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Through the roof: Mapleton IGA owner's shock at soaring power bill



Mapleton IGA owner Kelly Anderson has been left reeling by a massive price hike which could see his supermarket's annual power bill increase by \$160,000.

MAPLETON IGA owners Kelly & Linda Anderson have been left reeling by a massive price hike which could see their annual power bill increase by \$160,000.

Mr Anderson said he was stunned after receiving his most recent bill, when he worked out his annual power bill would almost quadruple from \$58,000 a year to more than \$218,000.

"This will cripple my business and is completely unsustainable," Mr Anderson said.

"We are desperately looking for a way to

quickly offset our electricity costs going forward because the alternative is to shut up shop for good."

The family-owned business of 26 years is already in the process of installing as many solar panels as they can on the roof. The electricity bill shows the peak energy charge rate for the premises is set to increase from 6.5453 to 25.5743 cents per kilowatt-hour when the 24-month contract period rolls over on November 1 - an increase of nearly 300 per

cent.

The off-peak rate will rise from 4.4459 to 16.0345 cents per kilowatt-hour, a 260 per cent increase.

"I saw Energy Minister Chris Bowen patting himself on the back for supposedly keeping the lights on in Australia while I'm considering turning mine off for good," Mr Anderson said.

"This is unacceptable in a country that produces so much power." I simply cannot wait for Australia to have a discussion on Modular

Nuclear power as the Clean and Green way forward for our power base load. When the sun goes down and there is no wind, we have not the current technology to economically and commercially store power with the current batteries."

Mr Anderson said AGL told him the price hike was "out of their control" and had pointed to the war in Ukraine and the increase in gas prices as the reason for the power crunch.

Fairfax MP and Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy Ted O'Brien, whose party has been in power for the past nine years, said it was the Albanese Government who would be held to account if small and family businesses started struggling. He said this was because, before the election, Labor had consistently promised to cut power bills. "Only last month Labor was promising to cut power bills and now they're in office, the Australian people expect nothing less than delivery on this promise," said Mr O'Brien.

Federal Energy Minister Chris Bowen said recently "a decade of changing energy policies" meant there was "not enough investment in energy storage and non-renewable energy".

"We can start and we have started but it is not going to happen immediately. What we can do is over the next few years get it built, get the pressure on energy prices through renewable energy, I think Australians understand that you don't fix this in a day and we have never pretended we can."

AGL said Mr Anderson's original contract two years ago had been made when costs were "substantially lower" and the increase was "in line" with what was occurring in the market.

Most small businesses are on the "regulated standing offer" in Queensland and should see an average increase of about 13.4 per cent.

However, Mapleton IGA is classified as a commercial/industrial customer and must contract on an individual basis with energy retailers. Its prices are set largely at market rates.

Budget delivers for Nambour

STRONG business and community support is at the forefront of Council's Division 10 Budget allocation with the Nambour Administration Precinct and Namba Place Revitalisation projects offering encouraging economic and social uplift for the hinterland town.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Councillor David Law said he was pleased to see Nambour featured extensively in Council's \$847 million budget which was handed down last

Thursday (June 23).

"Nambour's Namba Place Revitalisation Project has been allocated \$300,000, which will see streetscape improvement projects on Currie Street, Howard Street and Mill Street," Cr Law said.

"The Nambour Administration Precinct project will receive \$750,000 for the feasibility, planning, designing and delivery of projects within the existing precinct to further connect

council with the community.

"I'm pleased to see a number of pathways planned in Yandina and Nambour, connecting the hinterland community and improving our active transport connectivity."

Cr Law said road safety improvement would see the Pringle Road intersection at Panorama Drive in Nambour upgraded to clearly define the main thoroughfare.

"Kanes Road in Bridges will also be upgraded

to a sealed road.

"Our parks in Obi Obi, Kenilworth, Eerwah Vale, Nambour and North Arm will receive upgrades so our community can continue to enjoy our open spaces, and ensure our youngsters can play safely with playground renewal, carpark construction and fence renewal."

Council will also continue implementing

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Cr David Law: "The Nambour Administration Precinct project will receive \$750,000".

Budget encourages Nambour initiatives

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elements of the Petrie Creek Parklands master-plan.

"It's great to see the continuation and another \$100,000 invested in Eumundi's Town Centre this year, following the completion of community consultation and a \$1.5 million commitment last year."

► For further information on Sunshine Coast Council's 2022-23 Budget, including a full list of Division 10 projects, visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/budget.

Division 10 2022-23 Budget highlights:

- Eumundi Town Centre Placemaking, Eumundi* \$1,585,858
- Nambour Administration Precinct, Nambour \$750,000
- Eumundi Tennis Court Replacement, Eumundi** \$600,000
- Kanes Road Lower Order Gravel Road Upgrade, Bridges \$550,000
- Nambour Showgrounds - Moss Day Pavilion, Nambour \$460,000
- Quota Memorial Park - 3 Tier Play Structure Replacement, Nambour \$450,000
- Design and construct pedestrian bridge, Petrie Creek Parklands, Nambour \$450,000
- Nambour Showgrounds Equestrian Arena Upgrade, Nambour \$350,000
- Namba Place Revitalisation Project, Nambour \$300,000
- Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve Carpark Construction, Obi Obi \$200,000
- Panorama Drive Pringle Intersection, Nambour \$155,000
- Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve Toilet, Obi Obi \$150,000
- Kenilworth Town Park BBQ and Shelter, Kenilworth \$80,000
- Kenilworth Town Park Playground Renewal, Kenilworth \$70,000
- Nambour Skate Park Shade Area \$65,400
- Kulangoor Cemetery Site Development Stage 2, Kulangoor \$58,000
- Nambour Connection Road - Pathway Renewal, Yandina \$54,000
- Design of North Arm Park Playground Upgrade, North Arm \$5,000

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TramCo Director Rhonda Billett and Reimagine Nambour Facilitator Kerry Brown are pleased Nambour is receiving due recognition in the Council Budget.

Nambour fares well in Budget according to local groups

BUSINESS and community groups have reacted positively to the recognition shown to Nambour in the Sunshine Coast Council Budget handed down last week.

"The Division 10 Budget allocation was great news for Nambour. We are thrilled," said Tram Co director Rhonda Billett.

Ms Billett said Nambour Chamber of Commerce, Reimagine Nambour, Nambour Retailers Group and Tramco had been meeting regularly with Cr David Law and Council Economic Development and Town Planning staff to align, consolidate and promote priorities for the town.

"I've spoken with members of the four community organisations tonight (June 23) and they are thrilled with the budget for Nambour, the highlights are a good fit. The groups will now come together again in July and get ready to bring significant change to Nambour."

Ms Billett said it was important the groups presented a united front to work with Council to get the best possible outcomes for the town.

"This allocation is amazing for Nambour and demonstrates Sunshine Coast Council's commitment to the town."

Ms Billett said the four groups were working to deliver new Nambour Events, CBD Revitalisation and Business Activation.

"Sunshine Coast Council have attended all our meetings and assisted us with our collective objectives for Nambour and surrounds. All organisations have played a part in this plan and we have all thoroughly enjoyed pulling things together for Nambour."

"We already have the established brand 'I Am Nambour' developed in 2021 by ReImagine Nambour."

"Our collective organisations aim to leverage off this brand and grow the local economy encompassing the 'I Am Nambour' brand into our future projects. Nambour has been identified in the 2024 Planning Scheme Draft by Sunshine Coast Council as a key Economic Hub and we want to live up to those expectations and deliver some positive results to our community, as our region grows."

"Nambour is a large catchment area and one of our first priorities is to focus on events that stimulate the economy and support business and make Nambour a vibrant place to live, work and play."

Rates up 5%. Discount scrapped for good

SUNSHINE Coast ratepayers face a minimum general rates rise of five per cent (or \$63.50) to \$1332.50 under Council's \$847 million 2022-23 budget adopted last Thursday.

As well, the early payment discount, which was scrapped in 2021, will not be returned. Council said last year the early payment discount was discontinued so it could re-establish its \$5m Disaster Rehabilitation Reserve.

Most residents (59 per cent) will pay the minimum rates but many who had seen land valuations soar in March would experience massive increases of up to 38 per cent. Across the Sunshine Coast land values increased 28.4 per cent, but some suburbs went up 80 per cent.

The minimum rates threshold applies to land values up to \$370,000. Mayor Jamieson said

council understood property owners were concerned about the impacts on their rates following recent increases in property valuations.

"While council is required, by law, to use the State Government's valuation figures to calculate the general rate, we have made adjustments to our rating categories to mitigate the full impact of the valuation increase."

"We know that the State Government valuation increases have ranged from 9.5 to 80.7 per cent, however with what council has done in this budget, the rate increase will generally not be anywhere near those percentages."

"The majority of the principal place of residence properties - around 60% of all residential properties - will see a 5% or \$63.50 increase in their general rate."

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Clubs, parks and roads benefit in Division 5

AN upgrade to the Warriors Football Club at Palmwoods, beautifying Woombye, maintaining the green heart at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve and upgrades to Maroochy Botanic Gardens are some of the Sunshine Coast Council 2022-23 Budget highlights for Division 5.

Division 5 Councillor Winston Johnston said there was a range of exciting projects for his community as part of Council's \$847 million budget which was handed down last Thursday (June 23).

"This includes kicking goals for the Palmwoods Warriors Football club which will receive a \$600,000 upgrade," Cr Johnston said.

"One of my top priorities is to keep our small communities, residents and farmers connected on our country roads.

"That's why this budget will deliver upgrades, reseals, lane widening, rehabilitations and bridge improvements to several roads including Brandenburg Road in Mooloolah Valley, Stage 5 works for Glenview Road in Glenview, portions of Perrins Road and Mossy Bank Roads in Eudlo and various roads in Maleny, Chevallum, Wootha and Woombye.

"Focusing on upgrading our road network will improve access and safety for our daily commutes and all road users including pedestrians and cyclists.

"There will also be a number of other upgrades taking place in the hinterland including track renewals at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve which covers 55 hectares of tranquil rainforest with diverse flora and wildlife.

"The Ecological Park Master Plan will move forward and the Butterfly Walk will also undergo some renewal work and installation of interpretive signage to help visitors discover new and dramatic scenery.

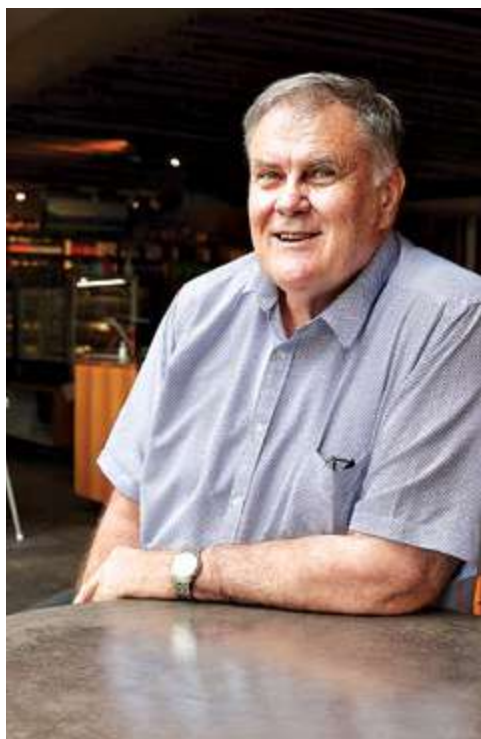
"Funding has also been allocated for future planning of Maroochy Botanic Garden Masterplan's 'Eucalypt Glades' which aims to build on visitor experience.

"Council's 2022-23 budget allocation will see funding to complete Woombye's new-look streetscape, which is progressing quite nicely since preliminary works on the additional car parking on Hill, Blackall and Keli streets wrapped up early-March.

"More than \$970,000 has been allocated to complete the second phase of works, which will start mid-year, to create a cool and shady main street, improve pedestrian accessibility and calm traffic."

Cr Johnston said higher in the hinterland, design funding would be invested to start consultation and planning for some minor streetscape upgrades in Montville and Maleny to improve the day-to-day experience of people living, working and visiting the popular hinterland towns.

"Placemaking projects are an important part of enhancing those aspects our residents already love about their lively townships," he said. "Many lookouts, parks and playgrounds across Division 5 will also be upgraded with assets being replaced or installed, including signage, barbecues, shelters, playgrounds and shade sails.



Cr Winston Johnston: "More than \$970,000 has been allocated to complete the second phase of Woombye Streetscape work."

"This budget will deliver a wide variety of works across our division which I'm sure we will all look forward to as we continue towards our vision to be Australia's most sustainable region: healthy, smart, creative."

Council handed down its \$847 million budget on June 23.

► For further information on Sunshine Coast Council's 2022-23 Budget, including a full list of Division 5 projects, visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/budget.

Division 5 2022-23 Budget highlights:

- Woombye Streetscape Placemaking, Blackall Street Woombye* \$972,163
- Brandenburg Road Seal Widening, Mooloolah Valley** \$835,000
- Warriors Football Club Palmwoods* \$600,000
- Brandenburg Road Gravel Road upgrade, Bald Knob \$588,762
- Glenview Road Upgrade Stage 5, Glenview \$552,329
- 47 additional infrastructure projects totalling more than \$480,000
- Design and construction of Obi Lane South on Road Carparking, Maleny \$451,647
- Palmwoods Cricket/AFL LED lighting upgrade** \$450,000
- Mary Cairncross Track Renewal, Maleny \$400,000
- Palmwoods Recreation Reserve Car Park, Palmwoods \$400,000
- Mary Cairncross Ecological Park, Maleny \$300,000
- Mossy Bank Road Gravel Road Upgrade, Eudlo \$274,000
- Perrins Road Gravel Road Upgrade, Eudlo \$265,000
- Consultation, planning and design of Maple Street Streetscape, Maleny \$250,000
- Chevallum Road Widening, Chevallum \$250,000
- Mary Cairncross Butterfly Walk, Maleny \$230,000

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From left, Ethan Whitworth (in goalkeeper top), Jemma Kennedy, Reece Bridges, Grace Bower and Tjkarni Knox model the colourful NAIDOC Week jerseys.

NAIDOC Week 'festival of footy' heralds NYU Indigenous scholarship program

NAIDOC Week is July 3-10 and to celebrate Nambour Yandina United Football Club are hosting a festival of football at their Yandina fields on Saturday July 9.

The festivities are aimed at creating an all-inclusive environment while promoting the club's latest initiative, NYU's Indigenous Scholarship Program.

"It will be a huge festival of football," said senior men's player Korey Nix.

Senior teams will be wearing jerseys designed specifically for the occasion by local Indigenous artist Zoe Raymond (Yindjibarndi and Pini-kura), featuring their major sponsor REFOCUS, a local Indigenous not for profit organisation.

The jerseys will be available for auction, both online and in person at the event.

The day kicks off with our juniors starting at 10:30am, followed by our senior men's and

women's matches against Beegees.

NYUs player-lead Scholarship program aims to reach the wider community, by creating opportunities and pathways where there may not have been before.

All of the profits from the NAIDOC round will go towards the scholarship program and any future NAIDOC events.

"The more funds we raise the more we can help," said Zoe.

"So we invite everyone to bring the family down, enjoy some awesome football and learn more about our Indigenous culture."

► The 9 July event at the Yandina football fields will hold games from 10.30am featuring FQPL U23 Men and Women at 2pm, FQPL Premier Women at 4pm. A welcome to Country will be conducted prior to the main game: FQPL Premier Men at 6pm.

Tram accreditation track is clear and now it's full steam ahead

IT'S been a long journey for the Nambour Tram project, with some delays and detours, but the final destination is in sight after a major milestone was reached this month.

TramCo welcomed a certificate of accreditation from the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) which cleared the way to the project's new completion date mid next year.

Chairman Greg Rogerson was proud and relieved the locally designed and built tram had passed the crucial but onerous milestone.

"We understand our obligation and responsibility to make sure that this tram is absolutely fully compliant with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR)," he said. "And that it is truly fit-for-purpose and compliant. We have a great responsibility. Council have invested a couple of million dollars into the project and we have received well in excess of \$2 million from Rod and Jan Forrester and Roy and Nola Thompson. We have to make sure everything is perfect. And so it takes time."

The interactive tram is being designed by renowned Witta kinetic artist Russell Anderson in his typical vibrant and eye-catching style.

Described by Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien at last year's design launch as "a moving piece of street theatre" the much-anticipated battery and solar-powered tram was expected to be operational by the end of last year.

But Mr Rogerson said the team was now hoping to have the tram on the tracks mid 2023.

"We're all working towards June-July next year, now that we've satisfied this major compliance requirement. Getting that approval was huge."

"It's an extremely complex and rigorous process and it's taking longer than we anticipated, but we firmly believe the longer we go down this journey it will not only be a great attraction for Nambour, it will be the best tram of its kind in the world. We genuinely believe that."

Nambour Tramway Company director Rhonda Billett said the heritage-listed tramline was expected to provide Nambour with a rich, historical point of difference and help drive tourism and support the local economy.

"We've been through a very drawn-out pro-



The interactive tram is being designed by renowned Witta kinetic artist Russell Anderson.

cess but it's full steam ahead now that this behind-the-scenes groundwork has been completed," she said.

The battery-powered tram will run between Nambour Mill Village Shopping Centre to the southern end of Quota Park between Repco and Aldi, and along Mill and Howard Streets.

The project has faced criticism locally as a "tram to nowhere", with some saying the journey terminates only a relatively short distance away. The initial designs were criticised as boring and there has been mixed response on the current steam punk-inspired option.

Supporters, including Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien, predict it will be a key ingredient in sparking life into the Nambour CBD.

Engineers Kevin Covey and Stephen Braiden from Consulting Engineers Covey Associates have been collaborating with Mr Anderson on the meticulous build.

Revolutionary Power Source

Meanwhile, TNC Co has hinted that they are progressing with a revolutionary new power source for the Tram. They have indicated that, after completion of trials and data logging of the relevant technology, they will be able to confidently share it with the general public within a few weeks.

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Local resident Susan Stewart tries out Flaxton's new bench near RangeCare.

Lions bench provides welcome relief for walkers

WHEN some of the more frail members of the community reported that they would soon have to cease their morning walks in Flaxton because of the distance between rest stops, the local Lions Club stepped in to help.

Blackall Range Lions financed and installed a bench seat close to the footpath in the park next to RangeCare.

"The community reaction has been very positive, particularly as the seat is positioned under a poinciana tree," said Blackall Range Lions Club spokesperson Marcia Jensen.

"One jogger commented that she was pleased she'd have somewhere to sit and enjoy the blooms next spring, and others are finding it a pleasant location to simply sit and enjoy the trees." Blackall Range Lions are now considering the provision of similar facilities in future for the Range community.

Parkinson's Support Group, Nambour & District

NAMBOUR and District Parkinson's Support Group's next meeting is this coming Friday July 1 at 10am at Sanctuary Park Church of Christ, National Park Road, Nambour.

Please Phone Kevin on 0491 008 178 if you would like to attend.



Construction is expected to start in the next 12 months and take about two months to complete, weather permitting.

Parking & safety improved for Palmwoods pedestrians

A plan to improve parking and pedestrian safety in Palmwoods is taking shape with works starting in the coming months.

Locals were invited to have their say between April and May this year on a revised concept design for improvements on Margaret Street, Palmwoods.

Key features of the proposal included a car parking area in the centre of the road with wider than standard bays, a new pedestrian crossing near Rick's Garage, a raised speed platform and a U-turn facility.

The \$1m project is funded under the Australian Government's Road Safety Program with the Commonwealth Government contributing \$800,000 and the Queensland Government contributing \$200,000.

Construction is expected to start in the next 12 months and take about two months to complete, weather permitting.

In addition to this work, an assessment is underway for potential upgrades to the Jubilee Drive and Chevallum Road intersections.

For more information, visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/palmwoods-safety-treatments-concept-design

"Building better pedestrian facilities will contribute to greater compliance with the 40km/h speed limit, improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians, and provide 12 more car parking spaces and five motorbike spaces in the area," said Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton.

"Around two-thirds of people who participated in the recent consultation indicated their support for the revised proposal, with feedback being used to help finalise the design process.

"The community was initially invited to provide input on a proposal which identified a series of potential locations for pedestrian improvements in Palmwoods," he said.

"Through this consultation, we saw overwhelming support for an upgrade near Rick's Garage and concerns about the limited car parking prompted other solutions to be explored.

"I'd like to thank the almost 400 people who had their say and played a key part in the design process between December last year and January this year.

"I feel the outcome will be a real improvement for the community and look forward to seeing it come to fruition."

Glassies to celebrate our favourite businesses

THE Glass House Small Business Awards – the "Glassies" – are open for 2022.

Teaming up with the local Chambers of Commerce and Business Networks, Member for Glass House Andrew Powell MP has officially kicked off the campaign to recognise our region's best businesses and employees.

"Between now and Tuesday 4th July you can let your local businesses and employees know just how much they mean to you by nominating them for a small business award on my website," said Mr Powell.

There will be four regions to nominate and vote in – Montville, Maleny, Glasshouse Country and the Moreton Bay region which takes in the southern end of the electorate.

The business and employee in each region with the most votes will pick up a Bronze trophy. The Silver will be selected by the Chamber Presidents for true recognition by your peers. The Gold Glassy will be selected by Mr Powell and the Chambers.

The Gala Awards will be held on Tuesday 23 August at Hideaway Weddings in Beerwah where all nominated businesses and employees will be celebrated for their efforts in our region.

Funds boost for Nambour Community Centre

NAMBOUR Community Centre will receive a share of the State Government's record investment in neighbourhood and community centres.

Rob Skelton MP said funding would mean more services and supports would be available for people living in Nicklin.

"Thanks to this significant funding commitment, annual operational funding for Nambour Community Centre will increase by over \$100,000 per annum in 2022-23," he said.

"This will allow the centre to hire new staff, buy equipment and deliver additional services and support for people who need it most – including those experiencing domestic and family violence, social isolation and loneliness, homelessness, and financial stress.

"I'm sure this news will be welcomed by the hard-working staff and volunteers at our local centre, along with the wider community."

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What's On in the Hinterland

Local Sport, Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. Please check details with organisers. Submissions to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

Markets

- Every Saturday: **Yandina Country Market** from 6am to 12pm, North Street, Yandina.
- Every Saturday: **Kenilworth Country Markets** from 8am to 1:30pm at Kenilworth Town Park, Charles Street.
- Every Sunday: **Maleny Art, Craft and Collectables Markets** 8am to 2pm Maleny RSL.
- Second Saturday of the month: **Montville Growers and Makers Market**, 7am to 12 noon at the Village Hall. Enquires: Liz 0424 042 376 or Visit montvillevillageassociation.org.au
- Fourth Saturday of the month: **Mapleton Country Markets** at Mapleton Hall, 8am-12noon. Phone Paula 0419 726 603 or email countrymarket.mapleton@gmail.com.
- Third Saturday of the month: **Witta Growers Markets**, 7.30am-12noon, 50+ stalls, enquiries: wittamarket@gmail.com

Events

• Until July 9: "Ruminant", an **exhibition of clay vessels**, is showing at the Old Ambulance Station, 80 Howard St Nambour, until July 9.

• June 29: **Palmwoods Community & Business Association's meeting** at Palmwoods Bowls Club from 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Speakers Cr Winston Johnston and David Dangerfield (Compass Institute).

• July 1: **Jonas and Barry in the Home** starts on Friday July 1st at the Lind, 16 Mitchell Street in the heart of Nambour. There will only be six shows, including two matinees. Go to www.lindlane.com.au/whats-on or phone 1300 732 764.

• Friday and Saturday July 1 & 2: The Black Box Theatre at the Old Ambulance Station in Nambour hosts **Les Femmes de la Boite Noire**. Bookings through Try-booking (www.trybooking.com/BZKEU)

• Sunday July 3: **Barefoot Bowls Christmas in July** at Mapleton Bowls Club. Maple Weddings/Events along with Lisa Brereton are hosting a twilight bare-foot bowls on the green at Mapleton Bowls Club followed by a beautiful Xmas in July buffet dinner with Penfolds.

• July 3: **The Mane Event**, a horse-themed concert by the Inspiration Choir & Caloundra Community Choir 2pm Maleny Primary School Hall www.trybooking.com/BZRJP.

• July 3: Classic Aussie Films "The Back of Beyond" and "The Last Mail from Birdsville" will be shown by Maleny Lions 2.30pm Maleny Community Centre.

• July 8: **Nambour's Got Soul concert** featuring 'Emily Rose & The Wild Things' and Andrea Kirwin at Black Box Theatre.

• July 8-10: **Queensland Garden Expo** at Nambour Showgrounds.

• Saturday July 9: Wan'diny NAIDOC Week **Family Fun Day event**, at Quota Park. For info www.facebook.com/sunshinecoastnaidoc

• July 15 to August 20: Yandina artist Jeff Man-

ning is exhibiting a **large solo show** at the Old Ambo Gallery Nambour. Including stained glass and recent paintings the subjects vary from acrobats and magic acts to street vendors and roadside stalls.

• July 16 to 31: **Wildlife Exhibition** by Jim Cox at Mary Cairncross Gallery, Mountain View Road, Maleny from 10am to 2pm every day.

• July 16: **Medieval, Crusaders, Mercenaries and Artisans** meets at the Nambour PCYC every Saturday. For info email Michael Geppert at mcma.inc@yahoo.com.

• July 16: **Mass for Troubled Times** Oriana Choir, 2pm at St John's Cathedral Nambour.

• July 17: **Mass for Troubled Times** Oriana Choir, 2pm at Stella Maris Catholic Primary School, Maroochydore.

• July 17: **Rummager's Market Nambour**: vintage, pre-loved, hand-made, live DJ, sausage sizzle. 9am until 1pm, 28 Mill Street Nambour. Book your spot via direct message to Nambour Tram Co on Facebook.

• July 20: **Nambour Christian College Showcase Day** from 9.15am. Phone 5451 3333 or info@ncc.qld.edu.au for more information.

• Sunday July 31: **2022 Maleny Wedding Festival Trail** on Sunday from 10am to 3pm.

• Friday August 12: **Retro Rocks Nambour** Friday in the Forecourt from 5pm.

• Saturday August 13: **Retro Rocks Nambour** 9am-3pm; High School Hop from 6pm.

• August 18: **Nambour Christian College Principal's Tour** from 9.15am. Phone 5451 3333 or info@ncc.qld.edu.au for more information.

Sport

• Saturday July 2: Div 2B **Rugby League** Round 11 Palmwoods v Noosa at Tewantin Sports Complex. Kickoff 3pm.

• Saturday July 2: Division 1 **Rugby League** Round 11. Nambour Crushers at home to Caboolture. Kickoff 6pm.

• Saturday July 2: **Football FQPL 3** Sunshine Coast Men's Round 11, Nambour Yandina



Hinterland Blues Women take the field against Sandgate on Saturday.

United v Maroochydore Swans 6pm at Maroochydore. Woombye Snakes FC v Caloundra FC 6pm at Woombye.

• Saturday July 9: **Football FQPL 3** Sunshine Coast Men's Round 12, Nambour Yandina United v Beerwah Glasshouse Utd 6pm at Yandina. Woombye Snakes FC v Kawana FC 6pm at Woombye.

• Saturday July 9: Division 1 **Rugby League** Round 12. Nambour Crushers v Noosa at Noosa. Kick off: 6pm. Tewantin Sports Complex.

• Saturday July 9: **Div 2B Rugby League** Round 12 Palmwoods v Pomona Cooran at Beachmere Sports Grounds. Kickoff 1.30pm.

• Saturday, July 9: **Australian Football QFA** Div 2 North Seniors Round 13 Hinterland Blues v Yeronga at Yeronga. Kickoff 2pm.



Dennis Coleman returns to the stage at the Lind Theatre as Jonas, along with Rochelle Cameron as Rosie.

Lind Lane comedy explores retirement village mischief

NAMBOUR'S Lind Lane Theatre has assembled a highly experienced and talented cast for its next play, *Jonas and Barry in the Home*.

This heart-warming comedy by Canadian playwright Norm Foster tells the story of Barry Butterfield, who has moved reluctantly into a seniors community at the urging of his daughter, Rosie, who wants to keep an eye on him.

Barry is sinking into apathy until he meets a new resident, the outgoing Jonas, who very quickly determines to take Barry under his wing and see what mischief these two "lads" can get up to in a retirement village.

Director Joy Hinckley was delighted to coax Dennis Coleman back to the Lind after an absence of 10 years, to play Jonas. "I have many fond memories of performing at the Lind," says Dennis. "*The Opposite Sex, Treasure Island*, and

Farewell Brisbane Ladies are some of the plays that come to mind."

He is joined by a veteran of the Sunshine Coast theatre scene in Andrew Moon, who plays Barry. Andrew performed for many years on stage and TV in Sydney before moving north. He has performed as the Narrator in *Rocky Horror Show*, Lurch in *Addams Family - The Musical*, and also played Richard in David Williamson's *Cruise Control*.

Rounding out the cast for this three-hander is Rochelle Cameron, fresh from her role in Jill Shearer's *The Boat* at Buderim Hall.

▶ Jonas and Barry in the Home starts at Lind Lane Theatre on July 1st. There will be six shows, including three matinees. For bookings, go to www.lindlane.com.au/whats-on or phone 1300 732 764.

Meet the special guest author at Little Book Nook

THE Little Book Nook in Palmwoods has a special guest author for its next *Simply Read* event. *Simply Read* is held bimonthly in the courtyard outside the shop next to Home Grown Cafe.

This next gathering of book lovers is on Tuesday July 5 at 5.30pm and will feature Meg Gatland-Veness.

Meg's previous book, *I Had Such Friends*, was a great success in the Young Adult genre even though it is a great read for all adults and older teens.

Her new release *When Only One* is in the same genre and, according to the Little Book Nook owner Kay Nixon, it is a great read.

"It is intriguing from the start, it is suspenseful and yet also sensitively written as it deals with social issues. It is set in the eighties but sadly the issues still resonate today and Meg's insight as a High School teacher adds authenticity to the portrayal."

▶ Tickets include a complimentary drink and nibbles and are available by phone, email or Facebook message to the shop.



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Now Showing at Majestic Cinemas

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

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Locals help launch funky Compass Connections Café

LOCAL businesses and community groups have come together to help transform Nambour's Compass Connections Café into a funky food, coffee and art destination with the ultimate goal of elevating how disability is seen within the community.

Compass Head of Business and Growth Sandra Brodie said the Connections Café opened six years ago with the goal of providing real world vocational opportunities and training for people with disabilities.

This included food preparation, cooking, waiting on tables, point of sale and even barista skills. "Compass Connections Café has become one of our most successful and vibrant social enterprises," said Sandra.

"The community has really embraced us since day one and have become part of the fabric of the café.

"The best part is seeing the interactions between customers and our Trainees. The Trainees love engaging with people and take real pride in serving them. They know they have a genuine, valued role to play every day and that really shines through. They bring so much joy and presence into every encounter, and because of that our customers are always walking away with a smile and an experience of something that feels unique."

More than 50 Trainees have taken vocational training at the café since it opened in 2016. They all work closely in a supported environment alongside full-time staff to ensure customers have a memorable experience. The team serves breakfast and lunch, as well as sweet treats that are all made in-house, plus a full selection of coffees, teas and milkshakes from Monday to Friday.

"Whilst the café has been operating successfully for six years, we saw the potential to really take it to the next level," said Sandra.

"A big driver for that comes from our vision to raise the profile of people with disabilities and to shift perceptions of what they are capable of.

"The end result of our stage one refurbishment of the café is incredible. It's not only a café with a purpose, it's a showcase of the incredible talents across Compass and it's presented in a

way that's worthy of any trendy city in Australia.

"Customers are greeted with a stunning range of artwork on the wall and shelves, which have been produced by Compass trainees, and 80% of the furniture is either second-hand or re-purposed from across the Sunshine Coast community, so it's got that funky feel which makes you want to stay a little longer while you soak in the atmosphere," Sandra said.

Community pitches in

Compass CEO David Dangerfield said the Café's three-week major transformation would not have been possible without the support of the local business community.

"What we have created is something unique, a destination café with a purpose, that has become a hallmark of the Nambour community. And it would not have been possible without the assistance of our long-term partners at Cricks Sunshine Coast who have supported us since we first opened six years ago.

"The Sundale Foundation also provided grant funding in support of the beautiful mural out the front of the building, which was completed by local street artist Ross Holloway. The mural is now part of the Nambour Street Art Trail and ensures our café is a destination for locals and visitors alike.

"Danni Morrison of Design By Danni worked closely with us on our previous Nambour transformation project, Wabi Sabi, and has been instrumental to the new design of the space in helping to bring our vision to life, alongside local builder Matt Hynes of Hynes Built, who spent countless hours completing the renovations of the space and did an incredible job.

"We've also ramped up our offer with off-site catering while a number of local businesses people and community groups use the café for meetings. Everyone gets a kick out of it because they know they are supporting a really unique social enterprise - and the good news is that this is just the beginning! We are now gearing up to take the café to another exciting level so I encourage people to watch this space," David said.

► To find out more about Compass, visit their website at www.compassinc.org.au



Some of the Compass team with former Division 5 Councillor Jenny McKay at the Cafe Launch.



Clockwise from above: Inside the Cafe; CEO David Dangerfield at the launch; Compass's Sandra Brodie & MC Kim McCosker; the ribbon cutting — Pics Lauren Biggs Photography.



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Nambour mourns passing of respected real estate identity

WELL-RESPECTED and loved local real estate agent Terry Hinds sadly passed away at age 81 on June 14 at his family home in Nambour after an ongoing battle with prostate cancer.

The tributes and outpouring of love for Terry are a testament to the impact he had on so many during his life.

"I think dad would be absolutely touched by the people who have reached out to our family, and who have travelled from all around the country to pay their respects," said his daughter Toni.

One of four children, Terry was born in Collinsville in 1940. From early on, his great love of sport was evident. He was introduced to rugby at Townsville Grammar School, where he attended as a boarder. His passion for football only grew and in 1964 he played hooker in the premiership winning Townsville Brothers Rugby League team.

Terry entered the workforce in the Collinsville mines as a cadet surveyor and pay clerk. This work then led to a job at the local abattoir as an assistant accountant.

It was at this time that Terry met his beloved wife Ursula. Terry and Ursula moved to Brisbane in 1971 where Terry worked with Trans Australia Airlines for ten years. In 1974 they moved to Nambour and bought the Nambour Toy and Sports Store.

Terry Hinds will be sadly missed. "He was a person who said it like it was, and always spoke with a bit of cheek."

Over the years Terry and Ursula became proud and loving parents to their daughter Toni and son Ian. "Dad loved the outdoors and we have so many wonderful memories of him taking us camping, fishing and crabbing," Toni said. "He was a man who said it like it was, but he also had an incredible sense of fun and always spoke with a bit of cheek."

Through his Toy and Sports business, Terry was able to make ongoing contributions to the sports he loved so much. "Dad spent decades volunteering for sporting clubs and organisations in all kinds of ways," said Toni.

Amongst other things, Terry coached the Nambour PCYC youth team and sold raffle tickets at the Royal George Hotel to raise money for a shaded stand for parents at local cricket games.



Alex Lloyd in 'Live and Amazing' at Eumundi

SINGER songwriter Alex Lloyd will return to the stage on Friday 22 July in The Brewery at The Imperial Hotel Eumundi, performing with his *Live & Amazing* Australian tour.

The multi-platform ARIA award-winning musician will bring all his hits to the stage for one incredible night of music singing and nostalgia. Alex will be supported on the night by singer songwriter Declan Kelly. Tickets are \$40 (+ booking fee) through Oztix.

He held positions with the Nambour Golf Club, the Sunshine Coast Rugby League Judiciary and the Sunshine Coast Sportsmen Association.

Mr Hinds is remembered as a savvy and energetic businessman who first went into real estate in 1980 after helping to establish LJ Hooker in Nambour. He then worked for First National Real Estate before starting his own agency in 2001. From that point, Terry operated Terry Hinds Real Estate out of his Nambour home. In an industry that is tough, competitive and often erratic in nature, Terry was overwhelmingly regarded as a steadfast man of the highest integrity and principles.

"Since my dad passed, I have been a little overwhelmed by stories of his compassion and kindness," Toni said. "There were so many times when he gave people a chance when they were unable to rent a property because they had been property owners and had no rental history. Sometimes they were women escaping violent situations. My dad always gave people a go and more times than I can mention, these same people went on to become our best tenants."

"But that was just my dad. He was always helping people. His kindness and devotion to his family are just a part of the reason we loved him so much."

Terry continued to work with Toni in the family business, helping with the management and book work in the years before his passing.

Mr Hinds was remembered as a loving husband to Ursula, wonderful father to Toni and Ian and devoted poppy to Tiahna and Levi.

Sundale calls for Grants applicants

NAMBOUR community groups are encouraged to apply for the 2022 Sundale Community Foundation grants round.

SCF was established in 2015 to extend the charitable influence of Sundale through financial grants for worthy organisations. \$1 million was gifted by Sundale Ltd to kick-start the Community Foundation.

Groups can apply until 31 July 2022 via the website. SCF is also putting the call out to local businesses or individuals wishing to make a donation. Community partners are invited to be part of our grants selection process, and know that their tax deductible monies will go to a Nambour organisation or charity in need.

We have seen this year how the 2021 grants have benefited local organisations, with some wonderful support provided with grants ranging from \$1000-\$10,000.

► Visit the Sundale Community Foundation website www.sundalecommunityfoundation.org.au for further information.

Changes to public transport fares

CHANGES to public transport fares will be rolled out across the hinterland this year following a review of bus fares and zones.

On Monday, July 4 a new fare and zone structure will be introduced across the urban bus network in preparation for the implementation of 'Smart Ticketing'.

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said the introduction of consistent fares and concentric zone structures across regional bus networks would provide customers with an equitable public transport experience regardless of where they travelled.

"All regional urban bus services across Queensland currently have different fare tables and zone structures which can be confusing for customers," Mr Skelton said.

"The introduction of a consistent fare table and concentric zone structure across all areas - similar to what is in place in South East Queensland (SEQ) - will help remove the confusion that exists with customers and improve their understanding of the cost of their journey before they travel."

Thank you Palmwoods!

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SOUPS

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Crowds brave rain and mud for Nambour Rodeo thrills

FANS weathered rain and mud at the Nambour Showgrounds last month (May 20) to witness the Ray White Nambour Rodeo.

With non-stop rain throughout the day and night doubts were high that the event could proceed. But, despite fielding queries all day from nervous ticket-holders organisers decided to go ahead and the result was a cheque handover of more than \$38,000 to Reimagine Nambour on Wednesday night (June 22).

"I don't think we could have picked a worse night," laughed a relieved Matt O'Grady last week. "On the Friday of the event our phones didn't stop ringing with ticket-holders wondering if it was still on.

"Even so, we only had one person ring up wanting their money back (before the event), despite all that rain, which was absolutely fantastic.

"We had over 1700 people go through the gates on the night. So it just goes to show that if you can put events on in Nambour, people will come. People want to be here. We have the facilities to put these events on. So we need to make sure we can do more of these sorts of things to support the town.

"I've had so many people come up and say what a fantastic rodeo it was. Everything from car parking, to getting people through the gates, to the bar. It was absolutely amazing.

"An event like this does cost over \$40,000 to put together so the sponsorship dollars are really appreciated.

"They take the pressure off us to get the event organised and it minimises the financial risk and allows us to push forward."

Mr O'Grady thanked his property manager Abbey Foster for her hard work organising the event.

He also thanked major sponsors Butler McDermott Lawyers, MacKellar Group, Cricks & Ram Nambour, Snap Fitness Nambour, Done &



Big bucks: Reimagine Nambour Chairman Peter Boyce, left, accepts a cheque for \$38,320.82 from Ray White Nambour Director Matt O'Grady and Property Manager Abbey Foster.



Dusted Demolition and Ray White Northern Corridor Group.

"Without the support from these local businesses, we wouldn't be able to do what we do and donate this money to Reimagine Nambour," he said.

Reimagine Nambour Chairman Peter Boyce

said organisers should be proud of their "amazing" efforts in staging such a successful Rodeo, especially under the conditions.

"Without your drive and your team's drive the Rodeo wouldn't have been such a success and we're very proud of the fact that you have Nambour at heart."



The Blues beat Sandgate 92-75 after taking the lead in the final quarter.



Hinterland Blues outclass Hawkes in final quarter

HINTERLAND Blues Seniors Men had a great win at their Palmwoods home ground on Saturday against Sandgate Hawkes.

They won 14.8.92 to 11.9.75 in what was a tight match until the Blues came home strong with a string of goals in the final quarter.

It was an extra special win for the boys as the Club was hosting a big day of home games for its Premiership Reunion round, so there were plenty of familiar and friendly faces in the crowd to witness the victory.

Although the Colts were unlucky, the Blues' Reserves and Women also had wins against Sandgate heading into the bye. See more images from the match at www.sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

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Paul Murray & Wendy Versluis: "The LiFT programs follow the science on maintaining and increasing strength, without the dangers of high impact."

LiFT Strength & Conditioning offers a new way to train

BUSINESS WRITEUP: **LiFT Strength & Conditioning**

LiFT is a small group strength training community that specialises in resistance training.

With two studios already at Maroochydore and Noosa, LiFT Nambour owners Wendy Versluis and Paul Murray were excited to bring the concept to Nambour at an opening on Saturday (June 25). "With a maximum of 16 participants per session, our coaches ensure you get a private and personalised experience every time," said Paul. "No cardio. No impact. Just strength."

"We love Nambour and could not wait to bring LiFT here. We can see that Nambour already has a thriving fitness community and we know that LiFT will fit in really well. Everyone from Nambour has been so positive and encouraging."

LiFT focusses wholly on strength training and the small sessions are all coached keeping it private and personal.

"In just 45 minutes, members complete a full body workout. Sessions are scientifically designed to increase muscle mass and burn body fat, with amazing results," she said.

"There has been a real shift in people's thinking about exercise. More and more people are now recognising the importance of having an active lifestyle and are turning to weight training.

"The LiFT programs have broad appeal as they follow the science on maintaining and increasing strength, without the dangers of high impact."

With over 30 small group strength training sessions available per week as well as mat pilates, there is plenty to choose from.

LiFT is designed for all levels of fitness and offers trial periods to come and give it a go. Ring Wendy on 0436 121 798 for more info or call in to the studio for a chat.



Member for Nicklin, Rob Skelton presents Justice of the Peace Geoff Brown with his 50-year service badge.

JP honoured for 50 years of service

MEMBER for Nicklin, Rob Skelton presented Justice of the Peace Geoff Brown with his 50-year service badge and Certificate from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General on June 15.

Geoff was appointed a JP on May 27, 1972, while working in the Magistrates Court in Nambour. He issued many summons, warrants and recognizances over the years and had at times sat on the bench as a JP to constitute the Court. Not to mention he has witnessed many documents.

Since his retirement in 2006 he has worked in the State Government Justice of the Peace in the Community program at the Nambour Library, at the Nambour Court House and now at the Palmwoods Hall.

Mr Skelton also presented a 40-year JP service award to David Usher who has assisted Geoff at Palmwoods since opening this service some two years ago.

Geoff co-ordinates this service to the Palmwoods Community and advised he could make further days available if Palmwoods and surrounds JPs could offer their time for a few hours each week.

Any local JP interested please ring Geoff on 0421 525 422.

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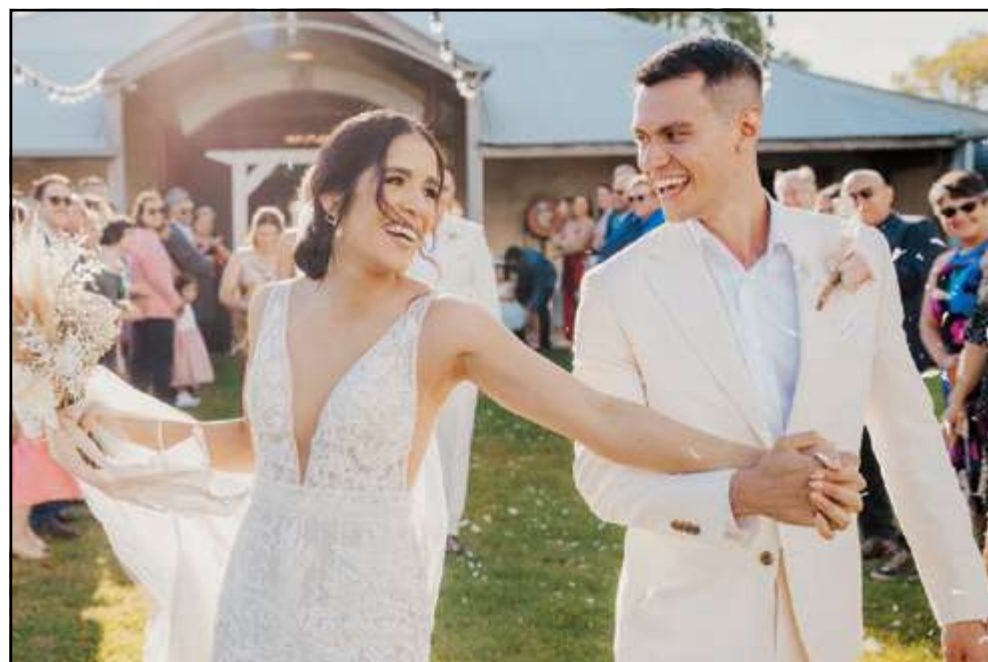
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Clive and his wife Lorelle were on Norfolk Island for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party when they heard the good news.

Eudlo resident mentioned in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2022

EUDLO'S Clive Plater has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal [OAM] in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours for Services to Community History.

Clive has been involved with the Nambour & District Historical Museum since its incorporation 29 years ago and is in his 16th year as president. Born and bred in Nambour, he is a proud fourth generation local whose great-grandfather, G L Bury was the first Chairman of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill.

Having two great-grandfathers, two grandfathers, father and three uncles involved with the local sugar industry it is no wonder Clive has a great interest in preserving our local history. He authored a book *Locomotives of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill* in 2013 which was launched by Governor Penelope Wensley AC to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the mill's closure.

One of Clive's uncles was killed in World War II. The family's military history goes back to the 1850s Crimean War in which one of his great-great-grandfathers died. Hence a prominent military section has been established at the Nambour Museum to honour our local heroes.

Clive and his father, Edgar Plater, started collecting historical items being discarded by the Moreton Sugar Mill back in the 1970s long before the establishment of a local museum and the family retains a substantial private collection that at times supplements special displays at the Nambour Museum.

Clive also served as an Honorary Warden with the archeology branch of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs from 1979 to 1988 and five years as a member of the Sunshine Coast Council's Heritage Reference Group.

As luck would have it Clive and wife Lorelle were on Norfolk Island for their annual visit when the Queen's Birthday Honours were announced. Clive said it was rather special to be on Norfolk Island for the Queen's Birthday public holiday where the Queen is held in such high regard and *God save the Queen* is still the national anthem.



23 years young: The Uptown team, from left, Jessie Kirwan, Rhonda Billett, Salon manager Peta Linsen (who has been by Rhonda's side for 18 years) and Ebony Kozlovic.

From perms to balayage

Uptown's 23 years growing business, building community

BUSINESS WRITEUP: **Uptown Hair Studio**

RHONDA Billett admits to having some business naivety when she started Uptown Hair Studio in Nambour 23 years ago.

"When I started, I was fresh out of training and had no idea how to run a business and now it has been an incredible 23 years, it's hard to believe," Rhonda said.

But the opportunity she jumped at as a 21-year-old Stefan graduate has served her well. And the challenges overcome have seen the business go from strength to strength. From perms to balayage, Rhonda's seen it all since those early days in 1999. But it's community support that keeps the business going strong.

"We're beyond grateful for all the support we have received over the years," she said. "The pandemic made things challenging for a lot of businesses, including ours. But with all that has gone on over the last couple years we feel like we survived. We're so pleased to have made it through and we're going to be continuing bigger and better with what we've always done and with our online business."

Uptown launched HairdressersOnline.com.au last year to sell hair and beauty products, and it evolved into a virtual hair consultation service.

In the salon, Rhonda said her team valued the special personal connection hairdressers enjoyed with clients.

"People's lives are so busy and I consider a trip to the hairdresser as a moment of 'forced relaxation,'" she said.

"It is such a powerful thing and it was only emphasised during the lockdowns. Most of our returning customers have become family over the years."

Day to day, Uptown staff place great emphasis on hairdressing that suits their clients' lifestyles.

"We use the best colours and solutions available," said Rhonda. "We attend training frequently to keep up to date with the latest skills



Rhonda's first day on the job in 1999.

and methods.

"And beyond that we're always aware that without our customers and this community we wouldn't have made it so far.

"We have an extremely loyal base of regular clients who are our Uptown Family and new people to Nambour and surrounds are finding us all the time."

Rhonda started hairdressing in Nambour in 1995 and launched Uptown Hair Studio in 1999 taking over from Rosemarie Vivian who operated Rosemarie's His & Hers salon.

► Uptown Hair Studio is at 1/147 Currie Street Nambour. Phone 5441 2420.

Woombye Community Library AGM

WOOMBYE Community Library AGM will be held on Tuesday July 19 at 12 noon in the School of Arts Hall.

Nominations for Executive positions are available at the Library. Nominations close 14 days prior to the meeting.

For further information contact the library on 07 5442 2250.

— **Chris Milloy Library Convenor**

Local internet provider offers freedom from broadband rage

BUSINESS WRITEUP: **Freedom Broadband**

"INTERNET provider rage" has for many people become an aggravating and inconvenient fact of life online.

"People are often locked into lengthy contracts with their provider and can't change. This is incredibly frustrating", said Freedom Broadband Manager, Peter Pilt. "As the name suggests, Freedom Broadband is all about giving you the freedom to change provider at any time".

Freedom Broadband is a Maroochydore based business with nine stores between Beenleigh and Rockhampton.

"We employ 20 staff, so we are small but hungry," Peter said.

"And we have 'stores with a door'. Service is paramount for us. We are providing the type of personalised service and support that the big telcos have abandoned.

"I am constantly shocked at how difficult corporate Australia has made it to do business. Most companies bury their phone number on their website, and when you do finally manage to locate a support number, you are kept waiting, only to eventually be transferred to a call centre. It is not good enough."

Unlike most large internet providers, Freedom Broadband does not provide email addresses or have lock in contracts.

"Big telcos are able to lock your modem so you can't move.

"I've seen people stuck on three year contracts with no way of getting out of them," Peter explained. "We use TP link modems so you can be with us for a month, or ten years. The choice is all yours."

Peter personally delivers modems to his customers and is able to assist in the connection of phones, smart TVs, Alexa and iPads.

"This is particularly useful for my elderly customers or those who are not especially tech savvy," Peter said.

"We are usually able to solve problems for our customers fast."

Freedom Broadband also has a philanthropic commitment to support DV Safe Phone, a local organisation that recycles unwanted phones and distributes them to people who are in domestic violence situations.

"It is fairly typical that domestic violence perpetrators confiscate their victims' phones," said Peter. "This leaves them completely isolated and vulnerable. DV Safe Phones recycles donated phones by clearing them and putting in a new SIM card.

"This can be hidden by the victim and used in cases of emergency. It is a practical way to assist people in dangerous situations.

"Five dollars a month from every Freedom Broadband account is donated to this fantastic initiative".

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Freedom Broadband Manager, Peter Pilt.

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 **\$93 million** to maintain, renew and replace Council's many parks, gardens and sporting facilities.

 **\$60 million** for libraries, galleries, community facilities and community services.

 **\$52 million** for our environment programs and services, including beaches and foreshores management and maintenance, bushland conservation and clean energy.

 **\$39 million** for initiatives to support the resilience of our local economy and opportunities for local businesses, including major events and holiday parks.

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Alex rises to life's challenges, grows floristry business

ONE of the challenges faced by some people with a disability is that it is not always visible. This was the case for Nambour's Alex Jarvis.

But after more than a decade of dealing with the daily challenges associated with her neurodiversal condition, Alex recently graduated with a Cert III in Floristry. She is also currently studying a business course through NEIS (New Enterprise Incentive Scheme).

"I have previously experienced a great deal of difficulty in finding a job because my disability is not visible," Alex said. "This has proven to be a really frustrating experience for me.

"I try not to allow my condition to get the better of me in my day to day activities," she said. "Now that I have finished my Floristry Certificate I am excited to fulfill my ambitions in life because I have gained the knowledge to start my own small home based business.

"Alex has worked really hard to get to this point and it is wonderful to see her take the next step and create meaningful work for herself," said Alex's NDIS Support Worker, Sandra Gorry.

"It is a significant step towards independence for her. She is very sensibly taking baby steps and is making beautiful small bouquets to order for her customers. Not everyone wants, or can afford to spend hundreds of dollars on lovely, fresh floral arrangements. This is the market Alex is hoping to tap into".

As well as fresh bouquets, Alex is also experimenting with dried flowers and is creating arrangements that may potentially find a market in existing retail businesses.

"As I find my way and develop my skills, I



Alex Jarvis's business is blooming: "Now that I have finished my Floristry Certificate I am excited to fulfill my ambitions in life."

would love to be able to create a safe working environment and have a shopfront that provides an opportunity for employment for people with similar neurodiversity conditions," Alex said.

For the month of July, Alex is running a special offer: buy any dried arrangement and receive a free macrame pot hanger. You can find out more about Alex's Little Bouquets by visiting her website www.alexslittlebouquets.com.au or following her on Facebook @alexslittlebouquets

Have you tried the Nambour burger?

BUSINESS WRITEUP: Salt & Battered

SUNSHINE Coast's popular Salt 'n Battered has expanded into Nambour and their "Nambour Burger" has been firmly cemented as a favourite with local diners.

The burger features a patty, onions, bacon, egg, cheese and sauce explained Manager Kody Jorgensen. "It is so good and I suspect it has become a bit of a hangover remedy because it is especially popular on Saturday and Sunday mornings when there are a few sore heads coming through the front door."

Salt 'n Battered has locations at Mudjimba, Bli Bli, Alexandra Headland, and now Nambour.

They offer freshly cooked seafood and burgers, and house-made gourmet gelato.

"Our meals are generous, made to order and extremely tasty", Kody said. "The burgers are Australian-style burgers with delicious patties and beetroot. And people really love our house made gelato. It is the perfect way to finish off a meal."

Salt 'n Battered are also well known for employing and supporting young people.

"For some of our staff, we have been their first job", said Kody.

"It can be extremely difficult for young people to secure a first job because they have no skills or experience.

"We put our staff through a Certificate III in Hospitality which gives them a foot in the door



Nambour employee Bek Wheeler.

to further education and employment.

"If they are still in school, the Certificate III can count towards their QCE score, so it is a real win-win for them. Plus we have a fantastic, friendly working environment. We have a lot of fun working together."

► Salt 'n Battered is at 131 Currie St, Nambour. You can check out their menu on the Facebook page @sabnambour or order on 5476 4067.

Old Ambo Exhibition

NAMBOUR'S Old Ambo Art Gallery is hosting an exhibition of paintings, sculptures and stained glass works by Yandina artist Jeff Manning.

The often large and colourful works depict acrobats and magic acts alongside street vendors, markets and roadside attractions. These works were created during Jeff's working life as an entertainer in circus, theatre, puppetry, music and cabaret across the last 40 years. Some have been reworked, some have

never been shown and some were too unwieldy and difficult to exhibit. These works culminate in the 7 metre long triptych Clown Funeral, a work that can be read on several levels. The future of travelling carnivals, the Circus, the long, traditional art of clowning and culture itself are all referenced. Six stained glass pieces created in conjunction with Golden Wattle Glass Works are also featured in the show. The exhibition runs from July 15th until August 20th.



One of the stained glass works.

Chi Hub opens doors to holistic wellness

BUSINESS WRITEUP: **Chi Hub Nambour**

LOCALS will be familiar with the lovely Queenslander at 54-56 Blackall Terrace in Nambour, which has undergone a radical face lift in the past year.

For decades it was home to a medical practice and in mid-2021 it was extensively renovated by tenant Teagan Banyan, Director and Co-Founder of The Chi Hub, to accommodate a healing centre for natural and alternative modalities.

"I am so fortunate to have found this building, which turns 111 this year," Teagan said.

"The owners of the building have been incredible to work with on this renovation. They are such wonderful people and I think they have been as excited as I am to see new life breathed into this beautiful old girl."

During the renovation process, original Australian timber floorboards were unearthed and included sections of Red Jarrah.

"The flooring guy told me that in over 30 years, he had never seen anything like it", Teagan said. "They give the building such incredible warmth. Everyone who walks in the front door is impacted by the feeling of the place".

The Chi Hub Nambour is an expansion of the Chi Hub Noosa which opened in 2019 as 'High on Chi' and re-branded to The Chi Hub Noosa when the Nambour hub opened last August.

"I had been looking for an appropriate space to expand and then this building came up. It was incredibly synchronous," Teagan said.

The Chi Hub has five treatment rooms and an event space which hosts unique & conscious events.

"I lived in Mooloolaba from the age of two until I was 17," Teagan said. "I have always felt that Nambour was the centre of the Sunshine Coast, and in recent years, real shifts have taken place. Nambour has an amazing vibe and the Chi Hub has been incredibly well received. In fact, when we were finishing up the renovations and fit out, the local community pitched in to help us get ready for opening. I was blown away by their kindness and generosity."

Community seasonal events

Teagan is planning a free Spring Community Seasonal Event for September at the Chi Hub Nambour. This follows the inaugural Autumn



Teagan Banyan: "Nambour has an amazing vibe and the Chi Hub has been incredibly well received".

event back in March and a Winter event in June.

"It was such a great way to open up the centre to new people", Teagan said.

"Some of our practitioners offered mini-healing workshops and I made soup and cakes. After the workshops we ate, enjoyed tea and connected with each other. It was exactly what I had envisioned to bring the community together and experience healing offerings they may not have heard of before."

Teagan is now inviting independent health and wellness practitioners and therapists to consider the Chi Hub for their practice or to hold events.

► To find out more, contact Teagan on 0410 244 722 or email hello@thechihub.com.au. To keep up to date with what's happening, go to the website www.thechihub.com.au and join the newsletter mailing list.

Speed limit reduced to 40km/h through Montville

THE speed limit on a section of Montville-Mapleton Road has been permanently reduced through the Montville township.

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said a one kilometre section of road through the business district had been reduced from 50 to 40km/h.

"Transport and Main Roads undertook a speed limit review following the Sunshine Coast Council's installation of several raised zebra pedestrian crossings on this section

of Main Street during the last few years," Mr Skelton said.

"The new 40 km/h speed limit will be more in line with the lower prevailing travel speeds."

As this section of Main Street includes the existing 40 km/h school zone outside Montville State School, the current 'School Zone' signs will be replaced with updated flashing 'School - Check your speed' signs.

Drag performance coming to the Range

UP on the Blackall Range in what might seem like another space and time, drag performance is coming to The Rangebow Festival!

The festival themes underscore the Drag Workshops and *Pageant of Pineapple Queens and Bunya Kings*.

In the hands of Ashley Swift, one of Australia's leading drag performance artists, 30 drag enthusiasts (of any gender) can register for the opportunity for empowerment through performance art.

This event encourages older people and people with a disability to participate.

A once in a lifetime opportunity might lead to a new career!

Drag Run-a-way Workshop participants will attend two half-day drag workshops (Wednesday and Thursday mornings) as the prelude to inspirational contestants' alter egos strutting their stuff on the catwalk in front of an audience of passionate fans at the Thursday night pageant.

Ashley and his team will provide wig, makeup and materials for costume design and creation with tips on how to walk, talk, lip-sync and perform.

There will also be a history lesson in drag: from how and when drag began, right through to its modern day interpretation. This is education with bling. Note to self: Bring your own shoes but leave your inhibitions at home.

The Pageant on Thursday 11 August at The Maleny Community Centre features Ian 'Dicko' Dickinson as its host, and Sellma Soul, a talented transgender performer from *The Voice Australia*, who together will lead the panel of judges that includes Libby Harward - co-founder of Munnimbah-dja Culture Space and Gallery in Maleny - a proud Quandamooka woman.

For more information and to become a contestant, buy tickets at www.therangebowfestival.org/events/drag-run-a-way-workshops.

To attend the Pageant and see the crowning of The Rangebow Glambassador, buy tickets at www.therangebowfestival.org/events/the-pageant-of-pineapple-queens-and-bunya-kings

The Rangebow Festival, dramatically celebrating creative personal empowerment in The Range communities through diversity, inclusiveness, sustainability and reconciliation. - by **Lou Tasker**



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The 3-bedroom home offers the perfect opportunity for first home buyers to start family life or for downsizers to lock up and 'hit the road'.

Light-filled home in enviable location

AGENT'S CHOICE: 4 Oriole Close, Maleny

THIS home is located in a very quiet and attractive cul-de-sac, in a long-established area of Maleny.

The 3-bedroom home offers the perfect opportunity for first home buyers to start family life or for downsizers to simply lock up and 'hit the road'.

The light-filled kitchen, dining and lounge area is ready for the home cook to entertain and gather with family and friends.

Offering a practical floorplan, this home boasts loads of storage and a dedicated work-

shop area under the house and accessed internally.

Thoughtfully planted with Australian natives, the garden attracts beautiful birdlife; Rosella's, Willy Wagtail's and Honeyeater's abound.

"With the bonus of a sunroom looking out to trees and wildlife, it creates the perfect artist or writer's studio," said selling agent Rodney Millett. "Such a well-loved home creates a perfect opportunity for buyers and investors alike."

"A private inspection is a must to appreciate everything on offer."

► Contact selling agent Rodney Millett on 0477 702 073 to arrange an inspection.

A very 'Queensland' home, and quite magical: agent



Presentation inside and out is impeccable. "It is a thoroughly welcoming home that has great heart and soul, and exudes warmth".

AGENT'S CHOICE: 7 Aspland Street, Nambour

THIS highset home is fully renovated throughout, with the upper level and the lower level tastefully and seamlessly blended, according to selling agent Tristan Brown.

Across both levels the home has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a modern kitchen, open plan living and dining, study nook, cosy east facing front deck, upper deck at rear, expansive timber decking at ground level and an outdoor kitchen.

"A fantastic space to entertain and relax," said Tristan.

Timber flooring, pitched ceilings, VJ walls, and casement windows on the upper level infuse the home with the character of its era. Other features include bamboo flooring on lower level, security screens, split system air-conditioning, ceiling fans, rainwater tank, and solar power.

"As gorgeous as the house is, the gardens are divine," said Tristan. "On an 860m2 block with leafy established gardens, a huge back yard, and even a pocket of rainforest at the



very rear - this has a sanctuary-like ambience that is very Queensland and quite magical. All the hard work has been done in terms of landscaping and propagating - the maintenance is minimal, mainly pruning when needed.

"Presentation inside and out is impeccable, and it is a thoroughly welcoming home that has great heart and soul, which exudes the warmth that makes homes of this vintage so timelessly adored."

"We are so excited to present 7 Aspland Street to market, and just know all who pass its threshold will fall in love."

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Offsets & redraws and how they help

by Matt Wall BOQ Nambour & Hinterland Owner-Manager



AN offset account and redraw facility could help you to pay down your home loan more quickly and reduce your interest costs. When choosing between the two, it's vital to consider your own individual circumstances as they both offer slightly different approaches to mortgage repayments.

What is an Offset Account?

An offset account is a stand-alone savings account that is linked to your home loan, with the same lender.

You can make regular or one-off deposits to your offset account and withdraw from it as needed. In this sense, it operates like a normal transactional savings account.

It even comes with a debit card, enabling you to withdraw cash from an ATM, the same as your savings account.

The primary difference between a traditional account and an offset account is that the money in an offset account does not earn its own interest. Instead, it offsets the balance in that account, against your mortgage balance.

In other words, at the end of each day the

account balance is subtracted from your home loan balance before interest is calculated. This reduces the amount of interest you pay on your mortgage because the interest charged on your home loan is calculated on your loan balance minus the funds held in your offset account.

What is a Redraw Facility?

A redraw facility is not a separate account from your home loan. Instead, it is a feature of a variable rate mortgage that enables you to make additional repayments into your home loan, above the minimum payment amount. This reduces the balance owing on your home loan, which means you will pay less interest and can pay your loan off more quickly.

A redraw facility also enables you to withdraw from those additional repayments at any time, should you need to. However, you must have been making additional repayments beforehand. If you do make a withdrawal, the balance of your home loan will also increase by the amount withdrawn and your interest costs will go up too.

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4 Oriole Close, Maleny

Located in a very quiet and attractive cul-de-sac, in a long-established area of Maleny, this 3-bedroom home offers the perfect opportunity for first home buyers to start family life or for downsizers to simply lock up and 'hit the road'. The light-filled kitchen, dining and lounge area is ready for the home cook to entertain and gather with family and friends. Offering a practical floorplan, this home boasts loads of storage and a dedicated workshop

area under the house and accessed internally. Thoughtfully planted with Australian natives, the garden attracts beautiful birdlife; Rosella's, Willy Wagtail's and Honeyeater's abound. With the bonus of a sunroom looking out to trees and wildlife, it creates the perfect artist or writer's studio. Such a well-loved home creates a perfect opportunity for buyers and investors alike. A private inspection is a must to appreciate everything on offer.

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6 Callistemon Court, Maleny

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Located in a leafy and quiet cul-de-sac, within walking distance to the vibrant main street of Maleny is this four-bedroom, two-bathroom home. Offering the growing family or downsizers a low maintenance property, this home is perfectly positioned in a long-established area of Maleny. Close by is every amenity a family could need; public transport connections, primary and high schools, cafes', restaurants, the hospital and medical centres. Walking paths are also on your doorstep and offer enviable connection to the town and all its events. A fantastic park is also just a minutes' walk away for the rowdier members of the family.

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Local property tide turns to a buyers' market amid interest rates pressures

RISING interest rates and an influx of property on to the market has resulted in a rebalancing of local home prices in the hinterland, according to a Nambour real estate agent.



"In the last two to three weeks we have seen the move from what has been a seller's market, for the last 18 months, to more of a buyers' market," said RE/MAX Nambour Director Tristan Brown, pictured.

"Essentially there is more property coming to the market for buyers to choose from. On Realestate.com, for instance, there has been an influx of new listings and that simply gives buyers a greater opportunity to shop around and find the right home for them at the right price.

"As a seller, this means you have a little bit more competition out there. So if your home is not showing value, chances are the buyer will take their money and walk until they find something else. In saying that there are still good prices to be had."

The Reserve Bank of Australia's move to raise rates earlier than expected has had a sobering effect on the property market across Australia as buyers are limited by the amount they can borrow. Earlier this year, ANZ had predicted that house prices would rise by 8 per cent on average in capital cities across Australia, but it later slashed the forecast to house values dropping by 3 per cent in 2022 on the back of unexpected rate rises for the rest of the year.

The major bank has also forecast that house prices will plunge by a further 8 per cent next year, an even bigger drop than its earlier forecast for 2023.

Elevation, outlook & a dress circle location

AGENT'S CHOICE: 53 Lachlan Avenue, Nambour

THIS pristine family home in a coveted dress circle location on a low maintenance 787m² block, showcases glorious north-easterly views from its elevated position high in the hills of Nambour Heights, surrounded by premium homes, within walking distance to local parks/playgrounds, schools, and shops.

Across one level, the home comprises four bedrooms, three bathrooms, open plan lounge, living & dining, functional kitchen, covered patio at the front with spectacular views over the green hills of Nambour, private alfresco entertaining at the rear, internal laundry (3rd bathroom), double lock up garage with work-

shop space and drive through access to the rear yard - perfect for a boat, caravan or trailer.

Meticulously cared for from the day it was built by original owner; the home features solid, rendered block construction, high ceilings, security system, tiled throughout (except main bedroom), ceiling fans, colourbond roof, solar power with 5kw inverter, 5,000L water tank plus irrigation system for the established gardens.

Well designed to facilitate the needs of the modern family, it is also low maintenance with no immediate money needing to be spent. The rock retaining walls enhance privacy and the elevated north-easterly aspect ensures light-filled interiors with circulating breezes.

Located in the hills of Nambour this is one of the town's best addresses; and amenities such as the local Nambour Heights Shopping Village, bus stop, bowls club, local parks/playgrounds, tennis courts, and Burnside Primary and High school are within walking distance.

Owners have absolutely loved their time here and speak highly of their great neighbourhood; their plans are taking them down a different path, giving someone else the opportunity to purchase this truly delightful home to cherish as they have.

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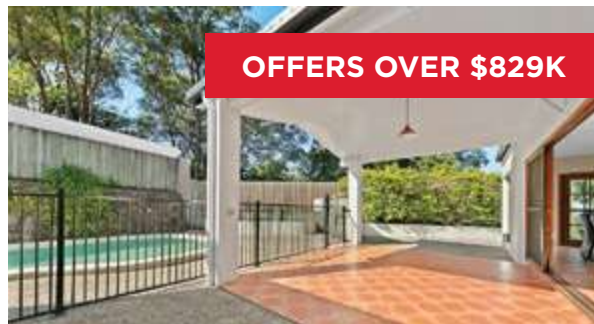
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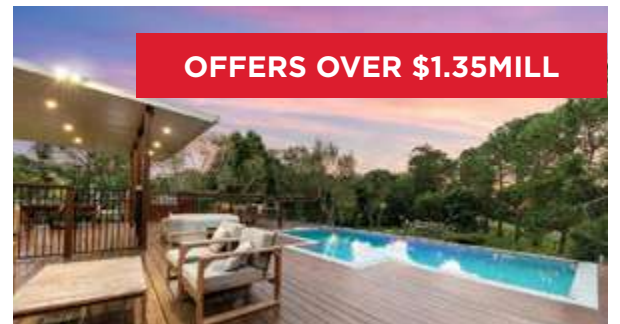
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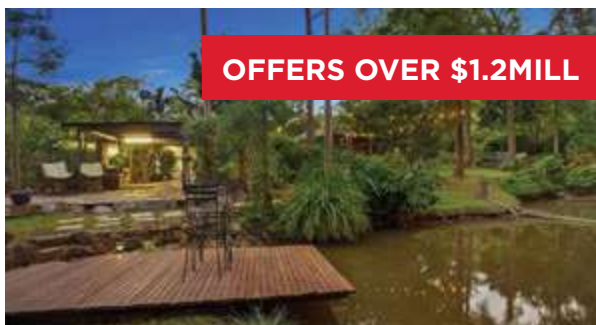
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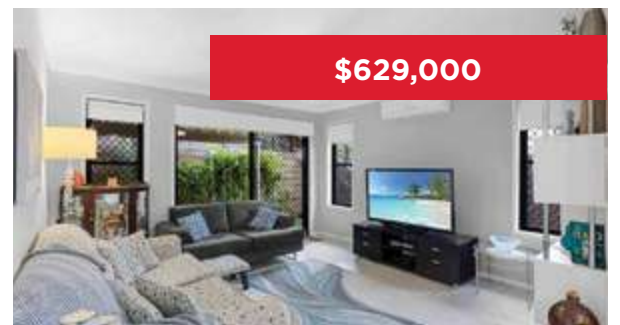
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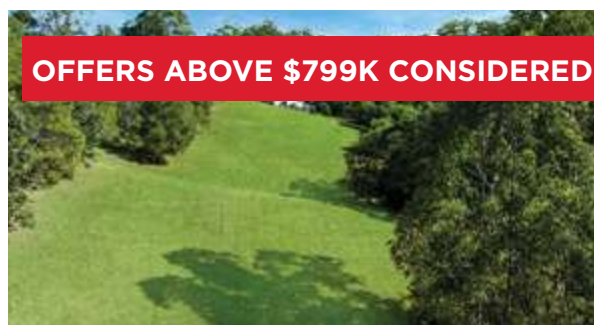
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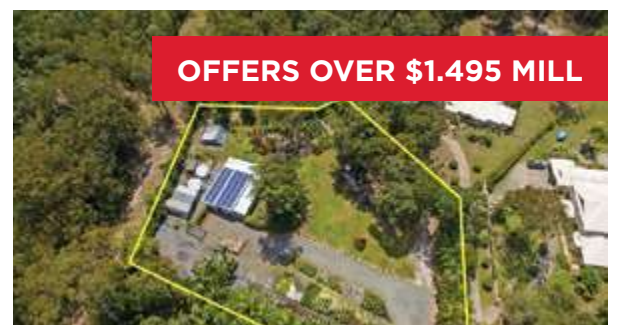
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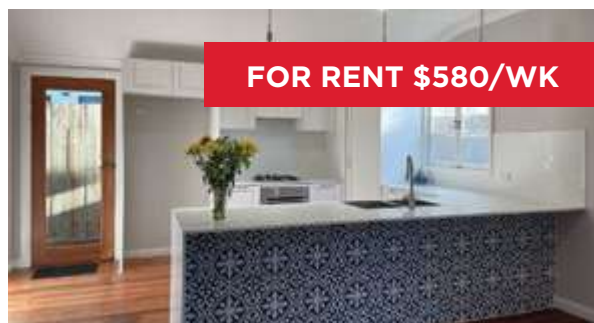
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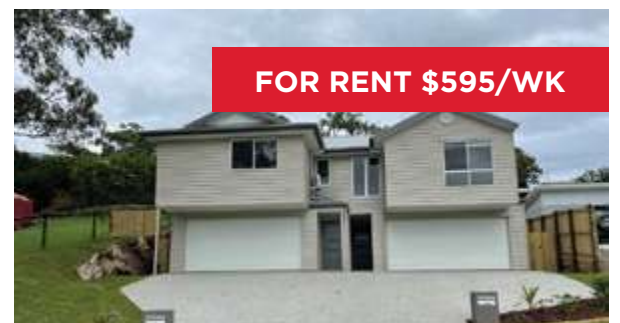
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AFTER the World Environment Day Festival planting on Petrie Creek earlier this month Petrie Creek Bushcare's next Action Bee included rewatering the plants and checking and removing weeds.



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

- Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 02 July starting at 8am (Meet near the Rugby Ovals at the creek end of Laidlaw Rd Woombye. Look for a sign indicating where).

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

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

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

Six Nambour rugby union players selected for South Queensland side

SIX Nambour Rugby Union players have been selected in the South Queensland Open Women's team to compete in the Queensland Country Championships in July at Toowoomba.

Allie Salter, Bridget Carter, Casey Dobson, Eva Johnston, Georgia Flood and Megan Prinsloo won selection based on their performances for the Sunshine Coast Stingrays at the recent South Queensland Rugby Championships held locally.

Meanwhile a club spokesperson said fellow Stingray and Nambour player Bek Murtagh was unlucky to miss selection but has certainly started her rep journey.

Nambour young gun Cooper MacMinn was also selected in the U19 South Queensland side.

The South Queensland team is selected from the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Darling Downs competitions. The seven players will be competing in the Queensland Country Championships in Toowoomba from July 1-3.

Nambour's Hannah Flynn and Kate Dobson (U15 Girls) and Zac Zeremes and Sam Leggo (Under 12 Boys) also represented Sunshine Coast at the recent South Queensland Championships.

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No Hits, all misses in 2022 State Budget

THE 2022 Queensland State Budget is a budget of broken promises and missed opportunities.

Despite a windfall of more than \$9 billion in extra revenue, the Palaszczuk Labor Government have broken their pre-election promise and brought in three new taxes.

Taxes that will eventually flow through to the cost of groceries and the price of electricity. Every local will end up paying more because of this broken promise – at a time Queenslanders face a "full blown cost of living crisis".

Over the past seven years, the Palaszczuk Labor Government has destroyed the health system, the road network and the economy in Queensland.

This budget offers no immediate solutions to these and the many other problems our region faces.

We are told the construction of three new hospitals promised in the budget will take another seven years. That's not going to address the constant ambulance ramping occurring right now at Caboolture or Sunshine Coast University Hospitals. That means one out of every two locals will still spend too long sitting in an ambulance instead of being treated in a hospital bed.

There is no new money in this budget to fix our roads, including our most dangerous roads like Mount Mee Road and the D'Aguilar Highway and it's many perilous intersections.

When it comes to housing, there's nothing new in this year's budget – not another cent towards a new home to house a Queensland in need. At a time where families are living in tents, cars and couch surfing, this is unfathomable and inhumane.

I do, genuinely, welcome the additional funding for mental health services. My family, like so many local families, has been touched by mental illness. I know, first-hand, how desperately this investment is needed. I'm just disappointed and dismayed that it has had to be funded through a new tax.

But, sadly, that's where the good news ends. Queenslanders deserve so much better than this. This is a budget of broken promises from a government you can no longer trust.

— Andrew Powell, Glass House MP

Men aren't always the problem

In reply to Lorraine Roberts (Letters, SVG, June 15) your suggestion has a degree of merit. One thing I would like to see is an end to the assumption that men are always the problem, or perpetrators, and women and children are always the victims, or survivors, in the domestic violence equation.

We must remember and acknowledge that these rolls are often reversed and there are other domestic situations in which domestic violence occurs. It is not only a crime presenting in heterosexual relationships.

Men and people of diverse sexualities and or genders often don't report due to the same reasons women have often not reported; fear of not being believed, fear of no action being taken and/or fear of retribution.

Some women are experts in the fields of coercive control, psychological abuse and emotional abuse which can be far more insidious and damaging than physical abuse.

When we put out the call to stop the violence, we should put out the call to stop all violence.

— Tony Sullivan, Nambour.

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Nature Watch



The Lesser Wanderer

The Lesser Wanderer butterfly is not as common in this area as it once was. They fly fairly close to the ground which would make them less obvious. Their food sources are plants with a milky sap such as Milk Weed and Wild Cotton. — Don McGlusky, Diddillibah



Residents celebrate the NAIDOC Flag Raising last year.

Plenty to celebrate during NAIDOC Week

FROM flag raising to family fun days and art exhibitions, the hinterland is set to host a range of events to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2022 (July 3-10), and everyone is invited to join in the fun.

This year's NAIDOC Week theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! which calls on our community to rally for change and continue to support and secure institutional, structural, collaborative and cooperative reforms.

Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said NAIDOC Week was an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate First Nations culture, heritage and history.

"Council is committed to growing a strong community including long-term and meaningful engagement with Traditional Custodians and First Nations communities as part of the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041 and our Corporate Plan 2021-2025."

NAIDOC Week celebrations will kick-off with

a NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony to be held at Nambour Forecourt, outside of the Eddie De Vere building (Council Chambers in Nambour) on the corner of Currie and Bury streets, Nambour on Monday, July 4 at 9am.

Sunshine Coast Council Libraries will also host a range of activities and provide resources across NAIDOC from Sunday, July 3 to Sunday, July 10.

Wan'diny NAIDOC Family Fun Day

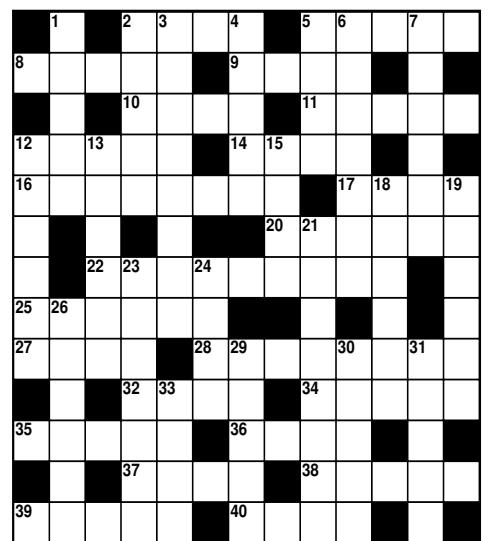
Attend workshops, try activities and enjoy live performances and more at the Wan'diny NAIDOC Family Fun Day from 10am on Saturday, July 9 at the Quota Memorial Park, Mathew Street, Nambour.

• For more information about NAIDOC Week on the Sunshine Coast, visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/First-Nations-Partnerships/First-Nations-events/NAIDOC

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Nambour features strongly in Budget

David Law
Division 10 Councillor
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Strong business and community support is at the forefront of Division 10 thanks to the Sunshine Coast Council's 2022–23 Budget with the Nambour Administration Precinct and Namba Place Revitalisation projects at Nambour encouraging economic and social uplift in the hinterland town.

Nambour features extensively this year with \$300,000 allocated towards Nambour's Namba Place Revitalisation Project, which will see streetscape improvement projects on Currie Street, Howard Street and Mill Street.

The Nambour Administration Precinct project will receive \$750,000 for the feasibility, planning, designing and delivery of projects within the existing precinct to further connect council with the community.

I'm pleased to see a number of pathways planned in Yandina and Nambour, connecting the hinterland community and improving our active transport connectivity. Road safety improvement will see the Pringle Road intersection at Panorama Drive in Nambour upgraded to clearly define the main throughfare.

Other Nambour projects include:

- Nambour Showgrounds - Moss Day Pavilion, Nambour
- Quota Memorial Park - 3 Tier Play Structure Replacement, Nambour
- Design and construct pedestrian bridge, Petrie Creek Parklands, Nambour
- Nambour Showgrounds Equestrian Arena Upgrade, Nambour

School Holidays

These winter school holidays enjoy the free 'Drop in Build' sessions at your local library and construct cool and colourful designs with Magnetic tiles, Crystal Climbers and Lego bricks. First-time brick builders to long-time creators can take part in the child-led program, facilitated by library team members. This activity is free and suitable for children six to 12 years. From Tuesday, June 28, to Friday July 8, 9.30 -11.30am at various Sunshine Coast Libraries.

Queensland Govt's 'Fail Revolution'

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The Queensland State Government's so called 'rail revolution' was exposed recently as a 'fail revolution' with the revelation of a \$1.835 billion underspend on the Sunshine Coast.

State Labor's commitments for 'new rail projects' within the Queensland Budget represented nothing less than daylight robbery.

The Sunshine Coast is focused on three rail projects in particular and Labor is short-changing us on every single one.

- The former Federal Government budgeted \$390 million on a 50:50 split towards Stage 1 of the Beerburrum to Nambour rail upgrade. The State committed only \$160 million.

- The former Federal Government budgeted \$5 million on a 50:50 split to redesign Stage 2 of the Beerburrum to Nambour rail upgrade to allow for full duplication to Nambour. The State committed only \$1.25 million.

- \$1.6 billion on a 50:50 split towards a new \$3.2 billion heavy passenger rail line between Beerwah and Maroochydore to be built ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The State committed \$0.

I will continue fighting to secure the funding required to deliver better rail for the Sunshine Coast.

Power prices

Power bills are skyrocketing, and people are hurting. I recently visited the owner of Mapleton IGA, Kelly Anderson, who has been slugged with an additional \$160,000 on his annual electricity bill. This is unaffordable.

A global energy crisis has hit our shores and it is up to the government of the day to manage the domestic fall out.

The Coalition was managing the situation until the May election. It's not easy, but we were able to get power bills down by 8 percent for small businesses over the last two year alone.

It is now up to Labor to manage the energy system. Labor went to the election promising to cut power bills even further. The Australian people expect nothing less than delivery on this promise.

Budget highlights for Division 5

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I'm pleased to have delivered a range of items for the Division 5 community including upgrades to the Warriors Football Club at Palmwoods, beautifying Woombye, maintaining the green heart at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve and upgrades to Maroochy Botanic Gardens in Council's \$847 million 2022–23 Budget.

One of my top priorities is to keep our small communities, residents and farmers connected to our country roads. This budget will deliver upgrades, reseals, lane widening, rehabilitations and bridge improvements to several roads including Brandenburg Road in Mooloolah Valley, Stage 5 works for Glenview Road in Glenview, portions of Perrins Road and Mossy Bank Roads in Eudlo and various roads in Maleny, Chevallum, Wootha and Woombye.

A number of last year's road reseal and rehabilitation projects will be carried out over the next two financial years as a result of the rain events in February and March, and again in May. Detailed inspections have been carried out to assess the extent of the road repairs which have now been approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. Some of the roads and land slips require a very detailed design so please be patient while we undertake these works.

There will also be a number of other upgrades taking place in the hinterland including track renewals at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve which covers 55 hectares of tranquil rainforest with diverse flora and wildlife. The Ecological Park Master Plan will move forward and the Butterfly Walk will also undergo some renewal work and installation of interpretive signage to help visitors discover new and dramatic scenery.

Staying in the hinterland, design funding will also be invested to start consultation and planning for some minor streetscape upgrades in Montville and Maleny to improve the day-to-day experience of people living, working and visiting the popular hinterland towns.

Many lookouts, parks and playgrounds across our division will also be upgraded including signage, barbecues, shelters, playgrounds and shade sails. For a full list of Division 5 projects, visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/budget.

Great round at Maleny Charity Golf

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When the ladies at the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary held a Charity Golf Day recently to raise funds for the Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Unit, I knew I had to sign up. I also knew I had to get on a team with the Club President, Club Secretary and Club "Burglar" if I wanted to win!

I'm pleased to report that winners are grinners and it was a brilliant day on the greens for an even better cause. Huge thanks to the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary team.

Better Visibility at Witta

Sometimes it's the small things that just make a difference. Witta local Ray and I have been pestering TMR to trim back the overhanging vegetation at the intersection of Witta Road and Maleny-Kenilworth Road. Finally, we've had some success. And the intersection is much safer. If you have any issues like this, no matter how big or small, please let me know at Glass.House@parliament.qld.gov.au

State Budget Update

Last week, the Palaszczuk Labor Government handed down their 2022 State Budget. I combed through it searching for good news for the Glass House electorate and found it sorely lacking. There are three new taxes, no initiatives to tackle the skyrocketing cost of living, no plans to tackle ambulance ramping and no funding to build more housing. Locally, not a cent of new funding has been allocated towards the many roads that need repairing and upgrading. Queenslanders deserve so much better.

Free Trivia Tickets!

On Saturday 23 July the Mooloolah State School P&C will be hosting an epic trivia night – adults only – themed 'Rockstars for the Rainforest'. If you're keen for a kid free night full of laughs and snacks that little fingers won't steal, I have six tickets to give away. Keep an eye on my Facebook page in the coming weeks as I will be running a competition for the tickets. Be sure to get in quick – they were very popular last year!

Nicklin receives record funding

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The Queensland State Budget was handed down last month by Treasurer Cameron Dick.

I'm thankful we have received record level funding across the Nicklin electorate including \$11.7 Million to go towards school infrastructure, delivering new halls at Noosa District State High, Burnside State High, and Yandina State School. We're also spending \$1.7 Million to refurbish classrooms at Noosa District State High, Nambour State College, Woombye State School and Burnside State School.

Community Centre Funding

Earlier this year the Community Support and Services committee, of which I'm a member, recommended the Government increase the base level of funding to neighbourhood and community centres. The government has listened and increased base funding from \$124,000 to \$230,000 per annum, resulting in an extra \$106,000 per year!

This additional funding allows centres to hire new staff, buy equipment and deliver additional services and support for people who need it most – including those experiencing domestic and family violence, social isolation and loneliness, homelessness, and financial stress. For vulnerable people in our community, this support can be life changing.

Health Funding

We're putting the health of Queenslanders first and foremost with our record investment in health of \$23.6 Billion. Delivering three new hospitals, a new Queensland Cancer Centre, 11 hospital expansion projects across Queensland, 2,200 new beds, new doctors, and nurses, we're supporting our frontline heroes to get their jobs done.

This includes \$1.64 billion over five years to improve mental health and wellbeing and combat substance abuse, representing the single largest investment in Mental Health in our State's history

It will focus on rehabilitation care, additional community care units, adolescent day programs and Step-Up Step-Down services to help people transition out of our hospital system or avoid it in the first instance altogether.

Walking on eggshells

from **Donna Brennan** Wildlife Volunteers
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NOT all calls to WILVOS Hotline 5441 6200 are about cute furry, feathery, scaly or spiny animals. Sometimes the call may just be about eggs, but they are no less important.

Recently two nests of plover (masked lapwing) eggs came from a very busy sports ground. They were in danger of being trampled. Eggs aren't removed unless all options are investigated.

The little plover chicks that have hatched in the humidicrib are patiently waiting for the last chick in their batch to appear. I'm sure their squeaking encourages any other little ones in the egg. Before the first one hatched, it was quite noisy inside the egg. It was the squeaking that alerted me to the impending event!

It was also interesting to get a call about a nest of seven emu eggs, in west from the coast. The eggs must be moved due to clearing and it is not advisable to fence off this area around the eggs. It is always important to check the reasons for removal of eggs in case there is another solution. The male hasn't begun sitting on the eggs yet. Because there are no incubation facilities on site, WILVOS were called upon.

My only experience with emus has been in having a female lay her eggs and being very excited when the male sat on them. It was a long almost two months for the very cute chicks to arrive. These chicks were removed from underneath the male and successfully hand-reared, as the female was intent on killing them!

Technology is amazing with calls coming from all over Australia. It was just last weekend that the Hotline had a call from a lady who had hit a mob of emus and had injured one. With a quick google search, a Rockhampton wildlife group agreed to solve the problem.

There is never a dull moment for our WILVO Hotline volunteers.

Bus changes are welcomed, goodbye Qconnect

by **Jeffrey Addison**

Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



MONDAY 11 July will see a few improvements to a couple of our local bus routes here on the Coast, and the changes are warmly welcomed.

It's been a while (three years). If you use bus 611, 612 or 615 you'll see changes.

Bus 611 will now extend into Kawana Forest estate at Meridan Plains.

Bus 612 will now extend into Bli Bli to reach Parklakes 2 Estate.

A bus route 615 tweak will change the 2.23pm weekday service departure from Australia Zoo to depart at 12.53pm.

Translink are also making the temporary stop relocation to the entrance of the zoo, permanent.

Translink are extending bus 611 (currently Maroochydore to Sunshine Coast University Hospital) into Kawana Forest estate in Meridan Plains.

The service will run half-hourly on weekdays and hourly on weekends.

It will stop at two new bus stops on: Woodlands Boulevard, near the Forest Park Drive roundabout and Woodlands Boulevard at Pacific Lutheran College (drop off only).

They're extending route 612 (currently Nambour to Maroochydore) further into Bli Bli to service the Parklakes 2 estate.

This service runs hourly, seven days a week between Nambour and Maroochydore, and will stop at nine new bus stops located at Parklakes Drive, Bli Bli, Parklakes Drive near Bottlebrush Avenue, Parklakes Drive near Clarence Avenue, Parklakes Drive near Camp Flat Road, Parklakes Drive near Agnes Place and the Good Samaritan Catholic College.

Future moves

On the Bus agenda for the future is an extension of services into Palmview later this year. Routes 614 and 619 in Maroochydore will also be realigned later this year to provide access into the new City Hall and Council Chambers development in the Maroochydore CBD.

Qconnect and Queensland regional service changes

Monday 4 July will also see big changes to regional transport services in Queensland.

The Bowen, Fraser Coast, Innisfail, Sunshine Coast hinterland, Warwick and the Whit-sundays' regions will join the TransLink App Journey Planner network. This is a good thing but it's still baby steps for integration.

There will be new fare zones and prices for these regional areas – but paper tickets are still the go in the regions – with no timeframe for Go Card availability yet – according to my TransLink 13 12 30 source.

For the Sunshine Coast Hinterland there will be 5 zones with prices starting at \$2.40 for a single (zone 1) ticket, \$4.80 for a daily (zone 1) ticket and \$19.20 for a Ten-trip (zone 1) ticket.

Concession fares will be half-price.

The Sunshine Coast Hinterland region includes travel from Nambour (Zone 1) up to Mapleton, Flaxton (Zone 2), then south to Montville (Zone 3) and onto Maleny and Mount Mellum (Zone 4) and reaching Landsborough railway station (Zone 5).

- ▶ You can contact Translink direct on 13 12 30, 24/7 for public transport information in the regions.

Next fortnight: We talk Queensland "Fudget".

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