 from the Palaszczuk Government.

This latest round is part of our \$2 million Flying Fox Roost Management grant program which helps Councils to manage flying fox roosts in our community and reduce the impacts on nearby residents.

Sunshine Coast Council is receiving \$65,000 to develop a ten-year best-practice regional management plan for flying fox roosts in 12 SEQ local government areas.

Noosa Shire Council is receiving \$5,000 to manage a roost at an aged care centre at Cooroy.

Emus are quite hilarious

from **Donna Brennan** Wildlife Volunteers
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THE saga of the emus continued since the last Gazette! I was reassured that the male was not yet sitting on the eggs, and that they just needed incubation for the 50-plus days. The mining company said they would transport the eggs down to me and transport the chicks back to a wildlife carer once hatched and settled enough to travel.



Emu chick Dodgem

Meanwhile, carer Sylvia and husband Bob were having a well-deserved holiday and were on their way back from up north. Aha, just in time to transport the precious eggs. They were in the right place at the right time. The first day on the road and a noise began emanating from one of the eggs. Yes, an emu chick was pecking and fighting his way out of the very strong eggshell. So much for the male not yet sitting on the clutch of eggs!

Needless to say those eggs were never delivered to me! We wildlife carers find it very difficult to part with animals after they've been in our care for a few hours. It is also best for the animals as they are wild creatures, and it takes very little to stress them, even though they are expert at not showing it.

I was awarded visiting rights yesterday and it was a joy to see the three 'little' chicks going crazy as only emu chicks can.

Their activity is a combination of run, dance, jump, swerve and it is not a surprise that one is called 'Dodgem'. After looking after cassowary, ostrich (yes, non-native!) and emu chicks, first prize definitely goes to the emus. They are the most hilarious of the three huge flightless bird species!

Queensland State 'Fudget'

by **Jeffrey Addison**
Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



THE Queensland Government handed down its 2022-23 'Fudget' on Tuesday June 21.

It proclaimed they were 'delivering a rail revolution', \$3.5 billion of 'new' rail projects, over and above Cross River Rail.

That was patently untrue.

The projects announced weren't new – apart from the \$275.7 million automatic opening doors at platforms contract – but that's part of the \$6.888 billion Cross River Rail project anyway.

It all provides a feeling of déjà vu

A 2011 plan, described in the Connecting SEQ 2031 video discussed another 'rail revolution.'

It listed a new rail line from Cross River Rail to join the North Coast Line at Strathpine (via North West Transport Corridor on Trouts Road). That option was subsequently cut from Cross River Rail – to the detriment of the Sunshine Coast.

It also proposed:

- UrbanLink services every 15 minutes or better in metropolitan Brisbane, with more and wider doors on trains.

- Expresslink services from the outer suburbs into inner Brisbane every 30 minutes or better. The trains would be designed so that most people could have a seat (yay).

- Finally, it discussed mythical CoastLink rail services. These were described as fast inter-city trains running express from the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast into Brisbane. They were to have comfortable seating and luggage space, with toilet facilities as standard. With travel times of about 1 hour.

Well, we all know how that's turned out. Eleven years on, and it takes two hours to travel from Nambour to Brisbane and the state has no funding to duplicate rail beyond Beerwah.

It's still a single train track 26km south of Nambour, and it's shared with freight and long-distance trains.

In the video, they claim public transport use in Queensland was 7 percent in 2006. Its aim was to get public transport use up to 14 percent by 2031. Today Sunshine Coast public transport use sits at 3 percent. Gold Coast at 4.2 percent, and that's with light-rail and heavy rail services.

It's clear we aren't going to reach that station. The 2011 rail video shows CAMCOS rail into Maroochydore, a project the Queensland government stopped dead back in 2007.

If the state dares to complain about the cost increase, they've only themselves to blame.

It was \$1.2 billion when they killed it off.

Incidentally, the Transport Minister in 2011 was the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk.

Not one railway sleeper has been laid

Since the Beerburum to Nambour (B2N) project was announced over four years ago – not one railway sleeper has been laid.

An analysis of the budget shows that since 2018, they should've spent \$132.671 million on B2N. To date, they've spent \$61.96 million, less than half – a mere 46.7 percent of what was budgeted.

That's an average spend of \$15.5 million per year. If this spending rate continues, it'd take another 31 years to finish it.

This is how they prioritise public transport.

Budget figures speak louder than rhetoric.

Fairfax federal LNP MP Ted O'Brien sourced \$390 million for B2N rail in his first term.

What new funding have first-term Labor MP's in Nicklin and Caloundra achieved for rail?

Answer: Zip.



Nambour Christian College Showcase Day

NAMBOUR Christian College Showcase Day is on July 20 from 9.15am. It offers the chance to visit the school's beautiful grounds, the Junior, Middle and Senior campuses as well the Berakah Farm, Hospitality Precinct, Performing Arts Centre and more. Come and meet our Heads of School and join us for morning tea. It's your opportunity to find out how your child will be valued at NCC. Limited spaces. To book phone 5451 3333 or info@ncc.qld.edu.au for more information. from 9.15am.

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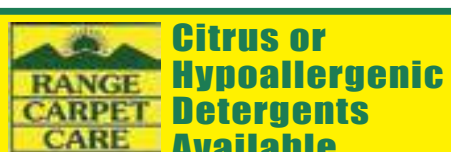
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