

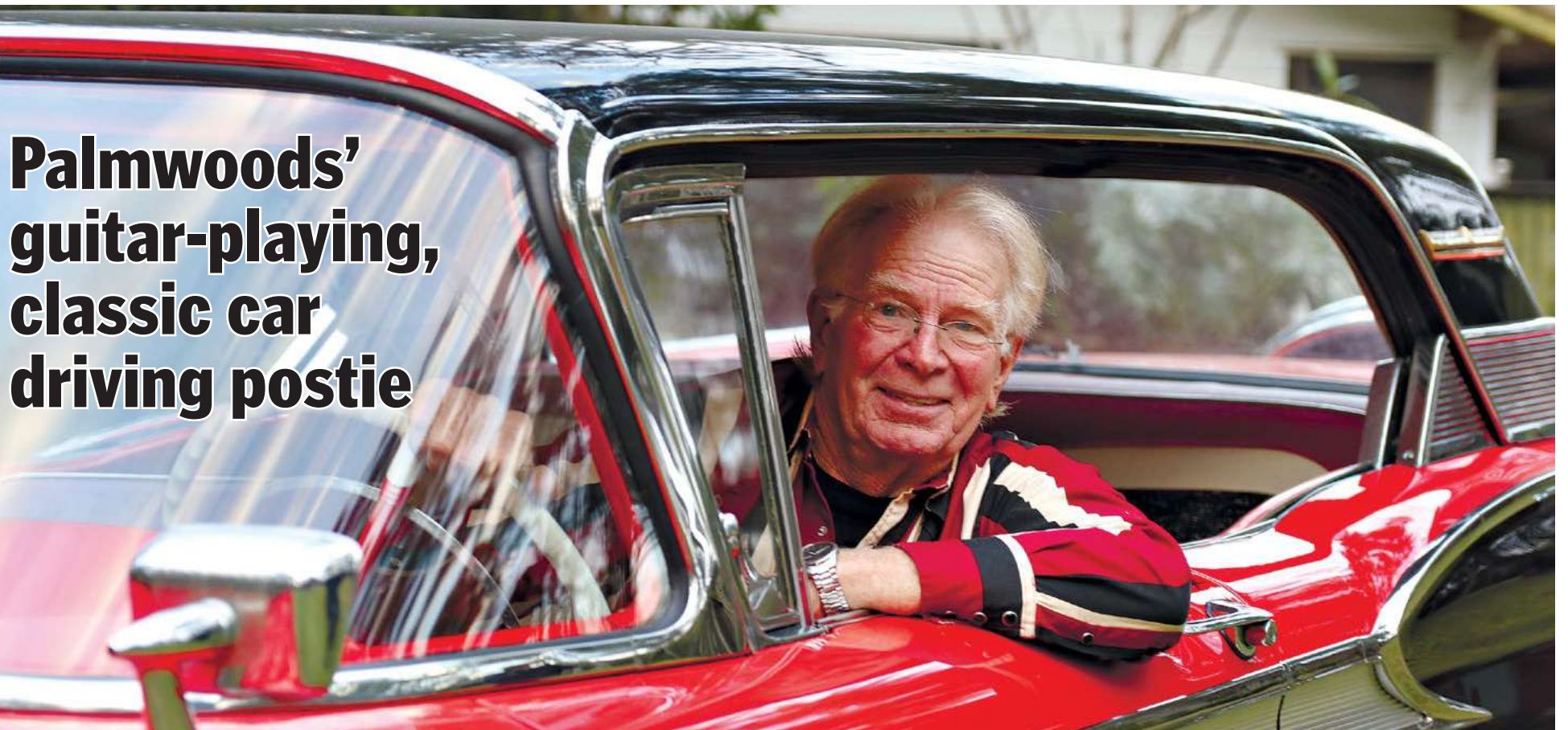
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## Palmwoods' guitar-playing, classic car driving postie

A lifetime of music and classic cars ... Jimmy the Postie, originally from Arkansas USA, is a popular figure around Palmwoods. Jimmy is as well known as his striking car ... Read all about them on Page 19.

# Qld Rail comes clean

### Brand new trains' mouldy air-conditioners the reason for Woombye's sleepless nights:

AIR-CONDITIONING units on Queensland Rail's brand new multi-billion dollar "New Generation" Rollingstock trains have to run day and night for days at a time to deal with mouldy air-conditioning units, Queensland Rail admitted last week.

Constant noise from the units has caused sleepless nights for puzzled residents near the QR stabling yard at Woombye, where the trains are stored. They were assured years ago that there would be only a negligible increase over existing noise experienced by the Woombye community if the stabling facility went ahead.

News that Queensland Rail had

been running the noisy units full bore for the past three months came as no surprise to weary Woombye resident Mike Melzer, one of a number of residents growing tired of his queries being side-tracked.

"QR have lied to us for three months about the trains being in 'stabling mode,'" said Mr Melzer. "They will tell us anything in a condescending attempt to placate us."

"After constant requests QR have admitted the residents are right. We can hear air conditioners running constantly. Yet for the three months we have asked they have told us that we were imagining it."

Responding to a question from *The Gazette*, Queensland Rail CEO Nick Easy said QR had been made aware of reports of mould and odour affecting some of the New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) fleet.

"Where mould has been detected on a train, that train has been taken out of service and the mould completely removed. Any train suspected of having an issue with mould or odour will not enter service until thoroughly inspected and confirmed as safe to do so."

"To address these known concerns, Bombardier - which manufactured and maintains the trains -

has temporarily modified the NGR air-conditioner settings to operate at all times to provide continuous regulated air-flow.

"We appreciate the inconvenience this may be causing nearby residents at this time as we work with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Bombardier to address this issue."

Services had to be cancelled in March after staff reported feeling ill and mould and odour was discovered.

But the project has been plagued with problems from the start. An inquiry in 2018 by retired District

Court Judge Michael Forde said the multi-billion-dollar contract to build the trains was flawed with all 75 new trains not complying with disability access laws.

The \$4.4 billion project was manufactured in India by a consortium led by the company, Bombardier

After completion the new trains failed disability access tests, including having space for wheelchairs to move into the aisle.

Rectification work to treat the mould and odour problems on the trains was to cost \$335.7m.

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## Restrictions are lifting but the devil is always in the detail

**Editor's Letter.** Cameron Outridge  
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MONTHS down the track, it is to be hoped that the worst health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are behind us.

With the announcement that restrictions in Queensland are being lifted further, it is important to keep in mind that the devil will always be in the detail.

Business owners in some sectors are still faced with new responsibilities and onerous limitations that make it unrealistic and unviable for them to fully reopen, even with the recent relaxations. Let's hope that these finer details will be cleared for them sooner rather than later, as long as it is safe to do so.

This fortnight, we had the very great pleasure as always, of meeting business owners and members of the community who inspire us with their creativity, adaptability, generosity and resilience in the face of the most trying conditions. Let's get behind these people and support them in any way we can.

### Print closures

LAST week came news of the closure of more than 100 of News Corp Australia's print newspapers including the Sunshine Coast Daily and its weeklies. They are to cease printing and move to digital as coronavirus has impacted the advertising spending that keeps them afloat. As a former journo at the Sunshine Coast Daily and The Gympie Times my heart goes out to people who have lost their jobs. My thoughts are with my former colleagues and the mastheads they serve.

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# Minister invited to discuss solutions

WOOMBYE Community and Business Association has invited Transport Minister Mark Bailey and Nicklin MP Marty Hunt to discuss a bipartisan solution to light and noise mitigation at Woombye Stabling yard.

Woombye resident James Kasmer said the Minister had not accepted the request for a meeting by Tuesday but he hoped he would agree to come.

Mr Kasmer has been advocating for Queensland Rail to improve mitigation measures dealing with light and air-conditioning noise coming from the Woombye Rail Stabling Facility.

He said the community wanted to work with QR "amicably and reasonably" to find some common ground but was disappointed QR had dodged questions regarding the source and reason for the constant noise.

"True community engagement starts with Queensland Rail being upfront with people who have taken the time to write to them with fair concerns and questions."

Mr Kasmer said it was disappointing to discover mould on NGR Trains was at least a three months old issue in light of multiple queries sent to QR.

"It's very disheartening, with the issue actu-



One of the New Generation Rollingstock trains ... some of which are out of action and sitting idle at Woombye stabling facility with air conditioners running constantly to prevent mould.

ally being recorded as far back as the beginning of March," he said.

"Nine News Queensland television on March 5 this year reported '92 services, some of them on city lines, were delayed or cancelled due to mouldy or smelly trains'.

"Why has Queensland Rail not divulged this critical information to myself and other residents who have made contact in writing until now?"

"Why could they have not issued a statement before this time stating the real reason behind the air-conditioners being consistently run on NGR Trains in Woombye during periods of non-operation is to dry out the trains?"

"If they need to dry out, why must they sit here in Woombye so close to residential areas when they need to be elsewhere in a work-

shop?"

Fellow resident Mike Meltzer, who is kept awake at night and woken in the morning by light and noise from the stabling facility, said Bombardier should consider shutting down the air conditioners and leaving the doors open.

"Fresh air is the enemy of mould," he said. "Circulating air through filters will prolong the problem."

"I would like Queensland Rail, Transport and Main Roads and Bombardier to earnestly seek a workable solution to the noise and light issues generated by an industrial complex operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week beside a residential area."

"Common sense says it should not be here. But it is. We want TMR to devise a long term plan to manage it until it can be relocated."

## Mould excuse on the nose, says advocate

From Jeff Addison  
Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate

I WAS a member of the original Queensland Rail Woombye Community Reference Group (WCRG) set up in June 2015 'to provide an advisory role to Queensland Rail on community issues, concerns and values.'

I thought that the WCRG sessions were professionally run and Queensland Rail (QR) were doing everything possible to ameliorate community concerns.

Whilst it started out with the best of intentions, in the end the outcomes failed to meet the standards expected by the Woombye Community.

We were told that there would be a "0 to 2 decibel increase over existing noise currently experienced by the Woombye community".

We were told "Cumulative noise from the stabling yard and the North Coast line is not predicted to give rise to new or more pronounced exceedances of the Rail Noise Planning Levels."

Are the Rail Noise Planning Levels set too high?

How much does the modelling differ from the long-suffering residents' reality?

I would like to find out why the modelling, studies and reports resulted in an outcome of abject 'sight and sound' failure.

In October 2015, we were told that the air conditioning units of the Next Generation

Rollingstock (NGR) trains would only be left on during cleaning and maintenance so as to ensure the Workplace Health and Safety of the cleaners.

Queensland Rail's chosen option for the NGR 'mould and odour' issue is to allow the air-conditioning units to run 24/7.

That is not a long-term solution, and these carriages have a 32 year maintenance life.

Can you imagine if your home air-conditioning supplier's response to a 'mould and odour' issue was to tell you run your home air-conditioning unit 24/7?

I'd ask for the issue to be fixed.

Herein lies the dilemma.

The mixture of responsibilities for the NGR trains is this: they are owned by TMR; operated by QR; and maintained by the Qtectic Consortium (of whom Bombardier is a member).

All this contributes to a painfully slow, if not stalled, resolution process.

It's not rocket science to work out that you either have to reduce the noise insitu, or introduce additional site measures to muffle it.

If you cannot fix the trains (and I think they should), then build baffle walls.

Same goes for the lighting.

Why do the lights need to wait for an hour before dimming?

Surely 15 minutes could suffice combined with appropriate directional shielding.

How many personnel use the facility? Can't

they be issued with torches?

It's high time that action was taken to fix these issues. For some Woombye residents they can't even sleep on the matter.

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Co-founders Michael Conrad, left, and Matt Hobson ... "For as long as we can each remember we've shared a love for the drinks industry, the Coast, and for craft spirits."

# Spirit of Coast so good — you could bottle it!

WOOMBYE'S CAVU Distilling are serious about infusing their drinks with a uniquely local flavour. So much so that, before bottling their Sunshine & Sons Original Vodka, it is filtered through rocks collected from throughout the Sunshine Coast.

Founder Michael Conrad said the ancient volcanic rock was high in magnesium oxide which added extra depth, texture and uniqueness to the flavour.

"It's the spirit of the Sunshine Coast," he said. "We're absolutely passionate about the area."

"We currently have vodka and gin in the market," said Founder Matt Hobson. "And what you can probably smell in the air is molasses fermenting to produce rum. That rum will be ready in 2022 — because it has to be aged in oak barrels on premises for two years before we can call it rum."

The four "mates" behind CAVU Distilling are Founders Matt and Michael, Head Distiller Adam Chapman and 'Head Sunshiner' Daniel Vinson.

The brand has bold ambitions but also radiates a typically Sunshine Coast sense of humour. Their rum branding declares themselves as: "Not the makers of Australia's finest rum - yet".

"We're about creating several iconic brands, based from Woombye, and we have the scale to be able to go national," Matt said. "Deliberately the largest craft distillery by production capacity in Queensland."

"Our vision for the business is absolutely to make it Australia's finest rum."

The mates are equally proud of the inroads achieved in the white spirits market with their Sunshine & Sons vodka and gin labels.

"The quality is exceptional," said Matt. "Our head distiller was the head winemaker for Sirromet Wines for the last 20 years. He has over 30 years experience in winemaking, and he's brought all of that passion, expertise and experience into this space. And so we're getting

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some great reviews from trade and customers on just how good the vodka and the dry gin is. These flavours and aromas stand out and are memorable to the consumer."

The team has worked full-time since November to install all the infrastructure needed to become a national premium brand. Gleaming 6000 and 2500 litre Tasmanian artisan pot stills — hand-made from the finest German copper — dominate the facility behind the Big Pineapple.

"For as long as we can each remember we've shared a love for the drinks industry, for the Sunshine Coast, and for beautifully made craft spirits," said Michael. "I've been thinking for about 25 years that I wanted to build a rum distillery."

Despite their determination, the fledgling company's plans were spectacularly interrupted by COVID-19 in March. "We had long term sales efforts running — primarily focused on bars, pubs and clubs — that suddenly disappeared," said Matt. "We subsequently have had great interest and support from a range of retailers including the major Supermarket chains."

Michael said the drinks were beautiful to the palette and also packed a punch ...

"Both of our spirits are at 43 percent alcohol not 37 percent. A spirit is supposed to be 37 percent as a minimum. We leave ours at 43 percent because the rich flavour congeners bind better when you have a slightly higher level of alcohol. And as a result you're getting this incredible texture, flavours and aromas in the glass. Our vodka is designed to be sipped. Straight from the bottle is how it's at its best. Also great in a Vodka, Lime and Soda. Our gin is best served as a refreshing Gin and Tonic — just ice with no garnish necessary."



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# Tourism operators relieved as State lifts guests restrictions

HINTERLAND tourism operators are breathing a sigh of relief after Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk on Sunday announced an easing of restrictions.

"It looks like we can take guests from tomorrow," said Hunchy Hideaway owner Ali Keeler, who had turned away tens of thousands of dollars in guests bookings to comply with previous restrictions that seemed to defy logic.

"It's such a relief that the government has finally seen sense - it's a pity they didn't allow us to open up two weeks ago! We have already had quite a few enquiries for the next two weeks, so things are finally looking up for us."

Queensland has brought forward the next stage of easing COVID-19 restrictions by almost two weeks, but will not open borders until at least July.

Residents in Queensland will be able to travel state-wide, and pubs, clubs, restaurants and cafés will be able to seat up to 20 people from midday on Monday.

Gatherings in homes and gyms will also increase to 20 people and up to 20 spectators will be allowed to attend community sporting fields.

These restrictions were originally listed to have come into effect on June 12.

However the state's borders will remain closed until at least July, despite just five active COVID-19 cases throughout Queensland.

Ms Palaszczuk wanted Queenslanders to travel state-wide and support hotels and tourism operators.

She said they were working with the hospitality industry to further open their businesses by next Friday with 20 people per area, providing it meets the one person per four-square-metre restrictions.

However, all patrons must be seated, staff can only work in one assigned area and only table service will be permitted.

"I know it's been difficult and you've continued your takeaway, but now you can go up to 20," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"This is an encouraging and welcomed



Thank goodness ... Nicklin MP Marty Hunt, right, with Denis French and Ali Keeler at Hunchy Hideaway ... "Some of these restrictions just defied logic."

development for our industry," said Nambour RSL CEO Suzanne Long. "However, upon opening we are required to adhere to an industry-wide COVIDSafe plan which is still under review by the government. Once the approved plan is received we can review our operating systems to determine if it is viable to open the Club.

"With this in mind, our sights remain set on re-opening at Stage 3 of the Roadmap on Friday 10 July. Until then we will continue to offer our Takeaway Menu, complete maintenance work, review our processes and complete necessary training."

Denis and Ali thanked Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt for his support on the issue.

"It was great to have a win on this one," said Mr Hunt. "When I visited Hunchy Hideaway last week we all just couldn't understand why a couple who would normally live together in Brisbane couldn't hire a private cabin as guests on the Sunshine Coast, and thankfully common sense has prevailed.

"People don't mind obeying restrictions to prevent the virus spreading but when they don't make sense and they are costing you your livelihood it gets very frustrating for these businesses.

"I encourage everyone to try and take a Queensland holiday soon particularly here in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. Eat out, buy coffees and enjoy the best Queensland has to offer."

## Industry can start the road to recovery

THE tourism industry has welcomed Sunday's announcements by Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk about the next stage of eased COVID-19 restrictions for the state.

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) has been advocating strongly for an easing of restrictions on the basis of strong evidence that the spread of the virus was being very successfully managed and 'the curve' was flattening.

QTIC Chief Executive Daniel Gschwind said on Sunday: "Today's announcement will bring enormous relief for tourism operators right across the state who have been waiting desperately for some good news.

"Bringing forward the opening of travel for the whole state and the relaxation of allowable numbers in hospitality venues was the right decision by the Premier.

"It will allow tourism businesses to confidently start the long road to recovery with a prospect of rescuing at least part of the winter season".

Travel was allowed through the state from Monday 1 June and maximum customer numbers in venues will be significantly increased.

"With all of Queensland's destinations accessible again, we hope bookings will stream in from Queenslanders eager to get out of the confines of their homes," said Mr Gschwind.

"The school holidays will now offer a real opportunity for tourism operators to get their businesses going again."

State borders will remain closed for the immediate future with the Premier expected to review this status in the coming weeks.

"This has been a devastating time for the tourism economy and the communities that depend on it.

"We are relieved that successful health management has now brought about an accelerated timetable for the easing of restrictions. Now we are just hoping that the opening of state borders will not be far behind".

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# Work begins on Nambour's \$9m Police station

INITIAL site works are taking place and construction will commence by September on Nambour's long-awaited \$9million Police Facility.

It is estimated work will take 15 months to complete. The brand new state-of-the-art policing facility will be located on the existing police reserve in Currie Street, Nambour.

It will provide accommodation for general duty officers, criminal investigation officers, the forensic crash unit, and Road Policing officers.

Police Minister Mark Ryan said the Palaszczuk Government had committed to deliver a new Nambour police station at the last election.

"No other political party made that commitment," he said. "And we're getting on with the job."

"The government's \$9 million commitment to provide a new Nambour police station is an important example of our record \$2.6bn Police Budget at work."

"The Nambour Police Station will support an average of 30 direct full-time equivalent jobs during construction. I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the tender for the replacement police station at Nambour is on track and is expected to be released and awarded during the first quarter of 2020-21."

"The QPS has advised that, weather permitting, the construction stage is scheduled to commence during the first quarter of 2020-21 and is expected to be completed approximately 15 months later."

## It's about time, says Nicklin MP

MEMBERS of public and businesses have been crying out for an upgraded police station to combat a "spiralling" crime wave, according to Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt.

Mr Hunt said the Nambour Police Station was not an "election commitment" as stated by the Minister: "It was a commitment from them in July 2017 while they were in Government with the announcement attended by the then-Member for Nicklin Peter Wellington," Mr Hunt said. "This was several months before an election was ever announced. They just took years to get on with the job. Here we are nearly three years later and they are yet to turn a sod."

"What \$9 million could buy you three years ago will be a lot less now. Due to their delays they should increase the funding accordingly to get the facility we need. With the timetable provided we should have our new Nambour Police station open around January 2022, almost 5 years after the announcement."

"If Labor are proud of that turnaround time for a small suburban police station project good luck to them. I think it's embarrassing and shows a lack of commitment to our area. I do however welcome the long overdue building for our local police. Now we can turn our attention to the much needed increase in police officers and resources for the area."



Frankies of Woombye owner Rebecca Galler ... "We are celebrating our 'new beginning' on Friday morning when we are giving away cups of coffee between 6.30 and 9.30am."

## Refurbished Frankies offers Free Coffee

DURING these uncertain times some businesses took the opportunity to explore new and better ways to serve their customers.

One of them was Frankies of Woombye. "We only bought this business in July last year and, being new to it, it was a real blow when the lockdown happened," said owner Rebecca Galler.

"But we could also see there were so many people in a far worse position than us, and we re-grouped and decided that we would try and make the most of it," she said.

"I got together with my fabulous Chef, Soph Caldicott and my Barista, Tesh Schofield and we revamped and adapted our menu for takeaways."

"We had to think outside the box and find ways to contribute to our community. We wanted our focus to be on food that would be good for family-style dinners, and is a bit dif-

ferent. So Soph put together dishes like our slow cooked brisket and pasta and warming, fragrant laksas. Everything is made from scratch, using the freshest, most beautiful ingredients. The meals have proven to be really popular, which makes me so happy. If there is one thing we can do, it is comfort people with nourishing food, cooked with love."

"Now that the restrictions are lifting, we have adapted to be COVID safe," she said.

"When my partner Daniel and I took over the business last year, the first thing we changed was the name. 'Frankies' is named after our two year old daughter, who is the love of our lives. But it has been my dream to refurb and put our own stamp on it, and we have taken the opportunity to do that during lockdown."

"It has a new look and feel now, with new countertops and

a new coffee machine. We have also sourced a new coffee supplier, Eumundi Coffee Co, which I am extremely excited about."

"They are a company that is under two years old (a bit like us!), but they have already won a silver medal for their specialty blends and roasting. The coffee is absolutely delicious."

"We are celebrating our 'new beginning' on Friday morning when we are giving away cups of coffee between 6.30 and 9.30am."

"We are excited for people to come and try our divine new coffee, and we will not be charging for alternative milk."

"It is also our little way to thank our fabulous customers who have been so supportive of us from the beginning."

• Frankies Woombye is at 2/9 Blackall St, Woombye. Facebook: @cafefrankie

## AS MALENY SLOWLY REOPENS...

As the doors of businesses are slowly reopening again in Maleny we are still here! We have been serving our members following the Governments rules on social distancing and personal hygiene. These rules will not change, we will still however close at 4.30pm on Fridays.

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# Super changes in store for Palmwoods SPAR

PALMWOODS Spar Supermarket is poised to receive a major interior revamp to revitalise and strengthen the store's presence in town.

One of the oldest buildings in the Valley with some historical significance, SPAR Retail Operations Manager John Buttler said the plan was to freshen the shop without losing the traditional appeal of its facade.

"It's a really pretty shop from the outside," he said. "But, it does need a freshen up inside. We appreciate the heritage of the building so we're going to concentrate on the interior."

"We want to give the customers a bit of a nicer, crisper shopping experience. It's a quintessential SPAR store, a traditional small community store and the local customers are the lifeblood of the businesses. And the support from the community of Palmwoods has been beyond expectations. But we need to keep improving our offer and we're looking forward to thanking them for supporting us."

Mr Buttler said the store boasted a close knit team. "Manager Ange Lea has been there since day one, and she's got a team of people, mostly locals themselves, and they know a lot of the regulars and the community and they have become part of the community. The store is working well and we want to invest in that and keep freshening it up. And we're just finalizing the plans of what that's going to look like."

"I think the customers will be really quite happy with what we're doing when they see what we've put together for them."

Mr Buttler said the renovation would include new refrigeration,



**Palmwoods SPAR manager Ange Lea can't wait to give the interior a refurb... "It will be much appreciated by staff and customers".**

modernised fittings and lighting and a revamped layout.

"About 18 months ago we had a new floor put down and the customers appreciated that and now it's time to do the whole interior to really give it a lift."

Mr Buttler said the revamp was not a knee jerk reaction to a recent Development Application for a Palmwoods Shopping Centre.

"Freshening the interior is something we've always wanted to do," he said. "We welcome the new competition but it is the right thing to invest in, as we want to support the

community. They've been good to us. And it feels right to freshen up the shop so we would certainly be doing it, regardless."

SPAR bought the Palmwoods IGA and Woombye Supa IGA sites in 2017.

"Since then the two stores have gone from strength to strength cementing their place in the community with a distinctive offer that has resonated well with the locals," said Mr Buttler.

"A combination of good old fashioned service and value will ensure SPAR its place in each community respectively."

## Bursaries to help students find work. Applications now open

STUDENTS on the Sunshine Coast could benefit right now from a bursary of \$1,000 to help them enter the world of work under a new employment initiative formulated by the Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace.

The foundation round of Mr Wallace's Ready, Set, Go! bursary is now open for applications. One bursary will be available three times a year to students living in the Federal electorate of Fisher who are in their final year of education and preparing to enter work, including school leavers and university or TAFE students in their last year of study.

As a former builder, Mr Wallace is passionate about apprenticeships and traineeships, which will be central to the Federal Government's Job-Maker plan for economic recovery.

"Many young people on the Sunshine Coast have felt that they had to leave our community to fulfil their professional ambitions. The economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are likely to have exacerbated this perception. However, with access to a world class university



**Andrew Wallace with Deb McPherson, Centre Manager, Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre.**

and vocational education, and with innovative, high tech companies, financial and health services success stories and online and digital experts now operating in our region, the Sunshine Coast today can offer so much more to ambitious young locals than ever before." Mr Wallace said.

For more information on Andrew Wallace's Ready Set Go! bursary, or to apply see [www.andrewwallacemp.com.au/readyssetgo](http://www.andrewwallacemp.com.au/readyssetgo)

## Grant to support Men's Shed

NAMBOUR Men's Shed last week welcomed a funding grant from Sunshine Coast Council.

Nambour Men's Shed Secretary Colin Webb said their 70 members would thoroughly enjoy a more than \$6000 upgrade to facilities with the installation of a solar roof ventilator and air conditioning unit.

"In winter, our shed is a good five degrees cooler than the temperature outside, and then it's the reverse in summer which can really affect our mature members to the point that they stay home," Mr Webb said.

"Some of our members are widowers and the shed, and everything it symbolises, is their life. It provides them comfort and connectivity."

"This council grant is terrific because it will make a lot of members feel very comfortable and encourage more men to attend."

Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said the grant funding would have a multiplier effect, with community groups engaging local companies to deliver improvements.

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### Café Mapleton Menu - \$12.00 Each

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| 11. VEGETARIAN FRIED RICE WITH EGG (VEG)                  | 16. STIR FRY MIXED VEGETABLES IN SOY SAUCE SERVED WITH RICE    |
| 12. VEGETARIAN FRIED NOODLES (VEG)                        | 17. STIR FRY CHICKEN AND MIXED VEGETABLES SERVED WITH RICE     |
| 13. BACON FRIED RICE (GF)                                 | 18. STIR FRY CHICKEN WITH GINGER AND MUSHROOM SERVED WITH RICE |
| 14. MINCED CHICKEN IN TOMATO SAUCE WITH RICE NOODLES (GF) |  |
| 15. VEGETABLE OMELETTE                                    |  |

### The Barn on Flaxton Menu - \$10.00 Each

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| 19. CHUNKY CHICKEN, BACON AND MUSHROOM SOUP (GF) | 24. GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST (GF)          |
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All Le Relais Bressan meals are available to be purchased Wednesday - Friday. Meals include a side of baked potatoes, except the fish. All meals, except the fish option can be frozen.


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| 30. COQ AU VIN (CHICKEN IN RED WINE) | 34. CONFIT DUCK WITH ORANGE SAUCE   |
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| 37. CHICKEN CURRY AND RICE (GF)                          | 50. CORN BEEF, WHITE SAUCE AND VEGETABLES (GF)   |
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| 45. PORK POT ROAST WITH APPLE AND VEGETABLES (GF)        | 57. CAULIFLOWER AND CHEESE                       |
| 46. HONEY CHICKEN AND RICE (GF)                          | 58. CREAMY TOMATO                                |
| 47. SHEPHERD'S PIE AND VEGETABLES (GF)                   | 59. PEA AND HAM                                  |
| 47. SAUSAGES WITH TOMATO/ONION GRAVY AND VEGETABLES (GF) | 60. VEGETABLE                                    |
| 49. MOROCCAN BEEF, RICE AND VEGETABLES (GF)              | 61. POTATO BACON AND LEEK                        |
|  | 62. CHICKEN AND VEGETABLE                        |

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# Pandemic prompts a shift to natural, local

SINCE launching her organic skincare range, "Chow Darling", in 2018 Danielle Forster has noticed people making a shift to natural ingredients.

It's a trend the Palmwoods entrepreneur says has only accelerated through COVID-19 pandemic as people look to trusted natural, local products for their needs.

"Not only are they caring more about what goes onto their skin and what is absorbed into their bodies, but also the lighter impact natural skincare and beauty has on their surrounding environments," said Danielle.

"During COVID my small business thrived as I could still run Chow Darling from home. Our range only uses ingredients Australian-grown and it's 100 percent Australian-made.

"I didn't need to rely on any international shipping or large factories being closed down. We could continue to work with our Queensland manufacturer — who is also a small, family run business — and continue to produce our products the entire time."

Danielle said people were motivated to buy locally for support and because they could trust shipping would not be a problem.

"Also it's been nice knowing we could continue supporting Australian farmers and producers of our native ingredients which was wonderful."

Danielle says her business was inspired by a year she spent in Italy in 2017.

"I fell in love with Italy and their respect & trust in nature, how important a good quality ingredient is to the overall result, the never-ending pursuit to be surrounded by beauty and their inherent need to indulge simple pleasures of life."



Danielle Forster of Chow Darling ... "It's been nice knowing we could continue supporting Australian farmers and producers of our native ingredients."

That's why she tries to promote a connection with nature with every purchase. "We send out a little packet bag of Genovese Basil seedlings with every skincare order — very Italian! But also it's important our customers can connect with nature in every way possible.

During quarantine so many customers have sent in photos and videos planting their seedlings with their children or enjoying it by themselves.

"The simple things in life are so important in Italian culture ... family, food, love."

• Chow Darling is on Instagram: @chow.darling or website [www.chowdarling.com](http://www.chowdarling.com).



Café Mapleton owners John and Lai Fun have joined three other businesses in partnering with RangeCare to help feed vulnerable people.

## Taste for authentic Malaysian inspires new Mapleton takeaway service

CAFÉ Mapleton owners John and Lai Fun hadn't planned on providing a takeaway service prior to COVID-19.

"But locals wanted us to stay open and suggested offering Lai's authentic Malaysian food as takeaway," said John.

Shortly after the takeaway service began, RangeCare Marketing Officer Jess Garey walked in for a coffee, asked how the business was coping and if they offered takeaway meals. From there a partnership with RangeCare began.

RangeCare's partnership with restaurants and cafés — The Barn on Flaxton, Le Relais Bressan, Café Mapleton and Clouds on Montville — has created an opportunity for these businesses to work together to provide an affordable food delivery service for the community.

"People think that as businesses in the community we are in competition with each other,

but that's not true.

"We all support each other," said John.

John and Lai Fun are grateful for the opportunity to partner with RangeCare and to support the wider community.

In an ongoing effort to support the community and help local businesses who are financially impacted by the pandemic, RangeCare is offering a meal delivery service with a difference.

"When you purchase three meals or more from our partners, you will receive a complimentary meal from our delicious Cottage range, and we will also donate a meal to a vulnerable community member," said Ms Garey.

"It has been a good backup for the business," said John. "I hope that this service continues as it is helping so many people."

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# Sugar cane & chilli give ginger beer a devilish kick

WARMING ginger, fresh lime and a subtle balance of chilli makes Diablo Ginger Beer devilishly refreshing and easy to drink, according to brewer and owner Dimitris Limnatitis.

"We have the Diablo headquarters here in Woombye, at the Big Pineapple, where we produce the white spirits-based Diablo Ginger Beer," he said at a tasting event on Saturday. "Diablo is a blend of 13 natural, local ingredients including herbs, spices and others to give it a bit of a kick. It's very, very, very refreshing."

"It's all produced on the Sunshine Coast using sugar cane from around the area for our spirit," he said.

"We also produce a range of liquors: passionfruit, lychee, grapefruit, a grape-flavoured vodka and a chile infused vodka. It's called Eros Vodka, named after the God of love and it's produced locally from premium ingredients."

With hospitality in a COVID-induced coma, the owner of popular Coast venues Solbar, Piano Bar, La Cantina, the Roof Top Bar and Old Soul, feels lucky to be able to fall back on his brews to help keep sales ticking over.

The Cyprus born businessman was drawn to the familiar Sunshine Coast climate when he came here in 2000 and it's sunshine that has inspired Diablo.

"We just wanted a refreshingly Queensland drink," he said. "We started making it for our venues and then the demand for it grew from there. It took me a year to put a rep on because the growth up to that stage had all been organic. Venue operators would just ring me and say 'I want Diablo'."



"It's very, very, very refreshing" ... Diablo Brewery owner Dimitris Limnatitis pours a Diablo at the Woombye site behind the Big Pineapple.

"We're the only company of our type in Australia that doesn't do stubbies or cans — purely for the environment. We only produce in keg form that you buy in venues or you can buy two litre containers in a swap-and-go system, so nothing is wasted."

Mr Limnatitis was a foundation business in the \$60 million agribusi-

ness precinct at the Big Pineapple, part of an overall \$150 million project to return the iconic attraction to its glory days.

"They wanted something locally produced and it suited us perfectly. Towards summer we're planning to have a place where you can go and sit and have a drink with a view of the lovely forest."

# Hopes high for weddings by July

## Distressed industry pleads with Premier

AFTER tabling a proposal from Hinterland Tourism in Parliament, Member for Glass House Andrew Powell has made an impassioned speech calling on the Premier to save Queensland's wedding industry.

"Since the beginning of the COVID restrictions, I have received emotional emails from brides, grooms, wedding planners and venue holders, distressed that they had to postpone or cancel wedding day plans," said Mr Powell.

"Of course, they understood that the wedding restrictions were a necessary sacrifice needed to save lives. However, with the infection rate in Queensland at an average of one person or less per day and only a dozen active cases, it's time to plan for a re-opening of the industry."

In Glass House the wedding industry contributes about \$55 million annually to the economy. Across the state, it's closer to \$700 million.

"Glass House is home to some of the most coveted wedding destinations — destinations like Weddings at Tiffany's, Flaxton Gardens, Ocean View Estate and Hinterland Weddings, just to name a few. The worst of COVID has passed. We must remain vigilant and prepared, but it's also time for us to give Queensland couples the opportunity to reschedule their weddings and allow them more than a handful of guests."

To mitigate the risk of COVID, Hinterland Tourism proposed a six-point plan so they can realistically begin to take bookings of around 100 guests from mid-July.

The plan commits to the following:

- The venue will be closed to the public during the private wedding function

- All guests' names and contact details must be provided to the venue seven days before the event

- The venue will keep that list on file for future reference

- Guests will be encouraged to download and have the COVIDSafe app active

- Each guest will have their temperature taken at the venue on arrival

- Standard COVID hygiene protocols will be followed with respect to hand sanitising and hard surface cleaning

Hinterland Tourism Sunshine Coast President Kerry Brown says the current four-square metre rule was simply not viable for most wedding venues.

"We are seeking a relaxation of this rule considering wedding events are closed to public and invited guests can be easily traced and tracked to contain an outbreak. It is extremely distressing for our couples many who have been planning their special day for two years and more," said Ms Brown.

"Sadly, the Government's current Roadmap to Recovery has not considered that, with the implementation of a plan like this, wedding venues could function safely with little risk to the community" continued Mr Powell.

"I am calling on the Premier to work with the wedding industry to give financial certainty to the operators and hope to brides and grooms across the state."

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The Stage One roll-back of restrictions was a welcome relief which saw parks and playgrounds, outdoor gyms and libraries all re-open.

Now Stage Two has been brought forward which means more venues are allowed to open and more people are allowed to gather, but it's important to realise that public health measures still apply.

We still have to remain mindful of social distancing 1.5 metres, regular hand washing or hand sanitising is still essential, coughing or sneezing into your elbow and staying home if you're sick all continues.

And of course, if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, please get tested.

Being out and about more means you'll also come in contact with more people so if you haven't already, now is a great time to download the COVIDSafe app.

For more information, including the economic support measures available from the Federal Government, check out [www.australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au)

Thanks again for the huge effort you have already made.

Best regards,

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

## FRAMEWORK FOR A COVIDSAFE AUSTRALIA

### From 1 JUNE (Qld Stage Two)

We moved from Stage One to Stage Two which allows gatherings of up to 20\* people at locations including:

- homes
- public spaces and lagoons
- community sports clubs, parks, skate parks and playgrounds
- non-contact indoor and outdoor community sport
- pools, gyms, health clubs and yoga studios
- libraries, museums, art galleries and historic sites
- weddings, places of worship
- funerals (max 50)
- recreational travel, camping and tourist accommodation, including caravan parks (anywhere in Qld)
- restaurants, cafes, pubs and clubs (up to 20 people per room or defined area)
- casinos - no gaming
- indoor cinemas, outdoor amusement parks, tourism experiences, zoos, arcades, theatres and stadiums
- beauty therapy, nail salons, tanning, tattoo studios and spas (with COVID SAFE Checklist).

### From 10 JULY (Qld Stage Three)

Subject to further planning and review, interstate travel will be permitted and a maximum of 100\* people will be permitted for:

- gatherings in public spaces and homes
- dining in restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs, food courts, hotels, casinos, gaming and gambling venues
- indoor cinemas
- places of worship and religious ceremonies
- museums, art galleries and historic sites
- pools and community sports clubs
- community sport, gyms, health clubs and yoga studios
- amusement parks, zoos, arcades, theatres, auditoriums, stadiums and nightclubs
- weddings and funerals
- open homes and auctions
- beauty therapy, tanning, nail salons and spas
- libraries
- hiking, camping and other recreational activities

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**Ted O'BRIEN MP**  
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# Store thrives on small-town service

**F**AMILY and country life were strong drawcards for Gab and Wayne Pawson when they took on Yandina Hardware 18 years ago. And the rewards of doing business in a close knit community have ensured their conviction to the town has endured.

"I had been working in the plumbing and building industry in New South Wales," said Wayne. "And Gab grew up in a farming family in Adelaide and had started an electrical apprenticeship. Then my parents decided to retire to Ninderry.

"I loved the area and the country town feel of Yandina, so I decided to make the move here too. Shortly after moving up I met Gab in the Hardware store and we started going out."

"We kept it under the radar for quite a while and spent a lot of time hanging out at the bowls club," Gab said. "We thought we were being very discreet, but eventually Wayne's Dad put two and two together."

Getting into the hardware store seemed to be a good match for their combined work experiences. "And I think that is what has allowed us to expand our product range to meet the needs of our customers in a way that has built amazing loyalty," Gab said.

"But what has been most important, is our service. We have built wonderful relationships with our customers. Service is everything."

Rising to the challenge of COVID-19 Yandina Hardware started offering free deliveries five days a week.

"When restrictions began, some of our older staff members had to temporarily self-isolate for their own safety," said Gab.

"But we soon found there were others in our community who had lost their jobs so they were able to step in and help out with deliveries. Right now, one of our drivers is an airline pilot who has been stood down.

"Thanks to him we have been able to double our deliveries. And there are countless examples of business owners here in Yandina creating opportunities to support each other and customers through this incredibly stressful time. It is impossible not to be passionate about this place when this is happening all around us."

"We are seeing an increased demand right now for Australian products," said Wayne. "And

we have found so many terrific products across all sectors to meet that demand."

In terms of Australian permaculture and organic gardening products, Yandina Hardware carries Rocky Point products and Grow liquid fertilisers, Gab said.

"We also stock quality soils and seeds as people are becoming more interested in growing their own food."

As independents the business is not beholden to a particular supplier on any of their range.

"That means we can offer products we believe are the best, and will best fulfil our customers needs and expectations. The independent buying group we are involved with allows for fantastic buying power. That keeps our pricing extremely competitive," Wayne said.

*Although it is a thriving area, it has not lost its character or country town feel*

"For example, at the moment we are focussing on hand and power tools. We've sourced a range of Australian products that are absolutely exceptional. Plus, you won't find them at Bunnings or Mitre 10. We have created a completely different offering, which I think locals appreciate.

Yandina Hardware is open 7 days. "Actually, weekends are a very busy time for us," said Gab. "We stock lots of pool and spa products and offer free water testing, which keeps us very busy during the warmer months in particular. And the weekends also bring out the handymen. We carry a very large range of timber, DIY and building materials."

With his background, Wayne is usually kept busy with plumbing enquiries. "When things go wrong, he can help people solve their plumbing issues. We can refill LPG gas bottles of all sizes, from 1kg to 9kg. There are only five days a year that we close, so you can be pretty sure we can help you out, whatever it is you are after," she said.

• Yandina Hardware is open: 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday; Saturday from 7am-4pm; Sunday 8am-4pm. You can find them at 22 Farrell St, Yandina. 5446 8588. www.Yandina-Hardware.com



Wayne & Gab Pawson ... "The independent buying group we are involved with allows for fantastic buying power".



## People are turning to their gardens. After all, it's only natural!

by Spencer Shaw, Forest Heart Eco-Nursery

AS the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions ease and life returns to some degree of normality (for now) I'm heartened that many of us have turned to our gardens for emotional and physical sustenance in these trying times.

Backyards and gardens are our own little bit of the natural world that we can grow our own food, share with the local wildlife, preserve endangered species and enjoy the beauty of Australian native plants.

Last but not least, gardening itself is good for us physically, mentally and spiritually.

For now, let's focus on what an abundant garden you can be growing for yourself by growing your own bush foods, fruit trees, vegetables and herbs.

*Harvesting your own produce is fun, healthy and convenient.*

There's nothing quite like popping into the back yard to harvest some fresh produce. For example grab a fresh lime and add tang to a salad or fish. Harvest fresh from your trees the fruit of Blueberry, Grumichama, Jaboticaba, Pomegranate, Oranges, Mandarin, Lemons, Carambola, Figs, Pawpaw, Tamarillo, Avocado or Chocolate Sapote, to name just a few. Closer to ground level you could plant an ever-growing range of herbs and vegetable seedlings that we are now stocking at Forest Heart ecoNursery.

There's never been a better time to plant out and manage your garden for food and for fun, so remember Don't Panic, Just Plant It!



Spencer & Karen Shaw, from Forest Heart Eco-Nursery in Coral Street Maleny ... "let's focus on what an abundant garden you can be growing for yourself with your own bush foods, fruit trees, vegetables and herbs".

### Spencer's Top 6 Bush Food Must Haves:

Here is my list of Bush Food must haves that you should plant in your yard:

- Midyim (*Austromyrtus dulcis*) a great low growing shrub/groundcover with attractive weeping foliage and tasty white berries, fresh from the bush - kids love them;
- Lillypilly's (*Syzygium* spp.) are edible all edible, if you are hungry enough, but from our local ones the Riberry *S. Luehmannii*, is not only bountiful, but tastes good raw and even glazed in a sugar syrup;
- Davidson Plums (*Davidsonia* spp.) although not strictly local, are spectacular foliage specimens with their large leaves and

beautiful plum-like fruit. However they are a tad sour, but nothing that a few spoons of sugar can't fix to make a great jam or syrup;

- Plum Pine (*Podocarpus elatus*) also produce a juicy succulent, plum like fruit with a pleasant pine taste and again, fantastic for jams and syrups.
- Native Tamarinds (*Diploglottis* spp. & *Mischarytera lautereriana*): sour but tasty delights. Make great syrups, cordials, jellies.
- Native herbs in stock include Native Celery (*Apium prostratum*), Pig Face (*Carpobrotus glaucescens*), Native Mint (*Mentha satuireioides*) & Holy Basil (*Ocimum tenuiflorum*).



*Mischarytera lautereriana ... sour but tasty delights. Make great syrups, cordials, jellies.*

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# Trust counts now, more than ever

**T**HE events of recent months have prompted changes in the way buyers are behaving in many markets, and none more so than real estate.

“I have observed that buyers are coming into the market now very well informed and far more educated than ever before,” said Mike Burns, Principle of Burns Property.

“When they approach me about a particular property, they are often armed with comparative sales data and historical sales information about the property. That is the point that we start from and I guess I see my role as a facilitator, rather than a salesperson because I think it is important that everyone walks away from the sale feeling that they got a great deal.

Of course I am working on behalf of the vendor but in my experience, getting excellent results for my vendors, and enjoying longevity in real estate is about playing a long game. Because when you are able to problem solve more complex projects with all of the interested parties over the longer term, that is when you get great results and clients for life,” he said.

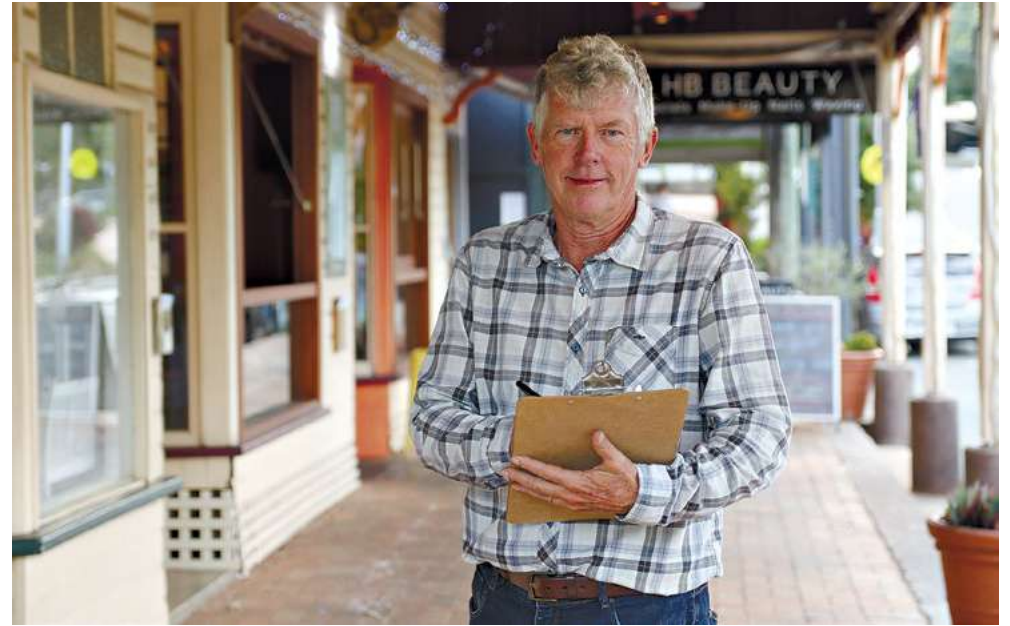
“Local knowledge is also really important

because you can then appropriately match buyers to properties that meet their specific needs. I enjoy advising my vendors to prepare their properties for sale and present them in their best light, because then buyers fall in love, and they sell themselves.

*It may be a cliché, but it is true that integrity and experience are the only things that count in the end.*

“Problem solving, mediating and balancing all participants out is at the heart of what I do. I have never missed a building and pest inspection or valuation, and I don’t believe in cold calling, I’ve never had to.”

“During the sale process, being open and honest with my vendors and potential buyers is key to achieving great results for everyone. It may be a cliché, but it is true that integrity and experience is the only thing that counts, in the end.”



Mike Burns at the Palmwoods Little Main Street string of shops just listed for sale.

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**SOLD**

Tremendous family home in Nambour with loads of options. Sellers are moving to SA to stay close to the family. The new owner will enjoy the spacious bedrooms, lounge, dining, pool, and the separate living area downstairs. We achieved a great result in this challenging market! Happy sellers & Happy buyers!

**38 Bendixen Lane, WOOMBYE**

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**FOR SALE \$1,250,000**

“Food Forest” with dams and a funky 3 bed, 2 bath home. This 18-acre property is located just 15 minutes to beaches, Sunshine Coast Airport and the CBD. It shares a fence line with the Big Pineapple, which is undertaking a master plan redevelopment, offering a future income from land banking. Over 20 varieties fruit trees and 2 large permanent dams also provide some income earning opportunity.

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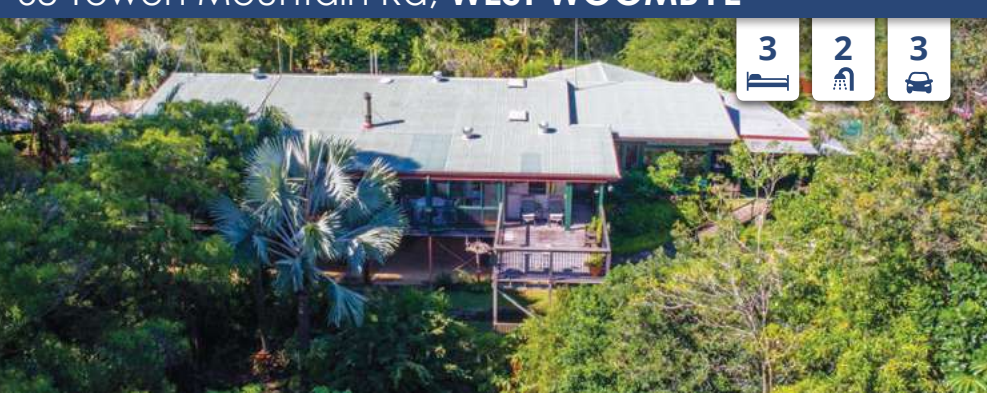


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# Experience forged in print, honed by design

Business Feature

AFTER more than twenty years working in print and design, Woombye Design Print & Signs owner Jamie Crichton has been industry hardened to help small business owners adapt and 'future proof' their businesses with professional branding and quality print media.

"I started my career in offset printing, then moved to traditional binding & finishing," said Jamie.

"Learning a trade always appealed to me but I saw the industry changing in the late 90s, so I ended up doing a degree in multimedia to stay on top of the industry."

Jamie said printing was a very meticulous process. "I learned early on that you just can't cut corners," he said. "That attention to detail is something I carry over to the services I offer now."

Jamie has worked in industries from the Department of Defence to a high profile sports apparel company where he was a senior graphic artist and marketing specialist. "But my favourite projects have always involved working with small business owners," he said.

"Over the years, I have seen people struggle to develop high quality and timeless branding to represent their business and then use it in a range of media that will help them get more customers or expand their business."

"They first have to find an experienced and affordable graphic designer who is happy to liaise with a professional printer so they get an excellent result."

"I could see the need for a 'one stop shop', where I could work with clients on their marketing materials from the design of a logo, right through to having it printed on anything from a brochure to a billboard, a car to a uniform and basically anything in between."

"I am a bit of a multimedia 'acrobat', and I have quite a few tools in my kit to produce the highest quality print materials for my clients," Jamie said.

"There are so many options for people to promote what they do, which can be very overwhelming. I help my clients keep things simple by developing timeless artwork sup-



Jamie Crichton ... "I help my clients keep things simple by developing timeless artwork supported by a quality end product."

ported by a quality end product that will help promote their business into the future. Mix all of that up with good old fashioned service and that takes a lot of stress out of the process for them."

With COVID-19 impacting so many small businesses, Jamie has been able to help his clients quickly and cost effectively produce new materials.

These include takeaway menus, brochures, safety advisory signs and social distancing stickers.

"I produce everything on-site, so I can turn orders around extremely fast to help business owners keep rolling through these difficult times as well as move forward with strong design, fresh print media and top quality signage for the post-COVID19 era."

"While the technology and print equipment I use is absolutely cutting-edge, my approach, attention to detail and genuine desire to get great results for my clients is very old school."

• Woombye Design Print and Signs is at 12 Blackall Street, Woombye. Phone 5442 2402. E: info@wdps.com.au. Web: WDPS.com.au.



Volunteers Jenny Baker and Judy Holcombe ... "If you like the smell of well-oiled leather, you'll love our shop," said Judy. "Once we pay the rent and utilities, every cent goes directly to the RDA facility at North Arm."

## RDA volunteers get back in the saddle at Yandina shop

WHILE charitable activities have been shut down due to COVID-19, demand for their services and the associated expenses have not taken a holiday.

So it was with great relief that eager volunteers re-opened the doors at Yandina's Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled Association's Second Hand Saddlery Shop after a couple of months on the sidelines.

"We've been shut since mid-March but, since reopening recently, we have already had good sales. Customers range from novice riders and Pony Clubbers right through to strappers, trainers and farriers who come in looking for things in their particular fields," said Jenny Baker, one of three people who volunteer their time at the shop brimming with quality second hand, and some new, equestrian items for horse and rider.

"It's not just a shop to grab a bargain but also a bit of a meeting place for people who share a passion for riding."

All proceeds from the little store support RDA and there's currently 25% off all stock storewide. SCRDA is a not-for-profit organisation providing equine-based therapeutic and recreational riding programs for people with a disability.

"It's good to be back in the community," said fellow volunteer Judy Holcombe. "We're only a

small posse of three so have been scrambling like crazy to have the place up and running once more. Customers say they have really missed us and, with this sudden cold snap, are definitely looking for cosy winter rugs."

"We rely heavily on donated goods, anything from saddles, tack and rugs to rider gear. People are so generous and caring because it really is such a worthwhile cause," Jenny added.

"They say they don't know of any other shop like this in the area ... we cater to a niche market. It's a little quaint and old-fashioned inside but our customers love that."

"If you like the smell of well-oiled leather, you'll love our shop," said Judy. "And it's very important that people understand that, once we pay the rent and utilities, every cent they spend goes directly to the RDA facility at North Arm."

If you have any unwanted or unused equestrian items that you would like to donate to the RDA Shop, they would be gratefully received. Clean and in good condition appreciated.

Find them at Shop 1, 8 Farrell Street, Yandina 0406 436 571. The shop is open Monday-Wednesday 10am-4pm; Thursday Noon-4pm; Saturday 9am-1pm. If you can help in the shop or with online sales, please contact the main SCRDA Centre 5472 7280 or admin@scrda.org.au

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## BreastScreen Nambour reopens

FOLLOWING a temporary closure of services in line with the COVID-19 pandemic BreastScreen Queensland in Nambour has reopened its doors.

"We are so pleased we are recommencing our free screening service," said Dr Alison Roper, Clinic Director of BreastScreen Queensland Sunshine Coast Service.

"We're even more pleased that we can now offer more flexible appointment times at our Nambour Service. Including late afternoon appointments on Mondays and early morning appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays," she said. "Additional parking is also available for our clients Monday afternoon and Tuesday and Thursday mornings."

BreastScreen Queensland strongly encourages women aged 50 - 74 to have regular breast screens. The BreastScreen Service is also provided free to women aged 40 -49 and women aged 75 and older.

"The scan takes less than 30 minutes, and that small amount of time could end up saving your life," Dr Roper said.

To make an appointment at one of the six BreastScreen Services on the Sunshine Coast call 13 20 50. Saturday appointments are available at some sites and doctors' referrals are not required.

## Help for Hospitality with COVID checklists

QUEENSLAND Tourism Industry Council is providing health guidelines and tailored checklists for tourism operators to offer COVID-safe tourism and hospitality services.

QTIC Chief Executive Daniel Gschwind said tourism operators were committed to delivering best practice, not just in quality experiences but also when it comes to the health and well-being of customers.

"These resources are available on the QTIC website awaiting approval by the Chief Health Officer. You can also now access the voluntary business tool COVID-CLEAN in the Quality Tourism Framework platform. Completing this tool will allow you to use the COVID-CLEAN logo and checklist for COVID19 Business Cleaning Policy and Procedures."

## Type 2 Diabetes workshop

THE doors are open for people with type 2 diabetes to once again come together to strengthen their knowledge and management of their condition.

The workshops remain free of cost and will be held on Thursday 18 June at Caloundra Health Services, West Terrace, Caloundra and Thursday 2 July at Maroochydrive Hub, Dalton Drive, Maroochydrive from 9am-1pm.

# When you just can't cope with bookkeeping any more

Business Feature

MANY business owners find it overwhelming and stressful keeping their books up to date.

While there are more user friendly bookkeeping software options available than ever before they are constantly updating, and staying ahead of the changes can be as time-consuming as doing the work itself.

"I have been working with cloud accounting since its inception ten years ago," said Nathan Major of Intersect Bookkeeping Services. "And I have seen a lot of growth and change in that time. I am a certified advisor for accounting software like MYOB, Xero, and Quickbooks Online and integrated add-on applications such as Hubdoc, Workflow Max, and Syft."

Whatever the business or industry, Nathan is comfortable developing and adapting to systems to suit. "I actually started my career as a Toxicologist in Western Australia, with bookkeeping helping to provide cashflow between projects.

"Bookkeeping was a great complement as you are still working with numbers, have to be extremely accurate, require great attention to detail, and need to be able to use systems to keep track of things so that the numbers 'add up'.

"There are no loose ends or grey areas. When I moved to the Sunshine Coast there were not many jobs for people with toxicology expertise, so my wife and I have been working to build the bookkeeping business since.

"From very early on, I could see a lot of business people were 'double handling' with respect to getting their bookwork done.

"They were using a bookkeeper,



**Nathan Major:** "businesses pay more accounting fees than they have to if work is double-handled between a bookkeeper & accountant."

thinking it would keep their costs down. But then their accountant had to double check the books because the bookkeeper did not have the qualifications or experience necessary to complete the work.

"Others were simply handing it all to the accountant at the end of quarter or end of year and not getting the benefit of regular advice and oversight from a professional. No-one wants to have to pay more accounting fees than they have to and this is exactly what happens when bookkeeping is double handled or left unattended until the last minute.

"I am a registered BAS Agent and tax professional, so aside from the fact that I can complete the work quickly, efficiently and cost effectively, I can also liaise with the ATO or my client's accountant as required. This allows them to get on with what they do best, secure in the knowledge that everything is up to date and done properly. I'm a little

like a virtual Financial Controller.

"Tailoring a bookkeeping program for my clients is similar to putting together an exercise program: the most effective one is the one you will maintain. I can do very basic and simple monthly maintenance packages, right through to complicated work involving several integrated systems, and processes like payroll, departmental tracking, or cross-organisational reporting. Some business owners engage me to set up as much automation as I can, which helps keep costs low and ensure reconciliation is timely and consistent, others may just need some support and guidance as they take care of most of the accounts themselves, whilst others need regular input and review to keep their business on-track. Every business and every client is different - and I like that."

• Intersect Bookkeeping, [www.intersectbookkeeping.com.au](http://www.intersectbookkeeping.com.au), phone 0481 065 908.



**Volunteer Julie Thomas ...** "The Bendigo Bank at Woombye has given us \$1500 to buy books."

## Bank checks in with \$1500 for library books

AVID readers will be pleased to hear the Woombye Community Library is open again, and even happier to hear the shelves will soon be groaning with new books thanks to a donation from Woombye & Districts Community Bank Branch.

"The Bendigo Bank at Woombye has given us \$1500 to buy books," said volunteer Julie Thomas. "So we're very excited to be reopening."

"We'll be open Monday to Saturday 9am-midday. We'll review that at the end of June and hopefully extend that as volunteers return. We are encouraging all volunteers to return as soon as they are able. Currently we have a reduced pool to draw from.

"We find that a lot of people come here because they find they can

source books here that they can't get anywhere else. Kathy Newett does our book-buying and she's very good because we have an excellent cross-section of fiction, non-fiction and children's books."

### Library Opening Details:

- Woombye Community Library opened again on June 1.
- Reduced hours will be Monday to Saturday 9am to 12pm.
- Located in Woombye School of Arts Hall Corner Hill and Blackall Streets
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided before entry and be aware of social distancing.
- We look forward to seeing you at the library and don't forget it's free to join.



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## Nuclear must be in the mix: O'Brien

NUCLEAR energy has to be on the table for consideration as part of our future energy mix, according to Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien who chairs the House Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy.

"I've been pushing hard since the Inquiry for nuclear to be at least on the table for due diligence and consideration," he told *The Gazette*.

"To date it just has not been. It hasn't been mainly because energy and climate change has become such an ugly debate that it has been overtaken by ideology. What we need is a common sense discussion. And I don't think we can have that unless we have nuclear in the discussion."

Mr O'Brien said research by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology compared 140 different energy producing technologies including coal, gas, wind, solar and oil and found nuclear was the safest.

"We need all the technologies on the table, including nuclear," he said.

"Usually when people think nuclear they think of the big smoke stacks. The new advanced technologies can go to rural, regional and remote areas and power towns and desalinate salt water. Nuclear is also useful to help create hydrogen for fuel.

"The more I looked into the issue the more it dawned on me that we need to be holistic in our approach to these technologies. And we can't just keep saying 'no' because everyone keeps associating with Chernobyl. The technology has completely changed.

Mr O'Brien was pleased the Federal Government had listed 140 technologies and accepted that new, smaller, modular, nuclear reactors should at least be considered.

"In rural remote areas that don't have electricity, where you might have up to 100,000 people, is where it becomes really interesting.

"The modules are built in a factory. You can put them on the back of a truck and take them to a location and plug them in. It's vastly advanced technology. You can put more modules together to make it better.

"It's a very advanced technology with billions invested internationally and we should at least watch this space."



Maleny Commerce Members Paulette Steele, Melissa Chaddock, Jennepher Bucher, Nicole Hilton, Rev Scott Kroeger and Anne Brown: "Now customers can buy the local gift card and know that the funds are supporting local business."

## Maleny gift card launch encourages local spend

MALENY has launched an Eftpos gift card to keep money in town and help local businesses.

Maleny Commerce was last week awarded a \$5000 Sunshine Coast Council Major Grant to implement the initiative.

Maleny Commerce President Nicole Hilton said her organisation would fund the program entirely which meant there would be no costs to businesses to take part.

"Now customers can buy the local gift card and know that the funds are supporting local business," she said.

"The potential income to our businesses could be between \$100,000 to \$200,000 annually. Of course, there is no limit as to what we will be able to do with this card to increase income to local businesses.

"It can be used by clubs as raffle prizes, employers as Christmas gifts to their employees. The chamber runs a *Live Love Shop Local Campaign* a few times a year giving away a \$500 Eftpos card. We had no control over where those funds were spent. Now we know

money will be spent locally. We intend to promote this card in the greater Sunshine Coast Region and Brisbane. How lovely to receive a Maleny Gift Card to spend on your next visit to our town."

The card would not be able to be used outside of participating stores, said Ms Hilton.

"This means every time one of these cards is purchased, the money stays local.

"This card can be used in all businesses signed up to the program, not just retail. Service businesses can also benefit.

"More money locally means more local people employed and more clubs being supported by businesses. It's a win-win for everyone in town.

"We are very excited and look forward to the upcoming launch at the end of July. This is great timing for our town, especially with the current situation.

"It's great to come out the other side with an exciting program that benefits our businesses, our residents, and our town."

## Should Queensland lift its border restrictions?

TOURISM and hospitality are suffering under the weight of COVID-19 restrictions. Is it time to open the borders to tourists to help local operators get back on their feet?

*The Gazette* asked local representatives for their views and then sought a response from the Premier:

• **State Member for Glass House Andrew Powell:** "I absolutely believe that our borders should be re-opened. Queensland is averaging one or less new cases of COVID-19 per day, and we have thorough safety precautions which have been proven to work. The long term damage to our state from keeping the borders closed for much longer will be unimaginable."

• **State Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt:** "The issue here is the mixed messaging. The Government's own roadmap suggests opening borders on 10th July, then the Premier comes out with September in a press conference. People who rely on tourism need certainty and a plan."

• **Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien:** "My view is yes. As a region that's partly reliant on tourism, closed borders into Queensland sees us effectively vacating the field and allowing other locations to steal visitors that may have otherwise planned to visit our region over the months ahead."

• **Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace:** "The Deputy Chief Medical Officer of the Commonwealth, Paul Kelly, just last week came out and said: 'there is no medical reason why the borders should now be closed'. Now the Commonwealth medical officers, they've steered us meticulously through this crisis. And I'm not about to disagree with their advice now."

• **Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk Responds:** "The last people I'm going to take my advice from is the LNP. I will take my advice from the Chief Health Officer. But what we've seen at a national level is I work very constructively with the Prime Minister and I've worked very constructively with other state and territory leaders. I am yet to see the LNP wanting to work constructively with my Government. It's very disappointing actually, because I think Queenslanders expect everyone to be working together during these tough times."

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## ‘The Church has left the building’: reaching out online

IF the people can't come to church the church must go to the people.

That's the positive approach taken by St Peter's Anglican Church in light of the COVID restrictions placed on religious gatherings since March.

"The Church has left the building," said Reverend Tania Eichler following her Sunday sermon delivered via Facebook.

"We've been deployed. We may not gather at the Church, but we still gather as the Church.

"We now gather, online, and we are able to maintain our connection with everyone."

Rev Eichler said she fully understood the church's need to play their part in helping stop the potential spread of the virus. In adapting to the crisis, St Peter's was using technology to keep parishioners connected.

"If you miss attending church you can become part of our Online Church community," Rev Eichler said.

St Peter's Anglican Church has five services a week and they can be accessed via Facebook.

The Sunday service starts at 9am and weekday services at 9.30am. The Facebook address is facebook.com/stpetersanglican-churchmaroochydoore/live/

For more information phone St Peter's at 5443 2133.



Rev Eichler ... "We may not gather at the Church, but we still gather as the Church."

"We are also working on ways to reach our community that are not online," she said. See the website for all the particulars [www.anglicannambour.com](http://www.anglicannambour.com) or phone 5441 1018.

The parish includes St John the Baptist Church Nambour, St Margaret's Church Woombye and All Saints Church, Yandina.

## Nambour Anglican Parish

• Meanwhile, Nambour Anglican Parish Office Administrator Kelinda Black said the Parish was holding online services at a number of times and through different social platforms.

## ‘We need to help local businesses ourselves’

AS COVID-19 restrictions continue to lift across the Sunshine Coast a new community campaign has been launched to encourage locals to support Sunshine Coast businesses and help kick start our region's economic recovery.

The campaign, #SupportSunshineCoast, was developed and co-ordinated by local Federal Member for Fisher Andrew Wallace, with the support of local business groups including Caloundra Chamber of Commerce and the Caloundra Business Alliance.

Mr Wallace said that the Sunshine Coast has everything we could want or need right here on our doorstep.

"Where else can you swim with whales, enjoy world class food looking over the beach, hike the Glass House Mountains, and get access to the latest fashions all in one day?" Mr Wallace said.

"There is so much our community has to offer, but all too often we are too busy thinking of our next trip away to truly appreciate it. As we emerge from this COVID-19 crisis, this is the perfect time to remember how lucky we are to live on the Sunshine Coast.

"If you live down here on the Coast, it's time to spend a weekend in a lodge in the stunning Hinterland. If you live up the Range, why not spend a weekend here by the beach and breathe the sea air?" Mr Wallace said.

There were more than 1.6 million overseas visitor nights on the Sunshine Coast in 2018/19,

while total tourism sales were more than \$3.2 billion. However, significant restrictions on international travel are expected to remain in place for the foreseeable future.

"Many of our businesses are struggling without overseas visitors and many people are waiting to get back to work. We need to pull together as a community and do all we can to encourage and support local businesses ourselves.

So, support the Sunshine Coast, shop local, stay local and play local; and while you're at it, tell your friends all about it. I hope to see thousands of posts with the #SupportSunshineCoast hashtag in the months to come," he said.

Mr Wallace will encourage locals to get involved by enjoying the Sunshine Coast's world class experiences in shopping, food and drink, accommodation or leisure, and sharing an image of them doing so on social media with the hashtag #SupportSunshineCoast, and the supporting hashtags #shoplocal, #staylocal and #playlocal.

The campaign includes partnerships with local business groups across the southern and central Sunshine Coast to encourage more individuals and companies to get involved.

For more information visit [www.andrew-wallacemp.com.au/supportsunshinecoast](http://www.andrew-wallacemp.com.au/supportsunshinecoast). Any business, or community group wishing for add their support with activities under the campaign's banner is welcome to contact the Office of Andrew Wallace MP on 07 5493 5556.

## Utility and truck collide, Bald Knob

THE Forensic Crash Unit is investigating a collision between a truck and utility at Bald Knob on Monday.

Around 12.25pm, emergency services were called to a serious crash on Landsborough Maleny Road where a concrete truck and a utility had collided near Hovard Road.

The 54-year-old male utility driver was airlifted to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in a serious condition.

The 54-year-old male concrete truck driver was not physically injured.

Investigators are urging anyone in the area who witnessed the incident or may have dash cam footage to contact police.

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# 'We've got your back,' says VSC

VISIT Sunshine Coast was committed to supporting the region's tourism industry as we move towards recovery, a spokesperson for the body told *The Gazette*.

"We understand that the impact COVID-19 has had on our region's tourism industry has been unprecedented, and VSC is focused on providing practical support to help our industry navigate the way forward.

"As an organisation VSC has been committed to supporting its members during this time, providing up-to-date information on Government stimulus packages and available support and liaising directly with our members and all levels of Government, while working on a multifaceted marketing campaign to ensure our region remains front of mind for visitors when restrictions ease.

"We are hopeful that the State Government will progressively increase patron numbers for venues, as that will have a major impact on weddings and over events, which play such a crucial role in the Hinterland tourism economy.

"We are also agitating strongly to have the borders opened to interstate travellers well in advance of September, and we are developing marketing campaigns in anticipation of a wider relaxation of travel restrictions.

"There's no doubt that the Hinterland's reputation for natural attractions and authentic experiences will play a major role in future marketing."

## Local Business Network - Online

RUNNING a business can feel isolating at times, let alone when a pandemic that has meant many business owners have had to work from home.

One local business network is running their previously face-to-face network events online.

BNI Team Momentum is a group of 25 local business owners, with a mission of referring business to one another from their family friends and other contacts. This has helped many of them find new ways to generate income and keep busy through the lock down times.

They meet via Zoom at 6.45 on a Thursday morning, and if you also own a local business, you can "visit" for free and promote your business to like minded people on the coast. Only one member for any business category is allowed to join the group as a member to avoid conflicts. Contact Troy Winney for further details [troy@rankfirst.com.au](mailto:troy@rankfirst.com.au).

## Melanoma Patients

BECAUSE of Government restrictions the Sunshine Coast Branch of Melanoma Patients Australia is unable to hold its usual monthly meetings. However we are still active and meeting online via Zoom.

If you or a friend have Melanoma and would like to talk to some of our friendly, caring group please phone Christine at 0412689546 and she will arrange for you to be included in our next online chat.



Bruce and Denise Morcombe welcome the generosity of, from left, Mark Bain from MBC Prestige and Sam and Warren Walker from Century 21 Conolly Hay Group.

## Generous donation helps build legacy

SUNSHINE Coast builder and developer Mark Bain will donate \$30,000 to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation over the next 6 months.

MBC Prestige has been developing large homesites in the lush hills of Palmwoods since 2018 and wanted to give back to the community who have been so supportive of the Habitat development.

"While participating in the Walk for Daniel last year, we saw the genuine support and respect the Palmwoods community gave Bruce

and Denise Morcombe and we wanted to show our respect as well, and help support their important work," said Mark.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation is run from Daniel House, located in Palmwoods and is a lasting legacy to Daniel.

The donation from MBC Prestige will assist the Foundation in continuing their important work in promoting Child Safety and directly supporting young victims of crime.



Volunteers, from left, Margaret Ginns, Marianne Osborne, Jan Bell, Dulcie Williams, Lorraine Coyle & Deborah Lovegrove at the Maleny Aussie Day Expo this year.

## Vollies back to serve city-slickers

LONELY lockdowners looking for an escape have embraced the fresh air and picturesque vistas of Maleny.

In that light the Maleny Visitor Information Centre in Maple Street Maleny has decided to reopen to serve the public, subject to future health guidelines.

"With the number of people we've had up here over the weekend lately we felt a needed to reopen," vice president Graham Gardiner said last week.

"We've got lots of vollies ready to go and we're keen to get back to work and help the community recover."

Mr Gardiner said people were obviously feeling the need to get out and about following the relaxation of isolation restrictions.

And, more pressingly, the local tourism industry needed all the help it could get.

"If we can do our bit to help the industry along that would be great," he said.

Maleny Visitor Information Centre is a not for profit, long-standing, independent community service run only by volunteers.

It is situated in the hub of the town with the office front in the Community Centre.

"The open plan and entrance to the centre provide a friendly welcome to our many information services for Maleny and the Sunshine Coast Hinterland," said Mr Gardiner.

"We're totally independent, apart from the grants from the council, which we appreciate. But apart from that we're totally self-sufficient."

The opening hours are Sunday to Thursday 10am-2pm and Friday and Saturday 9.30am-4pm. Contact: 5499 9033; [malenyinfo@westnet.com.au](mailto:malenyinfo@westnet.com.au)

## Return of the drive in movie

STARRY Nights Outdoor Movies has partnered with The Imperial Hotel Eumundi to host drive-ins at the Eumundi Showgrounds.

The first drive-in will take place this Friday 5 June, with a screening of 80s cult classic 'The Goonies'. Gates open at 5pm, with the film screening at 6.30pm.

Trent Harvison from Starry Nights said he has been overwhelmed with requests from movie lovers keen to see drive-in screenings happen on the Coast.

"With so many gigs and events now not possible, it seems like the right time to provide that nostalgic cinematic experience - with guests able to isolate in their cars," he says.

"Car numbers will be limited to just 80 cars for the first screening - with vehicles to be spaced at least two metres apart to ensure appropriate physical distancing.

"We're keeping the price to just \$25 per car, with tickets sold in advance to ensure a contactless entry. To pre-book tickets, visit [www.ticketebo.com.au/starrynights](http://www.ticketebo.com.au/starrynights)

Starry Nights stresses that social distancing should be observed at all times, with guests asked to remain in their cars unless absolutely necessary. Bathrooms on site will be monitored, and regularly cleaned and sanitised. Guests are also asked to take home what they bring as there will be no rubbish bins on site.

## New measures to help protect subcontractors

SUNSHINE Coast Council has endorsed additional contract measures as part of its procurement process, to help protect subcontractors in events of head contractor insolvencies.

These new measures will assist council identify financial stress or risk with head contractors and will be implemented from 1 July 2020, ahead of the legislated introduction of project bank accounts (PBAs) for councils Queensland-wide in July 2021.

Division Four and Outstanding Organisation portfolio holder Cr Joe Natoli said the new measures were designed to bring insolvency risks to the surface before sub-contractors were left without any option to be paid for their work.

## Councillors vote to place wage increases on hold

SUNSHINE Coast Councillors have unanimously agreed to not accept a 2% wage increase proposed by the Local Government Remuneration Commission.

The decision was made in recognition of the impact of COVID-19 on the Sunshine Coast community, the biggest health and economic challenge faced in more than a century.

"Keeping the Sunshine Coast community safe, supporting local businesses and protecting local jobs has been the focus of our council's response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic," Mayor Jamieson said

## Badminton bounces back

NAMBOUR Badminton resumes Monday night June 15, Tuesday morning 16th June. But because there is a 20 person limit please do not just turn up. You need to book in. Check with Darren for Monday and Thursday nights, Eunice for Tuesday mornings.

## Never Fail Scones Recipe

By: Lyn Gierke, Palmwoods CWA

### Recipe



- Knead lightly to shape Note: Do not knead with heavy hands
  - Flatten to 4 cm thick (1.5 inches)
  - Cut with scone cutter
  - Place scones on tray apart from each other to avoid touching on rising
  - Glaze with milk or cream
  - Bake
- NOTE: DO NOT open the door while cooking, however scones may be quickly separated in the last few minutes of cooking if they are touching.

**Oven:** 220°C  
**Equipment:** Scone Tray, Bowl, Butter Knife, Scone Cutter, Cutting Board.

**Cooking time:** 15 to 20 minutes.

- Ingredients**
- 4 Cups Self Raising Flour
  - Pinch Salt
  - 600 ml Thickened Cream
  - Milk (If required)

- Method**
- Pre-warm scone tray (Line with grease proof paper if desired)
  - Flour the cutting board
  - Put flour into bowl
  - Mix in salt
  - Make a well in the centre with the knife
  - Pour in thickened cream
  - Mix together with knife
  - If mixture is too dry add milk to create slightly sticky dough
  - Drop onto floured cutting board

## Celebrating the Vivacious Volunteers of Glass House

NATIONAL Volunteers' Week was celebrated last month and Member for Glass House Andrew Powell wanted to ensure our volunteers were recognised and thanked.

"It is a time to celebrate the way volunteers shape and contribute to our communities. If you've ever visited a community hall, neighbourhood centre or RSL, been helped by a rural fire brigade, school P&C or men's shed, then you will know the generosity of our volunteers," said Mr Powell

"There are so many organisations in Glass House that rely on volunteers...too many to name! This week we thank them. Our communities would not look the same without their passion and dedication."

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2020 is "Changing Communities. Changing Lives."

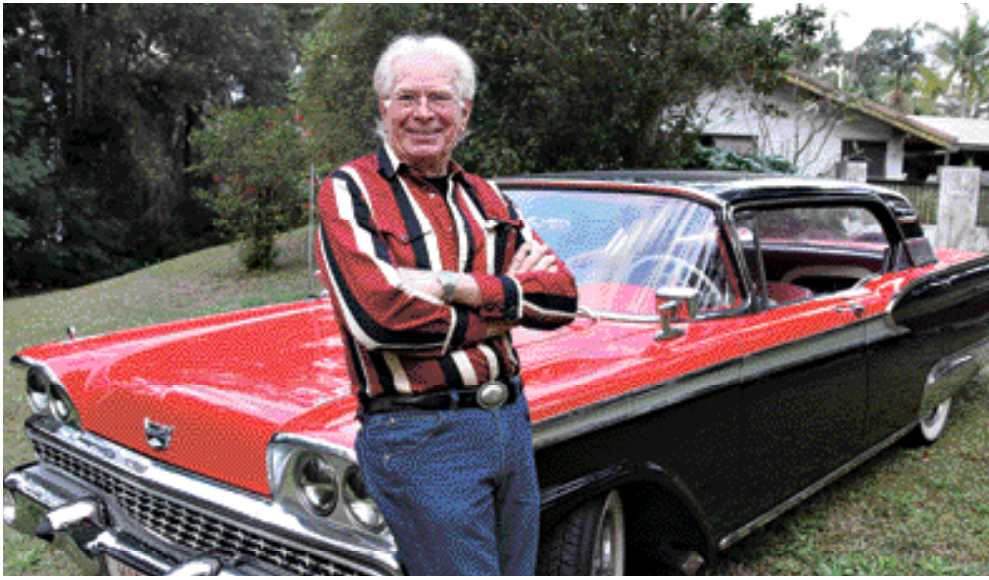
Volunteers Australia have asked people to celebrate by uploading photos to social media waving for volunteers.

"I'll certainly be uploading my wave for volunteers on social media, it's the least I can do to celebrate our local volunteers who donate their time to help shape our neighbourhoods."

"Volunteers are love in motion. They have a love for people, for helping others, for their communities and for giving back.

"Many Glass House volunteers are also retired. They've well and truly earned the right to relax and take it easy, but instead we see them dedicating time to bettering and improving their community.

"So, this week, thank a volunteer. Or maybe even consider volunteering for a local organisation yourself! You'll be helping others and it will feel great," said Mr Powell.



# Jimmy the Postie strikes a chord

by Stewart Medland

**J**IMMY has been delivering my mail for the past 15 years. I'll never forget our first driveway meeting. "I'm as lost as a goose in a snow storm," he exclaimed. The phrase was as unfamiliar as the deep southern accent.

Jimmy told me he was from Arkansas, US of A. I must confess, after that brief introduction, I immediately looked up Google having no idea where Arkansas — pronounced Ar-kan-saw — was.

Over the years there have been many driveway meetings with a variety of topics discussed, mostly around music, guitars and cars. His is an interesting story and one I was keen to share. So here's a snapshot of Jimmy Cushing aka Jimmy The Postie.

Growing up close to the town of Little Rock, capital of Arkansas, music was all around especially for the Cushing family who owned and operated Benton Wholesale Piano Company.

It was a real family affair with Jimmy working alongside his Father, Mother and siblings. Travelling sometimes great distances to acquire pianos which they would strip down and return to their former glory. The store sold all types of pianos from traditional uprights to full concert grands. Arkansas is famous for producing ex-president Bill Clinton but also legendary Country Music stars Glen Campbell & Johnny Cash. Along with the incredible piano player Teddy Reidel, who for a time worked at the piano store.

"Teddy was a genius who came to us so he could learn piano tuning, he actually turned down a chance to join Elvis Presley's band so he could do his own thing," recalls Jimmy. Another famous Country star was Charlie Rich, who lived close by. "He was the local musician that made the big time. My cousin Vicki stopped on a single lane bridge to let a car through one day. It was Charlie with Elvis sitting in the passenger seat".

Finishing on a Friday afternoon Jimmy would often hit Highway 40 straight to Nashville, a six-hour drive, so he could spend all weekend watching the biggest Country stars of the day.

As general interest in pianos began to wane and the building owners wanted to develop the site, the family business came to an end.

Jimmy moved on, undertaking a number of jobs, working for Chevrolet, factory hand positions and selling medical supplies.

During this time he had been invited to a BBQ where he met his future wife, an Australian Nurse, Lyndall. Jimmy first visited Australia in 1984 and met Lyndall's family a further five times. In 1995 they both returned to Australia and settled on the Sunshine Coast where Lyndall's parents had retired.

Jimmy had a cousin back in the States who was involved in the manufacturing and supply of Emergency vehicle sirens and lights. Jimmy became the middle man for the importing of the equipment, as it was at a time when the old sirens and lights of emergency vehicles were being updated.

Tiring of the coast lifestyle, with half a mind to return to America Jimmy took a drive. He rolled into Palmwoods and immediately thought "This is a nice little town".

"Most definitely if it wasn't for Palmwoods I was heading back to America," he said. This was 1998 and an opportunity arose to become an Australia Post mail contractor.

His current run covers about 100kms and around 500 properties.

Involving himself in the local community through his love of music, Jimmy has performed many times at Australasian Country Music Hall of Fame in Yandina, where he was a member for 15 years and served as president of the club for a time.

He's also a regular player at the Maroochy River Country Music Club & the Caloundra Country Music & Blues Club. Playing alongside Lyndall in his own group Ozark Moon.

Jimmy played me one of the many songs he knows, but not on piano, on guitar. Needless to say it was a great performance delivered with the ease and polish of a seasoned player.

He also has a great collection of guitars, "can't help myself, every time I go back to the States I see a guitar I just like" he smiled.

He has a great love of classic American cars and has owned some beauties.

While having lunch at a Palmwoods café he overheard another diner mention Riding for the Disabled. He introduced himself and within no time had become a volunteer, naturally, as he also loves horses.

Jimmy combines his passions to hold fundraisers at the Riding for the Disabled venue with a classic car and music show.

He is one of the original members of Thumpers Car Club and a member of Sun-coast Rod and Custom Club.

Attending classic car events and driving his Red Convertible led him to being the instigator of the Nambour Anzac Day Memorial car parade.

He'd been driving a 1975 Pontiac Firebird but "had been looking for something a little more rock n roll". "And I found just the thing on ebay," he said.

All Jimmy's classics have been from the States. "My daughter Crystal lives in Tulsa and the car was in Oklahoma City so it was perfect."

Crystal was able to send a number of photos and Jimmy's heart was set on this car.

He flew back, spending time with his family, especially his beautiful daughter, whom he misses terribly and still calls every day. A photo album shows the original condition of the car which had sat neglected for many years.

The highlight of my visit to Jimmy's home was when he opened the garage door and there was the result of thousands of hours of restoration.

"Every spare minute I had went into this car," he said. "My 1959 Galaxie Town Victoria is the only one that I know of in Australia that is equipped with the 3-speed manual transmission and with the factory continental kit. It is also equipped with factory power steering."

Many parts had to be custom made even down to replacement window rubbers. I have never stood next to a car that has left me speechless. "C'mon lets go for a ride," he said.

Jimmy wanted something more rock n roll, and he certainly found it. As we cruised along people stopped, stared and took photos as we passed. I just grinned like a Cheshire cat.

With the huge increase in mail Jimmy still manages to spend a few moments with residents as he hands over the mail, always keen to know how you are.

From the many grateful recipients of your delivery service we thank you. The guitar playing, classic car driving, all round nice guy "Jimmy The Postie."

## New business, new value

Business Advice  
by Peter Gamgee



**T**HINK growth and productivity rather than "recovery". Let me tell you why and what should be on your growth agenda.

WHY?

Small business controls 45% of all employment in Australia. More than either medium sized business or big business.

The impact on small business due to pandemic related restrictions has driven the high unemployment rate. This, combined with consumer caution has resulted in reduced spending in many sectors.

With a roadmap for partial restriction lifting we see that some business is returning naturally. Let's call it "organic" growth. Property enquiries, often a lead indicator, here on the Sunshine Coast are increasing. Local tourists are returning and retail sales have picked up again.

However consumer demands for services and products has changed and it is unlikely for many businesses that organic growth will get you back to where you were. Let alone recover from the cash flow lost and credit extended during the poor or no trading period.

For your own sake, and also for small business collectively to contribute to the economic recovery, you really need to be doing more business than you were pre January 2020. That means growth, not just recovery.

The Federal and State governments know this and they have started to provide not just "relief" packages but incentives and grants to stimulate businesses. This might be a good starting point for you to find some extra money to help with a growth agenda. See for example the increase in Export Market Development Grants started in April, and pending incentives announced in the last week by the Prime Minister.

WHAT should be on your growth agenda?

Here is a starting list: Know your customers in their "now" state. Know what products or services you sell or can sell that will match. Know your true differentiators. Financially assess the key different marketing/growth strategies to determine the most productive and best returning ones. Implement those in priority of best return for least effort. Look for the grants and incentives that will fit your priorities – not the other way round.

"Recovery" has connotations of just getting back to where you were. For some that may work – for many it will not be enough. Don't rely on customers returning naturally. Think and act "Growth". It will get you where you want to be AND help our Australian economy.

## Zonta Scholarships awarded

SERVICE to women continues at the Zonta Club of Blackall Range Inc, even in a pandemic, and one of their major initiatives is to award two scholarships annually to local women studying at tertiary level.

The 2020 winners have been announced and their cheques posted, pending an opportunity to present their certificates in person when club meetings become face to face again.

Chairman of the Scholarship committee, Linda McElrea, said the candidates this year were so close they decided to give a further 'encouragement' award.

"Each year we award a \$1500 scholarship for a female studying STEM subjects and one for a student of Humanities, and this year we also gave a \$500 supplementary award to a student of Fine Arts" said Linda.

The STEM scholarship was awarded to Georgia Siddals in her second year of a BSc at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Georgia's degree choice began with a love of biology at high school but having discovered a passion for chemistry and biochemistry she is considering a pursuit of medicine or completing further study in pharmaceutical research and drug trial management.

"The emergence of COVID-19 has impacted me in many ways, but it has reminded me why I am putting myself through university, in order to apply what I have learnt to helping others, either working on the front-line or searching for a potential cure during a pandemic," she said.

The Humanities scholarship was awarded to Talia Rosa-Denham, enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws. Talia, in her third year at USC, changed courses from originally studying medicine, and now is totally committed to a degree in Law.

"Now I can't imagine studying anything else, as I see it as a force for social change. For example, the law was used to extend the right for women to vote and stand for public office in Australia, the second country ever to enshrine these Acts.

"I hope eventually to work in a field where I can combine my love of law with my interest in foreign relations," said Talia.

The encouragement award was given to Eve



Chair of Zonta's Scholarship committee Linda McElrea studies this year's applications.

Jorgensen, who, following a Diploma of Visual Art at TAFE in 2018 is now in her second year of a Bachelor of Fine Art at Griffith Queensland College of Art.

"This is the first time we have awarded this, but we were very impressed with the quality of Eve's application and dedication to her study", said Linda McElrea.

Originally from Denmark, Eve spent her school years at Montville primary and Maleny High School and has contributed her works in jewellery and ceramics to stores and markets in Maleny where they have been extremely popular.

"I am particularly interested in traditional art practice and I hope to be able to pursue study at a ceramic and glass school in Denmark, and perhaps further my degree and teach, so I can support myself while I maintain my creative art activities," she said.

The women will be invited to a club meeting when restrictions are more relaxed so they can receive their award certificates from President Ann Koenig and speak to members about their career goals.

## Developers withdraw Mapleton DA

DEVELOPERS have withdrawn an application for a 95-home over 50s lifestyle community in Mapleton. IRBS Properties was behind the proposal for 81 Flaxton Drive and earlier this month requested the current assessment period for the project to stop from May 29.

"Please note we have regrettably withdrawn interest in the property. We have no further comment at this point," said Dennis Morgan, Development Manager for IRBS.

The withdrawal comes in the wake of opposition to the project from the Blackall Range Land Care Planning Association which feared the proposal would change the fabric of the hinterland community.

The development application was lodged with the Sunshine Coast Council last month.

The developer said the proposed facility would have given residents the opportunity



to continue to live in the area and enjoy the hinterland lifestyle they were accustomed to as they transitioned into retirement.

## School holiday fun

These school holidays, turn your kids into nature agents at the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden. Go on a mission to unlock the secrets of the gardens through an augmented reality game on your smart device.

Simply download the free Agents of Discovery App from your app store. Load the 'bushland discovery' mission and head to the gardens to begin your challenge. Visit the what's on guide on Council's website to begin.

## Adventure Sunshine Coast

It's time to get outdoors and what better way than on one of our region's walking, cycling, paddling or riding trails. There are over 150 to choose from and finding them is easy.

Visit [www.adventure.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.adventure.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) select your activity and location and choose how easy or hard you'd like to go. Social distancing still applies on trails.

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## Horizon Festival online

The reimagined Horizon Festival 2020 is here with an outstanding program of online events and experiences to delight arts-lovers, artists and anyone looking for a creative escape from iso-life.

The June program features a breathtaking Open Air concert by Deline Briscoe, a conversation with artists and change-makers for Act x Activism, the first heat for the spoken word competition series The Bunker, and our first two Homegrown local artist commissions, plus much more.

Visit [horizonfestival.com.au](http://horizonfestival.com.au) for details.

## Living smart

Got a boggy corner in your backyard and not sure what to do with it?

One idea is to turn it into a frog friendly garden – attracting frogs is easy, you just need to create the right conditions. Subscribe to the free Bush hands eNews to find out how to create a frog friendly garden. Get environment focused stories, events and tutorials delivered straight to you.

Subscribe at [sunsinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushhands](http://sunsinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushhands).

## COVID-19 – Stay informed

In this current climate of rapid change it's important you stay informed on the local impacts of COVID-19 during the virus pandemic. To find out more visit [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/coronavirus).

## The Lift Project Sunshine Coast

Council has partnered with Lift Lifestyle Medicine to offer The Lift Project Sunshine Coast at no cost to all Sunshine Coast residents.

It's an evidence-based online wellbeing program that draws the latest research from Neuroscience, Lifestyle Medicine and Positive Psychology.

The next course starts 27 July. Visit Council's website to register.

## Date for the diary

Budget adoption - 25 June, 2020.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Minister's accusation disappointing, wrong

I have been a Sunshine Coast rail duplication advocate for over 10 years now, and a spokesperson for Robert Dow's 'Rail Back on Track', since 2013, all because the Labor Govt. stopped the Sunshine Coast rail duplication to Landsborough, without public explanation, in April 2009. Had they built it to Landsborough by 2012 — as promised in Parliament in 2006 by the Hon Paul Lucas MP — I wouldn't be here.

It was disappointing to read that Hon Mark Bailey MP, Queensland's Minister for Transport and Main Roads would falsely accuse me of authoring an LNP Media Release. It is a blatant falsehood and I insist the Minister apologise!

I certainly used strong words to describe the actions of his government - but that is because I was very angry at their blatant refusal to honour yet another promise to the Sunshine Coast's growing community. It isn't the first promise to us to be broken.

Ask the Minister about Anna Bligh's May 2007 promise of rail from Beerwah to Maroochydhore? It was in a published document and stated that the rail was to be to Caloundra by 2015, and to Maroochydhore by 2020. Where is it now? You may well ask.

Currently there is no plan and no funding for that promise.

It was noticeable that the Minister can't bring himself to address the promise his party made to the residents of Woombye in 2015, for nine extra trains: four southbound and five northbound, "to give us hourly services throughout the day."

To date the Minister cannot say when, if ever, their definitive commitment will be honoured. No amount of obfuscation will change that.

I have never been an author of any media release by any political party. In fact, I attacked the former LNP Treasurer, the Hon Tim Nicholls MP in 2014, accusing him of 'political blackmail' over their then proposal to fund our rail duplication.

I held the Premier, the Hon Campbell Newman to account when he didn't know what our region's priorities were. He later announced \$532m funding for rail duplication, but lost the 2015 election.

Mr Bailey's time would far better be spent getting their promises enabled.

—Jeff Addison, Sunshine Coast Com-muter Advocate, Sunshine Coast Spokes-person Rail Back on Track

## A silver lining

Our local tourists predominately come from within Queensland. This 80 percent may well increase as people from Brisbane to Bundaberg are forced to not travel overseas or even nationally & must turn to closer alternatives to holiday

Moreover, for those that can't or don't want to fly, short car journey destinations are going to be the most attractive. So, by default, we may end up with more intrastate tourists.

— Michael Burgess, recent mayoral candidate, Parrearra

## Foreign Aid billions

In the next few weeks, months, years and possibly decades you will be told how broke Australia is, that "we are all in this together" and that we shall have to tighten our collective belt.

Stick the following to the refrigerator and re-read it prior to the next Federal election: Australia gave \$4 billion in foreign aid in 2019. That's "b" not "m."

Included in that was almost \$300 million to improve the lot of impoverished Indonesia. In that same year the Indonesian government fed, housed, armed and trained a military 7 times greater than Australia's military. Go figure.

—Ron Campbell, Dulong

## Australia must stand up to China

No more! Enough! Our second World War veterans must be rolling in their graves or shaking their heads in disgust. "Why did we bother?" is the phrase often heard from veterans all across Australia. Shame on all of us, particularly our leaders.

Limp-wristed politicians fail dismally in representing us all. We are not powerless.

And even arrayed against a greater power we should at least have a go. We owe it to ourselves and to our ancestors who built this country on the policy of "have a go."

Damn, I hate bullies. Please. No more. Stop now — before we celebrate Anzac Day in Cantonese and study a Melbourne Cup form in Mandarin.

Hey true blue, indeed.

— Ron Campbell, Dulong

# I back the Magpies, Eels and Brumbies



## Quick Questions

Andrew Powell MP

**A**NDREW Powell is a dyed-in-wool Collingwood supporter and has been known to cheer on the Parramatta Eels (NRL) and Canberra Brumbies (Rugby). Try to not hold that against him as you get to know more about the State Member for Glasshouse here ...

**Birth date and/or star sign:** 15th May sometime in the first half of the 1970s

**Favourite local hinterland food and why:** You can't seriously ask me to pick one?! That would be so career-limiting. And as most can tell, and regularly tell me, it's pretty obvious I love my food. So here's a couple of favourites – seafood from the Terrace; pizza from Montville Gourmet Pizzeria; gelato from Maleny Food Co; burgers from Ricks Garage; Rueben sandwiches from Shotgun Espresso; breakfast from Little May's; Caesar salad from Monica's; and, Asian from Spicers Tamarind. And if you want a coffee – well, we are simply spoilt for choice.

**Where did you grow up:** All over the country! Before settling in the Hinterland nearly 18 years ago I'd lived in 31 houses in 30 years in Melbourne, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Sydney, Canberra, Fiji and New Zealand. My schooling was in Melbourne, Sydney and Redcliffe. I remain a dyed-in-wool Collingwood supporter and have been known to cheer on the Parramatta Eels and ACT Brumbies.

**Last book read (title and author):** Hilary Mantel's "Bring up the Bodies"

– a historical fiction based on the life of Thomas Cromwell.

**Why do you like most about your current job:** Serving locals. It's the heart of the job and, at the end of the day, is the most pleasing part of the job. When we get an outcome – like finally getting the upgrades to the Maleny-Kenilworth Road at Cambroon – it's just so rewarding.

**What's the most important thing you ever learned:** That my self-worth is not determined by what others think or say about me.

**Your favourite saying:** It's not so much a "saying" as a "quote". And bear with me, it's a bit long, but it's worth it ...

*It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in*

*the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.* — Theodore Roosevelt – 23 April 1910

**Nickname as a kid (and explanation):** "Beefy" – some would suggest because of my stocky build but also because kids love the play on words. "Pal Dog Foods". Need I say more.

**First job & what was it like:** Put aside a paper run, my first job was selling TV, hi-fis and computers at Strathpine Myers. I loved it but could never bring myself to push "rubbish" brands on customers. Ironically, my honesty regarding quality often led them to buy the better brand. I may not have been the most prolific seller but I felt good about what I sold.

**Happiest moment in life that wasn't related to family matters:** Skydiving – apparently I was on a high for three weeks. So much so, my staff bought me another one as a Christmas gift because they reckon it was the best three weeks in the office!

**What were you doing 10 years ago:** I was the Member for Glass House and Taryn and I had just welcomed our fifth child, Rohanna, in to the family.

**What do you hope to be doing in 10 years:** A lot of that depends on the good people of Glass House. It could possibly still involve being the local Member. If not that, not sure, but it'll involve being a grandfather I suspect. My kids will be aged 29 to 20 by then so Taryn and I will well and truly be in a different stage of our lives.

**What did you want to be as a kid:** At various stages a graphic designer or architect. But when I left school I wanted to become an Ambassador. However, I picked the wrong language at University – the Department of Foreign Affairs weren't looking for Russian speakers come the mid 1990s. Should have stopped reading Tom Clancy novels I suspect.

**What does your music playlist look like:** I'm very eclectic when it comes to music so everything from Paul Kelly's "How to Make Gravy", U2's "Rattle and Hum" album, The Waifs "London Still", Brooke Fraser's "CS Lewis Song" through to the "Frozen 2" soundtrack (thanks to the kids) and Eurovision (thanks to Taryn) and Rimsky Korsakov, Grieg and Elgar.

## Major grants boost local projects

From **David Law**  
Division 10 Councillor



LAST week Council endorsed the recommended recipients of its Major Grants Program, which will give a boost to 80 local projects with \$515,000 of community grant funding.

I'm really pleased to see many groups within Division 10 receive a helping hand to progress their projects, including the Nambour Men's Shed. They will receive just over \$6000 to upgrade facilities with the installation of a solar roof ventilator and air conditioning unit. They have more than 70 members and this upgrade will really help the shed be more comfortable in the extremes of weather, hot or cold. The Men's Shed provides connectivity and friendship for the members. Well done to Rick Reedman, Colin Webb and all the team for the great work they do. Council's Major Community Grants Program supports local communities across seven categories.

This round of funding included: \$119,572 for community development; \$68,425 for community events; \$231,222 for community facilities; \$25,500 for cultural development; \$3,741 for cultural heritage; \$11,000 for economic development; and \$56,364 for sport, recreation and healthy living.

Applications for the next round open on 13 July. For more information visit [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Grants-and-Funding](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Grants-and-Funding)

### Win an iPad!

There's no doubt so many of us are relying a lot on online technology at the moment due to COVID-19. Council would like to better understand what makes residents click and how we can best engage with you online.

Please let us know your thoughts by completing the Community Engagement Online Survey here: [survey.monkey.com/r/SCConlinesurvey](https://survey.monkey.com/r/SCConlinesurvey).

You might get lucky and win an Apple iPad if you complete the survey before Monday 8 June.

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## Hard-hit businesses need our support

**Andrew Wallace**  
Federal Member for Fisher



THE Sunshine Coast has everything we could want or need right here on our doorstep and there has never been a more important time to support our region.

Last week I spent the day visiting fantastic businesses in Maleny, like Monica's Café, Maple3, The Maleny Men and Maleny Cheese.

Businesses like these, that help make the Sunshine Coast Hinterland unique, have struggled in recent months.

### Fewer tourists

With international and state borders closed, there are far fewer tourists in our region.

This means less money coming in from outside the region, fewer jobs available for the people who live here, and a weaker economy for all of us.

We need to pull together as a community and do all we can to encourage and support these terrific Hinterland businesses ourselves.

That's why I have created a new grassroots campaign called #SupportSunshineCoast.

### It's easy to get involved.

All you have to do is shop local, stay local or play local, and while you're at it, jump online to tell your friends all about it with the hashtag #SupportSunshineCoast.

Let's aim for thousands of posts with this hashtag in the months to come.

You can add the hashtags #shoplocal, #staylocal or #playlocal if you like too.

In the weeks and months to come please, plan a weekend away in another part of our region, choose a local shop for the products you need or splash out at one of our fantastic boutiques.

Please consider trying out a new local activity, have breakfast at a local café or eat at one of our terrific restaurants.

Finally, don't forget to post about it on social media and, if you are in Bokarina, pop into my office to collect a #SupportSunshineCoast shopping bag.

## Council prepares for budget

**Winston Johnston**  
Division 5 Councillor



NOW the seven weeks of induction, briefings and councillor training is almost at an end, the next two weeks will be taken up with the preparing the Sunshine Coast Council budget for the 2020-21 financial year.

I'm also looking forward to the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions, so I may get out and about to meet residents, businesses and community groups in each of the communities of Division 5.

### Salary freeze

At 28 May 2020 Ordinary Meeting of council, council resolved to freeze councillor salaries and decline the automatic indexation from 30 June 2020.

### Local projects boosted

Eighty local projects throughout the Sunshine Coast Council area have now benefitted from \$515,000 of community grant funding. Nine Division 5 community groups have received funding, please go to my Facebook page [www.facebook.com/winstonjohnstondivision5sunshinecoastcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/winstonjohnstondivision5sunshinecoastcouncil) for all the details.

### Out and about

Before and after council meetings, as well as at weekends, I've been out and about sending requests for road works, works to open up the views from our many look-outs and other issues. So if you see council employees attending to these maintenance and repairs they may well be doing so as a result of me requesting these works.

### Australia Day Awards

2020 has been unlike anything the Sunshine Coast has experienced before and the community response has been nothing short of inspirational. Sunshine Coast Council has opened nominations for the 2021 Sunshine Coast Australia Day Awards earlier than usual. You can nominate online via council's website. Sunshine Coast Australia Day Award 2021 recipients will be announced at a special ceremony to be held on Friday, January 22, 2021.

# Road upgrade preview

MOTORISTS have received a preview of the next major Sunshine Coast upgrade on the Bruce Highway at Forest Glen, with animated concepts released yesterday showing how the upgraded highway interchanges at Maroochy Road and Mons Road will work after a \$301.25 million overhaul.

Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey said the project was one of four major jointly funded Bruce Highway upgrades collectively worth almost \$2.8 billion being delivered between Caboolture and Gympie in the coming years.

"Work is nearing completion on the massive upgrade between Caloundra Road and the Sunshine Coast Motorway, but that is just an entrée to what lies ahead for the Sunshine Coast," Mr Bailey said.

"This project at Forest Glen will be quickly followed by work starting on the \$1 billion Gympie Bypass and then later this year the upgrade of the highway between Caboolture and the southern Steve Irwin Way exit to six lanes.

Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien said the project would help relieve frustrations experienced by motorists.

"The works will bust congestion at the interchanges and eliminate queuing onto the Bruce Highway," Mr O'Brien said.

"It will provide more reliable and reduced travel times for freight transport and meet community demand for pedestrian and bike riding access and infrastructure.

"It will also enable motorists to travel between the Maroochy Road and Mons Road interchanges at Forest Glen without having to use the Bruce Highway, separating local and regional traffic to improve safety and traffic flow on the national freight route and local roads."

Key features of the upgrade include a new, four-lane, eastbound bridge at the Maroochy Road interchange over the Bruce Highway converting the existing free-flowing interchange to a signalised interchange.

Works also include upgrades to the Mons Road interchange, new two-way service roads on the western and eastern sides of the Bruce Highway and active transport provisions for bike riders and pedestrians through the Maroochy Road interchange connecting to the eastern service road.

Major construction is expected to be completed in late 2022, weather and construction conditions permitting.

## A welcome reprieve from being home

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



FOR some of you, life is transitioning to the "new normal" which means maintaining social distancing and hygiene measures as you return to your daily lives. For others though, there's a long way to go – people are still out of work and businesses are still closed.

A huge range of support measures remain available through the Federal Government and I encourage you to check out [www.australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au) or contact my office for help.

Thankfully, Australia's social distancing measures are working and I want to acknowledge the effort everybody throughout the hinterland has been making to protect our community and flatten the curve - well done!

### \$9.6M boost

Locally, federal funding has also started to flow through as the Government turns its focus towards the recovery phase and its Job Maker plan.

A new fund has been set up to support local economies hit by the COVID-19 crisis – the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program – from which \$3.65 million in federal funding has been allocated to Sunshine Coast Council.

We have also accelerated \$6 million in Financial Assistance Grant payments for Sunshine Coast Council, which amounts to a \$9.6 million boost for local priority projects like improvements to roads, bridges, tunnels and street lighting. Upgrades to bicycle and foot paths, park barbecues, picnic shelters and other community facilities are also eligible. The initial investment is aimed at supporting local jobs and businesses to help stimulate the Sunshine Coast economy.

### COVIDSafe

If you haven't already, now is a great time to download the COVIDSafe app.

As always, please get in touch with any Federal issues, concerns or enquiries on 5479 2800; via email at [ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au).

## Roadmap creates inconsistencies

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



I recently spoke in Parliament on a COVID-19 Emergency Response Bill.

I raised the concerns of small business owners in Glass House.

I don't want to see this health crisis turn into an economic crisis as well.

It's clear the government's Roadmap to Recovery has created inconsistency and confusion.

For example, Ocean View Estates – a restaurant, wedding and accommodation venue in the south of the electorate – understood the roadmap to allow takeaway food and picnicking on their property as long as there weren't more than ten within the restaurant at one time.

However, they were soon informed that having any more than ten (now 20 people) people on the entire 100-acre estate was an offence.

The problem is, just down the road at the Gantry in the D'Aguilar National Park, no one was policing social distancing for the hundreds that stopped by.

The toilets are only cleaned once a week and they have no sanitiser supplied.

These kinds of inconsistencies are only adding to small businesses frustrations.

### National Volunteer Week

We recently celebrated National Volunteer Week.

It was a time to celebrate the way volunteers shape and contribute to our communities.

If you've ever visited a community hall, public library or RSL, been helped by a rural fire brigade, school P&C or men's shed, then you will know the generosity and hearts of volunteers.

Of course, there are many more groups, too many to name!

Our communities would not look the same without their passion and dedication.

Thank you Glass House volunteers! Keep up the great work.

## Tears of joy on release day for carers

from Donna Brennan Wildlife Volunteers WILVOS  
5441 6200 [www.wilvos.org.au](http://www.wilvos.org.au)

REHABILITATION of wildlife starts with that one phone call to our WILVOS Hotline 5441 6200 number. The finale for our native animals is their release back into their habitat.

Choosing the release site sees many factors considered. Ideally, animals are returned to their origins, though this is not always possible. The responsibility of wildlife rehabilitation groups is to research all aspects of wildlife release. It can be a juggling act to achieve the best outcome, but without research and education those survival rates will remain in the dismal survival figures of decades ago.

Often the only consideration given would be to habitat. Now we know that housing is in short supply for our wildlife. All our possums and gliders are released in their nesting boxes, which they've had since young. This ensures shelter as the animal settles into their life in the wild. When they move off to find a better home some other animal uses the shelter of the nesting box. They are never wasted!

These past weeks have seen a number of native animals released that initially came into my care. There is always sadness, but also joy to see a creature return to freedom. Captivity is no place for our native animals. Freedom has to be the ultimate dream of all living creatures on the planet. Taking a mob of kangaroos to a safe release area is a wonderful feeling. Two of the latest mob came to me as young joeys in need of a foster mum.

Both Jojo and Velvet were the result of motor vehicle accidents. The former came into care very soon after the event. A checkover at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and she was soon in my care. The outcome for native animals is always so much better when they reach a wildlife carer as soon as possible. Velvet had some issues on arrival. Woombye Vet Surgery were happy to continue to monitor her health and treat her for her pneumonia and digestive issues. It was wonderful to see her health quickly improve and she grew into a beautiful robust kangaroo. So they are really tears of joy on release day!

## Dogs in Business



**Meet Rex. Rex works at Yandina Hardware and most times, he can be found in the tea room, overseeing smoko. Here he is with his boss Gab Pawson (a little unsure about having his photo taken). Such a smiley, friendly, good boy!**

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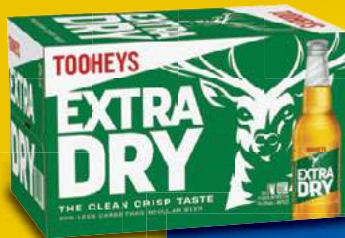
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# Clear solution to COVID-safe cart sharing

By Richard Owen

MALENY Golf Club has fitted its fleet of golf carts with innovative COVIDsafe partitions so golfers can share a ride with another player while complying with social distancing protocols.

Club Manager and PGA professional Wayne Perske said the partitions were made from inexpensive clear PVC plastic sheeting and were used simple low-tech fixings.

“Over the past couple of months we have permitted only one person to use a cart in response to Coronavirus social distancing requirements,” Mr Perske explained.

“This resulted in a significant loss of potential income and additional wear and tear on the course and every golf club in the country is grappling with the same problem.”

The partitions were designed by one of the club’s members who is an upholsterer and reflect similar, but generally more expensive, approaches being adopted by golf clubs abroad.

Among the first golfers to try out one of Maleny’s “COVIDsafe” golf carts were recent visitors Michael Moore and Steve “Tubby Connors who were keen to promote the idea at their home of club Maroochy River.

Mr Perske said Maleny

Golf Club was now sharing its design approach with other clubs looking for a quick, inexpensive solution and could also assist with manufacture if needed.

“Of course players sharing these carts must still adhere to all social distancing protocols while selecting clubs from their bags and use separate sand buckets to fill divots,” Mr Perske said.

Visitor patronage has soared over the past month since the world’s number 6-ranked golfer, Adam Scott, used Instagram to live broadcast a 9-hole match-play round from Maleny with Mr Perske - a long-time friend.

Mr Perske said Adam’s generosity and patronage had given Maleny Golf Club a “massive credibility boost” which had put the course on the international golfing map.

The course, serviced by a top-drawer maintenance facility, is comprised of two Par 5s, 10 Par 4s and 6 Par 3s featuring unique revetted greenside bunkering, Tiff-dwarf Bermuda Grass greens and Kikuyu fairways within a peaceful, scenic hinterland setting.

**Maroochy River Golfers Michael Moore (left) and Steve Connors testing out a COVIDsafe golf cart at Maleny Golf Club.**



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