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DV workloads heap pressure on stretched local police

NAMBOUR Senior Sergeant Police Officer in Charge Gary Brayley has provided local insight into how growing workloads around domestic and family violence, drugs and mental health are placing mounting pressure on police.

He said domestic violence was placing massive demands on manpower as the service struggled to maintain community expectations.

With increasing demand for officers to provide services above and beyond the realm of traditional policing, he pinpointed the complex work involved in and around domestic violence as a major time-demand on police nationwide.

"It's everywhere, it's a big job, it's a big problem, and it's time-consuming as well," Sen Sgt Brayley said. "It's a complex process that we're required to undertake to take action, depending on the nature of the incident that occurred."

"Out of all the crime that I review every single week, I could probably say it probably makes up 55 to 60 percent of our reports. But in terms of the labour involved, compared to taking a report of a break-and-enter or a stolen car, it far exceeds that."

"In addition to DV we have a lot of calls for service in relation to mental health, people having mental health episodes, people threatening to commit suicide, and more. As a follow-on from that, our time is involved with people in our custody that probably should be at the hospital, but the hospitals are doing their best to process patients, etc. And of course we can't let someone go who's in a vulnerable situation."

"So now we become the custodian of that person while we wait for the hospital. It's a difficult one to answer, but domestic violence and mental health would probably be the two biggest issues we face."

Despite the pressures Sen Sgt Brayley told the



Sen Sgt Gary Brayley speaks to a special Safety Meeting called by Reimagine Nambour last month.

meeting Police were doing all they could to prioritise responsibilities and keep everyone safe.

"The people that live in this town have every right to feel safe, to move about town and do business," he said.

"It's our job to make sure that that is achieved. It's just a matter of trying to make the best use of the resources we have to try and sustain some sort of police presence in our community."

He said domestic violence was a problem everywhere, not just Nambour.

"It certainly has increased over the past 10 years. I've been tracking domestic violence, for



Saddle-up: The Nambour Rodeo's back!

RAY White Nambour is proud to once again present the annual Nambour Rodeo at the Showgrounds on Friday, May 20.

The event is being held in conjunction with Honky-Tonk Rodeo Promotions and the National Rodeo Association and will benefit Reimagine Nambour, a local community program.

"We are incredibly proud to be supporting Reimagine Nambour and the local Nambour community," said Ray White Nambour's Matt O'Grady. "We are also proud of the other local businesses that have come on board to support the Nambour Rodeo and this community event."

"We have amazing facilities in town and

a great community vibe so we knew that it would be well received, especially for such a great cause."

The rodeo will be held at Nambour Showgrounds on Friday, 20 May 2022. Gates open from 5pm for a 5.30pm start.

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the whole time I've been in Nambour, and it is really climbing. It probably plateaued three or four years ago, but I'm seeing a bit of increase now."

Sgt Brayley's comments follow a report in the Courier-Mail last month that police were responding to about 140 calls a day from desperate Queenslanders threatening suicide, which is around a 58 per cent increase in six years.

In addition, the Queensland Times reported last year that, on average, Queensland police respond to 295 domestic violence incidents

across the state daily - an increase of 10 per cent year-on-year since 2018.

The newspaper report said a growth of domestic and family violence was occurring, but greater community confidence in policing response, and population growth were contributing factors.

Sgt Brayley's comments come in light of a Reimagine Nambour Safety Meeting last month which discussed plans to raise \$1.2 million for a leading-edge program to improve safety in the CBD and surrounds.

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Champion of Nurses looks back on 50 years healthcare

Woombye Community Library News
by Cathy Cash

RECENTLY I had the pleasure of sitting with Miss Pixie Annat MBE OAM at the Anzac Day commemoration at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital in Brisbane, where she served as Matron and then CEO for a period of 27 years until her retirement in 1992. Hers is a name well known and respected in nursing circles in south east Queensland having been a trailblazer in the field for much of her career.

Born and raised in Palmwoods and training both at the RBH and Nambour Hospital, her inspiring life story is captured in a biography by author Colleen Clur titled "Champion of Nurses". The book draws on anecdotes from Pixie's personal journey and documents the important contributions made by medical colleagues during her more than 50-year career working in healthcare.

Now 92 years of age and still sporting her trademark cheeky grin, she only recently ceased hospital volunteering at her beloved St Andrew's when the onset of Covid-19 in the community interrupted her momentum. On Queensland Day in 2021, Pixie was named as one of Queensland Greats by the state government.

At Woombye Community Library "Champion of Nurses" is just one of the titles on the shelves describing the vital and varied work undertaken by nurses in both hospital and community settings.

Author Annette Brayley has published three fascinating collections of stories in her books titled "Bush Nurses", "Our Vietnam Nurses" and "Nurses of the Outback".

All are full of stories that are guaranteed to leave the average person in awe of those who work in this very vital profession.

In her book "Not Your Average Nurse" Maggie Groff recounts a humorous view of her own journey from student nurse in the 1970's in London to industrial nurse at the Sydney Opera House, with many varied nursing adventures in between.

With International Nurses Day coming up on May 12, perhaps it's a good time to reflect on the value of this highly skilled and challenging profession and say a sincere "thankyou" to those we encounter who are serving the community through this vital work.

The Woombye Community Library in the School of Arts Hall is open Mon - Fri 9am - 12pm and 2pm - 5pm plus Sat 9am -12pm.

Alleged stabber appears in court

AN 18-year-old Nambour man has been charged with one count each of armed robbery, acts intended to cause grievous bodily harm and possession of a knife in a public place.

Police will allege Corey Mitchell Sellies-Cullen stabbed a 41-year-old man in the neck and chest after approaching him in a carpark off Coronation Avenue and demanding his backpack.

The incident took place about 10pm on April 20 and ended with Mr Sellies-Cullen allegedly running away with the backpack while the alleged victim sought medical help at Nambour McDonalds. Ambulance officers later treated the man for serious neck and chest injuries.

The matters were heard in Maroochydore Magistrates Court last Friday. Acting Magistrate John Milburn adjourned the matter to May 20.

Vietnomnom opens takeaway on back of food van success

AFTER a year and a half of cooking up delicious, authentic Vietnamese food from their food van, sisters Hien and Hoai Phan have expanded their enterprise into a venue in Coronation Avenue, Nambour.

"We first started Vietnomnom in November 2020," Hien said. "We were selling our food at markets from Noosa to Caloundra and catering private events. We actually got very busy, very quickly."

"So then we decided it was time to find a great location to operate from and as we both live in Nambour and it is such a great community, it seemed like the perfect place for Vietnomnom to expand."

The sisters have created a range of mouth-watering food that embodies the flavour and spirit of Vietnamese cuisine.

"We both just really love food, especially Vietnamese food, and we are heavily influenced by our mother's cooking," Hien said. "It is awesome that we get to share these recipes with people and that they love them as much as we do."

Hien and Hoai use fresh, fragrant and nourishing ingredients and all of the elements, from slow cooked broths and stocks, to mayonnaise, are made in house, from scratch.

"This is the real secret to the flavour I think," said Hien. "The quality of the food is so important. And because of the fresh nature of Vietnamese food, it is not only tasty, but a



Hien Phan: "It is awesome that we get to share these recipes with people and that they love them as much as we do".

really healthy choice as well. So far, everyone's favourite seems to be our rice paper rolls. They are so light and tasty. We are very proud of them.

"Our motto is 'let us do the cooking,'" Hien laughed. "It is even better if the food is healthy!"

You can find Vietnomnom at 2/43 Coronation Avenue Nambour. Like their page on Facebook to see their fabulous menu @vietnamese.sunshinecoast

How did Currie Street get its name?

NAMBOUR'S main thoroughfare was given its name in 1896 to honour one of Nambour's original selectors.

A native of Illinois, United States, Daniel Currie first tried his luck in the goldfields and then selected 640 acres at Nambour in 1882.

He developed a prolific orchard and called his selection Bundara from the Kabi word bin'dha meaning food.

His home was built in what is now called Magnolia Street, honouring the tree Daniel

planted with seeds brought back from his home-land by his daughter.

In 1891, he opened Nambour's first general store, 'D.J.Currie' and donated land for Nambour's Catholic Church. Owning a joint holding of 3,265 shares, Daniel and his son John played a significant part in regard to the establishment of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill.

Currie Street is a fitting name for a family who played such a significant part in the development of early Nambour. - Barbara Want, Nambour Museum



Above: Nambour Pioneer Daniel Currie.

Right: Currie Street in 1915. Picture: John Oxley Library.





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The cenotaph will take pride of place in Bli Bli's Avenue of Honour in Parklakes Drive.

Bli Bli Avenue Of Honour: 'We are truly remembering them'

A 3.4m cenotaph will soon adorn Bli Bli's Avenue of Honour becoming the new focal point to commemorate Australia's involvement in 14 conflicts and 12 peace keeping missions.

The new cenotaph will be a regionally significant monument which will support the community to commemorate the service and sacrifices of Australian servicemen and women.

"I am proud to deliver \$109,680 to build this cenotaph, which will provide a fitting monument for locals to pay tribute to those who have given so much for our great nation," said Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien, announcing the project last month.

"The monument will be a timeless reminder that the exploits of our Australian Veterans have not only made this Nation a better place but have contributed to the peace and security of nations across the globe."

The Sunshine Coast and Regional District RSL Branch, the recipient of the grant, has engaged local architect and sculptor Cam Crossley to design and build the contemporary cenotaph.

Mr Crossley was also tasked with designing and building the recently completed eternal flame in Cotton Tree.

District President of the Sunshine Coast and Regional District RSL Branch Ian Hall, said he was thrilled to hear the good news.

"This cenotaph will complement the Avenue

of Honour here at Bli Bli in Park Lakes and will ensure that the sacrifices of our veterans made in the service of their country are remembered by the Bli Bli community and the 17,000 ex-defence personnel now residing here," Mr Hall said.

"The new cenotaph will be the centre of celebrations for veterans, past members of the defence forces and members of the Bli Bli community including children to conduct ceremonies on Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other Commemorative days."

"We are truly remembering them."

The Avenue of Honour comprises 26 fig trees and honours those who fought for Australia and those who took part in peacekeeping events throughout history.

The first 14 trees represent significant conflicts where Australians have fought or provided support and the remaining 12 trees represent countries where Australian forces have been involved in peacekeeping missions.

Each event is identified with a brass plaque fixed to a boulder at the base of a Moreton Bay fig tree.

This local project is one of 129 that have been funded through the latest round of Saluting Their Service grants, with applications covering a wide range of ideas to honour the sacrifice of our nation's servicemen and women.



Members of the RSL and Bli Bli community accompany Ted O'Brien at the announcement on-site.

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"We will be holding our concert at the Buderim War Memorial Hall on Mother's Day, at 3pm," he said. "We have put together an exciting program of music from the Sunshine Coast Youth Choir, there will be ballet and vocal, piano and violin performances of beloved classical pieces and popular show tunes. I really wanted an event that would spoil every sense, and it is not just for mums, anyone is welcome to attend".

A traditional High Tea of favourites such as petit fours, sandwiches and scones, jam and cream, will be served.

"There is going to be a photo booth, so our guests can take some fun photos from the afternoon and there will also be beautiful floral corsages for the mums," Hayden said.

► Tickets are \$70 for adults, \$60 for mums/concession and \$50 for children under 18. You can purchase tickets online at www.Hayden-Wiseman.com or by texting 0402 573 582.

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Tristan Brown and the team at RE/MAX present Nambour captain A'Eisha Jeffs with a jersey featuring the signature RE/MAX balloon.

RE/MAX supports women in rugby league

NAMBOUR Crushers open women's team captain, A'Eisha Jeffs, was once again selected to join the Sunshine Coast squad to compete at this year's 47th Battalion Carnival held in Gladstone over the weekend (30 April - 1 May 2022). A'Eisha has consistently been chosen for representative sides and the club is proud of her achievements.

A'Eisha said that Nambour Crushers were very grateful to RE/MAX Property Sales - Nambour for their generous sponsorship of the women's team and they are looking forward to competing in the striking new jerseys this season.

"Our company is incredibly proud to be supporting the Nambour Crushers, and in particular the Open Women's side. It is an exciting new partnership which we hope will flourish in years to come," said Tristan Brown from RE/MAX Property Sales.

Nambour Crushers' first home game is Sat-

urday 14 May which they hope will coincide with the re-opening of their extensively renovated clubhouse.

For information on game times, updates and events follow the club facebook page - Nambour Rugby League Club.

Other local businesses that also generously support the women's team are Maudsley Excavations, Oakes & Sons, SDE Accountants and Stihl Shop Nambour.

RE/MAX Property Sales, Nambour also supports the Nambour Heights Bowls Club, the Woombye Snakes Football Club and Sandpit Beach Volleyball.

They are members of the Nambour Chamber of Commerce and Team Krausz sponsors the Nambour Community Centre with \$300 from every sale going to the Community Centre. They also actively participate in Day for Daniel, Jeans for Genes Day, Wishlist, Make a Wish and other similar causes.



Nonnie Scott, Nambour Branch Member.

Australian Red Cross - Nambour Branch Activities

LOCAL Branch members of the Australian Red Cross (ARC) would like to thank the public for their generous support of recent fundraising efforts held at the Nambour Plaza.

During March, volunteers collected for the Queensland and New South Wales Flood Appeal, followed in April by the annual Red Cross for Humanity fundraising, together with an Easter raffle. The contributions raised much-needed funds for Red Cross work locally and nationally. The raffle winners, one from Nambour Heights and one from West Woombye, were delighted with their prizes.

Local volunteers with Red Cross Emergency Services also assisted at Evacuation Centres during the floods. Subsequently, they worked at Recovery Centres where residents were supported with grant applications and other needs.

The ARC website (www.redcross.org.au/) details the grants process and how funds are reaching those who need assistance. Updates from previous events, e.g. the bushfires, also make interesting reading.

New members are most welcome to join the Nambour Branch of the Red Cross. Meetings are on the first Monday of every month in Price Street, Nambour. Enquiries to the President, Rhonda Poor on 5441 2172.

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Nature Watch



This Azure Kingfisher was snapped by birdwatcher and Gazette columnist Jeffrey Addison at Paynters Creek on Friday April 22. This diminutive species inhabits the vegetation beside waterways and other wetlands, where it often perches on low, overhanging branches, searching for its prey of fish, crustaceans and aquatic insects, captured by shallow plunging into the water. Anglers on lonely rivers are sometimes surprised to find an Azure Kingfisher perched quietly on their fishing rods instead of a branch.



Some time ago this pair of Buff Banded Rails moved into Diddilbah resident Don McGlusky's fern garden. "There is a water feature containing a rock thus giving access to the water," explained Don. "These birds inhabit swamps and water courses where dense vegetation provides cover. "Naturally they are not often seen being very secretive birds. Where this pair came from is a mystery as suitable habitat is a long way from where we live. They nested and produced three jet black chicks. In the space of a fortnight the chicks lost their black down and had taken on their juvenile plumage. This is when the family disappeared. "From arrival to departure covered many weeks and as they were only a couple of meters from a bedroom window I was able to photograph them from inside the house. It was fascinating to be able to record progress over such an interesting period."

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Thankyou Easter visitors

THREE private gardens at Montville which opened on Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday raised \$19500 for the Cittamani Hospice service.

The garden owners, Kyleigh and Dr Michael Simpson, Louise and Jeff Tasker and Rowena Cavanagh would like to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work in making this event so enjoyable and such a success.

We are also very grateful for the support received from local businesses "The Flaxton Barn", "Montville Mist Water" and from our private donors of plants and produce all of which really helped support the event.

In an environment where COVID restrictions had been lifted we are pleased to report that our Open Garden event was attended by hundreds of tourists and local visitors in great Easter weather.

Thankyou to all of you and to local groups and the Sunshine Valley Gazette which helped promote our gardens. This has resulted in a significant benefit for the Cittamani Hospice service.

— Kyleigh and Michael Simpson, Louise and Jeff Tasker, Rowena Cavanagh.

Letter to Council's Planning Department

I was shocked to discover that the Sunshine Coast Council Planning Department had ordered live music to end at Maleny Lane in May. The venue supports and provides audience exposure for a great number of local emerging musicians and performers. It is a genuine and inclusive creator of community for all ages, where people can meet new friends. It provides livelihoods

for a number of food venues with great quality and affordable food. It puts Maleny on the map for visitors. It is open air and thus reduces risk of Covid spread. And it means that Maleny has some nightlife after 5pm. As far as noise is concerned, there are no close residential neighbours as it is in the middle of the business centre.

Many people suffered mental health problems as a result of isolation and restrictions during lockdowns. Venues such as Maleny Lane have played a vital role in lifting spirits by bringing people together to share meals and hear good music.

I hope the Council will listen to the people of Maleny and the many visitors to Maleny lane and reverse this unwise decision.

— Philippa (Pippa) Howells, Maleny

Big trees nearby a threat. Where's the Sheriff?

YOUR readers may be interested to know that there are laws governing the supposed management of potentially dangerous trees which can threaten lives and property, should they fall.

There is, however, no sheriff or anybody other than the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) to police these laws. In my experience QCAT clearly can't cope.

In my view Sunshine Coast Council shares some responsibility for many of the problems caused by inappropriate plantings because in many cases they supplied the trees free of charge many years ago without adequate instruction. Many people just planted them along their borders as if they were rose bushes.

Such is the case with my 93-year-old Dad's situation. He is involved in a running boundary issue over a shared border regarding trees on the boundary which threaten his safety and the roots are destroying his driveway.

He has worked as a Range Care volunteer for the last 30 years helping the elderly. He recently received the Sunshine Coast Senior Citizen of the Year at Council's Australia Day Awards.

At some stage, a catastrophe will push these issues forward. A tree will fall, or a dry spell will create an inferno. That will be a news story!

After two years of doing nothing, QCAT remains asleep under a tree somewhere and Council says it can't help with anything related to the trees they provided to every Tom, Dick and Harry along the Flaxton ridge years ago.

What good are laws if they are not policed?

— David Coles, Rosemount

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Luckily the weather held off so the street parade and service at Quota Memorial Park could continue uninterrupted.

ANZAC crowds back in force to remember fallen

HUNDREDS of people lined Mathew Street and gathered at Quota Memorial Park to support the return of Nambour's ANZAC Day parade and service last Monday.

Nambour RSL Sub Branch President Kim Symmons said this year represented the first opportunity to conduct both Dawn and Main Service Anzac Day activities since 2019.

The rain held off as Nambour RSL welcomed locals, veterans and guests from Nambour & hinterland to the ceremony.

This year's ANZAC day address was given by retired New Zealand Army Captain Guy Bridson, who toured Cambodia and East Timor, and provided his perspectives on the Australian-Kiwi relationship.

KIWIS' HEAVY WAR TOLL

"In 1914 New Zealand's population was a meagre one million, yet we deployed 100,000 souls to fight in that war," said Mr Bridson.

"Sixty percent of these souls were either

killed or wounded, which is one of the highest tolls per capita. My family lost two brothers, which is a story repeated in many families across our small country."

Mr Bridson said the spirit of the ANZACs lifted both Aussies' and Kiwi soldiers' spirits in times of conflict.

"Aussies should be assured that Kiwis are true blue," he said.

"And we're up to the task. We will watch your backs if need be. Our defence force might be small. But it is well-trained and has some of the best equipment available. It is like a short, very sharp dagger which will slip straight back in to the Australian scabbard when the time comes."

He said modern Kiwi units were both "terrified and determined" not to let the side down in terms of skills and readiness for conflict.

"We trained tirelessly on pre-deployment and set the standard for future deployments," he said.



ANZAC Day report from the Nambour Chronicle 70 years ago ...

REPRINTED here is an article from the Nambour Chronicle about the "colourful and lengthy" 1952 ANZAC Day commemoration. The *Nambour Chronicle and North Coast News* published for 80 years from 1903 to 1983. Clem Renouf, who is mentioned in the article and who spoke at the parade, is quite famous. He was responsible for the Quota organisation eliminating polio from the world.

LONGEST AND MOST SPECTACULAR ANZAC PARADE

Solemn Commemoration at Nambour

Nambour has not previously witnessed a more colourful and lengthy Anzac commemoration parade than that which proceeded from the Court House to the Cenotaph in Goronation Avenue on Friday last. All the programmed units marched to the rhythmic beat and music of the Maroochy District and Caledonian Pipe bands playing at intervals en route. The procession was viewed by hundreds who lined the streets and footpaths along the line of progress.

The usual procedure was followed at the halting point in front of the memorial, and the laying of wreaths at the base of the stone was carried out with impressiveness and dignity. The park was presented in its best dress, the foliage sparkling in the near noon sunlight.

The scene at the conclusion by the contribution of floral emblems was one in which thoughts of tribute and sacrifice spoke more poignantly than mere utterance. The sacred stillness falling upon the assemblage called to memory the phrase that "they being dead yet speaketh," and indicated to a thoughtful audience that sacrifices such as were being honoured should be the clarion call to a newer and more soulful citizenship. Such was the atmosphere created.

At the Cenotaph

"Anzac Day is not just another public holiday; it is not just a fervent pageant; it is not just a parade of military prowess. It is a challenge to each of us to take up the torch handed on to us and to keep it burning brightly in our own lives and in the lives of those whose loved ones came not back."

The above thoughts were expressed in an address at the Nambour cenotaph by Mr. C. W. B. Renouf to the units that had comprised the procession and the large assemblage in the precincts of the memorial park.

Continuing, Mr. Renouf said the challenge is to do our bit to preserve the democratic way of life for which Australian men and women have fought, and

and women have fought, and to-day are fighting on foreign soil; and the obligation to accept our share of the responsibility in caring for the dependants of those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Are we worthy of the sacrifice of Anzac, if we allow to pass unchallenged the foe within our camp, questioned the speaker. Surely it is time each of us resolved in his own small sphere to do his bit to resist this subtle foe!

It is nevertheless a heritage we are pleased, anxious and willing to grasp and to enjoy, heedless sometimes I fear, of the legacy of want and despair that goes with it—a legacy handed down to us by men and women who died that we might live, and enjoy living. In Queensland this year, Legacy alone calls for £55,000 to supplement the meagre allowance paid by a grateful people to the dependants of men who died that we might live—many for the princely sum of 5/- a day.

The speaker concluded with the words of Colonel John McCrae not long before his death in action on Flanders fields in 1916—"In Flanders Fields"—and The Answer—

"Fear not that you have died for naught, the torch you threw to us we caught!

And now our hands will hold it high,

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On many a field."

Marshal of the procession was Councillor W. Rhodes, and the organising arrangements were the responsibilities of Mr. G. Wilson.



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'Maintenance backlog jeopardizing road safety'

THE estimated cost of the deferred maintenance backlog for state roads has reached a massive \$5.73 billion, according to Glass House MP Andrew Powell.

Mr Powell last Thursday (April 28) invited LNP Shadow Transport Minister Steve Minnikin to Glass House to see firsthand a number of crumbling roads in desperate need of maintenance.

He said the North Coast region had a deferred maintenance backlog of \$875 million.

In the Glass House electorate, he said that meant less money for maintenance on Maleny-Kenilworth Road from Maleny to Witta and at Cambrook, Maleny-Landsborough Road on the "climb" and upgrades to Steve Irwin Way.

"Every day my office receives calls from disgruntled road users wondering why these key connections are crumbling to pieces," said Mr Powell.

Mr Minnikin visited Maleny-Landsborough Road where drivers have to swerve between lanes to avoid several wide patches of deteriorated bitumen.

"Locals are rightly demanding the worst areas should have been patched by now particularly given the road started surface started sliding down the hill seven months ago. Sure, there might need to be a more long-lasting resurfacing task required, but the road simply isn't safe in the meantime," said Mr Minnikin.

"While Cross River Rail - Labor's 'big black hole' sucks up all the cash, road users outside of inner



Andrew Powell and Steve Minnikin toured local roads last week.

Brisbane are left to deal with more potholes, more dodgy bridges and more dangerous roads," continued Mr Minnikin.

Lives and livelihoods are at risk with more regional roads falling into disrepair.

"The Labor government was warned by the Auditor-General three years ago that there were serious problems with Queensland's roads," said Mr Powell.

"There are no excuses. This government has completely lost control of road maintenance. The people of Glass House deserve more than Mark Bailey's budget backlog."

Meet the Fairfax Candidates in Nambour

NAMBOUR Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present a Meet the Candidates event bringing together a number of candidates contesting the seat of Fairfax in the 2022 Federal Election.

Please join us on May 6 at Hungerford Hall, Nambour State College, 7 Carroll St, Nambour, 5.30pm to 7pm.

The candidates committed to attend include:

- Nikki Civitarese - Pauline Hanson's One Nation
- Sue Etheridge - Queensland Greens
- Sue Ferguson - Australian Labor Party
- Wendy Hazelton - Informed Medical Options Party

- Lisa Khoury - United Australia Party
- Ted O'Brien - Liberal National Party

Questions are requested from the community for us to present to all of the candidates for response on the night. There will be no questions from the floor. Please email your suggested question to enquiries@nambour.com.

For free tickets please go to www.nambour-chamber.com.au/community/nambour/events (may be some delay in rendering this page).

— Mark Bray, President Nambour Chamber of Commerce

Painting captures moment ringer wrangles bullock to the ground in 13.5 seconds

RENOWNED Maleny artist Gary Myers has been commissioned to recreate a remarkable moment captured on film more than 100 years ago.

Buderim couple Grant and Sharon Ryan of RMG Global Trading wanted a statement piece for their home, drawing on the story behind the day Grant's great-grandfather, Tom Lawton, won 500 pounds at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds in Brisbane for throwing a bullock in 13.5 seconds.

A newspaper article from the time reports that a Professor Bates came to Australia in August 1913 and issued an open challenge to any Australian who could "throw and tie a bullock in the best time that he could".

When Tom read of this challenge in the newspaper he reportedly said to his wife: "I am a married man with nine children, this is a lot of money. I am going to Brisbane and I think I can beat this bloke".

The cattleman from Juandah Station near Wandoan then put his horse Rattler and himself on the train in Miles bound for Brisbane.

Tom used his method of throwing, "which was by the tail and using the American style of using ropes" to win the bet.

"On August 13, 1913, at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds before a very big crowd Tom threw his Bullock in 13.5 seconds. Prof Bates took 42 seconds! So Tom returned to Juandah 500 Pounds better off," the article reads.

Apparently the technique involved the ringer using his horse to first knock the bull off its feet. He would leap off his horse, grab the bull by the tail and when it turned on him, it would be off balance. In that split second the ringer twisted its tail and the bull fell to the ground. A rope was then used to secure the legs.

Gary said he was delighted to bring the incredible feat to life in the painting. "It was such a great story to recreate, a fantastic subject to work with and a pleasure to recreate such an iconic moment for the Ryans," he said.

Grant said the oil painting about his famous forebear would take pride of place in his family home in Buderim.

"Tom was quite the adventurer," he said. "At one time he drove the Cobb & Co coach on the Surat-Yuelba Road.



Grant and Sharon Ryan and Gary Myers with the artwork. Grant is the great-grandson of the Tom Lawton, who is the subject of the oil painting.



The painting recreates a photo of Tom Lawton twisting the bull's tail to bring it to the ground in record time.

"In 1955, at 84 he still enjoyed getting on a horse and doing a day's cattle mustering. And at that time he still held the unofficial record for tying a scrubber in the fastest time."

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Mixed Media Art Exhibition

THE annual Mixed Media Art Exhibition offers an exceptional opportunity for you to view, connect with and purchase art by talented Mixed Media artists. These artists are members of the Buderim Craft Cottage, a renowned hub of creativity and popular Sunshine Coast gallery.

Mixed Media refers to artwork where more than one medium is used. This group embraces pushing the boundaries from traditional art to experimenting in any medium.

The exhibition will include canvases, prints, works on paper - all created by imaginative artists exploring and connecting art to people.

▶ The exhibition will take place at Buderim Craft Cottage, 5 Main Street Buderim from Thursday 26 May to Sunday 29 May from 10am to 4pm. For further information www.facebook.com/buderim-craftcottage.



ES&A bank constructed Nambour's first brick premises in 1906

THE Eastern, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd (known as the ES&A bank) opened in Nambour on 21 June 1906 with manager Arthur Bennett.

Their early premises were of timber construction adjacent to William Whalley's store on Currie Street.

Major fires in Currie Street were a problem for property owners, so in 1921 when the ES&A acquired the London Bank of Australia, the bank consolidated its operations within Currie Street's first brick building, the premises of the London Bank at 66 Currie Street.

It stood on the stretch of Currie Street between Centenary Square and the old Club Hotel.

Escaping the fires of later years, business continued in this building until the early 1950s when modern banking premises were constructed.

In 1970, the ES&A merged with the ANZ bank (photo: Nambour Museum).



Ken Green, Sarah Carrington & Rob Greenfield are looking for helpers. Inset: Council organiser Nadia Joyce.

New Nambour bush care group puts out call for help

WHEN Sarah Carrington first walked through a Sunshine Coast Council reserve in Nambour Heights, she was amazed to discover a beautiful creek running through the stunning bushland.

Sadly, it had been overtaken by garden escapees such as mother in law's tongue, salvias and vines.

Now she and a group of fellow nature lovers have formed a group to help regenerate the area and they are looking for volunteers to help.

"I was compelled to do something," Sarah said. "It was heartbreaking to see the native plants being drowned out by weeds."

The newly-formed Etep Court Bushcare group meets once a month to remove environmental weeds and plant native trees, shrubs and groundcovers.

The work they have done has already made a big impression, but the group needs more bush carers to help.

"It is a lovely group of people," said Sarah. "I

really enjoy chatting with like-minded people as we work and having a cuppa together at the end of the morning's work."

Meeting interesting people is not the only benefit, said Sarah. "Working in the bush is a great way to connect with nature, stay active and help the environment."

Council organiser Nadia Joyce willingly shares a wealth of knowledge about the plants and effective weed removal techniques.

And there are opportunities to visit other reserves and learn more about the local fauna and flora.

"We hold regular working bees throughout the year. No experience or commitment is required, you can join-in where and when you can," said Nadia.

▶ The group meets every third Saturday of the month from 9 - 11 am. If you are interested you can contact Nadia on 0419 025 736 or email her at bushcare@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.



Jill Bingham gets in some miles in preparation for the "65kms for Cystic Fibrosis" event while co-owner Warren White checks her time.

Gym-goers to feel the burn over 65kms in run/ride/row for cystic fibrosis research

CYSTIC fibrosis (CF) is a genetic chronic illness that causes the body to make thick, sticky mucus. This causes major problems throughout the body, especially in the lungs and digestive system.

"There is currently no cure for CF and unfortunately, there are more than 50 families on the Sunshine Coast who are living with it," said Jill Bingham, co-owner of Jetts Gym in Nambour and Coolum.

"I first became aware of CF years ago when one of the mums who attended our Jetts Gym in Peragian had a child who suffered from it," Jill explained.

"Together we started a group to raise awareness of and money for CF research. That was when the '65kms for Cystic Fibrosis' concept was born".

The annual event involves teams completing a 65km non-stop relay on an exercise bike, a rowing machine or a treadmill.

"This year's event will be starting at 8am on

Saturday the 15th May at Jetts Coolum, and we anticipate the finish at about 4pm," said Jill.

"We are asking for a \$20 donation to run or walk a maximum of 5kms," she said.

"And we already have three teams entered.

"Whether it's 10km or 1km, I invite everyone to come along and support a great cause or contact us to make up your own team."

To donate, go to mycause.com.au and search 65 kms for cystic fibrosis. All of the teams will be added there.

All proceeds from this event will go to Cystic Fibrosis Queensland and the Cure 4 CF Foundation, for support and research for Cystic Fibrosis.

"What we have learned is that organ donation can save the life of someone with CF. So there is some hope for sufferers and their families," Jill said.

▶ You can register by contacting Donna on 0414 942 408 or sponsor the event at www.65kms.com.

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Nambour Probus Club buys PA system with Grant money

THE Probus Club of Nambour Inc. was successful with its application for funds during the Sunshine Coast Regional Council's last minor grants session to local organisations.

This has enabled the club to purchase a portable public address system for use at meetings and outdoor social activities as required.

Probus members are people of senior years whose hearing may not enable them to hear clearly our guest speakers and club administrators.

It also means that chairs are now further apart than pre-pandemic times resulting in a portion of the audience being much further away from a guest speaker or someone doing a presentation than previously.

This equipment will certainly overcome numerous complaints from members.

The club is most thankful for the Sunshine Coast Regional Council's support enabling the club to purchase this vital piece of equipment.

— **Publicity officer Don McGluskus**

Council begins analysis of planning scheme feedback

MANY community members had their say during the recent preliminary consultation period for council's new planning scheme.

Div 5 Cr Winston Johnston said the new planning scheme will now be prepared over the next few years.

"This community feedback will help inform the drafting process," he said. "There will also be feedback opportunities when a draft version is released for formal public consultation."

"Through careful planning, and in partnership with our community, council aims to protect the places we love, preserve our natural environment, maintain the lifestyle we enjoy and shape the built environment to support the region's future."

Further information on the new planning scheme can be found on council's website.

Farm Gym event raises money to help women in crisis

ACACIA Harvison, owner of The Farm Gym in Nambour, is passionate about the work Lily House does in providing a safe space for mothers at risk.

"Our partnership with Lily House has grown every year and together we are developing new ways to nurture and support these young women and their children," said Acacia.

"In 2019 we were proud to launch 'Run in Her Shoes', a charity event which raised money for Lily House," Acacia said. "Our incredibly successful second event in 2021 raised over \$3500 and we are so excited to be hosting the event again this year on Saturday, May 28."

"Run in Her Shoes' is an opportunity for our extended community to unite," Acacia explained. "This means our families, our businesses and our sporting and community groups. It is a reminder of how much we can achieve together."

The 'Run in Her Shoes' concept is simple. You can choose to walk or run 'The Grindstone' obstacle course solo, or with a group of friends, family, or even a sporting club. The course is 4.5kms and there is a two hour time cap to complete as many laps as you can.

"We are planning a family fun day and there will be a 'Kids Zone' jumping castle and activities for the kids for the duration of the event," said Acacia.

The entry fee for 16+ years is \$35 and \$20 for 7+ years. Entry to the Kids Zone is \$5 per child. Parking is by gold coin donation.

"Bring some cash with you for a \$2 bag drop and extra for a sausage sizzle," said Acacia. There will be a coffee van and a fun warm-up



Running in her Shoes participants Acacia Harvison, Katie Aspland, Rebekah Kingston and Lacey Burns got in some training at the Farm Gym last week.

activity will also be part of the event. Limited edition shirts will be available on the day and all proceeds from the event will be donated to Lily House.

Lily House Business Manager Jo Higgins said her organisation was thrilled to have the generous support of such an outstanding local business. "The Farm Gym community have been wonderful supporters of Lily House and the women we work with," she said.

"Having people like Acacia and her team working with our girls to bring courage and healing during our weekly sessions has made a significant difference to many young women over the years. The 'Run in Her Shoes' event is proof that the Farm Gym community understands the ladies of Lily House and the work we do to help them grow with love."

► If you can't make the event but would still like to contribute, you can donate here: www.gofund.me/7fb1683b Lily House provides support, life-skills training and a safe living environment for women in crisis.



Lincoln, Eamon & Hunter Schell at the Eudlo Dawn Service.

Little town pays its respects

EUDLO resident Clive Plater is responsible for flag duties at the town's memorial flag pole and his grandsons like to lend a hand. Each ANZAC Day Clive and the team hold an informal Dawn Service with relevant tunes and wreath laying. Another resident, Michael Curran, also attended this year swelling the ranks to five.

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Lorraine Dippelsmann and her bears.

A 'beary' special fundraiser: 2022 Benevolent Bears

FOLLOWING the huge success of the Benevolent Bear Auctions in 2020 and 2021 Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy is once again holding a charity auction of six unique and very special, handmade bears.

Lorraine Dippelsmann of Fig Tree Hollow started making bears under the guidance of world recognised Teddy Bear Designer - Patti, of Kym-patti Bears. Lorraine's early career as a tailoress put her in very good stead to learning the art of bear making. With her artistic flair and attention to detail, Lorraine has been recognised by her peers as a talented bespoke bear maker.

Lorraine was delighted to put her talents to a good cause and kindly offered to create another Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy Limited Collection of six different handcrafted bears, following the resounding success of the 2020 and 2021 auctions.

The six bears to be auctioned over six weeks from May 5 are Eli (5 May-12 May), Trixie, Timmy, Elvira, Megs and Roland (9 June-16 June).

► Join Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy's 2022 Celebration Fundraiser at The Barn on Flaxton - Thursday 5 May 3-5pm. \$15 includes coffee and cake. You can see the Benevolent Bears and meet Lorraine in person or place your bids online at www.rhpththerapy.org.au/a-beary-special-fundraiser-2022-benevolent-bears/. Please RSVP to info@rhpththerapy.org.au before we book out!



Veerpal Kaur: "I have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of our customers by name, and I even know their orders by heart".

Order up! New owner takes on Windsor Road Lunchbox

REGULARS to the popular Windsor Road Lunchbox will, by now, be familiar with the new faces behind the counter. Late in 2021, new owner Veerpal Kaur took over the bustling Burnside takeaway cafe.

"I had been working in Aged Care for 7 years and while I enjoyed the experience very much, I was looking for a new challenge," Veerpal said. "I saw that the cafe was on the market, so I took a deep breath, and jumped right in. When I first took over I was welcomed by the fantastic staff and I really couldn't have made such a smooth transition without them. We have a lot of fun working together and I am loving every minute. I haven't looked back".

The Windsor Road Lunchbox has become popular over the years for its fresh, tasty food,

cooked to order.

"I really haven't changed a thing," Veerpal said. "Our regulars have their favourite meals and we wouldn't dream of changing them.

"Our food is very simple, but it is tasty and done very well. I think that our customers particularly appreciate the freshness and we also get many compliments about the generous portions.

"To me, the sign of success is when almost all of your business is from repeat customers. I have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of our customers by name, and I even know their orders by heart," she laughed. "It is the best change I have ever made".

► Windsor Road Lunchbox 11-13 Windsor Rd, Burnside. Phone 5441 4984.



The BreastScreen Queensland service is provided free to women aged 40 years and over.

Important for mums to put themselves first this Mother's Day

MOTHERS do so much for everyone, so this Mother's Day BreastScreen Queensland Sunshine Coast is urging women to do one more thing for themselves and book a free breast screen.

"Women are so busy they may put off having a regular breast screen," Health Promotion Officer Gillian Duffy said.

"To encourage women who are overdue for their breast screen to book an appointment, women who attend for breast screening during May and June will go into a prize draw. Ten lucky winners will receive a \$50 gift card to spend how they choose."

The BreastScreen Queensland service is provided free to women aged 40 years and over. Women aged 50 - 74 are encouraged to have a breast screen every two years, as studies show that this age group benefits the most from regular screening.

Finding breast cancer early can increase treatment options and save lives.

BreastScreen Queensland has a service in Nambour, with early, late and Saturday appointments available and the mobile service is currently in Maleny until 18 May.

► Appointments take less than 30 minutes and no doctor's referral is needed. For more information, to update contact details or to make an appointment call 13 20 50 or visit breastscreen.qld.gov.au

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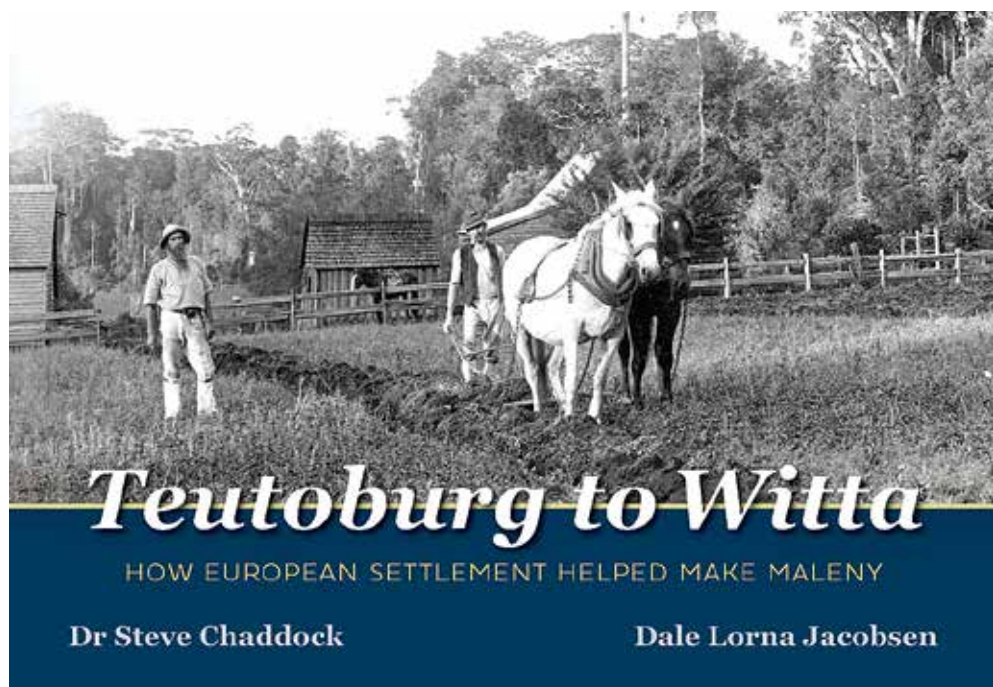
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The cover of the book. It is to be launched May 15.

Book covers Witta area's links to German immigrants

IN the late 19th Century, the district now known as Witta was settled by predominantly German immigrants.

They called their homeland Teutoburg. Local historian and archaeologist, Dr Steve Chaddock, and author Dale Jacobsen collaborated to produce *Teutoburg to Witta*, an illustrated book which tells the story of the formation of this community.

Following is a review by archaeologist, Dr Judy Powell, who will officially launch the book at the Witta Recreational Club on Sunday 15th May from 11am.

Teutoburg to Witta: a review by Dr Judy Powell

THE unsung heroes of much historical activity across Australia are the local historians and genealogists who document, at a small scale, the lives and events of their local area.

By undertaking basic archival research and recounting the stories of individuals and families, these researchers are helping contribute to a broader understanding of Australia's history.

Writer Dale Jacobsen and archaeologist and anthropologist Steve Chaddock have combined to produce *Teutoburg to Witta. How European settlement helped make Maleny*, a richly illustrated and documented history of the area they both call home.

The story covers a sixty year period that begins in the 1860s when a group of German immigrants arrived in Brisbane and moved to the Logan district south of Brisbane - 'Little Germany'. By 1887, a year of massive flooding, a group of eighteen German families applied for selections in the Blackall Range. These settlers

progressively moved their families into an area of dense vine forests, deep volcanic soils and geographic isolation. In memory of one of the defining events in German history, they named the area 'Teutoburg'.

Chaddock and Jacobsen describe the lives of these early families - their early farming ventures, their campaign to provide a Provisional School, their growing sense of community as expressed through church and social activities. Always the stories are told with a sense of each individual - the odd scandal, the tragedies of early death, the hardships and humour. Music and dance feature, as do smoked sausage and cheese.

When dairying became the dominant industry, the focus of activity moved away from Teutoburg toward the nearby settlement of Maleny where a Cooperative Butter Factory was built, first in 1904 and then a larger factory in 1912.

But what brought Teutoburg (the name, not the locality) to an end was what had brought it into being in the first place - nationalism.

Just as the very word "Teutoburg" invokes a great national myth (the defeat of the Romans by Germanic tribes in 9 CE), so too it was anti-German sentiment during World War I that led, in 1916, to the re-gazettal of the locality and its renaming as Witta.

Teutoburg to Witta. How European Settlement helped make Maleny is a useful addition to the history of the Sunshine Coast hinterland and the stories of the early European settlers of the area will be a reading delight to those who know Witta well.

Jacobsen will discuss and read from the book at the free-entry event.

Food & drinks are available from 11am and the launch will take place at noon. Enquiries 0413 843 652. Email dalelornajacobsen@bigpond.com.

Book sheds light on township's early days

Never Give Up - Joyce's Story

WOOMBYE Community and Business Association has pleasure in announcing the launch of *Never Give Up - Joyce's Story*, on Tuesday, 24 May, at 3pm at the Woombye Bowls Club.

Members of the public are invited to attend the launch which will take the form of an afternoon tea, book sales and readings.

Never Give Up - Joyce's Story throws a spotlight on the early days of the township of Woombye, seen through the eyes of a member of one of the district's pioneering families.

Members of the *Woombye - Our Place, Our Story* heritage group, a sub-committee of WCBA, worked for three years to transform Joyce Milligan's journal entries and other notes about her life into a book.

"These are Joyce's words, lifted off thin, aged paper, hand-written or typed on an old typewriter many years ago, a meticulous depiction of life in the early to mid-twentieth century in Queensland," said Team leader Margaret Woodrow.

Editor Judith Bandidt said: "*Never Give Up - Joyce's Story*" tells of one woman's moral courage, determination and unconditional love for her family, her friends and her community. This is a compelling account of an ordinary, yet extraordinary life that will engage and entertain the reader."

A pre-publication review by British writer Lyn Browne shows the broad appeal of this book: "My word, what a woman! I have been enthralled. Such hard work, such application - and such loyalty. Joyce was rightly proud of her family, did a fine job bringing them up, and I have been touched by her references to her own parents. Her memorial is the work she put in to get recognition for Pilot Jim Hocking, whose bravery and self-sacrifice saved the village of March."

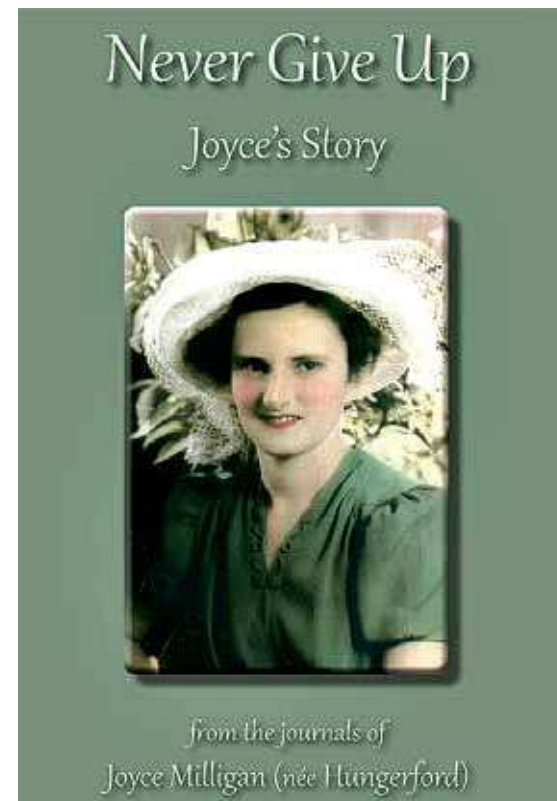
► For further information on the book launch contact: Margaret Woodrow 5478 8956.

Excerpts from the book

"Top of my list of happy memories is our wonderfully happy carefree childhood in a loving family home with Mum, Dad and my brother, where we gained our right or wrong conscience with its strong self-discipline. Consequently, even with friends and neighbours some distance away, we were trusted to roam (singly or together), often passing 'swaggies' camping in their haunts - and there was no need of any 'stranger danger' fear in those days. Whereas in today's society, these teachings have become a necessity!"

"We could never forget the glorious environment of the Sunshine Coast and its hinterland. We swam in the large natural swimming hole in our Petrie Creek, or traipsed at leisure through scrub and bushland, across farms, and even collected clay to make clay marbles in our wood-stove oven.

"Every day we bucketed water from the tanks on low tank stands, up the twelve back stairs, for all the household needs, and in winter, bathed in the biggest of the galvanised laundry tubs set



in front of the wood stove in the kitchen.

"Monday was always Mum's weekly wash day. Just outside, downstairs, was the wood-burning copper boiler which Dad filled using buckets of tank water, as he also did the four varying sized galvanised wash-tubs on the long bench under the house.

Then having stoked and set the fire burning under the copper, he was down at the farm well before 7am, leaving Mum 'sorting the clothes' on the verandah (There were no synthetic materials in those days - but a few silks or woollens which had to be gently hand washed were put aside for later).

Everything else went into the copper boiler using the same water throughout. Therefore, large whites went in first (sheets, pillowcases, tablecloths etc.) for twenty minutes boiling. Next to go in were the white clothes, followed in turn by towels etc. through to 'darks' and lastly heavy work clothes - each lot at least twenty minutes (longer if very soiled).

"Tank water always had to be used conservatively, (there was no other available). In drought times, tank water levels became very low, so this water was restricted to 'drinking water only'.

This was when Dad harnessed the horse to the sled on which he strapped half a tank and went down to the creek to bucket half a load.

This creek water, though discoloured, had to suffice for all other purposes - including the laundry. So when this had to be, Mum's pride and joy in her 'whites' was shattered because even the 'blue bag' was helpless!

Pineapples grew everywhere when I was a youngster. They were both sides of Blackall Range Road, right from Goughs hill above the Railway bridge (now all houses), out to Menary Road - except for Suley's property, (now Harvey's) which was a dairy from about 1937 when all the lovely gum trees were knocked down.

"Redmond Road right up to opposite us, skirted pineapple farms - as well as from Woombye up to the school where all those houses are and lots of other roads too.

"Springs of lovely water abounded. Our gully down towards Petrie Creek was always wet and flowing, as was the spring that came out of our eastern dip, now camphor laurel trees, and gushed across Grimshaw's dip in his track."

Teutoburg to Witta book launch

ARCHAEOLOGIST, historian and author Dr Judy Powell will launch *Teutoburg to Witta* - a book about how European settlement helped make Maleny - at Witta Recreational Club, Witta Road, Witta on Sunday May 15.

Authors Dr Steve Chaddock and Dale Lorna

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Open Boulder titles at Forest Glen

HIGH-LEVEL athletes from across Australia are descending on Forest Glen this weekend, May 7th-8th for the 2022 Queensland Open Boulder Titles. This is the championship event deciding who qualifies for the 2022 Australian Boulder Nationals, and subsequently the World Cup and eventually the Olympics.

More than 100 athletes will be competing for the title of 2022 Queensland Boulder Champion, at the Sunshine Coast's premium Flow Boulder climbing gym, in Forest Glen.

Sports Climbing is one of the fastest-growing sports at competitive and amateur levels. Especially with its new status as an Olympic event.

The Open B and Masters events take place on Saturday. The grand finale is on Sunday with the Open A competition.

Doors open at 7am till 8pm for spectators and competitors. The fast-moving event sees top climbing athletes compete across a variety of climbing styles. Qualifying rounds consist of five boulder problems with five minutes on each problem.



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What's On in the Hinterland

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

- ▶ Until May 18: Breastscreen Maleny at Maleny Hospital. Phone 13 20 50 or www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au.
- ▶ May 4: Suncoast Christian College Woombye Open Morning, 9-11am at the College cnr Schubert and Kiel Mountain Roads, Woombye.
- ▶ May 5: Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy's 2022 Celebration Fundraiser at The Barn on Flaxton from 3-5pm. RSVP to info@rhptherapy.org.au.
- ▶ May 7: Palmwoods Bowls Club annual Tony Pignata Memorial Triples.
- ▶ May 7, 8: Enjoy Mother's Day High Teas at Clouds Montville 1.30pm-3.30pm. Bookings preferred 5429 6361.
- ▶ May 7, 8: Mother's Day Weekend at Flaxton Gardens. info@flaxtongardens.com.au to book.
- ▶ May 8: Rugby League SCGRL Div 1 Men Nambour Crushers v Caboolture at Caboolture 3.30pm.
- ▶ May 8: Helen Russell & Friends @ The Jazz Sessions, Glass House Brewery from 6pm to 8:30pm.
- ▶ May 8: Quality Music Concert High Tea from 3pm with violinist Hayden Wiseman Buderim Memorial Hall. Tickets www.haydenwiseman.com.
- ▶ May 8: Pacific Chamber Players concert series, Romantic Illusions, will be held 2.30pm at Palmwoods Memorial Hall and Sunday 15 May at Cooroy Memorial Hall.
- ▶ May 10: The Maleny community will gather in Tesch Park from 5pm to remember all those who have lost their lives to domestic violence.
- ▶ May 13: Maleny Hospital Auxiliary is calling for players and sponsors for a Charity Day at Maleny Golf Club on May 13. Ph 0437 757 891.
- ▶ May 14: Horse Riding Day fundraising event for Maleny High School Chaplaincy. phone/text Chris on: 0428 176 557.
- ▶ May 15: Yandina Country Music starting 12 noon at the Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road. Doors open 10.30 am.
- ▶ May 15: Archaeologist, historian and author Dr Judy Powell will launch Teutoburg to Witta - a book about how European settlement helped make Maleny - at Witta Recreational Club, Witta Road, Witta.
- ▶ May 19: Autumn Fashion Parade to support Queensland farmers, 9.30am at the Pat Daley Centre, Maleny Catholic Church, 45 Cedar Street. Phone Chris on 0490 065 607.
- ▶ May 20: Ray White Nambour Rodeo in aid of Reimagine Nambour.
- ▶ May 21: Belli Community Hall hosts its annual Locals Launch Music Night featuring Sunny Coast Duo North & Elsewhere. trybooking.com/BYTLM.
- ▶ May 21: Federal Election.
- ▶ May 22: Nambour Netball Junior Club Carnival for players 12 - 15 years. For information go to: www.nambournetball.com.au.
- ▶ May 22: Tramco Suitcase Rummage Sale at Nambour Tramco Terminal in Mill Street 9am-1pm. See Nambour Tram on Facebook for details.
- ▶ May 24: Woombye Community and Business Association has pleasure in announcing the book launch of Never Give Up - Joyce's Story at 3pm at the Woombye Bowls Club.
- ▶ May 26: Palmwoods Singers Theatrical Society's Little Village Theatre and Little Village Choir Biggest Morning Tea function at 10am at the Guide Hut in Palmwoods.



Choral Society presents Messiah Highlights

THE Sunshine Coast Choral Society presents *Messiah Highlights* with Conductor Adrian King, Soloists Annika Hinrichs, Anne Fulton, Ronan King-Rose and Daniel Smerdon, accompanied by the Baroque Orchestra.

Bring your singing voices as Adrian will be inviting the audience to sing *The Hallelujah Chorus* with the Choir.

It's on Sunday June 5 at 2pm. Tickets are \$30; Concession \$25 at Gregson and Weight Memorial Chapel, 159 Wisers Road, Buderim.

Bookings on line: www.suncoastchoral.org.au through Trybooking or Call Yvonne on 0431 550 713.

Native Plants group

ON Sunday May 8 at 9am Native Plants Sunshine Coast will have an excursion to a private property in the Tewantin area plus a walk along the Noosa river bank to a Bushcare area. BYO seating and morning tea. Enquiries and RSVP to Pam: lpw3@bigpond.com or 5429 6845. Pam will be away from 3rd-6th May so for information during these dates please contact Joan on: joan.abercrombie44@gmail.com or 0401 498 434.

Yandina Country Music

YANDINA welcomes singer/songwriter John Abbott as guest artist at the ACMA country music concert on Sunday 15th May starting 12 noon.



John has featured in many rock and pop bands and has shared the stage with many famous artists.

With his rich voice and great stage presence, you can look forward to enjoying evergreens from Elvis, Roy, Charley and Johnny Cash.

See you at the Hall of Fame, 24 Steggalls Road. Doors open 10.30 am. You'll be entertained with traditional country, including more diverse, crowd-pleasing favourites with a great house band. Walk-ups welcome. Raffle and door prizes, byo

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in Palmwoods

PALMWOODS Singers Theatrical Society's Little Village Theatre and Little Village Choir will be holding an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea function at 10am on Thursday, May 26 at the Guide Hut in Palmwoods to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Members of the public are invited to come along for a delicious high tea, multi-draw raffle, fun and games. Entry is \$15, with all funds raised going to this very worthy cause.

Bookings contact: Ronda Vijsma 0411 115 786. lunch, free tea and coffee. Entry \$8.

▶ Enquiries 0437 191004.

Local libraries offer free fun stories and rhymes for kids

YOU can Nurture your child's love of language by reading and singing together at Sunshine Coast Council's free weekly early-literacy sessions at library branches across the region.



Sunshine Coast Council Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said council's libraries were a great place for families to visit and the Storytime and Rhymetime sessions were ideal for enthusiastic young learners.

"Storytime sessions for children aged two to five are the perfect activity for parents and caregivers to give their children the best start in life, and they're also great fun," Cr Law said.

"Storytime sessions include stories, rhymes and songs to encourage language and listening skills, promote attention and curiosity."

The Rhymetime sessions are designed for ages six months to two years and aim to help babies develop pre-literacy and language skills.

To secure a spot at Storytime and Rhymetime

be sure to register online by visiting the library website library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Storytime sessions

Maleny: Thursday 9.30 - 10.30am
Nambour: Wednesday 9.30 - 10.30am

Rhymetime sessions

Maleny: Friday 9.30 - 10am
Nambour: Tuesday 9.30 - 10am; Tuesday 10.30am - 11am.



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The Glasshouse Tavern has a great selection of spirits, and locally sourced craft beers on tap, as well as a range of signature cocktails.

Revamped Tavern unlocks watering hole's potential

OWNERS of the successful and much-loved Beerwah and Palmwoods Hotels Rick and Keri Gazzard recognised the untapped potential of the vibrant Glasshouse Mountains township and in early 2021 their company, Bayblue Management purchased the previously named Glasshouse Mountains Tavern.

"Rick and Keri had a vision to create a unique family-friendly venue at Glasshouse," said Marketing Manager Cassie Orreal. "They have years of experience in hospitality and have a team of hospitality experts who were excited to revitalise the old tavern."

"Rick and Keri have engaged their winning formula of providing quality service, a welcoming space, awesome food and a family friendly pub environment," she said. "The team quickly got to work and have completely refurbished and updated the venue with a spectacular new fit out".

After months of planning and renovations the space has been stunningly transformed into an exciting new venue and it reopened for business on October 29 last year.

"The Glasshouse Tavern perfectly combines classic country pub with a refreshed modern feel," Cassie explained. "Our talented design team have created a light, bright and inviting family orientated venue that mixes modern touches with an old-fashioned hospitality welcome. Our guests are raving about the new look, atmosphere and menu".

If you love dining out, the Glasshouse Tavern has got you covered with an exciting lunch, afternoon and dinner menu that will tantalize your taste buds.

"Our incredible new Head Chef has designed a fabulous menu with something to satisfy everyone," she said. "We have enticing entrees, mouth-watering small batch smoked meats, char-grilled steaks, artisan made to order pizzas and more. I think that diners will find our offering is unique to the area."

"We champion our region's products and food producers, and look forward to sharing the best in locally sourced and seasonal produce with our guests".

The Glasshouse Tavern has a great selection of spirits, and locally sourced craft beers on tap, as well as a range of signature cocktails. The comfortable gaming room features the latest lighting and dragon links, and the gaming lounge allows guests to enjoy all the action on every channel while they enjoy a complimentary coffee.

"We have also brought a pool table back into the Sports Bar and it is extremely popular with our guests," Cassie said.

► The Glasshouse Tavern offers breakfast every Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 11:30am, lunch 7 days a week 11:30am to 2:30pm, and dinner 7 days a week from 5:30pm to 8:30pm with afternoon dining on Friday's, Saturdays and Sundays from 2:30pm to 5:30pm.



Election Ballot positions confirmed

THE luck of the draw favoured incumbent Ted O'Brien, who secured the much-valued top spot on the Fairfax ballot paper in a crowded field of 10 candidates.

In Fisher, One Nation's Sam Schriever claimed top spot while the ALP's Judene Andrews was second.

With donkey voters often numbering their ballot from top to bottom, candidates placed early on the ballot paper generally receive some extra votes thanks to the luck of the top spot.

Here's a full list of every candidate running in the seats of Fairfax and Fisher for the federal election in their positions on the ballot.

Fairfax

Ted O'Brien - Liberal National Party

Wendy Hazelton - Informed Medical Options Party
Tash Poole - Animal Justice Party
Barry Smith - Independent
Sue Etheridge - Queensland Greens
Sinim Barbara Australia - Independent
Lisa Khoury - United Australia Party
Sue Ferguson - Australian Labor Party
Craig White - The Great Australian Party
Nikki Civitarese - Pauline Hanson's One Nation

Fisher

Sam Schriever - Pauline Hanson's One Nation
Judene Andrews - Australian Labor Party
Andrew Wallace - Liberal National Party
Vickie Breckenridge - Animal Justice Party
Renay Wells - Queensland Greens
Tony Richard Moore - United Australia Party

Rangebow organisers plan Indigenous Feast as part of lineup

WEDNESDAY 10 August 2022, the first day of The Rangebow Festival in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland, will have a fabulous ending. An ending before the festival really ends on 13 August? How so?

The festival organisers have been in discussion with Aunty Dale Chapman, the celebrated and award-winning chef and Founder of My Dillybag, to create a First Nations gourmet experience based around sustainable indigenous ingredients in the beautiful setting of Flaxton Gardens.

Owner and Head Chef, Alan Thompson said, "Aunty Dale's menu at the Forage, Fire, Feast festival event will bring people together, sharing extraordinary food and stories from the world's oldest living culture. Our team at Flaxton Gardens are excited about the opportunity to work with Aunty Dale and her team of indigenous chefs on Jinibara country."

The Forage, Fire, Feast event will showcase the incredible work that Aunty Dale has done with indigenous communities and non-indigenous farmers to bring to the general community the spices and flowers of her Yuwaalaraay Kooma upbringing.

Aunty Dale wanted these to be available to everyone so along with setting up My Dillybag, she also published an indigenous foods cookbook. This means that all Australians not only have access to a huge range of multicultural foods; our tables can be spread with recipes and produce from this country.

"I have been inventing recipes for many years and working with local producers who have a passion for what they do," Aunty Dale said. "We will be using native ingredients like the ultra-aromatic ingredients like lemon myrtle, what a taste sensation. With menu recipes and ingredient lists for event guests this culinary experience won't stop at the feast!"

On 10 August, we will not have to go far to have our tastebuds tantalised. Flaxton



An indigenous feast at the Festival will feature award-winning chef Aunty Dale Chapman.

Gardens, with its outlook east of the Blackall Range over the coastal plain of Gubbi Gubbi country, will be the gathering place of this exceptional experience.

Festival Director Wayne Parcell said the event was in keeping with the Rangebow ethos.

"Awareness, honour and respect, with lashings of surprise and delight are fundamental ingredients of this special event, bringing together our festival values of reconciliation, sustainability, diversity and inclusion," he said.

► You can explore how The Rangebow Festival will celebrate the creative life and spirit of everyone in The Range communities at www.therangebowfestival.org. Tickets will go on sale soon.



Joining Pacific Chamber Players will be mother and daughter flautists Sharelle and Jazzie Guest performing François Doppler's Andante and Rondo Op 25.

Pacific Chamber Players present Romantic Illusions

PACIFIC Chamber Players second concert series for 2022 is an all-Romantic affair featuring works for woodwind and piano.

From 1830 - 1900 music had a subjective bent with an emphasis on sound and the expression of one's feelings. The ensemble's programme will include works by French, German, and English composers such as the gorgeous Caprice Op 79 and Bassoon Sonata by Saint-Saëns, Schumann's highly expressive Romances Op 94 for clarinet and Elgar's very English Six Promenades.

Joining Pacific Chamber Players will be mother and daughter flautists Sharelle and Jazzie Guest performing François Doppler's Andante and Rondo Op 25. Sharelle has been performing with Pacific Chamber Players since 2005 and it is fantastic to include her daughter who is also a superb player.

Romantic Illusions will be held 2.30pm Sunday 8 May at Palmwoods Memorial Hall and Sunday 15 May at Cooroy Memorial Hall.

Both concerts will be preceded by a very informative talk by former ABC presenter Nancy Tow at 2.00pm.

► Tickets are \$30 Adult, \$28 Concession and \$10 School Student and are available online at www.pacificchamberplayers.com or for cash at the door.



Kai Tay and Vanessa Ong have loved the area and community since moving here."

New Lodge owners looking forward to hospitality challenge

KAI Tay and Vanessa Ong are the new owners of Woombye's Sunshine Coast Motor Lodge.

Kai and Vanessa moved from Melbourne and have a Malaysian background.

They have been in the hotel and tourism industry for years before taking on the Lodge.

"We have both worked across hotels in Malaysia, Sydney and Melbourne and want to continue our passion for the industry here," said Kai.

Even though the pandemic had transformed the industry in many ways the couple believes hospitality has a great future. "We plan to continue serving our guests at the best of our ability," said Kai.

"There are always challenges and obstacles when taking ownership and moving to a new area but we believe these experiences will shape us to be better business owners and better people," said Vanessa.

"We're happy we are able to start our first business in Woombye. We are both thrilled to be part of the Woombye community and have loved the area and community since moving here."



Welcome back Hayley

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Hear Her Voice

This May, commemorate Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month on the Sunshine Coast. The Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month theme for 2022 is 'Hear Her Voice', which calls on our community to hear the voices, stories and perspectives of women and children experiencing violence. For more information about DFV Prevention Month events, visit Council's website.

Burn season is here

Council's annual planned burn season has begun. Seven sites across the region will be treated as long as the weather remains dry and conditions are suitable. Planned burns help plant species that rely on fire to regenerate and also reduce fuel on the ground before bushfire season. Keep up-to-date with the burn schedule on Council's website.

Does your child like to draw?

Enter their native flora and fauna art for a chance to win a share of \$3000 in the Wild HeART Student Art Prize. Entries close 17 July. Head to Council's website for details.

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History talks

Hear what Council's 'Historians in residence' uncovered during their research into the region's First Nations and Sports history. Dr Ray Kerkhove and Kate Kirby have been studying Council's heritage collections and have met with residents to expand their research. What did they discover? Join them to find out on Friday 20 May at Bankfoot House and Thursday 26 May at Nambour Heritage Library.

One for the calendar

Next Council Ordinary Meeting - Thursday 26 May at 9am

Be Brave Make Change

Check out the variety of activities and events during National Reconciliation Week 2022 from 27 May to 3 June. The 2022 National Reconciliation Week theme is 'Be Brave Make Change' and asks all Australians to make change, beginning with brave actions in their daily lives. For more information and event details, visit Council's website.

Apply now for arts funding grants

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants are aimed at developing emerging and established artists, creative practitioners and producers and are awarded to projects that align with the Sunshine Coast Arts Plan 2018 – 2038. There are five funding categories and three RADF funding rounds per year with closing dates of 1 March, 1 July and 1 November. For more details, visit Council's website. RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Council.

Get ready to GO

The garden organics bin collection service is expanding to households across the Sunshine Coast from July 2022. Place lawn clippings, weeds, leaves and other organic materials in your green-lidded bin. It will be collected by Council, diverted away from landfill and mulched ready to be reused. Mulching garden waste, instead of dumping it, will extend the landfill life and reduce greenhouse gases being released into the atmosphere. Together, we can get waste sorted for a cleaner, greener and sustainable Sunshine Coast.

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Manager returns to take reins at Woombye Bendigo branch

AFTER a number of years managing the Nambour branch of the Bendigo Bank, Hayley Saunders has been welcomed back to the Woombye branch as Manager.

"We are thrilled to have Hayley back in the Woombye branch once again," said Director, Stephen Marshall. "She brings with her such a depth of experience and incredible energy for the role".

"I am very happy to be back because the Woombye community is close to my heart," Hayley said. "After managing the Nambour branch for the past two years I am excited to get to know the new Woombye residents and business owners in the area, and to catch up with old contacts".

Hayley has a particular passion for the Bendigo Bank model and the way it serves the community. "When you choose to bank with Bendigo Bank you're making a decision that also benefits your community. So as well as offering great banking products and personal service, it's about helping to create vibrant, thriving communities," she said.

"The best thing about my job is being able to ensure that our home loan customers are well looked after. Purchasing a home is probably the biggest financial decision you will make in your life and it is important to know that your bank manager has your best interests at heart.

"In my experience, people want to have long-term relationships with people at their bank.

"They want guidance around the best products to help them achieve their financial goals and they want to explore their options with someone they can trust.

"It is a privilege to have these relationships with our customers and to be part of their finan-

cial journey.

"Interest rates are starting to rise and now is the perfect time to have a look at what your current bank is offering and to give us the chance to do a full review", Hayley said.

"I encourage people to do this on a regular basis to make sure they have access to the best products to meet their needs.

"The added bonus is that when you bank with the Woombye Community Bank, profits stay in the local area through sponsorships, events and grants. You have to bank somewhere, so why not bank locally?"



Hayley Saunders: "When you choose to bank with Bendigo Bank you're making a decision that also benefits your community".



Dance opportunity comes to Nambour

WHEN Lewis Major fractured his spine at just 21, he was told he'd never dance again. Now, in an inspired twist, Lewis is coming to Nambour where he'll embrace his 'brokenness' through the development of a new, major dance-theatre work.

The working title for this new work is Kintsugi, in honour of the Japanese philosophy, which sees beauty in the incomplete.

Lewis said he still struggled with his physical body and had a hard time keeping up with the day-to-day training required as a dancer.

"I run a small independent dance company and at some point, I looked around me and realised each artist I had somehow brought into my orbit, brought with them their own brokenness - I also realised that's what made them special," Mr Major said. "Kintsugi will be a reminder to stay optimistic when things fall apart and to celebrate the flaws and missteps of life.

"In this work, we will use 3D projection and design to light and texture the performers and the space, creating a fluidly shifting atmosphere and stage architecture.

"We are interested in working with local art-

ists as part of the development process, formally or informally and hope to initiate a range of opportunities to embed ourselves fully in Kabi Kabi and Jinibara country over the course of our time there."

Sunshine Coast Council Arts Portfolio Councillor Rick Baberowski said Lewis was coming to the region to develop his work thanks to artist residency program, 'BEYOND', which is supported by Sunshine Coast Council's ArtsCoast and Victorian arts organisation PUNCTUM INC.

"From April 26 to May 16, council will host Lewis Major and company at its 2nd Space Studio in Nambour," Cr Baberowski said.

"This residency brings exciting opportunities for the local dance sector to learn from Lewis at his daily open classes for dance students and emerging dance professionals.

"Lewis will engage local artists from Nambour and the broader Sunshine Coast community to inform and develop his work."

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Acreage perfection: Privacy and parklike grounds!

9 Glenrowan Close, Kulangoor

TUCKED away in a quiet country road is this charming home on a pristine, parklike 1.3-acre parcel of land with picturesque dam and small jetty, established trees, two separate entries, and a fabulous, private north-facing alfresco entertaining area.

The home itself comprises three generous sized bedrooms with built-ins, modern bathroom, separate toilet, open plan living and dining, light-filled kitchen with bay window, separate laundry, covered balcony at rear, and double carport.

Well cared for by current owners who have updated bathroom and made other improvements; features include split system air-conditioning in lounge, ceiling fans, freshly painted throughout, plush carpets in bedrooms, and parquet flooring in kitchen and living; it is immaculately presented throughout.

Infrastructure on the property includes 2 separate entries with electric gates plus side access to property through double gates, jetty on dam, Honda water pump. There is also a 6x6m shed (with roller door car access) adjoining a 9.1 x 6.0m powered shed with deck offering multipurpose options, 3 x water tanks



(75,000-litre capacity in total), BBQ pavilion with built-in brick BBQ, fully fenced chook yard and house, and timber foot bridge over creek.

The grounds are resplendent with masses of flat grassy space for children and pets to roam and soak up sunshine and fresh air. Despite the generous size property, the gardens are low maintenance, with an organic veggie patch ready for planting, irrigated by the dam they are lush and verdant all year around...it truly is a pocket of paradise.

Located just a four minute drive into Yandina to access rail to Brisbane, shopping, primary

school, and sporting facilities – plus the historic tavern (the Sunshine Coast's oldest); 12 minutes to Nambour's major amenities or Eumundi famous for its biweekly markets – and only a 20 minute drive to Coolool Beach; this is acreage splendence without isolation.

Buyers in the market for a fully useable parcel of land – not too big, not too small, with well established leafy vegetation, thoroughly enchanting gardens, and a lovely home with great warmth and heart; this is the one!

► Contact REMAX Nambour's Tristan Brown on 0403 665 643 or John Tobin on 0478 664 546 to inspect.



Three credit card mistakes to avoid

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



WHEN it comes to credit cards, it's easy to get yourself into debt if you're not careful. Here are three common mistakes to avoid.

1. Maxing out your cards

Credit cards are best used as a safety net, rather than for general spending. If you use up your safety net in times of ease, it won't be available to you if something unexpected happens – and maxed out cards can mean large interest payments.

To avoid ending up in this situation:

- Don't spend what you don't have
- Set a budget for your credit card use
- Don't impulse buy

2. Taking out cash advances

Cash advances are typically subject to a higher interest rate and won't have a grace period before interest starts accruing. If you know you will need cash for a particular purchase, try to keep some aside from your pay and use your credit card for other purchases. Avoid using your credit card at cash machines unless it's an emergency.

3. Using the wrong card

When it comes to choosing a credit card, look for features that compliment your lifestyle.

- Rewards Points - look for cards that have a high point value system and generous points per dollar
- Travel - look for cards that have great travel points or air miles on offer
- Cashback - look for cards that give you the biggest return for the things you use your card for most

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Agents recognised for March quarter achievements

RE/MAX Australia announced its first round of regional quarterly awards for 2022, commencing with an event at Parklands Tavern on the Sunshine Coast on 26th April.

RE/MAX Property Sales Nambour scored top office honours, ranking first in total number of sales for the region.

"Our team is constantly evolving and with our recent growth in sales agents follows a greater number of sales. We are all working incredibly hard to maximise the benefit of this buoyant market for our clients," said Director Tristan Brown.

"The recent awards displays that agents in the Sunshine Coast region produced some outstanding results for their customers," said RE/MAX Australia's Dene Tucker who combined award announcements with an interactive session that explored community engagement.

"Community involvement helps build a stronger business and many of our network leaders have implemented very successful strategies we can share," he said. "We clearly see that businesses and agents who are embedded in their communities experience faster and more consistent growth."

RE/MAX Australia Managing Director Joel Davoren congratulated all first quarter achievers. "We are grateful for the professionalisation you bring to our organization and the significant contribution you have made to our network's success," he said.



He said events such as the quarterly awards provided the opportunity to take RE/MAX Australia's commitment to the professional and personal development of its members to the regions.

"Everyone has access to excellent training resources and the best trainers. Achieving your full potential can be reality with RE/MAX education."

RE/MAX Australia ranks its sales associates, sales teams and offices based on performance each quarter.



Gorgeous views on 13 acres

AGENT'S CHOICE: 51 Engle Road, Reesville

OFFERING 13 acres of usable land, this Reesville property offers a rare opportunity to secure your weekender or forever home. With views over the property and pretty valley views, now is the time to create your new lifestyle on the Hinterland.

Reesville is just a short drive from the main street of Maleny and its cafes, restaurants and shopping. Maleny offers numerous amenities, including a hospital, GP's, primary and high schools and public transport connections to the

Sunshine Coast and beyond.

The three-bedroom home on the property is packed with classic features but is just waiting for its new owners and their renovation or new build dream. Hardwood timber attributes are bursting in the home; from the flooring, to the beams in the vaulted ceilings. The opportunities at this Reesville property are just endless and offers space to gather with family and friends for many years to come.

► Contact selling agent, Rodney Millett of Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate on 0477 702 073 to inspect.

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Balmoral Ridge

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A stunning 8 acres awaits the new owners at this Maleny Montville Road property. Offering complete privacy with incredible views to the Sunshine Coast, Baroon Pocket Dam, Western Avenue Montville to the North, and Maleny and Witta to the South and West, this family home offers the ultimate in lifestyle and entertaining. With attention to detail in every element throughout the home; Italian tapware, imported English light fittings, Turkish travertine tiles, recycled hardwood timber from Western Queensland and Glasshouse Mountain rock forming

the facade of the home, there is so much to fall in love with at this very special property. Create an enviable family home for your new life in the Hinterland or the ultimate weekend retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city and your work. With such formidable views on offer, the feeling of space and tranquility is truly unique. This is a truly generational home that has been crafted to exceed regulations and built to master craftsman standards and a private inspection is an absolute must.

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Located in a highly sought-after, leafy area of Maleny, just minutes to the Hinterland township of Maleny and all its amenities, cafes and shopping is this well maintained and private unit. Boasting three bedrooms, a large family bathroom and open kitchen and dining, this light-filled unit offers low maintenance living just a short walk to the bustling town of Maleny. An enviable outdoor space is also a fantastic feature for the entertainer and gardener. With so much on offer for entry level buyers or investors alike; this property will not last long and an inspection is a must.

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UNDER OFFER

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Here is the opportunity to live just a two-minute drive from the idyllic township of Maleny and own this truly unique home. Offering endless space; there are so many living and entertaining options for your family and guests. Set across a number of levels, there are five bedrooms in total with the addition of a separate room connected via the back deck. Currently used as a study; it offers the perfect work from home scenario or the ideal guest quarters. The kitchen forms the heart of the home and flows to the dining and lounge rooms and to the back deck. Its butter yellow Falcon gas cooktop will no doubt be the enviable talking point among visiting family and friends. Surrounded by quality homes in a sought-after area of Maleny; this home is a must inspect.

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The entire property has been meticulously maintained with the light and bright interior showcasing a modern kitchen and two bathrooms, including a lavish en-suite and walk in robe.

There are three large bedrooms upstairs along with a self-contained lower-level suite, ideal for extended families, teens or some extra income. The options here are plenty!

This property has ample room for all the families' toys. There is a double

lock up garage plus side access to rear shed/workshop, as well as a double bay carport.

The tranquil outlook from the rear deck patio will instantly relax and appease, with Daisy the cow gently munching on paddock grass beyond the property line.

This lovely property is being offered for sale for the time since 1989, providing a wonderful opportunity to secure not only a great home, but one located in the highly sought-after suburb of Coes Creek, just a stone's throw away from local shops, schools and parklands.

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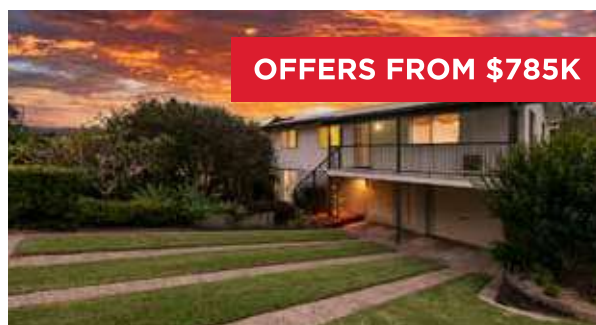
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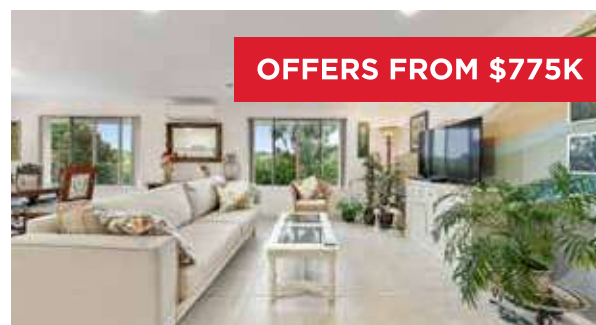
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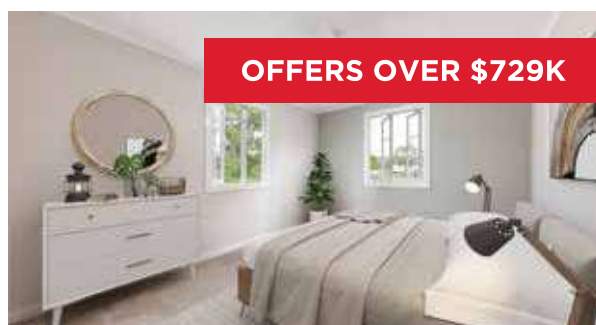
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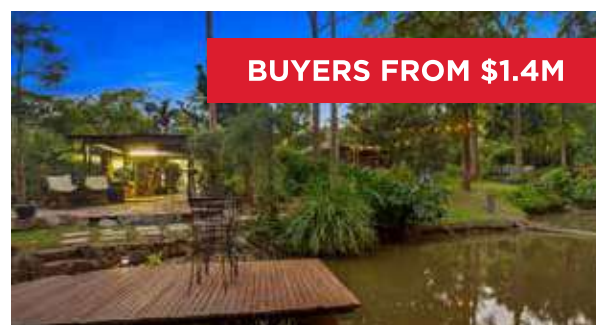
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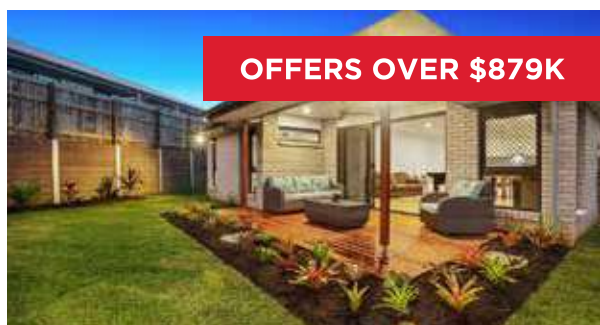
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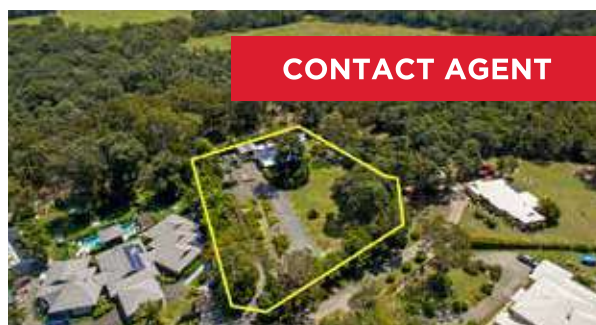
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Sharon Hanna, Paul Geoghegan, Sarah Porteous, Cheryl Geoghegan, Ash Goodman, Norm Morwood,

Petrie Creek Bushcare

HERE'S a photo of members of the BushCare Sunshine Coast/PCCCG team last Wednesday at our Gulung Gung site on Petrie Creek. They have just cleared the Singapore Daisy from the creek edge. This is in preparation for a mass planting of habitat creating natives on Sat 11 June as part of the World Environment Day Festival. https://www.scec.org.au/wed_fest_eco

Next opportunities to join us in these native animal habitat creation events on Petrie Ck will be at

- Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 07 May starting at 8am. (Meet near the Rugby Club-house at the creek end of Laidlaw Rd Woombye)

- Namba Creek on Saturday 22 May starting at 8am. (meet in The Model Railway Park off Florence St Nambour)

To join in the activities at these events you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided and we'll finish with a cuppa after a couple of hours of solid exercise and satisfying achievement in the outdoor air.

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

Nambour Croquet Club looking for players

THE Nambour Croquet Club is looking for new players.

We organise coaching and supply everything required- except soft soles shoes.

Your first 4 visits are free, morning tea is provided.

We play at the Nambour Croquet Club (next to Nambour Bowls Club) on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9am- noon.

Come along you will be most welcome. For further information phone Patrick at 54727287 or e-mail berpat@bigpond.com.

We also have Mag-Jong

On Monday mornings at 8.45am until noon. If you have never played members will be happy to teach you. Cost is \$4 and morning tea is provided.

Maleny Golf Club results

TUESDAY 19th April, 2022: Maleny Golf Club held a Mixed Single Stableford competition with first place going to Chris Pottinger with 45 points, runner-up was Simon Howard with 39 points and third place went to Laurence Muller with 37 points. Nearest to the Pins went to Colin McDonald on the eighth hole, Paul Viertel on the twelfth hole and Richard Clayton on the seventeenth hole.

Wednesday 20th April, 2022: The Ladies of the club played in a Canadian Foursomes with first place going to Judy Hawkins & Karen Heading with a score of 66.625, runners-up went to Debbie Hansen & Christine Hansen with 68.25 and third place went to Robin Hay & Pam Crothers with 78.25. Nearest to the Pins went to Karen Heading on the eighth hole and Judy Hawkins on the seventeenth hole.

Saturday 23rd April, 2022: There was a Mixed Stableford played with first place going to Greg Childe-Freeman with 40 points, runner-up went to Scott Heywood with 36 points on a count-back from Mike Finley, also with 36 points and third place went to Grant Flynn with 35 points, also on a count-back from Stephen Porter with 35 points. Nearest to the Pins went to Justin Orchard on the first hole, Eric Hecht on the twelfth hole, Billy Perske on the fourteenth hole and Joel Mohamed on the seventeenth hole.

Please book your game of golf in either by phoning our clubhouse on 5499 9960 or on our website www.malenygolfclub.com.au.



Chevallum took out 'Best Marching' on the day. Mapleton sung their way to 'Best Chant'.

2022 Nambour Netball Season is Officially Open

THE 2022 Nambour & Districts Netball Association's netball season was officially opened with an extravaganza of colour. Players, coaches and Managers marched, danced and performed acrobatic moves across the courts for the much anticipated annual March Past. All Branches were represented with Chevallum coming out on top winning 'Best Marching', Palmwoods 'Best Dressed' with Mapleton taking out 'Best Chant'.

NDNA's next upcoming event is their Junior Club



Carnival for players 12 - 15 years + to be held on Sunday 22nd May. For carnival details go to: www.nambournetball.com.au

Candlelight vigil calls on community to unite against Domestic & Family Violence

SUNSHINE Coast Council and Centacare are calling on the local community to unite as one and mark Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month (May) with a candle-lighting vigil and march on Wednesday, May 4.

This year's theme is Hear Her Voice, which calls on people to hear the voices, stories and perspectives of women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

The candlelight vigil and march will be held at Cotton Tree Park, The Esplanade, Maroochydore.

Attendees are encouraged to gather at 4.30pm for a 5.10pm start.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said there was no place for domestic and family violence on the Sunshine Coast. "Domestic and family violence is a scourge on our society and continues to affect the lives of many people regardless of their background, gender or economic status," Mayor Jamieson said.



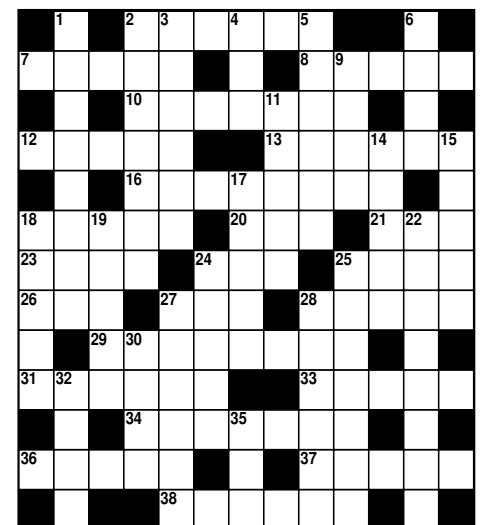
"I encourage our community to attend the candlelight vigil and take a stand against violence in our region and elsewhere.

"Today and every day, the Sunshine Coast stands with victims of domestic and family violence - you are not alone."

Crossword

See solution next page

- ACROSS**
- 2 Skin eruptions
 - 7 Lose blood
 - 8 Tree
 - 10 Dominate
 - 12 Army officer
 - 13 Rubber
 - 16 Military unit
 - 18 Bends over
 - 20 Dispose of
 - 21 Lubricant
 - 23 Part of the eye
 - 24 Make lace
 - 25 Silent
 - 26 Speed an engine
 - 27 Drunkard
 - 28 Satisfies fully
 - 29 Components
 - 31 Mock
 - 33 Book of maps
 - 34 Grazing ground
 - 36 Card game
 - 37 Woody plants
 - 38 Superabundance
- DOWN**
- 1 Medium-sized tuna
 - 2 Registers
 - 3 Worships
 - 4 Success
 - 5 Tallied
 - 6 Labyrinth
 - 9 Dash
 - 11 Send money
 - 14 Plump
 - 15 Acting parts
 - 17 Angry
 - 18 Discharged
 - 19 Vital organ
 - 22 Utters again
 - 24 Large volumes
 - 25 Teachers
 - 27 Composed
 - 28 Commences
 - 30 Facial features
 - 32 Reflected sound
 - 35 Facial twitch



New playground coming to Coes Ck

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Following a number of requests, many conversations with local residents and the growth of Nambour, Council will be installing a new playground at Homestead Park.

The improvements will include, new playground elements (multi-play tower, double swing and multi-play rocker), rubber and bark/mulch soft fall in the playground for safety, a shade sail, new picnic table combo, landscaping and vegetation and a new perimeter fence to enclose the park, for improved child safety.

This park will be a huge benefit and a great place for our community to enjoy long into the future. Works will commence in early-May 2022 with completion by the end of June 2022 (weather and site conditions permitting).

Jinibara artist presents first exhibition

Jinibara Culture man BJ Murphy presents his first solo exhibition – an evolution of a project that was to be delivered as part of the Horizon Festival in 2021. Mimburi Ninyangurra, on show at Munnimbah Dja, Welcome Place, Maleny, features a series of ochre paintings and sculptural installations as well as a songman performance.

Artist BJ Murphy invites audiences into his ninyangurra, where you will be immersed in the lived experiences of a Jinibara man returning to country. View the Maleny exhibition until July 2.

Stories and rhymes at your local library

Nurture your child's love of language by reading and singing together at Council's free weekly early literacy sessions at library branches across the region. Council's libraries are a great place for families to visit and the Storytime and Rhymetime sessions are ideal for enthusiastic young learners. Storytime sessions for children aged two to five are the perfect activity to give children the best start in life and are great fun! The Rhymetime sessions are designed for ages six months to two years and aim to help babies develop pre-literacy and language skills.

Nambour Library sessions: Storytime sessions Wednesday 9.30-10.30am; Rhymetime sessions Tuesday 9.30-10am & 10.30-11am & To view all sessions and to secure a spot please visit library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.



Members of the 2/15th Battalion at Tobruk fully equipped and dressed for the conditions during the Siege.

81st Anniversary of the Easter Battle for Tobruk

EASTER Monday 14th April 1941 was a critical day in the battle of Tobruk and the famous siege that was to follow. On this day Corporal Jack Edmonston of the 2/17th Battalion was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross, the first VC to an Australian during World War II.

The German forces under the command of General Rommel anticipated a quick victory at Tobruk and Rommel sent a Panzer [Tank] battalion into battle under the command of experienced Lieutenant Colonel Gustav Ponath who would subsequently die on this day. The Australians under the command of General Morshead let the tanks past their outer defences and into the line of the 'dug in' 25 ponderers of the Royal Horse Artillery. While the artillery took care of many tanks and routed the rest, the Australian infantry engaged the German infantry that were following the tanks.

The result was the first defeat of the German army in World War II and the start of the famous Siege of Tobruk where the Australians held off the German's advance towards the Suez Canal for eight months.

The 2/15th Battalion played a prominent role in this battle and many men from the Nambour area were members of this battalion. The Nambour Museum has a room dedicated to the 2/15th Battalion and our local servicemen.

– Clive Plater, Nambour Museum President

Time to dig deep for Bushcare Group

Winston Johnston
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Maleny Showgrounds Bushcare Group is calling for extra hands to help protect and restore the original subtropical rainforest of the Blackall Range.

The group meet the second Sunday of each month, to improve a location either by weeding or planting an area that was once degraded. The group says it's very satisfying seeing something that is improved and special for the ecology of our area.

Did you know 18 volunteers in 2018 spared 200 hours of their time removing 30 wheelie bins of weeds and planted 151 plants.

I encourage and hope that our community can either join or look to improve their patch as well. The next working bee is the second Sunday of the month, 8:30am – 11.30am, at Maleny Showgrounds, Stanley River Road, Maleny.

New smoother car park for Palmwoods sports reserve

I'm pleased to see road widening upgrades start on the carpark in the sports reserve at the end of Lingura Avenue, Palmwoods. The project will seal the carpark and install kerb and channel. To complete these works safely and efficiently, there will be some minor disruptions to on street parking which will be temporarily unavailable during the works. Minor delays may be experienced to allow for truck and machinery access to Lingura Avenue. The upgrades are expected to wrap-up before 20 June, weather permitting. I'm sure the new smoother carpark will be well received by the local sporting community.

Garden organics bins rolling out

For residents who don't have one, your new garden organics bin will be delivered in May and June 2022, ready for the service to start from Monday July 11.

Garden organics bins are collected on the same day as your general waste bin and on the alternate week to your recycling bin. Please don't use your new garden organics bin until Monday July 11 - as it won't be collected before then. If you're unsure, search 'bin day' on Council's website to find your collection day. And please remember to put your bins out before 6am.

Budget backlog is wrecking roads

Andrew Powell
State Member for Glass House
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Last week, I brought the LNP Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Steve Minnikin MP, to Glass House to see firsthand a number of crumbling Hinterland roads in desperate need of maintenance. The estimated cost of the deferred maintenance backlog for roads across the state has reached a massive \$5.73 billion. The North Coast region has a deferred maintenance backlog of \$875 million.

That means less money for upgrades to Maleny-Kenilworth Road, Maleny-Landsborough Road and Steve Irwin Way. On his trip, Mr Minnikin paid special attention to Maleny-Landsborough Road where drivers have to swerve between lanes to avoid several wide patches of deteriorated bitumen on the climb out of Landsborough and to the deplorable state of the Maleny-Kenilworth Road at Cambroon.

Frustratingly, the Labor Government was warned by the Auditor-General three years ago that there were serious problems with Queensland's roads. And they've done nothing to fix it.

Hinterland Healing

I recently had the opportunity to tag along with Shiralee from the Montville Chamber of Commerce and Scott from Maleny Commerce to play "Santa", delivering "Hinterland Healing" packages to flood-affected business owners in Gympie, Woolooga and Goomeri. A dozen holidays were given away to these business owners, all of which were donated by generous Hinterland accommodation providers. It was a heart-warming example of neighbours helping neighbours. The recipients were so grateful after all of the adversity they have had to face.

Ambulance Ramping on the Rise

New figures have revealed Queensland has the worst rates of ambulance ramping in Australia. While the state's average ramping rate is 38%, the SCUH has hit 46%. This is a state-of-the-art hospital with brilliant, hard-working people and it is so frustrating to see that they are unable to operate with full efficiency.

Touring Queensland Fund now open

Rob Skelton
State Member for Nicklin
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Grants of up to \$200,000 are available to support the delivery of high quality, tour-ready work to and from regional Queensland communities with demonstrated community interest and demand.

The fund includes support for exhibitions, performances, and community engagement activities, as well as touring arts and education activities, and artists in residence projects targeted at schools and kindergartens in regional Queensland. More information is available at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/individuals/touring-qld

Premier's Reading Challenge

Do you know a kid who loves books? The 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge has opened! Schools and students (from Prep to Year 9) can now register to participate in the Challenge before the reading period begins on 9 May 2022.

The Premier's Reading Challenge encourages our Queensland students to develop a love of reading for life and provides an opportunity to explore and enjoy a wide range of books.

To find out more information and how to register go to: <https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au>.

Coast Schools shine bright with ACES program

Thanks to the Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) Program, Woombye and Chevallum State Schools have had 216 new solar panels installed to help offset power bills.

The ACES program is reducing energy costs at more than 800 state schools through the installation of solar systems and other energy efficiency measures.

The combined investment of \$168.1 million for the ACES program will deliver a contribution of approximately 61.4 megawatts of solar to the Queensland Government's 50% renewable energy goal by 2030 to reduce emissions, address climate change, create new jobs and diversify the economy.

Just another way the Palaszczuk Government is supporting local businesses and subcontractors to create jobs and assist local economies.

How to attract birds to your garden



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

WILVOS occasionally get calls to our hotline asking how to attract birds to a garden. The most effective and easiest option is a birdbath of clean water each day.

Of course, we can improve upon that by planting fruiting and flowering native shrubs, along with some seeding grasses. I love to watch visiting birds of all colours, shapes and sizes! Some stay to make a nest and raise chicks.

What about the carnivorous birds? Magpies, peewees and kookaburras will love it when you dig up a few worms for them while you are gardening, or you could start a worm farm! Sadly we are seeing an increasing number of birds come in that are diagnosed with metabolic bone disease. The young ones are often found on the ground. Their fragile little bones are bent and fracture so easily when suffering from this very preventable disease.

Unfortunately, well-meaning people are feeding bread, cheese or mince to the birds. Of course they will eat it and go to every house that will feed them. Meanwhile they are missing out on all the important nutrition they get from their natural foods. The result is disastrous. Many a carer has been brought to tears seeing the xrays of a bird that has deformed legs that just cannot support the body. The incorrect diet fed to adult birds carries through to chicks when they hatch.

So please, if a magpie comes to visit you, just dig up some worms or find some bugs in your trees or 'vege' garden. They will love them and they will then continue to eat all those pests in your garden. The smart birds are the flycatchers. They don't come to ground, they just hunt the insects on the wing. Great little workers!

Fair cop! Are the state's penalties equitable?

by **Jeffrey Addison**
Sunshine Coast Commuter Advocate



The Queensland Government will substantially raise traffic fines from 1 July.

But are these increases too much for some - and petty cash for others?

The value of a penalty unit used to determine the severity of fines normally increases each year by 3.5 per cent, unless the Queensland Treasurer makes a different ruling before 31 March.

In 2020 the penalty unit was frozen so there was no change on 1 July that year, a gift due to the impacts of Covid.

In 2021 the Queensland Government decided to increase the penalty based upon two years of consumer price index (CPI) increases, thus making up for lost fine.

In 2022, as of 1 July, the value of the penalty unit will rise by 4.3 per cent, with this figure exceeding the legislated increase.

Listed below are the offences to avoid. And remember you start with 0 points and they accumulate.

A driver on a learners or provisional licence will be sanctioned if they accumulate more than 4 points in any one year period.

A driver on an open licence will be sanctioned if they accumulate more than 12 points in any three year period.

Fines to avoid

- Red traffic light – fine increased from \$413 to \$575 [3 demerit points].
- Speeding 1-10 km over limit – fine increased from \$183 to \$287 [1 demerit point].
- Speeding 11-20 km over limit – fine increased from \$275 to \$431 [3 demerit points].
- Speeding 21-30 km over limit – fine increased from \$459 to \$646 [4 demerit points].
- Speeding 31-40 km over limit – fine increased from \$643 to \$1078 [6 demerit points].
- Speeding > 40 km over limit – fine increased from \$1286 to \$1653 [8 demerit points] with 6 months automatic suspension.
- Not wearing seatbelt – fine increased from \$413 to \$1078 and [4 demerit points] was 3.

I was talking to the Rev Dr David Logan on this matter.

Reverend Logan served for 15 years in a Road Rescue Team in New South Wales. He's seen first-hand the carnage and sadness of road trauma.

He suggested that a pensioner pays far more than a professional when it comes to traffic penalties.

He had researched the average incomes of pensioners and shop assistants through to surgeons and compared each to the cost of living and gave examples of the impact of fines.

Using the seatbelt offence, he showed the impact of a \$1078 fine upon their weekly cost of living.

After paying the fine;
The surgeon had \$6,663 left to pay for necessities.

The shop assistant had no income that week for necessities, and the following week still owed \$216 and had \$646 to pay for two weeks' necessities.

The pensioner had no income for 2 weeks and in the third week had just \$351 to pay for 3 weeks' necessities.

He's written to the Premier to raise his idea of a day-fine system linked to income.

Other nations using a day-fine system include Estonia, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France and Switzerland.

Here's to fairer future fines.

Crossword Solution

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