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Adam Tomlinson hopes his new venture will breathe new life into Nambour's CBD as he restores the historic 109-year-old heritage listed building ... "I think there's tremendous opportunity here".

Club hotel lives again

by Cameron Outridge

The old Club Hotel rose from the ashes in 1938 after fire destroyed its original building. Fast-forward to 2020 and the 109-year-old heritage listed site is being given a new lease of life as Stalwart Alehouse and Brewery.

The venue will be the first business to take advantage of Council's new

special entertainment precinct designation, intended to attract more hospitality businesses to the area.

Brewer Adam Tomlinson hopes his venture will breathe life into Nambour's CBD. "I'd like it to be part of the emerging social scene," Mr Tomlinson said. "Nambour is at the bottom of the market right now but I think there's tremendous opportunity here."

"This area has the potential to be another Ocean Street Maroochydore. And then there's potential for Friday night markets. You could have hundreds and hundreds of people out there enjoying different clubs and music and flavours of the world food experiences."

"I want people to be proud to live in Nambour and proud that Stalwart Brewing is a big part of town."

Who knows, maybe it will become a reason people in the future choose to live here.

"I've always had a dream of creating a place where my family and friends could come and feel relaxed and comfortable and leave their worries at the door and have a great time. I want to pass that on to the community. I want the locals to be proud of this place. We've just got to provide

good service, good food and good beer."

Mr Tomlinson has been selling beer commercially as a "gypsy brewer" for the past three years and last week left his job as a surveyor to take on his new venture. "I'm taking a big gamble. It's my first time running a business, first time employing

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Inspiring owners step up in Nambour

Editor's Letter. Cameron Outridge
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It's inspiring to see businesses like Adam Tomlinson's Stalwart Alehouse Brewery, Martin Rellstab's Sunshine Coast Cider and Vaughan Jones' Sunshine Coast Pinball investing their hard-earned money in the area.

Nambour has struggled in recent years. But you can always rely on people with passion to get things moving. All three business owners certainly have passion in spades.

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In light of the changes to the local newspaper landscape we're seriously considering changing the name of the paper to better describe our circulation area.

We'd like to hear your thoughts and suggestions on what you think the paper should be called.

We already have one suggestion, because we ran the idea past founder Kerry Brown, who has given us her blessing to make the change, and offered her preferred choice.

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New alehouse to revitalise Nambour business district

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people, first time having my own micro-brewery."

Mr Tomlinson said he wasn't even considering Nambour CBD at first because he was looking to follow the usual micro brewery model where owners set up in industrial sheds.

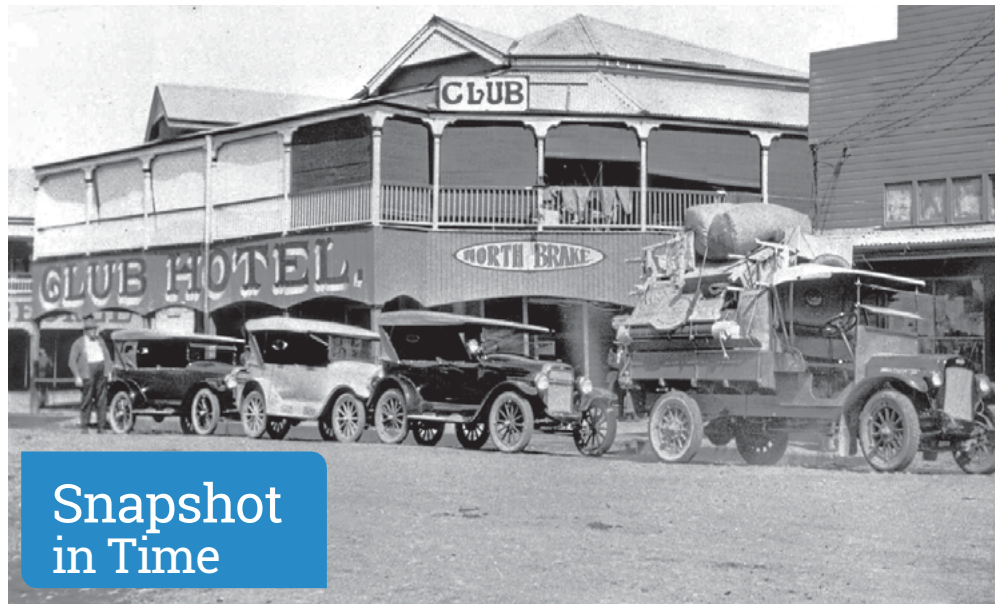
"I've often driven past here and thought 'wow this would be a good place to have it', but it was always out of my price range. But I think the owner was excited by the concept and the place had been vacant for four years. So we came to an arrangement."

Mr Tomlinson's interest in craft beer was sparked in the United States. "I spent Christmas 2008 with my wife in America and a friend took me on a craft beer tour and that's how I developed a passion for brewing. My grand plan is to one day be all around Australia. But it will hopefully all start from here."

The original pub on the site was built in 1911 in the old Queenslander style before the 1938 fire. "I believe the old hotel was so popular that they rebuilt it by the end of the same year," said Mr Tomlinson.

Stalwart was founded in 2017 as a contract brewing outfit. Mr Tomlinson has launched three beers, an American Pale Ale 'The Sacred Chief', a Golden Ale 'The Dreamtime Warrior' and 'The Courageous Captain', an IPA, which were inspired by Mr Tomlinson's diverse heritage, and have been featured in a number of Brisbane and Sunshine Coast venues.

Raymond Vonder & Joel Young from the Good Food Fellas will be running the kitchen.



The Club Hotel, corner Mill Street and Currie Street, Nambour, ca 1920. Picture: Sunshine Coast Heritage Library

Club Hotel rose from ashes of 1938 fire

THE making of a town produces many memories. Nambour's landmark Club Hotel was originally the site of the Residential Hotel, built in 1911 as a timber saloon which provided accommodation only.

The hotel was re-named the Club Hotel in 1912 when a liquor licence was granted. The hotel was remodelled in the 1920s and destroyed by fire on January 7, 1938, in a blaze that decimated half of the town.

The present Club Hotel building was erected on the same site by December that same year.

The building was architecturally designed with cement walls. It was extensively improved

in the 1960s and renovated again in 2008 with its distinctive art deco style still evident today.

For Currie St and the wider Nambour community, this building has stood as an important part of Nambour history in the heritage sugar town. It has been the gatekeeper to memories of the iconic cane train crossing the nearby main street where the tracks still remain today.

Fortunately previous tenants always had a mutual respect for the Club Hotel space, operating their businesses in a way that honoured the rich history and iconic features and left much of the original construction and style in place.

Live theatre returns to Lind Lane, but seats limited

LIVE theatre is back. Nambour's Lind Lane will stage a special limited capacity season of the much-loved play, *Love Letters*, by AR Gurney from July 17-26.

In line with health recommendations and for the welfare of members and patrons, the Nambour Theatre has been shut since February due to the COVID 19 crisis.

President Glenda Campi said that the group had been longing to invite patrons back when the time was right, and that time is now.

The theatre is making the most of restrictions by offering patrons a premium experience.

"With only 20 seats per show, the Gold Class Pass will offer complimentary wine and cheese to your very own personalised viewing area for \$25," Ms Campi said. "We hope people can join us for the big re-opening."

Front of house manager Bonnie Schultz said the theatre volunteer team was confident that patrons could enjoy a safe and enjoyable night out.

"Family, and households may sit together,



Actors Deb and Chris Mills will present their interpretation of *Love Letters* on opening night, July 17. Picture: Chris Grealy.

while we continue to observe the COVID Safety Guidelines," she said.

"The freshly cleaned auditorium and foyer will be monitored for social distancing and all areas will be sanitised following each show."

Written in 1988, *Love Letters* tells the story of two people born to wealth and position, who meet as children and correspond by mail over the next 50 years.

Lind Lane says audiences will enjoy the episodic format of this very popular play, staged uniquely with a change of actors for every performance, and by different directors who will present their own interpretation.

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Pinball Wizard ... Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt tries his hand at Nambour's newly opened Sunshine Coast Pinball arcade owned by Vaughan Jones... "Nambour is a retro kind of town with a nostalgic feel to it and it is also centrally located".

Pinball's back: arcade born in response to COVID lockdown

AN early career in radio sparked a passion for pinball for Vaughan Jones, owner of Nambour's newly opened pinball centre.

"It's funny but all of the radio announcers I worked with were into pinball and that is where my love of pinball started," Vaughan said. "I have been collecting pinball machines for years and prior to the COVID lockdown, they had been leased out to breweries and clubs from Caloundra to Noosa," he said. "People just love them. But with the closure of those venues, I had to retrieve my machines. Storing them was a bit of an issue, because 31 pinball machines don't really fit in a 4 bedroom house! It was a bad situation and I had to quickly find a way to make the best of it. And so the idea for a pinball centre was born."

Vaughan chose Nambour to set up his centre for a number of reasons.

"Nambour was the ideal choice from both a commercial and logical point of view," he said. "It is a retro kind of town with a nostalgic feel to it and it is also centrally located. I officially opened last week and I have already had players in from as far away as Brisbane. I think many people don't realise that pinball is a huge deal

amongst players world wide. It reached its peak in 1990 and the biggest manufacturer of pinball machines was bought out by an electronic gaming company, and closed down in 1999 because it was competition for the gaming industry. But it never went away."

Vaughan has big plans for the centre and aims to create a pinball destination for players from around the world.

"Last year, the Pinball Masters was held at the Ekka and 160 of the best players from around the world competed," he said. "I plan to create a world class centre that will attract pinball enthusiasts to Nambour."

"Already, I am working on lighting, retro style booths and artwork and with local eateries on pinball themed burgers so that it appeals to social players, competition players and families alike."

"As well, I have an Addams Family machine which is the most popular game of all time and there were only 21,000 ever made."

Sunshine Coast Pinball is located at 131 Currie Street Nambour and is open from 11am to 8pm, Wednesday to Sunday. You can also find them on Facebook @sunshinecoastpinball

— by Tanya Outridge



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Isolated potters throw a celebration

JULY 11 will be an extra special day this year. To celebrate the lifting of isolation restrictions allowing for up to 100 people to congregate, the Sunshine Coast Art Group (SCAG) is staging an event designed to provide some much needed food for the soul.



After months of making in isolation, the studio is opening its doors and inviting the community to come and see the results of the artists' creative endeavours, to get their groove on with some super cool live music, to enjoy some delicious winter warming tucker and to bag a bargain or two!

The event's called Soup n Soul. And while in isolation the Potters have been hard at it making and decorating ceramic bowls to serve an array of simply divine soups. And as a celebration bonus... you get to keep the bowl! There are two options available - \$10 for the medium and \$15 for the large size soup bowls. And for those after a little sweet indulgence...there will be a selection of yummy treats to go with a cuppa too.

The art group members are passionate people who love what they do and would love your support. SCAG's studios include artists of many genres including painters, fashion sewers and potters. A number of them will be doing demonstrations and others will be on hand to talk about how the group works and give out some information about upcoming classes and workshops. The art works on sale cover the full spectrum from oil paintings to aprons and everything in between which means the event is an ideal opportunity to purchase a gift for a friend or even yourself perhaps!

Getting back together, enjoying the fun of an art market and appreciating the beauty and individuality of handmade items crafted by artisans is the 'feel good fix' and celebration everyone can benefit from after such a challenging time.

Entry is free, EFTPOS is available and everyone is welcome. Studio

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Above: From left, WCBA Secretary Daniella Possee, President Debbie Kimber and Vice President Grant Palethorpe. Above right: Sarah and Nathan Major. Right Ian Malcolm and Suzie Borwell.



Working for Woombye

By Grant Palethorpe

LATE last year the Woombye Community & Business Association (WCBA) re-released its website www.woombye.com.au.

With so many new residents moving to the new estates close to town, we wanted to raise an awareness of our local businesses, community groups and sporting clubs.

As we all know Woombye has a vibrant 'main street' feel, we also have wealth of home-based businesses across professional, trades, crafts and health & wellbeing.

Then there are the artisan hand-crafted locals like Woombye Cheese, CAVU Distilling and Diablo Ginger Beer.

We wanted to celebrate what Woombye and our surrounding district has to offer.

With a fresh look the site features a business directory, local information, and new members can join online. Membership includes a free directory listing for businesses.

The directory also features a listing for local community groups and sporting clubs. Whilst membership is only \$20.00 the committee offered a free listing to these groups and clubs. There are already 20 groups and clubs on the directory.

Listings on the directory are searchable by name or key words, they provide information, and a link back to the member's own website and social media platform.

The website directory is a way to connect our residents and visitors to the wealth of opportunities in and around Woombye.

The WCBA website is complimented with our social media platforms, Facebook: Woombye WCBA & Friends and Instagram: woombye_w.c.b.a. Our social media officer, Daniella follows and shares posts from our local businesses, groups and clubs.

These platforms are active with multiple posts on most days.

We do this regardless of whether a business is

a member or not.

Our membership is growing daily, the Covid shutdown impacted some planned initiatives to grow our membership.

Ironically though it allowed us to focus on supporting our local businesses and connecting with our community by sharing how they would be operating during this time.

During the shutdown period our membership doubled, with more than 35 businesses renewing their membership or joining for the first time. These have been tough times and it is really heartening that people can see value in joining the WCBA. New members are always welcome, and you can join via www.woombye.com.au or email enquiries to admin@woombye.com.au. Membership is only \$20 a year.

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Tram project on track as terminus complete

NAMBOUR'S newest attraction has moved a step closer to completion, with the \$840,000 works on the highly anticipated Nambour Heritage Tramway Depot (terminus) building complete and works underway on the tramway tracks.

The terminus, located near the Nambour Mill Village Shopping Centre in Mill St, also includes an information centre.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Councillor David Law said the construction of the terminus was the vital first step in bringing the Nambour Heritage Tramway project to life.

"Innovations like this are critical to supporting our local economy and proof of what can be achieved when a passionate group of locals commits to contributing to Nambour's future viability, supported by council and the Australian Government" Cr Law said.

Cr Law thanked former Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Councillor Greg Rogerson for his vision, determination and persistence to help bring the project to fruition.

Mr Rogerson said reactivating the heritage-listed tramline through the centre of Nambour would provide the town with an exciting point of difference.

"When global travel is back on the agenda, there will be tram and railway buffs coming from around the world to experience what we will offer here," Mr Rogerson said.

"No doubt this unique project also will draw plenty of local attention and we look forward to ensuring a great experience for all our future visitors. Whilst the construction of the tram and establishment of the tramway track is still months away from completion, we've already got a real treat for those who visit the information centre once it's able to open.

"It's now home to the Petrie Locomotive which was gifted to The Nambour Tramway Co by Bundaberg Sugar in 2014 and has been housed and displayed since then at the Nambour Museum.

"Petrie was purchased by the Moreton Central Sugar Mill in 1968 to complete its change-over from steam to diesel locos and remains in full working order."

The construction of the Depot has been jointly funded by Council and a \$500,000 Australian Government grant awarded through the National Stronger Regions Fund.

Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien MP said projects funded under the National Stronger Regions Fund are designed to deliver an economic benefit to the region beyond the period of construction. "And there is no doubt this project will drive tourism in the area," Mr O'Brien said.

Project Background

- Council's contribution to the project is \$2.26 million (including terminus building funding) and TNT Co have committed \$1.4 million (including a \$1 million pledge from philanthropists Roy and Nola Thompson, with the remaining funds provided by private donors and proceeds from the Nambour Tramfest).

- The tram, which will run between the Tram Terminus in Mill St, adjacent to the old sugar mill site (now the Nambour Mill Village Shopping Centre) to the southern end of Quota Park, (between Repco and Aldi), along Mill and Howard Streets and is expected to be operational by 2021.

- TNT Co's aspirations include currently-unfunded future stages that could eventually connect the tram to the Nambour Showgrounds.

- The project is governed by a Heads of Agreement between Council and TNT Co.

- Once open to the public, the Nambour Tram Terminus will also include a visitor and community information centre, commercial kitchen, indoor and outdoor events space, static and interactive display and offer commercial opportunities for local businesses.

- The proposed tram will be of heritage style, run on a 610mm gauge, solar powered electric battery model.

- There will be no electric overhead cables and once operational the tram will be running on a heritage rail line.

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Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien MP, Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Councillor David Law and TNT Co Chair Greg Rogerson.



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Serge Doumergue and his 1929 Citroen Six a one-tonne utility truck ... "the only one ever made in Australia".

Car collector has a fondness for Citroens

MONTVILLE Real Estate agent Serge Doumergue is a collector. He doesn't collect stamps or coins. He collects cars and clocks. And decades later he has sheds brimming with 40 classic cars and trucks as well as five vintage caravans. The walls and shelves of his house are filled with intricate clocks. "I've bought cars around the world," he said. "When I was 17 — being French and loving Citroens — I found an old bomb Citroen in Mackay which I repaired and put back on the road. And it's never stopped since. Now I have 24 Citroens. "I've got cars in three states and four locations and I love to drive them all."

So which is his favourite? "If I had to pick one I'd have to pick the 1986 Citroen 2CV. It's just the most adorable, endearing car you will ever drive. It's problem free, it's amazing

and it makes people laugh all the time."

In his Montville sheds he also has a Citroen "Bijou", which means jewel in France. "It's a one-off in Australia," he said.

Serge showed me a cream 1974 Citroen DS Special and a 1972 Citroen Series Maserati which comes with a 2.7 litre Maserati V6 engine.

His 1929 Citroen Six, pictured, is a one-tonne utility truck ... "the only one ever made in Australia".

"It was bodied in Australia by TJ Richards as a King of the Road body," Serge explained.

"It was a right-hand drive chassis and engine that came from England and then Australia had to build the bodies. This was the only one that was ever ordered as a utility truck."

One of his favourites is a 1973 Ley-

land P76 prototype, pre-production. Released in 1973 and packed with advanced features for its time, the P76 should have taken the Aussie car market by storm. Instead, it became famous for being an automotive disaster. "I only know of one other pre-production prototype left," said Serge.

Serge is a member of the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club. "We meet every Wednesday at our club house and normally have 20 cars there. We do show and shines regularly and also by request, as well as regularly going to nursing homes taking people for a drive."

If you want to see Serge's cars he has one on display on Montville Market Days (second Saturday of each month) outside Mountain Bean Cafe.

— by Cameron Outridge

\$6000 fine threat to pubs & clubs crazy, says MP

IT would be funny if it weren't so serious, according to Member for Maroochydore and Small Business Shadow Minister Fiona Simpson.

"A man walks into a bar and orders a drink — that will be a \$6000 fine, thank you," Ms Simpson said highlighting what she says are inconsistent COVID rules further burdening the already-struggling Sunshine Coast tourism and hospitality sectors.

Ms Simpson last week called on the Premier to listen and act on the problem which saw bars, pubs, and restaurants threatened with fines of up to \$6000 if they allowed patrons to go to the bar to order a drink instead of having waiters come to their table.

"This is stupid. Customers at McDonalds and Bunnings go up to the counter to order or pay. Why should pubs, clubs and restaurants be any different when ordering a drink," Ms Simpson said. "This is adding an additional layer of cost to businesses which are already struggling after the closures and then restricted trading under COVID."

"How nuts is it that 30,000 people can march in Brisbane without social distancing and without reprimand but businesses like these are hit with threats of fines for allowing patrons to go up to the bar."

"This needs to be fixed urgently. The same rules should apply as at other businesses where customers just have to socially distance. For goodness sake, the inconsistencies are costly and not necessary."

Alexandra Headland Surf Club General Manager Ashley Robinson said:

"Obviously health is a prime concern but the rules are inconsistent and add a lot of extra cost. You can walk in and get a coffee at the counter but you can't order a beer."

Nambour RSL CEO Suzanne Long said the regulations for service of patrons in Community Clubs was very inconsistent concerning club activities and across comparable industries.

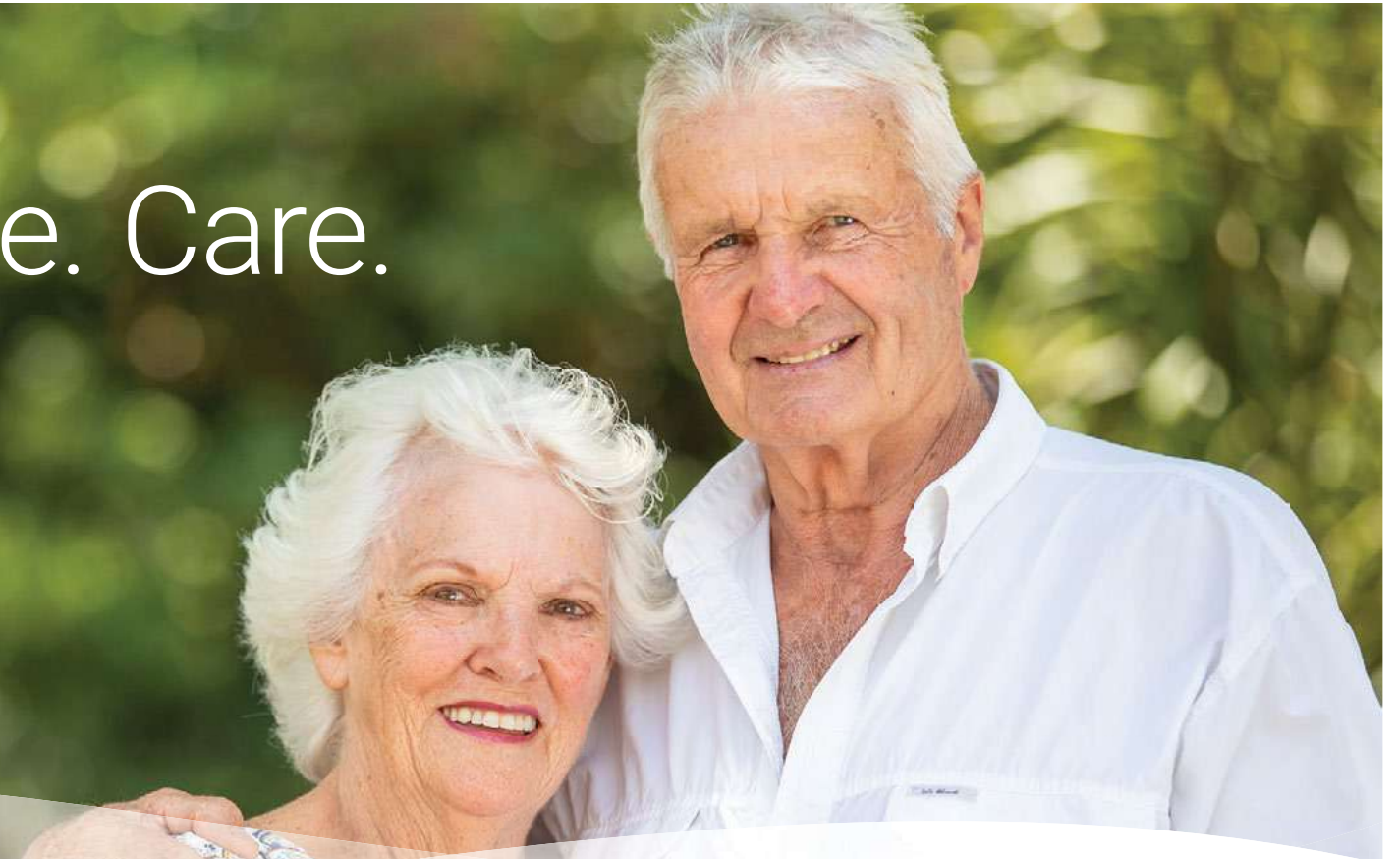
"Nambour RSL are following consistent service practices across food and beverage areas of the venue to make things very clear for guests and staff. When you start changing rules for a limited number of activities it only causes confusion and angst for everyone."

"I am hoping that all these issues are resolved with Stage 3 government announcements. We are in the business of hospitality and that means pleasure. Let's get back to it ... in a safe and consistent way."

Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt said pubs and clubs in his electorate just want consistency and rules that make sense. "People are happy to do whatever they can to stop the spread of Covid19, but the message and rules are inconsistent and often defy logic."

Queensland Health said while takeaway orders could be made and collected at a counter, all dine-in customers of restaurants, pubs or cafés, must be seated for service. "These measures are to avoid crowding at bars and tills and protect staff. Compliance officers have the discretionary powers to issue Penalty Infringement Notices (fines) if necessary, however the initial approach is to educate and advise."

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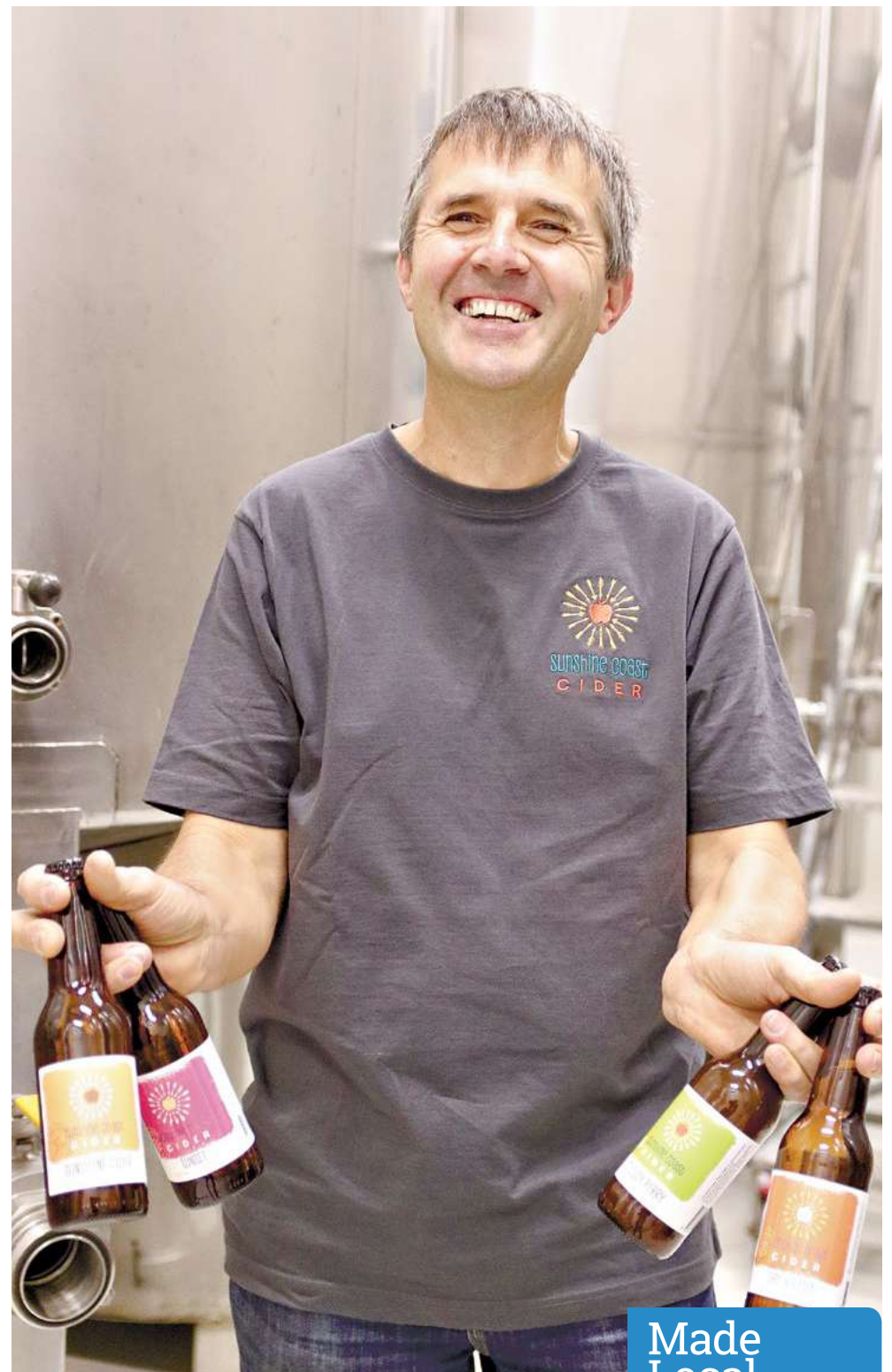
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The fruit didn't fall far from the tree ... Woombye's Martin Rellstab makes cider, just like his family has done since 1383.

Woombye cider maker maintains 637 year tradition

by Cameron Outridge

SUNSHINE Coast Cider maker Martin Rellstab was born for the job. His family has been making cider in his hometown of Zurich, Switzerland for an amazing 25 generations.

"Rellstab, literally means milling stick of a cider mill," Martin said. "We can date that back to 1383."

The Swiss master fruit grower came to Australia in 2001 and was drawn back to the family industry. Now he works closely with granite belt growers to maintain the quality he demands of his product made at the Kunda Park Factory.

"I know apples," he said. "I know the process of growing. I know the different varieties and what they will bring to the cider. In the same way different varieties of grapes bring different flavours to wine, different apples bring certain elements to cider. It's the blend that you create from the different apples that gives each cider its character."

Martin said only 10 percent of cider that is sold in Australia is made from fresh apples.

"The big commercial guys do quite sweet cider," he said. "It's sometimes called lolly water. But when people's pallets mature they turn to the more traditional style, like ours. Properly made from 100 percent fresh apples, it's a drier cider. We crush fresh apples and fresh pears and make it the traditional way."

Sunshine Coast Cider began underneath Martin and his wife Regine's Woombye house.

"We were there for three years but then we

just couldn't manage it under the house any more."

They upscaled to their new factory at Kunda Park last year, riding a wave of growth in the flourishing industry before COVID-19 struck and cut sales by a debilitating 96% as pubs, restaurants and venues were shut down.

"So it's been a tough year. We were in QPAC in Brisbane. We had about 11 outlets within the QPAC Building. All the bars, all the venues. Last year we were struggling just to keep up with the orders and this year we planned to develop our local market. But then COVID hit and it's wiped us out."

Still, Martin & Regine vow to fight on and have used the time to consolidate, brush themselves off and make a push into bottle shops for diversity.

"On the bright side we're fine because, like wine, cider keeps," Martin said. "Some breweries, for instance, had to toss out their beer, whereas our cider gets better with age. In many ways it's just like a good wine. We usually keep it for a good six months anyway. So we lost a lot of sales but we didn't lose our cider. In terms of quality for our customers it actually works out quite well."

Product varieties include Sunshine Cider, Bottle Fermented, Dry and Still and Cloudy Perry and a Methode Traditionelle Brut Cider.

Try Sunshine Coast Cider every Saturday from 11am-3pm for Tastings, Drinks & Take-away sales at The Big Pineapple (use COYO exit). Phone 0435 022 975.

Antique car club back on the road despite Swap Meet setback

FOR more than 30 years the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club has conducted its annual Swap Meet on the last Saturday in July.

The event has been strongly supported by hundreds of 'swappers' from local, regional and interstate areas.

But alas, although restrictions are lifting, the Club believes the only responsible action is to cancel the Nambour Swap Meet this year.

"It costs about \$16000 to run the Meet," president Rob Nixon said. "So if we went ahead and there's another outbreak of the virus a fortnight before the event then we've spent all that money and we're shut down — we've done our 16 grand."

"Also if we did run it and we had five or six thousand people here, and there was an outbreak of coronavirus as a result of the event, then we don't want to be responsible for that."

The Swap has been a notable fixture on the calendar for Nambour, attracting thousands of people, many seeking a special part for their vehicle restoration, memorabilia or other automotive components.

Proceeds from the Swap Meet enable the SCACC to support various local charitable organisations and community services.

Members provide community support by driving their special vehicles to visit residents of aged care facilities, to schools for demonstrations, by taking part in commemorative parades and through displays at major events.

"We do an awful lot of charity work, which people may not realise that we do," Mr Nixon said. "We visit retirement villages and take residents for rides in our cars. We might have 20 cars turn up and we just take people



On the road again: Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club president Rob Nixon, secretary Ro Latham and members gathered last Sunday for their first run since COVID put an end to activities in March.

for drives all morning. People light up and say things like 'oh we had one of these when we were first married!'"

Other events include rallies once a month, rallies with other car clubs, restoration runs to review the work and skills of members as they undertake such tasks as well as trips to visit local or regional venues of interest.

These usually include the opportunity to chat with locals and support their businesses while members and their families have an opportunity to relax and socialise.

"Some Club members gather one

morning each week to simply have a chat and a cuppa," said secretary Ro Latham. "To share their wealth of mechanical knowledge and/or use the comprehensive library of work shop manuals, technical data and historic articles."

Of course, these activities have been curtailed since mid-March due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The SCACC is based in Nambour, with a branch at Bribie Island. It has clubrooms at Nambour Showgrounds. The Club was formed in 1963 to foster and advance interest

in the history, restoration, care and preservation of historic and classic motor vehicles. The club welcomes as members all those who are interested in the preservation of our motoring history. Generally, members own vehicles over 30 years old, but this is not a pre-requisite for membership.

Any further queries may be directed to scaccsecretary@gmail.com. The Club looks forward to holding a 'bumper' of a Nambour Swap Meet on Saturday, 31st July, 2021.

'First Wave,' A Virtual First for The Old Ambo

IN a first for public galleries on the Coast, The Old Ambulance Station has launched a virtual exhibition in a virtual gallery for visitors via its website.

The virtual gallery has been created by Old Ambo board member, art gallery consultant and curator, John Waldron. "The covid pandemic lock down saw us immediately close our public gallery and postpone the first of the exhibitions planned for this year. Like many arts organisations we have moved much faster than we might have pre-covid to organise the artist, her work and our new virtual exhibition environment. This dynamic software has enabled me to curate as I would for a physical space and for this first occasion present an exhibition with relevance at a time when access to art and artist is restricted. With the exhibition we can stay in touch with our audience and reach many new digital visitors," said John.

The first exhibition in the new virtual gallery is a series of drawings by Sunshine Coast artist, Sandy Doble based on the pandemic, called First Wave. A practicing artist with a print making studio in the Old Ambo, this is Sandy's first major exhibition and describes her experience as an artist during COVID-19 lockdown, isolated in an empty public gallery.

"First Wave, reflects the abruptness, vacancy and despair of enforced isolation," she said. "I've missed the pre-covid engagement with the artist community. Whilst by nature our work is solitary, we do enjoy the exchange of ideas and opinions."

John will interview Sandy about the exhibition live through the Old Ambo's Facebook page at 7pm on Thursday 9 July.

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Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien and Wildlife HQ CEO Jarrod Schenk at Woombye's Wildlife HQ.

Zoo steps up if animals face cruelty, extinction

by Tanya Outridge

MANY visitors to the zoo at the Big Pineapple over past decades will no doubt remember it as a small, farmyard style of exhibit. But seven years ago, Wildlife HQ moved to the site and in that time have transformed the zoo into the world class animal conservation attraction that it is today. Wildlife HQ is now home to over 200 animals, with more than 100 species.

"Happily, our farm animals have been rehomed to bigger paddocks where they are very content and much loved," said Supervisor Rebecca Roskilly. "The animals that are here today come from Africa, South America, the US and we have Australian natives as well."

Wildlife HQ is a member of the ZAA (Zoo and Aquarium Association). This means that it has been through a strident process of animal welfare accreditation which audits everything from temperature range to habitat.

"It is fantastic to be a member of ZAA because not only does it ensure our animals are cared for to the highest standards, but it also allows us to work in cooperation with other zoos around the world to safeguard various species from extinction," Rebecca said.

"We recently received 3 Spider Monkeys from the Auckland Zoo, as they are about to embark on a breeding program with another zoo, and the boys needed to be rehomed. As the COVID restrictions continue to lift we will be welcoming a pair of White Cheeked Gibbons, which are critically endangered. The little boy is currently in Perth and the female will be flown in from France. It is a very exciting programme to be part of," said Rebecca.

In recent weeks, 4 Radiated Tortoises were added to the zoo family after being seized from wildlife smugglers in Hong Kong. "These ani-

Funding flows for Wildlife HQ

FINANCIAL support from the Federal Government is now flowing to Wildlife HQ to help cover the operational costs of caring for their animals.

As we head into the school holidays support from the community will also go a long way to ensuring the zoo's continued success.

Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien said the funding was part of the Federal Government's package to help exhibiting zoos and aquariums get through the COVID-19 crisis.

"A lump sum of nearly \$50,000 has been released to Wildlife HQ to assist with their animal welfare expenses. This includes feed, enclosure, health and other specialised care expenses, as well as utilities directly related to housing and caring for animals," Mr O'Brien said.

Wildlife HQ CEO Jarrod Schenk described the funding as a lifeline. "We're very thankful for the funding. It's something we didn't expect or anticipate when we closed the gates back in March so the announcement that there would be funding for our industry was definitely seen as a lifeline to save a lot of zoos and our industry," Mr Schenk said.



Rebecca Roskilly and Jarrod Schenk with Tasmanian Devils... Wildlife HQ is open and ready to welcome visitors this school holidays.

mals were part of the black market that unfortunately continues to trade around the world, and would have been killed for their meat and their shells, which are still used in eastern medicine," said Rebecca. "It is incredibly cruel, and again, we are fortunate that we can play a part in rescuing animals from such situations."

During the COVID lockdown, Wildlife HQ was forced to close to the public, but for the staff, the care of the animals is a labour of love. "In the early stages, our staff continued to care for our animals, even before the JobKeeper allowance had kicked in," said CEO, Jarrod Schenk.

"They were basically here on a voluntary basis. And we have also enjoyed incredible support from locals and local businesses. It would be very difficult to maintain the standards of what we do without it. We used the lockdown period to make all sorts of improvements around the zoo and it is looking amazing."

If you are looking for a local wildlife experience to enjoy with your family these school holidays, Wildlife HQ is open and ready to welcome visitors. The lush, tropical grounds and happy animals are perfect for a post lockdown day with the family.

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Our staff have been working very hard to ensure there is no to minimal disruption to our services during this time. We pride ourselves on knowing our members and our teller staff like a chat just as much as our members do. We provide a friendly and familiar space for our members. We continue to grow our membership over this time and appreciate the local support.

Our Loans team are still processing and approving loans. If you

want to have an informal chat to Sandra our Senior Lending Consultant please call our office on 5499 8988.

For every loan approved, drawn and settled at MCU we reward a local not for profit organisation funds between \$50 to \$250 depending on the size of the loan. It's your choice of where you want the funds to go for your loan. So far we have donated more than \$16,000 to local not for profit organisations. I'm sure these organisations would say thank you for choosing MCU allowing them to benefit.

We also have a Members Loan Referral Program. If you are a member of MCU and refer a non-member to us for their lending needs and the loan is approved, drawn and settled



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If you are not a member come on in and join. All we ask of our community is to put MCU on your shopping list when you are looking for financial products and services.

Popular Maleny agent calls it a day

MALENY real estate agent Pia Buick will be retiring today, July 1, after many successful years in the hinterland market.

Ms Buick has called Maleny home for 32 years and spent 21 years in real estate after an early career in hospitality.

"What I will miss most is the wonderful variety of people that I've met and that I've been privileged to work for," she said.

"I will definitely be continuing to live in Maleny as I have put down many roots here. My children grew up here so it's nice for them to be able to come home. Also many of my very good friends are here. I feel very fortunate to live here. We have the best climate and easy access to all that we need.

"I'm Looking forward to having the time to enjoy some of the nice things about the area that you don't have time for when you're running your own small business. Like exploring National Parks, going to markets etcetera. I'm also looking forward to having time for pursuing passions like art, travel and maybe even getting fit! My immediate family are scattered from central western Queensland to Berlin so it will be very special to be able to visit them more often.

"I also have my elderly parents in Brisbane and am needing to have more time for them."

Ms Buick reflected on the hardships of running a small business. "Although it can appear to be getting harder for independent small businesses to survive, I believe they do offer something that we, as a nation, all want and need. And people in Maleny are generally very supportive of this model of business."

Pia Buick Real Estate will be wel-



Pia Buick, centre with Catherine and Rodney Millett ... "The most important factor for me was to be handing my clients over to an agency who shared our ethical standards".

comed into Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate and come under its brand. Pia will work with new owners Rodney and Catherine Millett for some time as a consultant and mentor.

"I always had respect and liking for the previous owner of Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate, David Gamble, and have gotten to know Rodney and

Catherine since they took over the business.

"The most important factor for me was to be handing my clients over to an agency who shared our ethical standards. I felt that they were not only very personable and efficient, but also had their hearts in the right place.

"Being younger than me, they are very hard-working and keen to build their business up, which I think bodes well for users of their service.

"I have met some truly wonderful people over the years and have made some good friends. In a profession where the traits of trust, honesty and loyalty are most critical and will lead

to the best result for all involved. It's been rewarding to see that these traits, which may seem old-fashioned to some, do still exist and are appreciated.

Rodney and Catherine said they have always admired Ms Buick's passion for the community, its people, and family.

She is such a pioneering woman of this market, well respected and a truly genuine person.

"We have gotten to know Pia since buying our agency and my family has known Pia for some time as my parents purchased their house from her many years ago," Catherine said.

"Pia's departure from the Maleny Real Estate landscape will be really felt by many. She is such a pioneering woman of this market, well respected and a truly genuine person."

Ms Buick is well known for her passion for the Maleny community and its people and her support for groups like the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, the Maleny Film Society and Maleny Show Society. She also gave to humanitarian groups wider afield including Amnesty International.

Catherine said she and her husband Rodney planned to carry on Ms Buick's community support.

"Rodney and I have always, and will continue to, support the Maleny Show, Maleny State School and community groups like Studio 23-but we plan to also carry on Pia's support for a number of groups she has been part of."

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Can your not-for-profit group make our community more active, vibrant, inclusive or resilient? Do it with support from Council's Major Community Grants Program which is open from 13 July to 24 August. To help with your planning, why not attend a free grant writing webinar being held late July to early August. Visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Grants-and-Funding to book and for more information.

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Visit Council's website to register for the next course starting 27 July.

Date for the diary

Come along on August 2 and 3 to the Doonan Creek Environmental Reserve in Verrierdale to plant a tree for National Tree Day and learn about how technology is helping us to connect with nature, at the Doonan Open Data Expo. Bookings are essential. Head to Council's What's on calendar for more.

Win \$1000 off your rates bill

Rates are now due and if you pay by Friday August 21 you'll receive the on-time payment discount in addition to Council's \$35 COVID rebate.

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Kids' bird art comp

Does your child like to draw birds? Unleash their creativity and enter the Holmes Prize for Realistic Australian Bird Art exhibition. By submitting their feathered friend art work they'll have the chance to win a share of \$1000 dollars. Entries close 15 August. Head to the 'what's on guide' on Council's website for competition details.

Plastic free July

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Live music to feature at drive-in with a difference

MALENY is staging a drive-in with a difference. Instead of a movie, this drive-in will feature live music.

The Winter Blues Drive-in Concert will be held at the Maleny Showgrounds on July 18 from 5pm.

"This is about the opportunity to view and listen to live blues music, which many of us have been missing," said Paulette Steele from Maleny Rotary. "The Rotary Club of Maleny is very excited to support these local musicians who haven't received any income for months now.

"It will give the local community of Maleny a big boost. All profits will go to our Community Grants Scheme, which provides support to many local organisations.

"This is a Drive-In Concert and we will have the oval full of cars, however there are limited tables available in the Pavilion (6 per table) The musicians will perform on stage in the Pavilion to enable their bands set ups and to keep them warm ensuring they maximise their performance on these cold Maleny winter nights."

"There will be a large screen on the oval, which will live stream the musicians' performances and people will be able to tune into our FM frequency on their car radios and view the performance on the large screen. This is a very cost-effective way to enjoy the concert so get your cars full and come along. We want the oval full and you can dance with your own group next to your car."

The Maleny Hotel will provide hot food which will be delivered to vehicles.

The line-up of local artists include:

- Kevin Borich Express – this guy is a rock God and the band performs at many festivals delivering his music through his firebrand guitar, in a powerhouse trio



Award-winning big sounding blues, funk, soul & rock music band Vix & the Slick Chix will feature at the Winter Blues Drive-in Concert at Maleny Showgrounds.

with Jon Carson on drums and Chris Gilbert on bass guitar. Kevin Borich is the founding member of New Zealand's hit band the La De Da's, The Party Boys and Kevin Borich Express. He has released over 20 albums and performed in countless of thousands live shows. Rock music historian Ian McFarlane describes Borich as "One of the most celebrated guitar players in the history of Australian Rock".

- Vix & the Slick Chix – Award winning BIG sounding blues, funk, soul & rock music band that rocks the house having played at numerous festivals and by popular demand regularly appear at Rick's Garage & the Maleny Hotel

- The Spirit Blues Band – the crew that

brought you the Woombye Pub Blues Club for a number of years & performed at the inaugural Maleny Folk Festival before it was outgrown and then onto the popular Woodford Folk Festival.

- Accidentally on Purpose - Maleny High School girl Uke band who have performed at Rick's Garage in Palmwoods and at the Blues Mountains Uke Festival in February 2020.

Details:

Ticket prices \$50 per car. Table prices are \$25 per person (Tables of 6 for \$120). Gates open 4pm. Bands commence 5pm and run to 9.15pm. Tickets: www.ticketebo.com.au/winterblues



Morcombe Foundation Events & Fundraising Officer Kristanna Sutton and Woombye State School Principal Paul Lowik and pupils at the lesson... "ABCSL is a great way to educate our students about using the internet safely".

Woombye Students tune in to important Child Safety Lesson

OVER 1000 schools across Australia last Thursday watched the first edition of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson (ABCSL) for 2020.

The event held particular excitement for students at Woombye State School who were eager to see themselves broadcast nationally.

Woombye State School's Grade 4 to 6 students featured in the Lesson as they watched the live broadcast at the school.

To incorporate the perspectives of young people, the Foundation conducted vox pop interviews with Woombye State School students. The students provided insightful comments about what they love about being online and supporting a friend who might feel unsafe.

"Woombye State School is excited to be involved in Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson this year," said Woombye State School Principal Paul Lowik.

"Our Year 4 to 6 classes have a 'Bring Your

Own Device' platform with much of their schoolwork provided online. This is an amazing way to deliver the student's work as they can access from home as well as school.

"However, with this accessibility our students also need to be aware of the associated dangers. ABCSL is a great way to educate our students about using the internet safely."

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation is proud to create resources that reflect children's voices and recognise their agency, along with authoritative figures.

ABCSL recognises children's capacity to engage with difficult topics, seeks their perspectives, and includes children as presenters and actors.

ABCSL also stars young actors from BYTES (Buderim Youth Theatre of Excellence) in a skit to teach children to Recognise, React, Report in unsafe situations, a key message of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Hub marks 70th anniversary of the Korean War

THE Australian War Memorial has launched an online hub to mark the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War on 25 June 1950.

More than 17,000 Australians served during the Korean War, 340 of whom were killed and over 1,216 wounded; 30 became prisoners of war.

The online hub at www.awm.gov.au/KoreanWar-70years includes resources such as online exhibitions, blogs, and videos, aimed at contributing to public knowledge about Australia's role in the conflict.

Organisers ask the public to share their own stories and photos using the hashtag #KoreanWar70Years.

Police get behind message

DETECTIVE Inspector Stephen Blanchfield, who was the investigations manager of the disappearance of Daniel Morcombe in December 2003, encouraged parents and carers to sign up for ABCSL with their children (see story this page).

"Disturbingly we know child sex offenders go to extraordinary lengths to exploit children," Detective Inspector Blanchfield said.

"Keeping children safe, being vigilant to dangers and reporting suspected child abuse is a shared responsibility. We cannot underestimate the valuable contribution the community plays in helping stop, solve and prevent crimes against children.



Woombye Bowls Club Ladies Delegate Pam Cranney and Men's President Ian Cranney on the meticulously maintained greens which many players rate as the best on the Sunshine Coast.

Bowls Club welcomes new members

THE Woombye Bowls Club situated in Hill Street Woombye behind the Woombye School of Arts Community Hall has been a community icon since 1947.

Built by locals on the once Woombye Show Grounds it holds a lot of memories and history for families in Woombye.

When the COVID-19 restrictions were introduced the club through the direction of the chairman Elliott Mitchel commenced a refresh.

Members worked on enhancing the grounds, gardens and with the help of a member who is a professional painter the insides of the club are now brightly refreshed.

With a new external fence and great greens to play on the club is situated in a good position to provide food, fun and activities for all that wish

to take up the game.

The restaurant has been refitted with new equipment and our Friday night meals and Black Board specials are back on Friday night 2 sessions 5pm to 6.30pm then 6.30pm to 8pm.

"The restaurant is a great place for families, friends and couples to come, dine and enjoy and yes we are abiding by the distance rules," said Ladies Delegate Pam Cranney.

"We'd like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the friendly club."

Woombye Bowls Club is open 10am-12.30pm Monday to Friday and evening 3-6pm later on Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday. These times will alter as restrictions change.

Phone 5494 5245 or catch them on Facebook Woombye Bowls Club Inc.



Meat department manager Michael McGarva ... "It helps that I enjoy cooking, so that influences the style and presentation of the produce."

Department grows with Woombye's hunger for meat

WHILE many large supermarkets struggled to keep the supply of fresh food up during the COVID lockdown, the staff of Woombye SPAR worked overtime to ensure their customers had access to fresh produce.

"In August 2019, we employed our current meat department manager Michael McGarva, to bring his butchering experience and skills to our store," said Woombye SPAR Manager, Sammy Boxsell. "Before that, we had no on-site butcher and we were keen to improve this department which had become quite run down under the previous ownership."

When Michael joined the team at the Woombye SPAR, he brought with him 14 years of experience in butchering.

"I did my apprenticeship in the Laidley IGA, and then moved to the Gatton IGA before coming to Woombye," Michael said. "I feel really fortunate to be working with the team here at Woombye because they have given me a great deal of freedom to implement my ideas to create a first class meat department," he said.

"My first strategy was really to get back to basics in terms of variety and presentation. Obviously, the quality of the meat is the first priority and we are very fortunate to have an exceptional quality product. The way the meat is packed and presented is also important and I make sure we have plenty of regular specials for our customers," said Michael.

"It helps that I enjoy cooking, so that influences the style and presentation of the produce."

The department has grown to the extent that Michael is now working 6 days a week to keep up with demand.

"It is a real credit to Michael that he has built that part of the business so quickly," said Sammy. "In fact, now we are in the market for another qualified butcher on a casual basis to give him a hand so he can have a well deserved day off!"

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Twist Brothers turn to turf farming

Business Feature by Tanya Outridge

FORTY six years in business is quite an achievement, by anyone's standards. And for the Twist Brothers, the key to their longevity and success lies in their commitment to their staff, their customers and their family.

"Probably most people in the district know us for growing strawberries," said Rick Twist. "And when we made the change to turf farming, it was hard to leave the strawberries behind. We had wonderful staff and have made a great mob of friends over those years."

The Twist Brothers are Rick, Jeff and David, and in 1972 they started growing strawberries at Chevallum. "It's a really good spot for growing strawberries," Rick said. "The soil is perfect and so is the climate."

At their peak, Twist Brothers Strawberries employed up to 250 people and had 1.4 million plants in the ground.

"The most difficult aspect of the change was losing the connection with community organisations"

Their premium berries were sold all around Australia. "Growing strawberries is really labour intensive and we have many memories of the entire team out in the fields, harvesting fruit in the pouring rain because there were days of heavy rain forecast for the Coast," said Rick.

"It was a situation where all of the fruit had to be harvested or it would get moldy and be ruined. So there was a lot of pressure at those times, but they were also some of the best times. After the team got the fruit in, we would put on a huge BBQ and



Above: Chloe Evans, Rick, Jeff, Jayden and David Twist and Brad Albin... "The crop has changed, but we haven't changed the way we operate as a business." Inset: The next generation, Aster and Lennox Evans, get a ride on the farm with grandad Jeff Twist.

beers for everyone."

The labour-intensive nature of strawberry farming as well as changes in the market were behind the transition to turf growing.

"You basically couldn't have a day off from strawberries," Rick said. "As well, in 2018 there was the situation where strawberries were being deliberately contaminated with needles, which was a terrible thing for the industry and I think that even today, there are still producers suffering.

"It seemed to be a good time to move into turf. The most difficult aspect of the change was losing the connection with community organisations like the Chevallum Primary School. Every year, the kids would walk across to the strawberry patches during Strawbfest to pick fruit. It was such a great event to be part of."

Chloe Evans and her brother Jayden Twist still work in the family business. Chloe is a qualified Horticulturist which makes her a good

fit for the current evolution of Twist Brothers. "Jayden is pretty much able to turn his hand to anything, which is necessary in a farming business," Chloe said. "He was driving excavators before he could walk! We also have Brad Albin who has been working for the Twist Brothers for 23 years."

Twist Brothers Turf is in its third year of operation. The first two years have been spent in transition and now the turf is ready for harvesting.

"Growing turf has enabled us to scale back a little, and it is a bit less intensive than growing strawberries," Rick said.

"We have chosen varieties that we believe meet the demands of most people who are in the market for turf," Chloe said.

"Currently, we have Wintergreen Couch, Soft Leaf Buffalo Sapphire and Native Zoysia Nara. People are generally pretty time poor, but they still want to enjoy a beautiful lawn.

"So we have chosen varieties that incorporate the features of low maintenance, drought and salt resistance, are hard wearing, rapid repairing will suit most soil types and outcompete weeds, will grow in the shade, and suit all budgets. It's a pretty tall order, but we have these criteria covered," she said.

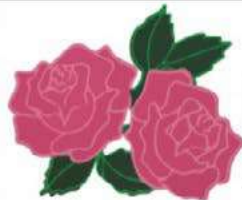
"I am asked lots of questions about getting the best results from turf and I think the key to growing a lush, healthy lawn is in the advice you get before it is installed and the support you get afterwards.

"Preparing the site, choosing the correct variety and taking care of it while it is establishing are so important," said Chloe. "We are able to help with all of this. We can deliver the turf, and have excellent preferred installers, to make sure it is properly laid. As it turns out, Winter is a great time to lay turf. It is a little slower to establish, but it needs less water and by the time Spring rolls around, it will be looking beautiful."

"The crop has changed, but we haven't changed the way we operate as a business," Rick said. "We treat our workers and our customers like family, because everything extends out from that."

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RangeCare and Nambour & District Care Technical Services Officer Frank Vos and staff.

RangeCare offers clients new IT support initiative

CLIENTS of RangeCare and Nambour & District Care are now able to access a series of technology based services as part of the RangeCare Online Social Engagement project (ROSE).

Technical Services Officer, Frank Vos was the creative genius behind the project. "Our clients are showing a great amount of interest in getting involved in our Day Centre activities using technology from their home," Frank said. "Clients can participate in fun activities such as sing-a-longs, quiz days, murder mystery days, creative arts and more all whilst continuing to social distance".

Clients who do not have access to technology are also able to hire equipment through RangeCare. "Clients can hire an iPad with internet access for a 3 month period with tuition on how to use it, because no one should miss out," said Frank.

The ROSE project has also created a Technical Support Service for clients. "Our clients no longer have to wait on those time-consuming customer service calls when they are experiencing technical difficulties with their internet, smart phone, computer or tablet," explained Frank. "Instead, we can schedule one of our friendly technical support workers to help you get back to using your equipment in no time".

Clients can also seek assistance from the Technical Support Services team to set up their equipment and apps such as the COVIDSafe App.

This service is available to any client of RangeCare and Nambour & District Care. To find out more about ROSE or to get involved please call the RangeCare head office on 07 5445 7044, email rose@brcg.org.au or visit www.rangecare.com.au.

QR announces changes to address noise issues

by Cameron Outridge

QUEENSLAND Rail will make changes to the operation of the Woombye stabling yard following noise and light concerns from surrounding residents.

Queensland Rail CEO Nick Easy said Queensland Rail had been liaising with residents to try and minimise impacts.

The Woombye stabling yard became operational in late-February and stables four New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) trains.

"We're conscious of how train activities can impact nearby residents and, following community feedback, we have sent technicians to the Woombye facility to assess the lighting and noise generated from the yard," he said.

"During this assessment, we identified improvements could be made to the dimming function on the directional LED lighting at the yard.

"As at Thursday 18 June 2020, all 40 overhead lights are now dimmed to 50 per cent, from dusk until dawn, approximately 5pm to 6am depending upon the season. From late July, all 40 overhead lights will be turned off from midnight to 5am and will activate via a sensor at 50 per cent for CCTV security purposes."

Mr Easy said a solution to concerns about the noise of the train horns (klaxons) had been challenging, but he was confident Queensland Rail's proposed solution would maintain its strict safety requirements and address the concerns of residents.

"Safety is Queensland Rail's first priority and any proposed changes needed to meet strict safety guidelines," he said.

"As of Monday 22 June, we will

significantly reduce the number of horns sounded with plans to go from 22 sounded daily between 5am and 7am to three. We are achieving this through speed reductions from 25km/hr to 8km/hr when the trains exit the stabling gate to the pedestrian crossing.

"I am confident residents will welcome these changes, which address noise and lighting concerns while also maintaining our strict safety and security requirements."

Queensland Rail had also implemented noise and light mitigation measures, including the installation of a noise barrier and shields on the surrounding streetlights, during the yard's construction, he said.

Mr Easy said Queensland Rail, the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Bombardier would continue to work together to address concerns about the level of noise being produced by the air-conditioning units on the NGR trains.

It's progress, but A/C units still a concern

While grateful for progress, Woombye resident James Kasmer said QR hadn't tackled the major cause of residents' concerns: air-conditioning units running day and night at "in-service" mode outside of cleaning times.

QR has said this is to prevent a mould and odour problem in the brand new trains' air conditioning units.

On further prompting Queensland Rail said a permanent solution was expected to be proposed by maintenance company Bombardier in coming months.

And resident Mike Melzer received

a response from Senior Manager Corporate & Government Affairs Todd Gogol saying he would be meeting with Queensland Rail colleagues later this week to discuss residents' concerns.

"In addition, I am also planning on traveling to Woombye in the coming weeks and hope to meet you and other residents. I would like to reassure you we are taking all of your concerns seriously," he said.

Mr Melzer said since the stabling facility was announced years ago, residents of Woombye were continually assured noise would not be an issue, but the reality had proved otherwise.

"Since February 2020 there has been no period of time when we have experienced silence in our home.

"After three months we were finally told that the trains have a problem with mould and the air conditioners need to run constantly. After almost 5 months the problem has not been fixed. This is affecting our health and mental state."

Still waiting

Mr Kasmer said Transport Minister Mark Bailey's Office had yet to confirm, either way, if the Minister can personally attend a meeting to resolve community concerns stemming from air-conditioning noise.

The Woombye Community and Business Association (WCBA), invited the Transport Minister in May.

The WCBA committee and Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt MP are ready to meet with the Transport Minister, or at least senior decision-makers within Queensland Rail if the Minister is unable to attend, pending a suitable date in July yet to be agreed by all parties.



Division 10 Cr David Law came to say g'day to volunteers including Nadia Joyce, Norm Morwood, Jim Egerton, Malcolm Rudd, Paul Geoghegan, Cheryl Geoghegan, Mona Bruckhoff, Graeme Jones, Karen Reid and Kel Callaghan and show support for the community group.

Petrie Creek BushCare up & running

by Norm Morwood, BCSC Coordinator.

PETRIE Creek BushCare is back up and running thanks to the improvement of the situation with the virus and relaxation of restrictions by Sunshine Coast Council.

We have a limit of 10 people max at the

moment and had to disappoint some people, particularly at our first event at Namba Ck (Model Railway Park) on Saturday 20 June.

The photo shows most of us who attended on that day as well as new Division 10 Cr David Law who came to say g'day and show support for this community group of volunteers. Thanks David.

This BCSC volunteer program is a wonderful feature of the SCC and expertly run by the Officers in conjunction with the volunteers.

We put in a couple of hours of catching up on what has happened on the site while we've been absent for a few months, getting through the new procedures to keep us safe from The Virus.

And then, of course, continuing the work of creating habitat for native animals by clearing weeds and developing native vegetation. Since then we've had another event on Wednesday 24th at Gulung Gung near Quota Park where the team of 11 (including SCC officer Nadia) concentrated on clearing Singapore Daisy and other weeds and replanting natives in the small creek.

Great progress was made in the couple of hours. We even got back to having a cuppa and a chat afterwards. Almost like normal.

Working Bees are set to continue at the three sites on Petrie Creek on the first and third Saturdays and the 4th Wednesday of each month.

For more details or to contact us, take a look at our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc/> or the SCC website <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Environment/Get-Involved-in-Conservation/BushCare-Sunshine-Coast/>.

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Unfortunately, there have been, and continue to be, cases of domestic animals such as roosters, geese and fowl, being dumped at the park, which causes stress for the existing wildlife and is also extremely harmful to the welfare of the domestic birds.

Sunshine Coast Council Division Five Councillor Winston Johnston has urged residents not to dump their unwanted animals at the park.

"We understand that there could be many reasons why residents are no longer able to care for their birds, however dumping them at the park is not the answer," Cr Johnston said.

"Domestic fowl that are used to being cared for are unlikely to survive in the wild.

"If you are no longer able to look after your birds, and you are unable to find another suitable home for them, council's Sippy Creek Animal Pound will take them in at no cost and will arrange for them to be rehomed through our wonderful rehoming partners."

To surrender unwanted animals, the Sippy Creek Animal Pound is open Monday - Friday, 8.15am - 6pm and Saturday 9am - noon and can



be contacted on 5439 8000.

If you would like to adopt an animal, contact one of council's rehoming partners below:

Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge - www.sippy-creek.com.au/

4 Paws Animal Rescue - <http://4pawsanimal-rescue.org.au/>



Nambour RSL Club Staff Darrell, Dani and Jess are excited to be open and serving customers again.

Dining is back at Nambour RSL Club

NAMBOUR RSL Club was thrilled to open the Club's doors last Wednesday for members to enjoy drinks and dining.

Nambour RSL will open every Wednesday to Saturday from 11.30am for lunch between 12pm - 2.30pm and dinner from 4.30pm - 7.30pm. The Club will close outside of these times for cleaning. "Our team is so excited to return as it's been a very testing time for everyone but we've had the time to catch our breath & make sure we achieve the safest environment for you and staff... as it should be," said CEO Suzanne Long.

"As a community club in Queensland we must comply with the relevant COVID Safe Industry Plan which includes heightened social dis-

tancing, record keeping, cleaning and hygiene measures. Our team have also all completed the Queensland State Government's COVID Safe training. I can assure you that we are doing all that is possible to safeguard your health and wellbeing whilst visiting the Club."

At this stage, government restrictions permit the club to open for dining and beverages only. For public safety they will have limited seating in dedicated areas throughout the Club and increased hygiene stations.

"Our gaming facilities are not yet available. However, once government restrictions are lifted we will provide a further announcement," said Ms Long.

Social Table Tennis starts again

SOCIAL Table Tennis is played in the Nambour area 9am to 12noon Mondays and Wednesdays.

Coaching is available on Fridays 9am to 12noon for those wanting to improve or learn the game.

Get a few friends together and come along and get fit while having fun.

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Dogs in Business



Meet Milo: Director of Pats and Treats

This week's Dog in Business is a little munchkin called Milo. He is the "Director of Pats and Treats" at Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate. It's fair to say that he is also something of a distraction (how could he not be — look at that smoochy face!). Here he is pictured with adoring owners Rodney and Catherine Millett.

'I've learned to take chances'

STATE Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt wanted to fly jets in the Australian Airforce but missed out and was accepted into the Police instead.

No doubt though, the pinnacle of the now-State Member for Nicklin's journey so far, is being asked to be this week's 'Quick Questions' celebrity.

- **Birth date and/or star sign:** February 12, Aquarius
- **Favourite local hinterland food and why:** This is a hard one as there are so many, but Rick's Garage burgers have become iconic and are top shelf or the Spirit House Yandina for the food and cooking school.
- **Where did you grow up:** Lismore and moved to Brisbane after school to join the Police Academy.
- **Last book read (title and author):** The Undercover Economist, Tim Harford.
- **Nickname as a kid (and explanation):** "Perm" — my hair went curly in my teens.
- **First job & what was it like:** I got \$1 a game, U18s, Reserve Grade and 1st Grade being ball boy for the Marist Brothers Lismore Rams. I remember when we were losing I just wanted to run on and help them ... but I was only 10 years old.
- **Why do you like most about your current job:** It's the little wins that no one really sees except for the person you help. Getting people's surgery done, a power issue fixed, a school issue or other day to day things in people's lives that through our contacts we are able to resolve for them.



Quick Questions Marty Hunt, MP

- **Most important thing you ever learned:** I love Roosevelt's "Man in the Arena" speech in that there is no effort without error and short-coming. I've learned to take chances and not be scared to fail.
- **Your favourite saying:** "Experience is something you only get shortly after you needed it."
- **Happiest moment in life that wasn't related to family matters:** When we got a colour TV in 1977 as a present from Nanna. I was over the moon, 7 years old and realised that HR Puff n Stuff was yellow...or when I was accepted into QPS as a Police Cadet.

- **What were you doing 10 years ago:** Sergeant in Charge of Police Youth Club (PCYC), Nambour and a weekly piano bar gig at the Club Hotel, Nambour.
- **What do you hope to be doing in 10 years:** Celebrating turning 60, in good health, having been part of the team that delivered fast train to Nambour, with fantastic hinterland health services, school facilities, roads and a safer community.
- **What did you want to be as a kid?** I wanted to fly jets as an Australian Airforce Pilot but I missed out and got accepted into the Police instead.

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COVID-19 Grants for community

From **David Law**
Division 10 Councillor



CONGRATULATIONS to all the first round of successful recipients who applied for the COVID-19 Community Response Grants. A record 351 applications were received from across the Coast following the announcement of the new grants, which were activated in May under council's COVID-19 Community Relief Plan.

Locally, I'm really pleased to see many not-for-profit groups receive a helping hand. They include Woombye Community & Business Association, Woombye Snakes Football Club, Nambour & Districts Netball Association and Nambour & Hinterland Australian Football Club for operational support and an upgrade to their facilities.

Petrie Park Craft Association will receive more than \$3000 to secure underneath their facility. Yandina School of Arts will use nearly \$6000 for a restoration project while Sunshine Coast PCYC will receive nearly \$10,000 to refurbish their reception area.

Other groups to benefit from this round include Nambour Bowls Club, Nambour Croquet Club, Lind Lane Theatre, Nambour Rugby League Club, Yandina & District Historical Society, Yandina Community Gardens and Yandina Cricket Club. Well done again to all groups, and don't forget to keep an eye out for Council's next round of Major Grants, which open mid-July.

Community spirit is the heart of Division 10

Council delivered its \$782 million budget last week, and highlights include a \$1 million upgrade to the Nambour Aquatic Centre, progression of the Eumundi Town Centre Place-making project and \$75,000 to upgrade the Yandina Cricket Club Clubhouse roof.

The Nambour Aquatic Centre upgrade will benefit both young and old, from mums and bubs classes to seniors connecting with others during their weekly exercise lessons.

Good news for musos

For all the buskers out there, council has decided to waive the permit fee for 2020/21 so you can busk free of charge (while maintaining COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene). It really will be great to see the streets come alive with music again.

Council Budget endorsed

Winston **Johnston**
Division 5 Councillor



WITH the \$782 million Sunshine Coast Council Budget now endorsed, Division 5 will benefit from \$6.2 million for major projects to enhance our streetscapes, sustain our environment, support our community & boost road safety.

Overall Division 5 will see \$554,000 worth of minor works plus approximately \$9.6 million in essential road improvements over the next financial year. Road upgrade highlights include \$924,500 for McGilchrist Road at Eudlo, \$865,000 for widening Diamond Valley Road at Diamond Valley and \$385,000 for upgrading Glenview Road at Glenview.

COVID-19 support

COUNCIL has submitted for funding under the state government's Works for Queensland Grant Program and I look forward to sharing the outcomes of this submission with you as soon as I am able to.

Don't forget you can also visit council's website www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for information on COVID-19 latest news relating to council, support for the community and support for businesses. Once restrictions further ease, I look forward to getting out and seeing you all soon.

School holiday fun

PARENTS, grandparents and carers, did you know council offers a range of free school holiday activities? Sunshine Coast Libraries and the Caloundra Regional Gallery have some great activities to get you out of the house - or keep kids entertained inside on a rainy day. Visit council's website www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for all the details.

First Nations Artwork exhibition

VISIT Caloundra Regional Gallery between July 18 and August 2 to see a special, limited time exhibition celebrating First Nations Peoples artworks which reflect the past and current future of the oldest continuing culture in the world. Drawn from the Sunshine Coast Art Collection, the works tell the stories of Country, both connection to, and the removal from. For the first time in the gallery's 20 year history, these local and national artworks will be exhibited together to celebrate and remember. Visit gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for details.

Tramways project sneak peak

Ted **O'Brien**
Federal Member for Fairfax



IT was great to join Division 10 Councillor David Law and also the former councillor and now Chair of Nambour Tramway Company Greg Rogerson for a sneak peek of the new terminus building on Mill Street.

The Federal Government, through the Building Better Regions Fund contributed \$500,000 to complete the \$840,000 Nambour Heritage Tramway Depot.

Once open it will also house Nambour's visitor and community information centre, boast a commercial kitchen and provide an indoor and outdoor events space.

Wildlife HQ

I was also delighted to visit Wildlife HQ these school holidays to announce a lump sum payment of nearly \$50,000 from our zoos and aquariums package to assist with animal welfare expenses like feed and the upkeep of exhibits.

The zoo has also been able to access the Federal Government's JobKeeper program for 10 of its staff.

Importantly the zoo is fully open for visitors again so why not take the family these school holidays?

Road Trip – July 14

In Queensland COVID Safe Step 3 restrictions are scheduled to come into effect on July 10. Reaching Step 3 also allows me to get back out into the community on my seasonal road trips. I'm keen to hear about what the "new normal" under Step 3 will look like for you. I'm also wanting to discuss ideas about rebuilding our local economy and navigating the post-COVID recovery. I'll be in Nambour on Tuesday 14 July from 2:30pm at Railway Bridge Park on Coronation Avenue opposite the RSL.

I'll be in Woombye on Wednesday 15 July from 2:30pm near the Big Pineapple on Nambour Connection Road.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch about any Federal issues, concerns or enquiries on 5479 2800; via email at ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au or visit us at 17 Southern Drive, Maroochydore.

Web site owners can take a lesson from spiders

Business Advice
by Peter Gamgee



SPIDERS build webs to catch their food source - i.e. their livelihood. They may also forage for insects, but mostly they catch their prey via the web.

Are some webs also beautiful to look at? Of course they are, but beauty is not their primary purpose. I can't imagine too many flies being mesmerised by the beauty to the point they become entrapped in the web!

Thinking of your own website and its primary purpose heed the same discipline as the spider. Here are three steps to getting the best financial return on your web site.

First the website purpose needs to be very well established.

A website for a website's sake or because the competition have one, is a sure way to spend money unnecessarily.

Right now the increased demand for online presence has resulted in a frenzy of activity on websites and pressure on website builders.

Being very clear about the purpose of your website will make getting a great, functional end result much quicker, and less expensive.

How do we determine the purpose?

The spider builds a web to catch its livelihood. Do you want your web site to "catch" leads and customers?

Or is it just a repository of testimonial information because your lead generation does not involve internet marketing? Is your strategy to use social media to funnel customers to your website to buy, and are you selling direct from your website shop? Are you using the website to have people register for events, mailouts, giveaways, or workshops?

Web sites can do all of those things and many more. But if you think you may be doing all of the above - I would suggest you stop right there and go back to prioritising your marketing strategy and in particular your customer's journey.

Where in your customer's journey to buy is your web site being used? That will help you identify what the web site needs to do very well. The site should provide a return on investment. This return may be through generation of leads, helping conversion, or saving time in sales and support.



Second is to profile your customer(s) so you know their likes and dislikes. Establishing what is referred to as demographics and psychographics provides guidance on the words, pictures, content and even colours to be used on your web site.

Using hot pink on a site where you are trying to sell tools to tradies is probably not a good idea - unless you were specifically targeting female tradies.

Remember it doesn't matter what you like or don't like on your site. If you are using it for any customer interaction, it is what your ideal customer likes that counts.

Third create appropriate landing page(s). To avoid potential customers getting lost in all the "stuff" on your web site, make sure there are simple landing pages where they can get what they want without distraction.

Landing pages should have an attention getting line, provide additional helpful and brief information, establish credibility and have a readily available a compelling offer - which may just be information, or the special offer that brought them to your site.

If you are a ground dwelling business "spider" and don't need a web to catch prey - don't build one. If you are a business "spider" that relies on the web to catch your prey, build an appropriate website for the insects of choice.

Businesses start to open and trade

From **Marty Hunt**
State Member for Nicklin



WE are all doing a great job keeping Covid19 infection rates low and as we progress through the easing of restrictions it's good to be out and about in the community again and seeing businesses start to open and trade. We have a long way to go and plenty of businesses and employees are still struggling. It has been great to visit some new local businesses in the electorate including Sunshine Pinball and Stalwart Brewing opening up in Nambour along with Frankie's café in Woombye to name a few. We need people to invest in business in our towns and it's been great to see these new additions.

On local issues thanks to the residents of Woombye who supported the fight for action on the **noise and light pollution** from the rail stabling yards. After the media attention, petition, speech to Parliament, letter to the Minister and Parliamentary Question it seems we were able to get some action in this regard for considerable improvements. I will be keeping an eye on how things progress with this and looking for further measures to ensure people who live near the yards are able to enjoy some peace and quiet. I will keep pushing for the extra services that we were promised that have not been delivered.

Thanks also to those who supported our campaign to get the **Nambour Police Station** plans and construction finally started. Indications from the Minister's office points to a September construction commencement date.

I will still be pausing my door knocking activities until we have received advice that it is safe to do so. However, I will be out and about each week with my **mobile office** in the suburbs around my electorate so keep an eye out for and come for a "Covid safe" chat. I will have a table and hand sanitiser available for suitable social distancing and hygiene. Look forward to seeing you all.

Congratulations to Claire Simmons who has won my **competition** for an annual family pass to Wildlife HQ at Woombye. If you are looking for a great place to take the kids over the school holidays I recommend Wildlife HQ.

Our plan to overhaul child safety

From **Andrew Powell**
State Member for Glass House



LAST week, LNP leader Deb Frecklington announced our policy to create a new child protection force if elected in October 2020.

The system-wide shakeup would see the following initiatives:

- The child safety department become a stand-alone agency that would conduct "no second chance" mandatory drug tests on parents
- It would have officers on hand 24/7 under new shift arrangements
- It would bring in a new team of police investigators to clear backlogs
- It would recruit more foster carers and increase the use of adoption.

We cannot afford another departmental failure which results in children like Mason Jet Lee falling through the cracks and being murdered.

I'm proud to be part of a team that will deliver these changes as a priority policy if we form government in October.

October 2020 Election to Proceed

The State Government has given the green light for the state election to proceed in October.

Physical voting and pre-polling will be going ahead in October with a COVID-safe plan to ensure the safety and wellbeing of voters and polling staff during the election period.

It will involve more pre-poll locations, longer pre-poll hours and more pre-poll voting days in the two weeks prior to polling day in order to spread voters out.

In extreme situations, such as a localised COVID outbreak, the ECQ will consider delivering the election to some electorates as a total postal vote.

I want your opinion! Do you feel comfortable with this arrangement, or will you be arranging a postal vote?

400 calls a month for injured wildlife

from **Donna Brennan** Wildlife Volunteers
WILVOS 5441 6200 www.wilvos.org.au

OUR wildlife continually struggles for survival in a world where even the human race is presently finding it difficult to meet the daily challenges. We are half way through one very memorable year!

WILVOS volunteers have done an incredible job rescuing and caring for wildlife during Covid-19. We were able to continue on as usual, but with social distancing and hygiene protocols always adhered to, in our work to help our injured and orphaned wildlife. Our WILVOS 5441 6200 Hotline has been busy all year.

There is so much that can be done to help our native animals. Unfortunately, financial constraints prevent the introduction of many of the progressive infrastructure ideas that could be implemented to help our wildlife. Nevertheless, the Sunshine Coast Council has introduced a number of initiatives that are improving the plight of our native species.

As individuals there are so many things we can do just in our own back yard. Control of our pets is of major importance. A concerned resident contacted WILVOS recently because of the dog problem in the nature reserve bordering their house.

This reserve is home to so many birds, possums and reptiles. Residents were so happy to see a kangaroo there also. It was very distressing to then see this same kangaroo tracked by a dog as it moved on.

Growing flowering, fruiting and seeding native plants in our back yard soon brings some beautiful creatures to our area. Before long, birds will be nesting, and provide you with a natural insect control method. Nesting boxes will be used by birds, possums or gliders. With the destruction of old established trees, hollows are in short supply as nesting sites.

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Sunshine Coast Council Budget 2020

Safer roads, better streetscapes

DIVISION 5 BUDGET

COUNCILLOR Winston Johnston said the \$6.2 million Division 5 Major Capital Works Program would deliver a range of benefits to one of the region's largest geographical areas, along with \$554,000 worth of minor capital works and divisional funding.

"The spectacular Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve is among our nation's best subtropical rainforest locations, complemented by its state-of-the-art discovery centre," Cr Johnston said.

"We are also spending \$100,000 on upgrading the picnic infrastructure at Mary Cairncross, to ensure our visitors have an improved experience."

Streetscaping is also scheduled for the northern entrance of Montville's famous Main Street in 2020/21. "Division 5 consists of many unique communities and I am excited to be working closely with each of them to deliver healthy, smart and creative projects that best suit their needs," Cr Johnston said.

"This financial year we will be consulting closely with the community of Woombye to see how council can improve Blackall Street and this will also be happening in the Eudlo business area."

Cr Johnston said road upgrades to improve safety were another major focus of this year's budget, with a \$200,000 car park and pathway retaining wall for use by Woombye Primary School scheduled for construction in 2020/21.

"This year Palmwoods will benefit from \$180,000 to boost road safety in Margaret Street and 2020 will see works begin on an \$865,000 upgrade to widen Diamond Valley Road at Diamond Valley."

Another major project will be a \$600,000 sediment basin to improve stormwater quality at Kolora Park in Palmwoods.

Palmwoods is also set to receive \$300,000 for a much needed renewal of the public amenities block at Sir Francis Nicklin Park, while the Plantation Rise Drive Park playground at Woombye will receive a \$60,000 facelift.

Council's Road Reseal and Rehabilitation Program will see approximately \$2.1 million invested in renewing and resurfacing roads in Conondale, Eudlo, Glenview, Hunchy, Maleny, Montville, Mooloolah, Palmview, Palmwoods, Witta and Woombye.



Cr Winston Johnston.

Sunshine Coast Council's 2020/21 budget will deliver improvements across all of our healthy, smart and creative region, including many programs and projects which will benefit Division 5.

Sunshine Coast Council delivered its \$782 million budget on June 25.

Division 5 highlights:

- \$924,570 for upgrading McGilchrist Road, Eudlo.
- \$865,000 for widening Diamond Valley Road, Diamond Valley.
- \$622,900 for the Kolora Park Sediment Basin, Palmwoods.
- \$300,000 for a feasibility study and planning as part of future plans to develop a 24 hectare ecological park at Mary Cairncross, Maleny.
- \$300,000 to rehabilitate the Wells Road causeway, Maleny.
- \$300,000 for the renewal of the public amenities block at Sir Francis Nicklin Park, Palmwoods.
- \$200,000 for carpark upgrade and new pathway retaining wall for use by Woombye Primary School.
- \$180,000 for road safety improvements in Margaret Street, Palmwoods.
- \$160,000 for sports field lighting upgrade at Palmwoods Rugby League Club, Palmwoods.
- \$140,000 for Main Street streetscaping (northern entry), Montville.
- \$75,000 for placemaking at Blackall Street, Woombye.
- \$70,000 Chevallum Bridge repairs, Chevallum.
- \$60,000 for playground improvements at Plantation Rise Drive Park, Woombye.
- \$50,000 for placemaking in the Eudlo business area, Eudlo.
- \$50,000 for Mooloolah Valley Sports Complex car park upgrade, Mooloolah Valley.

Community spirit at the heart of funding

DIVISION 10 BUDGET

DIV 10 Councillor David Law says community groups and local residents are the big winners in Division 10 following Sunshine Coast Council's 2020/21 budget with funds being invested in community facilities.

A \$1 million upgrade to the Nambour Aquatic Centre, progression of the Eumundi Town Centre Placemaking project, \$75,000 to upgrade the Yandina Cricket Club Clubhouse roof and \$110,000 to Mt Ninderry Stage II Walking Trail Renewal are among Budget highlights for the division.

"I'm really pleased to see our community will be able to enjoy a major upgrade to the Nambour Aquatic Centre which will benefit both young and old, from mums and bubs classes to seniors connecting with others during their weekly exercise lessons," Cr Law said.

"The progression of the Eumundi Placemaking project is crucial because it is a fantastic town and it has an exciting and bright future."

"Road safety is also paramount, with council allocating \$1.7 million to upgrade Kiamba Road, Kiamba from a gravel road to a sealed section."

Councillor Law said he was pleased to see many Division 10 community groups receive a helping hand from council's budget with funding being allocated towards their facilities, including Nambour Badminton Complex, Nambour Equestrian Centre and Yandina Cricket Club.

"We're also carrying out a variety of small but valuable works such as upgrading barbecues, seats and signage to important places including Quota Memorial Park, Lions Park, Burnside-Nambour Park, Sundale Park, Kenilworth Park, Whalley Park, Belli Park, Dick Caplick Park and Allan Templeton Park."

"I'm also pleased to see Eumundi and Kulan-goor cemeteries will be upgraded which, once complete, will be a welcome sight for families who regularly visit their loved ones."

Council delivered its \$782 million budget on 25 June.



Cr David Law.

Division 10 highlights:

- More than \$1 million allocated to the Nambour Aquatic Centre, including a full refurbishment of existing amenities, renewal of the 25 metre pool shelter, progression of the Splash Park and an upgrade to aquatic centre off-road car parking at Elder Street
- \$110,000 to Mt Ninderry Stage II Walking Trail Renewal including wayfinding signs and design for the Ninderry Road carpark
- \$120,000 to upgrade Quota Memorial Park, Nambour, including replacing the barbecue shelter, renewing the barbecue and replacing play equipment
- \$1.7 million to upgrade Kiamba Road, Kiamba
- \$1.7 million to upgrade the intersection of Arundell Avenue and Mill Lane
- More than \$1 million for a Nambour Connection Road pathway
- \$60,000 for design of future Equestrian Centre upgrades at Nambour Showgrounds
- \$60,000 for Nambour Badminton Complex - Building rectification works
- \$75,000 to upgrade the Yandina Cricket Club Clubhouse roof
- \$625,000 to the Nambour Petrie Creek Parklands Central Masterplan, including to design and construct the new park.

Budget to help recovery, says Mayor

SUPPORTING the community to recover from the impacts of the novel coronavirus pandemic is the cornerstone of Sunshine Coast Council's 2020/21 budget adopted June 25.

"This year has been like no other - and that is why our council's \$782 million 2020-2021 budget is squarely focussed on supporting our community and local businesses to get back on their feet and thrive," Mayor Mark Jamieson said.

"Council has taken every opportunity with this year's budget to assist our residents with their recovery efforts, enabling them to get back to using council facilities and services and priming our regional economy so local businesses can rebuild."

"Reducing pressure on ratepayers at this time has been our number one priority. With this in mind, council's budget provides financial relief for General Rate ratepayers through a \$35 COVID rebate on the July rate notice. Council has activated our \$5 million Disaster Rehabilitation Reserve - which we had the foresight to establish five years ago."

"Our community is facing an unprecedented challenge with this pandemic - and so it is more than appropriate to take this step at this time. The rebate will be in addition to the existing on-time rates payment discount council offers and pensioners will also continue to receive the pensioner rebate."

"While there is an overall general rates increase of two per cent this year and the cost to collect a standard 240 litre wheelie bin will increase by \$10.50, when the COVID rebate and on-time payment discount are applied, most ratepayers on the minimum general rate will pay the same as last year."

"We have also taken the decision not to increase our Environment, Transport and Heritage levies this year, which will remain at \$76, \$44 and \$13, respectively."

Council's budget includes an increase in the community grants program from \$3 million last

financial year to \$4.5 million.

"This significant funding will enable council to partner and support not-for-profit groups to manage their recovery from the impacts of COVID-19," Mayor Jamieson said.

The budget also includes a \$243 million investment in capital projects. "Our capital works program delivers better infrastructure and facilities for our residents and at the same time, provides work for local trades and other

What you'll pay

Annual rates	2019/20	2020/21	Variation \$
General Rates	\$1243.20	\$1269.00	\$25.80
240 litre wheelie bin	\$298.60	\$309.10	\$10.50
COVID-19 Rebate		-\$35.00	-\$35.00
Environment Levy	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$0.00
Transport Levy	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$0.00
Heritage Levy	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$0.00
Total Rates and Charges	\$1674.80	\$1676.10	\$1.30
Discount (general rate only)	-\$62.15	-\$63.45	-\$1.30
NET AMOUNT PAYABLE	\$1612.65	\$1612.65	\$0.00

businesses, helps keep local people employed and keeps money circulating through our economy," Mayor Jamieson said.

"Our capital works projects are estimated to provide more than \$300 million in benefits to our Sunshine Coast economy and support well over 1000 jobs."

Capital Works

Council's \$243 million capital works investment for 2020/21 includes:

- \$95.7 million on transportation and stormwater projects
- \$51.5 million on community, sporting facilities and other public facilities
- \$11.6 million on parks, gardens and public amenities
- \$14.7 million on waste management

- \$36.7 million to complete the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion
- \$11.9 million in the Maroochydney City Centre.

Mayor Jamieson said council would continue its commitment to major projects which would help drive a stronger local economy, generate employment and provide access to new services for the community.

"The new runway is open and the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion project is on schedule to be completed in full by the end of this year, with \$36.7 million allocated as part of the total project delivery budget," Mayor Jamieson said.

"This project will deliver enormous long-term benefits to the Sunshine Coast, including \$4.1 billion to the local economy by 2040 and generating around 2230 local jobs."

"Council will also allocate \$40 million to start construction of the new City Hall in the Maroochydney City Centre, which will generate an estimated 300 jobs at a time when this employment stimulus is needed most in our region."

"While our budget is focused on helping our community recover from COVID-19, we haven't overlooked our strong commitment to protecting our environment and natural assets."

"The Environment Levy at \$76 will raise \$11.28 million to continue to support the implementation of council's Environment and Liveability Strategy."

"The Heritage Levy will remain at \$13 and raise \$1.9 million to continue to support a wide range of initiatives to promote our region's heritage stories and assets."

The Transport levy will remain at \$44, allowing \$6.2 million to be directed towards among other initiatives the detailed business case for the region's Mass Transit solution in partnership with the State Government.

Letter to the Editor

Consult us please, to prevent waste

IT is certainly appreciated that our community has been given council funding.

But the recent example where ratepayers paid \$43,000 for a 3x3m timber shelter in Kolora Park is a case where money could have been spent in more specific areas had better community consultation occurred.

This is a clear example of "missed opportunity" in a small community.

And that was the sentiment from a lot of Palmwoods locals.

Today we are hearing the announcement that over \$1m is set to be spent in the community.

This includes significant works earmarked for better stormwater management in Kolora Park and \$300,000 for a toilet block.

This is a lot of money that will be very welcome in the community but given the previous shelter shambles, I believe much closer consultation needs to be had.

\$300k for a toilet block at this particular park does seem excessive so I think the community needs some answers.

There are also a number of long-term locals that I know would be keen to see a breakdown of the funds and scope of works for the water management plan.

\$600k is a lot of money and as a community we want to make sure it is spent wisely and without waste.

We have a new councillor for Division 5 who appears to be hitting the ground running so I look forward to updates of this funding.

— Adam Mathieson, Palmwoods

Palmwoods shops sell at auction



Eumundi Medicine Man Jay Dharma Mulder, left, sold his property at Little Main Street, Palmwoods on Saturday. Auctioneer Gordon MacDonald, centre, called the bidding on behalf of Mike Burns of Burns Property, right.



Auctioneer Gordon MacDonald ... The holding contains the original Pages Cafe, dating back to 1912.

Landmark commercial property sells for \$775,000

MORE than 50 people gathered in Little Main Street for the auction of four shops in the heart of Palmwoods on Saturday.

Zoned village centre, the 506sq m holding contains the original Pages Cafe, dating back to 1912.

The property comprises a single unit dwelling, three professional offices plus restaurant and cafe, natural remedy shop and beauty therapist. All this on one title.

Auctioneer Gordon MacDonald bid a warm welcome.

"Little Main Street, little by name, big by nature. An iconic Palmwoods building, right in the heart of town."

"What's it worth?" the auctioneer asked. "Where would we like to see

the negotiations start? Iconic real estate, iconic time. We have a good number of registrations."

That saw a modest \$500,000 start. "I would suggest \$25,000 bids from here."

Two bidders then started jousting it out. "Is it on the market?" was a question from the floor.

"I don't use those words," said Mr MacDonald.

\$675,000 was called twice before marketing agent Mike Burns did the rounds of registered buyers.

Mr MacDonald: "Conversations being had here. I'll find out what's going on."

The price crept up to \$705,000. "We have a high regard of where

the property sits in the market. If we don't reach that we will go into further negotiations."

There were two more seconds before Mr Burns made an overseas phone call.

"\$725,000 now, and if no further bids, it will be sold at that figure," reported Mr MacDonald.

Bidding continued 735, 740, 745. Until it sold for \$775,000.

Mr Burns said the successful local bidder was looking forward to being the proud owner.

"I guess the appeal of such an iconic piece of Palmwoods' history got to him," he said.



Agent Mike Burns congratulates the local buyer.

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Meet the team here at Burns Property

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Pia Buick Announces Retirement

After 21 years of serving clients and the community across the Hinterland, our friend and colleague Pia Buick has announced her retirement.

From 1 July, Pia Buick Real Estate will close its doors and Pia will move onto enjoying her retirement filled with family time, art, travel and enjoying everything the Hinterland has to

offer; markets, nature, coffee and also time spent with life-long friends.

Following Pia's retirement, we are excited to announce that her agency listings, as well as her database of clients and customers will now be managed by our agency. We couldn't be happier that Pia is entrusting us with her clients and to continue her business ethos of trust, honesty and loyalty.

Pia will not be missing completely from real estate in Maleny, as she will continue working with Rodney, Catherine and the team at Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate in a consultancy role.

All the very best for your retirement Pia; you have contributed so much to the community, your team and your loyal clients. You will be very missed.

From all the team at Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate



15 Tulip Street, Maleny

3 2 1

Lovingly renovated, this family home is now looking for a new family to continue the traditions; a morning coffee on the north facing verandah and a quiet afternoon drink enjoying the treed outlook to the south of Maleny from the rear deck. With 809m2 of land there is still ample room for the young rowdy family and their furry friends as well.

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1723 Maleny Stanley River Road, Booroobin

3 1 4

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SOLD

8 Avocado Lane, Maleny

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