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10 ways to put a Spring in your step these holidays

SPRING is in the air and holidays have begun, and we've compiled a list of activities to embrace everything the hinterland has to offer. Take a treetop challenge, savour fine foods or listen to the sounds of the rainforest with a visit to Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.

With your newfound vigour you'll have energy to burn so we've included the must-do activities for kids; from searching for the Gruffalo to animal encounters. We guarantee you'll leave with a spring in your step!

1. Get ready to zipline through the rainforest 25m above the ground at The TreeTop Challenge. Located next to The Big Pineapple, it's a great way to let the kids burn some energy.

2. For an up close animal encounter, visit Wildlife HQ and Maleny Botanic Gardens and Bird World, whose aviaries are home to more than 700 native and exotic birds.

3. Head over to The Ginger Factory and take on their augmented reality rainforest trail where they have brought to life five characters from The Gruffalo. Simply download the app and follow the clues.

4. Food glorious food. The hinterland's food scene is rich in its diversity. Go off the beaten track and check out Kenilworth Dairies for mouth-watering cheese and chocolate mousse. Or try Spirit House Restaurant and Cooking School, Yandina.

5. For an immersive experience, visit Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve in Maleny where the Rainforest Discovery Centre leads you through to 55 acres of pristine sub-tropical rainforest.

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Adventurers navigate the TreeTop Challenge in Woombye.

'Make Nambour safe and watch town thrive'

IMPROVING safety in Nambour would immediately stimulate business investment and reinvigorate the town, according to a local businessman.

Andrew Pitcher was raised in Nambour and has been involved in real estate investment and development in the area for more than 20 years.

"As a community, we need to aim higher," he said. "This isn't the town we grew up in. It isn't the town we love."

Mr Pitcher said investment would quickly flow into the town as soon as serious drug and crime issues were addressed.

"I know of plenty of business investment that is not far from coming to Nambour, but they're all a bit reluctant because of a group of about 20-40 people who are probably a bit out of con-

trol," he said. "And it's not good enough. I think if Queensland Police and the Department of Health fix the drug issue in the centre of town then the business investment will come and it's actually that simple."

What wasn't as simple, he said, was trying to navigate levels of government bureaucracy and politics to get some real action on the ground.

"I certainly don't want to cut across or devalue any of the work already in play in town. And everyone is very sympathetic to people with drug issues. But we need to get more action, quicker. It's not fair on the tens of thousands of people who want to feel safe and who want to see Nambour thrive."

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Local Matters

Every community newspaper likes to proclaim its commitment to local stories and issues. And we're no different. But I'd like to think that anyone who reads this edition would agree that we are certainly living up to our motto ... Local Matters.

We feel very proud when we are called on to promote community groups, businesses, issues and events.

Our job is made much easier when readers reach out to let us know what's important to them in their communities.

There are only three of us (Tanya, yours truly and designer Katie) so we rely heavily on contributions. So please keep them coming.

On that note, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the whopping (for us) 61 articles, columns and letters in this week's edition.

Try flicking through the following pages and tell me that we don't honour our credo. As usual you'll find smiling faces, community news and great business coverage.

New Masthead:

We enjoyed terrific feedback on the new masthead. One person said they preferred the traditional look of the old English font, but overwhelmingly the response has been positive. People like the clean, easy-to-read, fresh look. And so do we.

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'Police presence required in CBD'

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"I think someone has to start saying something because I actually don't think the problems are unfixed. But no-one wants to take the first real steps."

Mr Pitcher echoed the frustrations of many people in town who were afraid to speak up about the issue or who wondered why nothing had been done.

"Make no mistake, if the anti-social behaviour, intimidation, crime and lawlessness are not stopped, the reinvigoration simply won't happen. We know that from the last few years. The Nambour community needs to aim higher, and authorities need to make the streets safe again."

Mr Pitcher and his wife Jo both went to school in the town, played sport in the town, and have many friends in town.

"One of our parents went to school in Nambour and two of them worked in the town from the 1950s to the early 2000s. It has been good to us. We'll always back Nambour."

But real solutions were needed to break the CBD's reputation for crime, homelessness, drug use and antisocial behaviour, he said.

"Everyone tries to paint a rosy picture about how Nambour is 'coming back' and that 'great things are happening'. But words don't have a real impact on the safety and security of people in the town. Everyone knows people who used to shop in Nambour, who used to use its services, but who simply no longer bother. That is an economic and social tragedy."

Mr Pitcher said he was shocked at the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in recent months, including the murder in the main street, an armed robbery, stabbings, drug use in public spaces, break and enters, and domestic violence incidents.

The Gazette posted this story to Facebook and here is some of the feedback:

Facebook Feedback

It's not rocket science

Mel Stinton ... "I haven't been back to Nambour since the day I was spat on and screamed at, whilst pushing Isaac in his pram, my dad was punched in the face and then the crazed druggo tried to steal my mums handbag! This happened in broad daylight on a busy road. Thankfully there happened to be an ambulance at the traffic lights who witness the incident and helped us. Clean up the streets and the people/businesses will come — not rocket science hey! I truly hope Nambour gets cleaned up as I'd love to visit once more."

Heavier policing won't fix the problem

Michael Pegg ... "It's proven in studies, as well as by implementation in other countries, that heavier policing does not fix drug addiction. It only makes it worse. Health intervention for users rather than criminal prosecution, needle exchange programs and increased funding into mental health which is the root cause of addiction is the answer. It has been proven to be more efficacious, leads to reduced drug related deaths, reduced drug related crime and better rehabilitation outcomes."

We all have the right to feel safe in Nambour!

Kerry Brown ... "I feel sorry for the people trying to run businesses in town especially those in close proximity to the town square where aggressive and threatening behaviour happens



Andrew Pitcher ... "real solutions are needed to break the CBD's reputation for crime, homelessness, drug use and antisocial behaviour".

Andrew Pitcher's Proposal

There are two things that must happen, and quickly, in this order:

1. Improve safety in Nambour, immediately and sustainably.

- A police presence is required in the centre of town, now.
- The public need to be able to contact the police more readily than today.
- The medical services provided to the drug addicted need to be relocated to the hospital.
- We need to adopt zero tolerance to anti-social behaviour.
- The main drug dealers in the town need to be found and prosecuted.
- Social 'nuisances' need to be moved on.
- Support services to the disadvantaged need to be moved to government controlled premises, not in the CBD.
- We need private security firms to supplement police presence in town.

2. This will activate immediate business investment into Nambour.

- We are aware of several large investments planned for the town (new business entries, some relocations, retirement villages, the university, accommodation buildings, etc) that are contin-

gent on a better social environment. There is no shortage of money ready to come back into town if the conditions are right.

- Large retailers like OfficeWorks, Bunnings, Kmart and many fast food outlets should be in Nambour. The population and demographics are compelling.
- The establishment of the entertainment precinct is positive.
- SC Council needs to look hard at zonings in and around the CBD and provide flexibility to allow new projects of many types to kick off.
- The railway duplication needs to happen, as well as the station upgrade.
- SC Council needs to pick one or two infrastructure projects (eg Windsor Rd connection) to commence asap.
- One or two large developers need to be incentivised to "invest big" in the town, transforming it through modernisation, industry and activity.

With these actions taken there are a myriad of possibilities for Nambour. The Chamber of Commerce, Re-Imagine Nambour and all the other bodies can 'activate' the centre, bringing people back to town, stimulating business and lead to the prosperity a town of this size deserves.

Police presence disproportionate

Local businesswoman ... "Nambour needs to be cleaned up. The current police presence in Nambour is grossly disproportionate to the crime and other social problems it has."

Nambour could be an arts precinct

Stan Searle ... "To the council. Tax subsidies and reduced rent would be a great start. "How about hiring street artist to paint the shop facades. Launch Nambour Street day and invite buskers of all kinds, pay them a reasonable wage. "This could be an annual event. "Nambour could be an arts precinct for the Sunshine Coast. If you plant the seeds of positively watch them grow."

everyday. The loud swearing and fights going on make it so hard for them. This is the reality. We need to work together and care for the vulnerable while maintaining an expectation that everyone behaves to a minimum standard. We all have the right to feel safe in Nambour!"

Fill the empty shop spaces

Blake Bell ... "there has to be business investment into Nambour to fill the empty shop spaces with secure premises and activate the streets. To achieve this the crime needs to be cleaned up. Our business has been a victim of it and we thank the local police for recovering our equipment which was found hidden in the rafters of a vacant shed."



Marty Hunt is pushing for increased Police presence in Nambour CBD ... the business community was very supportive of a Police Beat and there was even free premises offered for it in C-square.

Hunt pushes for Police Beat re-boot

MEMBER for Nicklin Marty Hunt said he was pressing on to regain the momentum of a six week trial of a Police Beat in Nambour earlier in the year that had to be cut short when COVID hit and police resources were redirected.

"No doubt safety is the issue that we have to address to make sure people feel safe in Nambour and the push for a Police Beat or at least a regular mobile beat unit continues," Mr Hunt said.

Mr Hunt said the business community was very supportive of a Police Beat and there was even free premises offered for it in C-square. "The local police were supportive of it as long as they didn't lose existing resources to the facility, because they are so under-resourced as it is. Even if we can't get an actual shop front, I know that the Police District is currently having a mobile beat unit constructed and we hope to have it in Nambour regularly."

Mr Hunt said the interrupted trial had been very much appreciated by the community. "I spoke to all the businesses that I could

visit, to see how the Police Beat trial was going for them and it was very positively received. It makes people feel safe. And it discourages the type of antisocial behaviour that makes people feel scared. It's not necessarily high crime but it's behaviour that can be intimidating. When your daughter, mum or grandmother is walking down the street you don't want to see people hanging around, fighting, swearing, drinking, spitting on the ground.

"And that fear, whether it's warranted or not, it exists. Perception is reality. This is not necessarily something people will call 000 for, but it's happening and it's intimidating."

"We want Nambour to be a vibrant, happening sort of place for families. You know, we've got a great cinema now. We've got Stalwart Alehouse and Brewery up there. We've got Downtown Burgers, we've got the pinball parlour. We've got a lot of good things happening. A lot of people are already coming to invest in Nambour because they can see a future here."

— Cameron Outridge

Cr Law says safety 'one of many issues'

DIVISION 10 Cr David Law said increased policing was just one of a raft of measures required to reinvigorate Nambour.

"I would say safety is one small component of the overall whole picture," Cr Law said. "I don't believe it is the only issue."

He said his and Council's main area of responsibility concerned connecting the community to build strong communities. "High perceptions of community safety are achieved through our collaborative partnerships and there is a lot of great work being done in that space.

"But in my view a stronger community has to be achieved through, not just policing on its own. Early intervention is powerful and we need to continue to support the initiatives of PCYC and of IFYS. We need to support the initiatives of Community Solutions and their youth program. And, above everything else, the number one crime problem and issue for the police and for communities is domestic violence."

Cr Law said he wasn't convinced there was any more antisocial behaviour in Nambour now than there may have been 20 years ago.

He said he and his wife chose to raise their

kids in Nambour and he had no problem at all with them being out and about in Nambour. "We love the place," he said.

"Nambour does not experience crime at a greater rate than other areas across the Sunshine Coast and this includes violent crime and drug crime."

Nambour also was going through a significant transition from a period where it was the administrative centre for the whole Sunshine Coast to one where that function had moved to the coast.

"I think retail everywhere is also going through a huge transition," he said.

This phase required repurposing to new and different uses. People were now inclined to shop online or in large centres such as Sunshine Plaza or Kawana Shoppingworld and it wasn't necessarily a good thing to attract big box retailers to the middle of Nambour and have them stifle smaller businesses in towns.

International Broadband Cable connections to the Coast held huge potential benefits for the area. "Nambour is extremely well placed to take advantage of improved connectivity through new technology," he said. — Cameron Outridge



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State 'dragging feet' on Police Station

MEMBER for Nicklin Marty Hunt has accused the Police Minister of dragging his feet on construction on the Nambour Police Station, only to get things moving just before the election.

"The Minister has been dragged kicking and screaming into doing his job on this project so that the police in Nambour can get on with theirs," he said.

"The project was announced by Mark Ryan in July 2017 with construction to commence shortly after design in 2018," Mr Hunt said. "However, the project was pushed out through two State budgets and only commenced now in late 2020 just prior to the State election."

Despite this Mr Hunt said he welcomed the Government "finally commencing construction of the Nambour Police Station after three years of fighting for it".

Mr Hunt said it had been a long fight by the community with petitions and speeches to Parliament to get the Minister to act on his commitment.

"The Nambour Police have been waiting patiently with the Detectives office having to be moved last year after flooding in their offices," he said.

"The current temporary demountable donger

was delivered on the back of a truck over 13 years ago and is a disgraceful facility for our local police," he said.

Mr Hunt decided to do his own sod turning last week to assist the Minister getting the project underway.

In a video on Facebook Mr Hunt performs a mock "turning of the first sod" at the station, making light of not receiving an invitation from Police Minister Mark Ryan to a rumoured official sod turning last Thursday.

That rumoured sod turning did not take place.

Wires crossed

Police Minister Mark Ryan said he and Police Commissioner Katarina Carroll were on the Sunshine Coast last week for the official opening of the new Coolumb Police facility and not for the sod turn for Nambour.

"Evidently Mr Hunt has his wires crossed," he said. "In relation to the new Nambour facility, I am advised police are in the process of finalising contract negotiations."

"The Palaszczuk Government committed to delivering a new facility at Nambour and we are doing that. The government's \$9 million



Dr Bob and Lorraine Roberts ... "We are on a mission to share this technique with our Sunshine Coast community on behalf of James."

Parents honour son's memory by helping others avoid sliding into depression

JAMES Edwin Roberts was killed last year in a cycling accident. Now his Nambour parents want to help others cope through hard times using a technique they developed while struggling with their devastating loss and daily stresses.

"James' love for colour in nature not only helped him stay positive as he progressed as an artist, but now it is also helping us," said Dr Bob Roberts PhD.

"We are on a mission to share this technique with our Sunshine Coast community on behalf of James, who was always helping those in need. It is his legacy and we want to honour that."

"As we suffered through the trauma and grief, together with daily stresses and anxieties, we investigated how the effects of colours in natural settings influenced our feelings, thoughts and actions and brought balance back to our lives," said Lorraine.

Their experiences helped them discover a technique they call Balance With Colour that enables them to stay positive despite the daily doses of negativity that bombard us all, especially lately.

"We felt inspired to write Balance with Colour:

To avoid sliding into depression," they said.

Lorraine and Bob say the technique is easy to follow, can be learned in minutes and becomes a habit with just a few days practice. "A gift from nature for a lifetime."

The technique can benefit young or old; it can be used privately; as a family (a great conversation and vocabulary-building game); or with social or professional groups. The couple also wrote a companion book, the Balance With Colour Guide, to explain how to share the technique with others.

"We recommend these books to anyone experiencing daily stress, especially if it may lead to depression. They are a legacy from our son, James, to us all."

Lorraine and Bob again want to warn cyclists to take care and to not be complacent when wearing a helmet: "they are not enough".

The books are available by emailing robertsbob@optusnet.com.au or from The Little Book Nook, Shop 5/4-6 Little Main St, Palmwoods, QLD 4555 or from the Amazon/Kindle bookshelf.

Art for sale soon in Yandina

ALTHOUGH Yandina was not able to celebrate their 150th birthday in the way they had hoped prior to COVID, the town rallied in true country spirit and held a two day Crazy Dayz event over the weekend just gone.

Just in time for these much anticipated celebrations Yandina Art Framing's Managing Partner Alice Graham, organised an Art Festival in the grounds of the much loved and iconic framing shop, where 6 local artists displayed and sold their work on Saturday the 19th of September.

As well, a selection of local artists displayed their art in the refurbished front of the shop which has been transformed into a gallery.

"We are very pleased to be able to act as the focal point for the multitude of talented artists who live on the Coast and Hinterland," said owner Bill Gissane.

"We saw this change as a critical adjunct to our well established business. We've listened to our customers and in addition to art for sale, we will also be offering a wide selection of quality art supplies and canvases.

"These changes are sure to cement Yandina's position as an arts mecca on the Coast and Hinterland."



ABOVE: Charmaine Temple-Smith, Bill Gissane and Tania Maloup ... making changes to cement Yandina's position as an arts mecca on the Coast and Hinterland. LEFT: Ian Cardwell was a recent exhibitor at Yandina Art & Framing for the Crazy Dayz Festival.

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'Please sort your mould problem'

QUEENSLAND Rail's self-imposed deadline to find solutions to mitigate noise and light from its new stabling yard in Woombye has passed with no real progress on the core issue.

"The additional noise testing being planned by QR in coming weeks is, to an extent, a positive step," said resident James Kasmer. "But such actions are a distraction from the real issue at hand: QR's refusal to store trains in (the quieter) stabling mode here at Woombye because of the ongoing mould issues in Next Generation Rollingstock air-con units."

Mr Kasmer acknowledged some progress had been made since the July 18 meeting with Woombye Community and Business Association. "The community is very grateful for these concessions and we've thanked QR publicly now a number of times for them. But QR's recent response to the Sunshine Valley Gazette is almost a complete reprint of Nick Easy's June 22 Press Release on light and klaxon reduction," he said.

"The changes really count and work well. What we want to know moving forward is when

trains in Woombye will be stored in stabling mode rather than proclaiming light and klaxon (train horn) changes already granted from three months ago.

"QR would be better placed to sort out the mould issues as their number one priority enabling trains to be stored in stabling mode during the night, thus eliminating any need for additional noise testing."

Mr Kasmer said the mould on NGR trains was Bombardier's, Department of Transport and Main Roads and Queensland Rail's issue collectively but it had become the resident's problem. Queensland Rail says recent testing shows noise from the yards was at "normal ambient levels".

Part of Statement from Queensland Rail CEO Nick Easy:

"After hearing residents' feedback first-hand, Queensland Rail commissioned independent consultants to conduct noise testing at residences to the east of the Woombye stabling yard.

"Analysis of the data identified noise from stabling yard operations as being just audible at only some residences, and low compared to the ambient noise levels.

"It found that operation of the stabling yard was not a dominant noise source in the local environment. However, we are committed to working with residents and will undertake a further two weeks of noise testing within the stabling yard to further investigate the issue."

A TMR spokesperson said:

"Queensland Rail's noise monitoring has identified the noise levels from the NGR air-conditioning systems at the Woombye stabling yards as being around normal ambient levels.

"Noise testing on the air-conditioning units of stabled, "in-service" NGR trains has indicated they generated minimal noise levels. Additionally, TMR's analysis has not shown a correlation between instances of reported noise and NGR units being stabled at Woombye."

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YABBALOOMBA Retreat are throwing open their gates for the inaugural Farm Day on Saturday 3rd October so families can get a taste of the country, feed the animals, tour the farm and more.

The picturesque 200-acre property at Cambroon, near Kenilworth, is a working farm with a wide range of animals including lambs, geese, goats, a horse, cows, pigs, alpacas and more.

The first Farm Day will be open from 9am to 3pm. You will be able to visit with and feed the animals and there will be lamb bottle feeds at 11am and 2pm and farm cart tours throughout the day.

Property owners Lloyd & Barb Campbell, pictured, said the Farm Days were a great opportunity for kids to learn about where their food comes from and experience a different kind of life.

"We love our open space, so we wanted to invite everyone to experience farm life - to feed and pat the animals, enjoy some great fresh and locally-made food and just relax," Barb said.

"There will also be lawn games, face painting, a Platter Building Workshop with Grazing Acres at 10am and a Flower Arrangement Workshop with Yuraki Botanicals at 2pm and a pop-up lawn bar from 11.30am to 2.30pm, so there is something for everyone to enjoy," she said.

Lloyd said with COVID-19, life has changed for so many and they want the Farm Days to be an opportunity for people to take some time out for themselves and their family and friends.

• Event tickets will be only be available online. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids up to 12-years-old or there are family passes. For info visit www.yabbaloumbaretreat.com.au.



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COUNCIL'S online development platform, 'Development.i', continues to go from strength to strength with the number of users increasing each year.

Council says this demonstrates the community's desire to stay informed on developments proposed in their neighbourhood. The site enables anyone to search and track development activity.

Service Excellence Portfolio Councillor Christian Dickson said the engagement statistics from the platform show the product is meeting its objectives for a more empowered community on development.

"In the last financial year, Development.i was used over 246,000 times - an increase of six per cent on the previous year," Cr Dickson said.

"Over 3,000 email alerts are now sent out per month and growing - that is a 57 per cent increase in the number of alerts sent out in last 12 months. Development.i is an initiative of the Sunshine Coast Council. Visit <https://developmenti.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au> to start your search.

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ACCORDING to Ken Hudson, Woombye is the best place to live on the Sunshine Coast. For the last 70 years Ken, pictured, has been a Consulting Engineer, designing and building projects throughout Queensland, the Torres Straits and Western Australia. "But Woombye has always been my spiritual home," he said.



"My Uncle and Aunt were Tom and Marg Sproul and when I was a kid, I used to stay with them at their farm on Maroochydore Road near the big roundabout on the Bruce Highway. Those were some of my happiest childhood moments. Woombye was a great place then, and the friendly country atmosphere has not changed a bit."

Now in his seventies, Ken has chosen to retire in Woombye. Over the last 8 years, Ken has designed and built the award winning over fifty complex, Southside Family Village which comprises 15 units in Gympie. "I saw there was a real trend towards downsizing, with empty nesters looking for well designed and appointed properties that were smaller and easier to maintain and that they could lock up and leave if they went traveling," he said. "This style of dwelling is also terrific for first home buyers who want to get a foot in the property market."

Ken purchased a small house in the middle of Woombye Village which he has upgraded into a modern disabled friendly home for his retirement. But he is about to commence construction on a separate 3 bedroom unit which is equipped to accommodate physical disabilities, in the front of the big block.

"There is not enough properly designed accommodation in the centre of most villages, where people are not so reliant on a car," Ken said. "From here, I can walk around the corner to excellent bus and train services and shops. I can also drive down to Brisbane in an hour on a Saturday morning to watch my grandkids' sport. I think the area will only grow in appeal to retirees and young families alike," said Ken.

Hammonds maintain focus on service

THE months of lockdown earlier this year proved to be a trying time for many health care practitioners who remained open to provide emergency care.

"Like so many in the health profession, we had to carefully evaluate how to keep staff and patients safe while still providing emergency services," said Optometrist, Stephen Hammond.

"We really were in survival mode for a while. Fortunately, we have a wonderful team here and they took it all in their stride. I think it indicates the level of commitment we have to what we do." Stephen and Deborah Hammond and their staff at Hammond Optometry divided into two teams in order to look after the emergency clients that came through.

"While people were at home, they seemed to be tackling all kinds of handyman jobs," said Stephen.

"So unfortunately, we were seeing lots of people with foreign bodies in their eyes. It may not seem like such a big deal, but while the best case scenario is that you can have a very uncomfortable day with something stuck in your eye, the worst is that you can go blind."

"I guess the takeaway is that if you are going to do handyman jobs around the house, use proper protective goggles!"

"We were determined to stay open because a lot of bigger Optometry businesses closed their doors straight away," said Deborah.

"It is important that people can still access services like ours. So we are hyper-vigilant about cleanliness and safety and our staff are on top of the training around restrictions and safe practice," she said. "The majority of our patients are elderly and it is important that they feel safe to come here."

Stephen and Deborah have operated their practice in Nambour since 1991, and have



Stephen and Deborah Hammond ... "You have to be able to walk down the street knowing that you are providing the best possible care to your patients."

become well known for their range of fashion eyewear, which attracts people from all over the Sunshine Coast.

"I was tired of hearing people say that they had to go to Brisbane to buy fashionable eyewear," Deborah said.

"After so many years in practice, I have learned to buy frames with our customers in mind. I think that is one of the advantages of being a private operator. We do not have to accept stock that has been bought in massive quantities. We are free to source quality options we think our customers will prefer. You will not see our frames everywhere."

Fashion aside, service and care are the other ingredients to longevity, according to Stephen. "This is still a country town and you have to be able to walk down the street knowing that you are providing the best possible care to your patients."

Hammond Optometry is at 44 Lowe St, Nambour. Phone 5476 2333. — Tanya Outridge



Scrapwood Sally by Nelson Corbett was a standout feature of last year's festival. Photo: Jan Watt.

Scarecrows head for Mary Valley

SCARECROW spotting could be the best remedy for people looking to escape the life-disrupting influence of COVID-19.

The straw creatures are leaving the hills to take up residence in the Mary Valley and they want you to come and see them. Social distancing is easy because they are usually solitary additions in their yards and paddocks!

The annual Mary Valley Scarecrow Festival is a popular Sunshine Coast event that can easily go ahead next month.

Locals are invited to a scarecrow workshop on Thursday September 24 at the Imbil Public Hall from 1pm where they can learn the simple steps to making a straw man and then apply their own creativity to dressing it. Making scarecrows doesn't cost an arm and a leg! Most people have the bones of a scarecrow in the shed - a broomstick, a bale of hay and some old clothes.

They can then enter their 'crows for judging - and viewing - from October 1-31. Entry forms are available from businesses in the valley or they can be downloaded from the website.

Award presentations and cash prizes will be made at the harvest dinner at 4.30pm at the Imbil RSL Hall, on Saturday October 31.

For day trippers, the festival is a great opportunity to discover the rolling hills behind the Sunshine Coast. Visitors can find the scarecrows during October. Visit www.maryvalleyartslink.com.au for more details or find the Mary Valley Scarecrow Festival on Facebook.

The festival began in Maleny and has been held during spring almost every year since the late '90s.

Archbishop's COVID message to St Augustine's

PARISHIONERS of Palmwoods St Augustine's warmly welcomed Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and his wife Christa to their morning service on Sunday.

"It's always an incredibly important and special occasion when the Archbishop comes to visit," said Archdeacon Richard Gowty, priest in charge of the church. "He manages to visit each of the many parishes in his far flung diocese only once every three years, so we really appreciate his coming and spending time with us."

Archbishop Aspinall has been leading the Diocese of Brisbane for 18 years and has successfully faced significant challenges in the life of the church during this time. However he is always heartened by the commitment and faithfulness of parishioners in parishes like St Augustine's.

"This little church has been a significant part of the Palmwoods community since it was built in 1925 and it continues to provide comfort and support to many both in the church and in the wider community. There is always a warm welcome there."

In a powerful sermon the Archbishop gave a roadmap of how we are asked to act in our communities.

"As we move through this COVID19 pandemic, as restrictions are lifted and economic activity gets under way again, it will take time for businesses to get into full swing," he said. "We all will have a part to play in setting things right in our communities."

"We are to act towards others in the same way God acts towards us in Christ: with understanding, empathy, compassion, a generous spirit and with unshakeable belief in the dignity of every person."

"Living lives like this will help to heal and restore our communities. It will sometimes be costly but will be life-giving for others. May we be given the insight and courage to live in such ways."



Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and Archdeacon Richard Gowty at Sunday's morning service ... "We all will have a part to play in setting things right in our communities".



Ginger Factory Tourism Manager, Brenda Bailey, centre, and her team officially welcome The Gruffalo the Ginger Factory just in time for the school holidays.

Gruffalo arrives at the Ginger Factory!

IN a major coup for Sunshine Coast tourism, The Ginger Factory at Yandina has announced an exciting new augmented reality attraction featuring the much-loved children's book character, The Gruffalo.

From 16 September, visitors to The Ginger Factory can download the free Gruffalo Spotter 2 App before setting off on an adventure through the rainforest searching for their favourite characters including Mouse, Fox, Owl, Snake and of course the Gruffalo. Based on the world-renowned book written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler, the app is produced by UK based Magic Light Pictures.

Using the free App, visitors will be able to take photos and videos of themselves with the characters as five markers along the walk activate Mouse, Fox, Owl, Snake and the Gruffalo.

"As one of the most popular attractions on the Coast, we're excited to bring this incredible free experience to visitors at the Ginger Factory," said Ginger Factory Tourism Manager, Brenda Bailey.

"Kids and their families are going to have a blast as they follow The Gruffalo Trail through our rainforest and watch the characters come to life on their phone screen. There will also be daily photo opportunities with our resident Gruffalo costume character," said Brenda.

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Nambour 76 pays tribute to cherished member

LAST year saw the passing of long time Nambour business identity and Nambour 76 Rotary Club member, Bob Sellers. Bob, pictured, had been a Rotary member all his adult life and was a member of Nambour 76 for over 20 years. Many locals may remember Bob from his role as the Commonwealth Bank Manager in Nambour.



Bob Sellers.

"Bob was very passionate about Rotary and all the great things Rotary does," said current Nambour 76 Rotary President, Alex Blake. "He was a supporter of Rotary International, especially the Rotary Foundation, and would often speak to us at the club about what they were doing in the world."

"I first met Bob through Rotary, back in 2005," Mr Blake said. "He was a significant member of not only our club, but other Rotary clubs he had been involved with for over 60 years. Bob was very passionate about Rotary and it's values. He really was an example of someone who upheld those values every day in his own life. Bob was an extremely likeable man whom many people looked up to and on occasion, sought counsel from. He was just that type of man."

"Bob was always the first to turn up and volunteer and was heavily involved in all kinds of fundraising activities and projects that benefited so many people in our community," Mr Blake said. "For a time, he was on the Board of Sundale as a Rotary representative."

"Education was extremely important to him, as it is to the broader Rotary organisation. And Bob was a great supporter of the many Rotary youth programs."

"In recognition of Bob's contribution to Rotary and our community, a University of

the Sunshine Coast (USC) sponsorship was arranged with our club," Mr Blake said. "Bob Sellers' family were not only touched by our endeavours to recognize Bob, they also offered a financial contribution to the Sponsorship," he said. "The first recipient of that Sponsorship was a local worthy recipient, Zara Auld."



Scholarship winners Zara Auld & Courtney Tyson.

With the support of Gordon Downing & Tristan Lindner of Downing Lindner Accountants, Steve Gibbons, a life member of Nambour 76 Rotary Club also decided to sponsor a Student, and Courtney Tyson was chosen. Steve named the Sponsorship the Errol Gibbons Nambour 76 Rotary Scholarship.

"Greg Bradley from the USC kindly gave up his time to attend our meeting on the 12th August with the two ladies to receive their Scholarship Certificates," Mr Blake said. "The Nambour 76 Rotary club is pleased to support two such worthy recipients. The added bonus is that they are both local ladies."

"The Nambour 76 Rotary club is a friendly, welcoming club and if you are interested in learning more contact Gerald Robertson on 0416 438 187 or Bruce Lawton on 0409 625 489. The Nambour 76 Rotary Club meets at the Nambour Antique Car Club on Wednesday nights at 6pm. The Club is situated just inside the Nambour Showgrounds on the left hand side.

Club brings 'Great Outback BBQ' to Palmwoods

PALMWOODS Bowls Club will be hosting a Great Outback BBQ on 4th October to help support Frontier Services and Aussie Farmers doing it tough in remote Australia.

"I was so saddened to hear how many of our farmers are still struggling with drought, and in the past 12 months have been hit with bushfires, floods and a pandemic," said Club Vice-President Terry Lawrie.

"It is incredibly tough for farmers, who endure all this on top of living on isolated properties around remote Australia. Our BBQ is supporting Frontier Services who are on the ground across remote Australia delivering practical support to our Aussie Farmers."

Friends, family and community members are invited to meet at The Club, on 4/10/2020 for our Great Outback BBQ which will raise money and encourage others to show their support of farmers doing it tough.

"It's a fun way that we can get involved and support a really great cause." As well as the BBQ there will be raffles, games and competitions to raise money for this cause.

People across Australia will gather 'round the grill this Spring to promote mateship and standing with Aussie Farmers in Outback Australia.

"The Great Outback BBQ combines the popular Aussie tradition of gathering around the BBQ with the opportunity to lend your support to people living in the most isolated parts of the country," said Frontier Services National Director, Jannine Jackson.

Maleny Neighbourhood Centre AGM

MALENY Neighbourhood Centre Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday October 15 from 4pm at the centre.

To participate it is required that you become a member starting at \$6 annually.

The AGM will be a great opportunity for members to learn more about MNC's work and vision. Nominations for the board close October 1.



Emma Wratten with Year 7 Students Lily Balder and Lily Bell, who were thrilled to draw Germany as their country to represent in the model UN.

Students immerse themselves in United Nations simulation

NAMBOUR State College hosted its first Pinnacle Immersion Day on Friday with students testing their mettle in the intriguing world of international affairs.

"Pinnacle Immersion Days have been created to provide cross-curricular, leadership building and deep student-led learning opportunities for students in the Pinnacle Program (academic acceleration program)," said Emma Wratten, Junior Secondary Head of Department. "Eighty students will take part in the activities."

Model UN is an educational simulation of a real United Nations conference. Students represent a given country and must engage in diplomatic negotiations to reach a resolution to a global event.

"It is often the first time that students are exposed to international affairs," said Ms

Wratten. "For Nambour State College students, this will further affirm our students' place as global citizens."

The event choice was inspired by the College's Junior Secondary Academic Leaders seeking to see more Human Rights awareness. It was facilitated by the Youth UN of Queensland.

The Pinnacle Program is growing to not only include Pinnacle Immersion Days (where student knowledge and skills are put into practice beyond the classroom), but also Morning Masterclasses for high level study skills and well-being, and a Pinnacle Pathway for current students who aspire to join the full program.

The 2021 Year 7 Pinnacle Program is now full, but applications are open for current year 4 and year 5 students to join our primary school pathway program 'Young Pinnacle Scholars'.

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Chay's MOB celebrated Corinne's Birthday last week. Corinne is seated with case manager Bailey Lancaster and from left organisers Leigh Phelan and Sasha Fenger and Eumundi Coffee barrista Tom Rumble.

Need someone to talk to?

WHAT started as a suicide prevention group has evolved in to a place in Nambour for people who just need someone to talk to.

The deliberately informal group is called Chay's Community MOB. Chay was a well-liked homeless man who used to join the group until he passed away.

"It's a group of lovely people who provide community support every Tuesday from 9.30am-11.30am," said Jackie Grassel who helps promote the meetings. "They have been running this group for two and a half years. It started as a suicide prevention group but we found people just wanted someone to talk to ... so that's what we do - we are there to listen."

Organisers Leigh Phelan and Sasha Fenger said the venue at C Square was ideal because it was central, well known and open air. The meetings are low key and low pressure with people coming and going as they please.

"It's just somewhere to come and chat. It's a safe environment and people appreciate being in the open air."

The meetings are well served for refreshment with expert barristas from Eumundi Coffee providing tantalising brews.

You can join the group every Tuesday morning for friendship, a cuppa & a snack at "C" Square, Nambour. "Everyone is welcome. We're here to listen. We would love to see you there." For information phone Leigh on 0407 344 550.



Larissa Waters, front, headlined the launch alongside candidates, from left, Anna Sri (Kawana), Rhonda Prescott (Noosa), Andrew McLean (Glass House), Raelene Ellis (Caloundra) and Sue Etheridge (Nicklin).

Greens hope to replicate council poll success

THE Greens are aiming for success at the coming state election, hoping to replicate their results at the council elections where they polled over 22 percent and ran a close second in Division 5 as well as Division 10.

Senator Larissa Waters said the Sunshine Coast deserved representatives who would serve the community, not corporate interests.

"For too long, the major parties have taken the Sunshine Coast for granted because they are beholden to their corporate donors," Senator Waters said.

"Our party does not take corporate donations, so we will always put people first."

Greens candidate for Nicklin, Sue Etheridge is a small business owner with extensive experience in banking, finance and business management. She is part owner and operator of a building company and aviation theory school, and has lived on the Sunshine Coast Hinterland for 38 years.

"I'm tired of the stale old parties who place the interests of big business ahead of our community," Ms Etheridge said. "The Sunshine Coast needs a major investment to deal with the region's growing unemployment rate."

"The Greens will create more than two thousand jobs for the Coast by investing in public housing, infrastructure, publicly-owned renewable energy, and revitalising local manufacturing."

Greens candidate for Glass House Andrew McLean is a former youth pastor and small business owner who lives in Maleny.

"The major parties have left our rural communities floundering with a lack of job opportunities and inadequate services," Mr McLean said.

"We will invest in health care and create 200 more jobs for doctors and nurses as well as 16 more community health centres."

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Now there's an easy way to recycle trash for cash

by Tanya Outridge

A local business is making it easier than ever for people to recycle and is rewarding diligent recyclers with cash payments for certain types of containers.

Urban Depot recently opened in Windsor Road Nambour and owner Jason Irwin says it is proving to be very popular with locals.

"I think the fact that we make the entire process so easy for people is a big part of the reason why it has taken off relatively quickly," Mr Irwin said. "We have set up a drive in service that is both friendly and contact free so people can feel safe to bring their recyclables in. They don't even have to get out of the car. Our staff are super friendly; we actually refer to ourselves as 'concierges' because we want to make our customers feel welcome and valued. Our customers drive in with their recyclables and drive out with cash in their hand."

Originally from the hospitality industry, Mr Irwin said he was first compelled to look seriously at recycling due to the sheer volume of waste that is inevitable in that industry. "I had been working in restaurants in Sydney, and the waste was staggering. And then a couple of years ago a friend of mine started a yard like this one," he said. "I went to work for him as a General Manager for a time and we went on to build three yards together in regional areas like Maryborough and Hervey Bay. It was easy to become passionate about this concept because there is so much good that can be achieved through it, on many levels."

Part of the Containers for Change scheme, Mr Irwin built his own yard in Jimboomba



Your Nambour recycling team includes Jake Pemberton, Josh Ferguson, Jason Irwin and Hannah Brampton.

and immediately saw the potential to not only educate young people about recycling, but also create job opportunities within his own business and options for schools, businesses and organisations to fund raise, and for kids to earn pocket money through recycling.

"In the beginning, I approached the Jimboomba State School and we handed out 800 complimentary collection bags; one for every student," he said. "We taught them what we were able to recycle and encouraged them to bring in full bags. The response was phenom-

enal and through this initiative the school raised \$8,000 in 12 months."

The other positive aspect of this business is that Mr Irwin has been able to employ 6 local young people, four of whom were long term unemployed.

"This has been every bit as rewarding as encouraging more people to recycle," said Mr Irwin. "For some of my staff, both here and at the Jimboomba facility, it has been life changing."

"Through this opportunity, some of my staff have been able to go on and secure personal loans to buy their own homes, pursue university education and upgrade their training to obtain forklift licences. This has created more opportunities for them in the job market, not that any of them leave. I think they all enjoy their work here too much!"

So what can be recycled at the Urban Depot? "Basically soft drink or alcoholic beverage drink cans and small plastic bottles or cardboard cartons like flavoured milk or juices," Mr Irwin said. "Probably the best way to describe it is anything that could be potentially thrown out of a car window."

Urban Depot is a large load specialist, and can work with schools, clubs, restaurants, Pubs and other organisations to recycle and raise funds as well as anyone who wants to recycle and take advantage of the opportunity to be paid for doing so.

"Our crew has a lot of fun here and I think customers enjoy being made to feel special and welcomed, so they are more inclined to keep recycling," Mr Irwin said. "It's just a win-win all round." • Urban Depot 7/1 Windsor Road Burnside, phone 0492 846 936.



Magnesium pools are fantastic for your skin

By Tanya Outridge

AS we head back into the warmer months it is a good time now so we have a good feel for the swimming season. Paul Carter of Protection Pool Care has 15 years of experience maintaining pools of all sizes, from residential pools to commercial sized pools.

"We have been looking after pools all across the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland for a long time now so we have a good feel for what people want from their pool servicing," Paul said. Protection Pool Care can look after all pool cleaning, servicing, building, renovation and repairs.

"Because people are increasingly experiencing skin allergies and sensitivities to harsh chemicals, at the moment we are seeing a growing demand for conversions from chlorine to magnesium pools. It is actually better on so many levels because when you transition from chlorine to magnesium you are effectively creating a therapy pool," Paul said.

"Swimming in mineral pool water just feels different," he said. "The water is almost silky smooth, so it is a pleasure to experience. There will be little to no eye irritation, and your skin won't have that horrible chlorine smell or the sticky salt feeling you get from swimming in a chlorinated or salt water pool. Also, no more green hair!"

Mineral pools use a patented blend of silver and copper ions, borates, magnesium chloride, plus a tiny amount of chlorine.

"The magnesium in the water is fantastic for your skin and it also helps to relieve muscle aches or soreness. So we are finding that people of all ages benefit from the minerals, from small children with sensitive skin or eczema to athletes who want a recovery pool after training, to elderly people with general aches and pains. The other benefit is that it reduces your pool chemical costs to virtually nothing because there are two times less chlorine parts per million in the water than town water. It is perfectly clean and safe to swim in but you could actually drink it," he said.

"The minerals used in our pools come from the Dead Sea in Israel and are of the highest purity and quality in the world," Paul said. "The Mineral Ozone Swim System we use is Queens-



'There will be little to no eye irritation, and your skin won't have that horrible chlorine smell or the sticky salt feeling'

Brad Kerr, Julie Carter and Paul Carter of Protection Pool Care.... "Mineral pools reduce your chemical costs to virtually nothing".

land made, and we also use Evolution chlorinators, which are also an Australian business. Our clients absolutely love it."

"One of the services people are also looking for at the moment is pool heating," Paul said. "Especially on the Range where it is always a couple of degrees cooler than down on the Coast. After we install heating and a pool blanket, your swimming season is extended to all year round."

"I have been in the building industry for dec-

ades and have started to experience the symptoms of arthritis, particularly in my shoulders, elbows and spine. I swim on a tether in our pool about three times a week and after Paul converted it into a magnesium pool, I couldn't believe the difference it made. It has greatly eased my symptoms. I find it helps my muscles to relax and I sleep so much better after I have had a swim as well. Paul also installed heating in our pool so I can swim in a very comfortable 26 degrees all year round. Paul is obliging and

honest and will go the extra mile to get things sorted for you. He also has a good network of terrific trades people to help him get jobs done. Paul is a fantastic operator and I really can't speak highly enough about him." - Rob Stevens, Little Mountain

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Author presents free concert

FUNKY Chicken Author Chris Collin is presenting a free concert in the Garden at The Little Book Nook up the Lane 4-6 Little Main St, Palmwoods.

The event starts at 5pm this Friday September 25. Booking is essential.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact The Little Book Nook if you want to attend.

Email littlebooknook1@gmail.com or phone 0431750033. The concert will feature puppets, singing, storytelling and, of course, fun!

Carols postponed this year

IT is with reluctance that a decision has been made to postpone the Buderim Community Carols for 2020. "While we will miss the community gathering in Buderim Village Park that for many signals the start of the festive season, we are unable to proceed this year," BWMC Carols sub-committee chair Andrew Butterworth said.

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Volunteers hang up hats after 18 years at Visitor Centres

A lot has changed in the 18 years Jeff Bodley and Rob Morris have been volunteering in Sunshine Coast Hinterland visitor information centres.

When they first started in 2002, the Glass House Mountains information centre was a yellow caravan set up in Matthew Flinders Park just off Steve Irwin Way.

This was the first visitor information centre (VIC) in the region, and Jeff said until then, many visitors would simply bypass the Glass House Mountains on their way up the coast not knowing what they were or the history behind them.

Today Jeff and Rob, who are both 81 years old, have shared the Indigenous and European history of the area with countless visitors looking to explore the region, and while they both admit they're 'still trying to retire', the time has come to hang up their hats on a successful 18-year stint in the Glass House and Montville VICs.

"What we've loved most is meeting the people and finding out where they come from, it's a wonderful thing, and if they come from areas we've been to it makes it even more so," Rob, who along with Jeff is a keen traveller himself, said.

Rob and Jeff said there was no one size fits all response on what to do in the Hinterland, but they instead tailor their suggestions to suit each visitor.

"It's about having a conversation and sending them to where we think appropriate for that couple or family," Jeff said. That's not to say they haven't had any left of centre requests over the years, including advice on what to do about a dropped mobile phone over a mountain ledge that passing fishermen had no luck in reeling out.

Moving forward Rob and Jeff will remain active members of the new Peachester Heritage Centre and local garden club and encouraged others to get involved in volunteering.

"Rather than staying at home get out and enjoy as much as you can in your life, volunteering is a lot of fun," Rob said.

If you are interested in becoming in VSC Ambassador, please email beth.mahoney@visit-sunshinecoast.com or phone Beth 0458 788 285.

Revolutionary treatment healing horses

by Tanya Outridge

EIGHTEEN months ago George Carpenter personally experienced how Pulsed Electromagnetic Field Therapy could be used to treat injuries. Now he has gone into business, helping horse owners safely and effectively treat their horses without the use of drugs or invasive treatments.

"I actually became aware of PEMF through my dad," George said. "He had hurt his shoulder and used the machine to treat it. It really helped alleviate the pain and his shoulder healed faster than he thought it would."

"Then I hurt my knee quite badly after falling off my motorbike. I was in a lot of pain and used the PEMF machine on my knee. Again, it healed up really fast. My dad encouraged and supported me to look into it as a business and that's how Sunshine Coast Pulse Therapy started."

"Magnetic fields surround every living thing so it's not surprising that the strength of this energy field is directly associated with our health and wellbeing," said George.

"Every cell in our body holds an electromagnetic charge and recent studies have shown that when cells are unhealthy and not performing properly, their voltage lowers. They lose their charge."

A healthy cell produces an electric volt potential (mV) of 70. Sick cells have voltages of 40-50mV.

"Researchers have discovered that PEMF recharges and then accumulates energy within the cell," said George. "This enables better oxygenation and increases the pH of the cell. This is important because sick cells are almost always acidic. PEMF contributes to much better circulation which transport nutrients and also oxygen to the cell. At the same time, PEMF maximises the cells functionality to eliminate waste, providing detoxification," he said.

The PEMF machine George uses was developed in the US, and can be safely used on people or animals. "I decided I wanted to work



George Carpenter ... "Every horse is different and different therapies are applicable for different horses".

with horses because I have grown up around them and really enjoy working with them," said George.

"Every horse is different and different therapies are applicable for different horses. I work with a lot of race horses as well as competitive horses and retired paddock horses. I think the best thing about the PEMF treatment is that it is so gentle, painless and non invasive but at the same time, so effective."

George initially worked with race horses and his business has quickly grown via word of mouth. "A lot of my work was on the Sunshine Coast at the start but word has spread and I look after a lot of horses in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast now," George said.

• For more information check out Sunshine Coast Pulse Therapy at www.sunshinecoast-pulse.com.au or call 0417 464 389.

Taskforce Maxima arrests for drugs and weapons

POLICE from Taskforce Maxima, Organised Crime Gangs Group have charged 11 people on 60 charges after search warrants were executed on the Sunshine Coast targeting drug trafficking and weapon offences by outlaw motorcycle gang (OMCG) members and their associates.

The arrests were made as part of Operation Sierra Lilac, following 14 search warrants being executed on properties across the Sunshine Coast and Gympie from September 17 - 20, with assistance from Australian Border Force.

During the searches, three firearms (two pistols and one sawn off shot gun) were seized along with quantities of dangerous drugs, including cocaine, ice, cannabis, steroids and pharmaceutical drugs. Detectives also located approximately \$30,000 cash.

Those arrested include a 26-year-old man from Little Mountain, an alleged associate of the Rebels OMCG, charged with 21 offences including one count of producing dangerous drugs, 15 counts of possessing dangerous drugs and one count of unlawfully possessing a weapon. He is due to appear Caloundra Magistrates court on November 25.

A 35-year-old Curra man was charged with 10 counts of weapon offences and two counts of possession of dangerous drugs, due to appear in the Gympie Magistrates on December 7.

During the search of a Rosemont property, police located an illegal snake (boa constrictor), charging a 64-year-old Rosemont man, the alleged president of the Rebels Sunshine Coast chapter, with breaches of the Biosecurity Act. He was charged with one count of dealing with prohibited matters, due to appear in the Nambour Magistrates Court on November 2. The snake was removed with the assistance of Bioscience Queensland.

Detective Inspector Tim Leadbetter from the Organised Crime Gangs Group said Maxima detectives would continue working with regional police to target the unlawful activities of criminal gangs and their networks.

"We will continue taking a proactive, intelligence-led policing approach and conduct operations wherever OMCGs are in the state to make our communities safer," Det. Leadbetter said.



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The shopping centre is planned for Main, Hill and Church streets in Palmwoods, opposite the Palmwoods Hotel and train station.

Developers seek permission to delay Palmwoods shopping centre application

DEVELOPERS of a proposed Palmwoods shopping centre want to delay the project for up to four years.

A previous extension request in 2018 was due to expire last week. The developer, Burnett Street Nominees Pty Ltd, blames economic conditions from COVID-19 for causing the delay.

The 3610sqm shopping centre and 20-unit residential complex is proposed on the block opposite the Palmwoods Hotel and Spar supermarket.

The development was approved in 2014 after being downgraded from 30 units.

A request letter to council said lapsing of the application "would contribute to site disrepair".

"The delivery of an integrated shopping complex would provide services and conveniences to residents that would otherwise not be readily available to them."

The application argues that the site currently hosts "dilapidated" buildings which may not be fixed or removed if the proposal lapsed.



Units proposed for Sydney St, Nambour

A four-storey, 18-unit development is proposed for a vacant block at Sydney St, Nambour.

The unit complex, pictured, designed by Sprout Architects, is within walking distance of Nambour Plaza and proposed by Image Projects Group.

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Booklet provides fascinating insights into Woombye's past

A Heritage Trail booklet providing information on Woombye's beginnings was launched at a series of rolling events on Saturday September 12.

"Our Place Our Story" includes a handy map directing visitors to sites of historical significance around town.

The Woombye Community & Business Association (WCBA) were able to hold a low key launch event at Woombye Pub under a Covid Safe plan.

Several of the "Our Place Our Story" heritage group met in period dress at St Margaret's church and accompanied WCBA President Debbie Kimber, Cr Winston Johnston, Member for Nicklin, Marty Hunt and Shadow Minister for Fire, Emergency Services and Volunteers Lachlan Millar on a tour of some sites from the trail. This included a stop at the Woombye Community Library to donate copies of the booklet to Christine Molloy.

Cr Johnston launched the book at the Pub. Margaret Woodrow, who compiled the book, said she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"It was interesting to compile and research - a lot of research. I needed new reading glasses by the time it was finished. But it is imperative to record history as fact otherwise it can get handed down and become a myth.

"People can walk or drive the trail and read about how and why each site is important in Woombye's continuing narrative, at the actual place where the story began. We wanted something small to perhaps put in a back pocket or handbag while walking the trail."

In attendance was Lucille Watson (aged 90) the great-granddaughter of Frederick Schubert who built the Criterion Hotel (Woombye Pub) in 1900.

Cr Johnston said he was delighted to have provided funds for the printing of the historic record. He emphasised the importance of printed literature. Information has been available in numerous mediums, from slates for writing to CDs and digital media. "However the only medium that can be completely relied upon to provide easily accessed information for future generations, is the printed format."

For that reason, he thanked and offered support and encouragement to all whom were involved in the production of this valuable record of history relating to Cobbs Camp, Woombye.

Woombye Business and Community association Vice President Grant Palethorpe said the booklet was a quality publication that would help inform and unite the towns residents and visitors.

"It is a credit to those involved," he said. "Communities like Woombye have always worked together. The Woombye Community & Business Association engaged with The Light Horse, St Margaret's Church, our local Scout troop and also the Community

Library to make the day a success."

Ms Kimber presented native bouquets from White Jasmine (Woombye Flowers & Gifts) to four of the ladies who helped with creation of the book including Judy Banditt, Tess Martin, Lyn Walker and Mrs Woodrow.

WCBA plans to build on the momentum of the book with a formal heritage walking trail of the sites listed and an interactive storyboard in a prominent public space in Woombye.

The book was printed locally by 4CP Promotional Products & Graphic Design and will be available for \$8 from Bendigo Bank and Woombye Rural Supplies.

Did you know?

The name Woombye was derived from the aboriginal word the black myrtle. It is one of the Eugenia family, as is the lilly-pilly. It grew profusely along the banks of Paynter's creek, near the railway, and it was the Railway company that named each station as it went through - according to some characteristic of that area. It is a small tree or shrub, the white flower being quite distinctive. Early pioneers used its pliable wood for whip handles and riding crops. The aboriginal people used it for attaching to their stone axe as a handle (for a small axe).

Photos, clockwise from top:

- From left, Grant Palethorpe, Lyn Walker, Lucille Watson, Leah France, Margaret Woodrow, Judith Banditt in period dress.

- Cr Winston Johnston, Shadow Minister for Fire, Emergency Services and Volunteers Lachlan Millar, Lyn Mabb, Ian Smith and Ross Deller. In front Lyn Walker, Margaret Woodrow, and Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt.

- Pedestrians appreciate riders from 2nd Light Horse Regiment Woombye Memorial Troop, namely Suzie Borwell and Karen Kruger.

- Born in Woombye Mrs Marie Elliott, 93, cuts the celebratory cake made by Woombye Bakery.

- Debbie Kimber, Margaret Woodrow and Chris Molloy at the Library presentation.

- Wendy McMullin and Mildred and Doug Milne at the pub launch.

• Below: Highlights of the Heritage Trail.



Artists add colour and vibrancy to Nambour

A very creative group of people is working hard to colour Nambour, including this work at Backbeat Records in Howard Street, pictured.

Street Art Nambour organiser Lorraine Taylor said she saw a need to update the mural because it was fading out and it was on the route of Nambour's new tram track.

"Backbeat Records requested we use the same Street artist, Jason Kasino from Brisbane, and we were in agreement," said Lorraine. "We never compromise another artists work if we can avoid it. Despite some rain, Jason ploughed on and completed it to everyone's satisfaction."

JC Hire from Nambour supplied scaffold so it could be done with ease and safety and Nambour Central Motel put Jason up for the time he was working on the mural.

"Without local support like this we couldn't do this," said Lorraine.

"Despite losing Hendrix from this site, we are in negotiations with a local hotel to have him moved there."

"We have completed four murals this week with more to come next week. And we still need donations to pay our incredible artists." Check out www.streetartnambour.org for details.



Now more than ever, Men's Sheds are important

WITH the COVID-19 crisis easing but far from over, National Men's Shed Week (28 September to 3 October) will certainly look and feel different this year.

But don't be fooled into thinking this is a period of inactivity for Australia's 1200-plus Men's, Women's and Community Sheds.

"There are several major developments in 'Shed world' at the moment and these re-inforce the message that now more than ever, the Men's Shed is more than just a shed," said AMSA Executive Officer David Helmers. "Shedders" all over the nation will celebrate the enormous value of the movement and their own Shed - in spirit, if not in person."

New legislation had been enacted by Parliament granting Men's Sheds ability to apply for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status as of October 2020.

Also, a new ad voiced by Michael Caton will be launched to celebrate the vital role played by Men's Sheds in preventing social isolation. The Shed Online and The Shed Wireless podcast were developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Men's Shed Week is an annual event to highlight the contributions of Men's Sheds. Visit mensched.org

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From left, Renee Menco, Gerry Zwart, Lex Menco, Valerie Zwart, and Israel ambassador Mark Sofer at the ceremony.

Admired couple proves popular on Facebook

A humble couple and their thriving orchid broke the Sunshine Valley Gazette's Facebook reach record last week.

We carried a story about Gerry and Valerie Zwart's amazing orchid that appears to thrive on regular cups of tea.

The story reached 29,727 people on Facebook. The Zwarts had no idea of the online activity and were thrilled when told last week.

It's no wonder the couple, now in their 90s, attracted such interest. Many people remember them from their volunteer work for the Mapleton community after moving from South Australia in 1989.

In fact both were awarded Orders of Australia for Services to Mapleton and Surrounding Community, Valerie in 2010 and Gerry in 2015.

Soon after arriving, the couple joined the Friends of the Library and were devastated when the community facility was destroyed by fire. But they leapt into action and raised \$15,000 to replace the facility in only 10 months.

"We raised a record amount of money in record time and by the time we moved in it was freehold," Valerie said.

Meanwhile, in a quite remarkable story, it was this time last year Gerry accepted Israel's highest honour on behalf of his parents

Marinus and Marie. They were posthumously honoured as Righteous Among the Nations for their bravery in hiding Jews in their house during the German occupation in World War Two. Gerry, who was in his early teens at the time, was heavily involved in the dangerous work while he grew up in the Dutch village of Blaricum.

"If they had caught a few Jews in our house, we would get the same treatment as the Jews, which was [to be] sent off to the concentration camps," Gerry said.

Israeli man Lex Menco travelled to Australia to be at the ceremony. Mr Menco and his four sons would never have been born if not for the bravery of Gerry's family, who hid his mother Bela during the Holocaust.

Mr Zwart also recalled him and a mate fleeing from German soldiers who had captured them to work in the factories. "The Germans were yelling for us to come back and then they started shooting. You could hear the bullets hitting the trees around you," he said.

The Zwarts moved to Sanctuary Park Retirement Community in Nambour nine years ago.

Now in their 90s Gerry and Valerie say they are looking forward to their 70th anniversary in three years.



Introducing Labor's candidate for Nicklin

from Rob Skelton, Nicklin Candidate

AS the prospective Member for Nicklin my commitment is to see the region safe and secure in this time of pandemic.

A healthy population can rebuild anything. The road to recovery will involve sustainable industries and stability for working families. I want our children to be able to study, work and raise families here.

Railways and transport, law and order, safety, security and community well-being are keys to the life we all want here in Nicklin.

I aim to protect, serve and give Nicklin a loud focused voice at the table of Government. Whether as a firefighter or member of Anastacia's team managing the economic recovery from Covid-19, I will always put Nicklin and Queensland first.

I was born in Sydney into a defence-force family and finished school in Queensland in 1992 and then completed a sheet-metal trade before joining the Royal Australian Navy in 1995 as a Boatswain's Mate. I served on HMAS Swan, Canberra, and Ipswich (a patrol boat

policing border and fisheries incursions). I spent 7.5 years in the Navy with my last posting at the Gunnery Range in Flinders, Victoria where I also volunteered with the Country Fire Authority.

I transferred to the R.A.A.F in March 2002 and became a professional firefighter.

I served in Tindal, N.T. for two years before discharging to join the Aviation Rescue and Firefighting Service.

I have seen active service for over 15 years, in Townsville and now serving as Leading Aviation Firefighter in Brisbane.

In 2017, I was elected President of the UFUA (United Firefighters Union of Australia) Aviation Branch by the 900 national members and served till 2019. In that role I appeared before Senate committees and inquiries, and consequently am no stranger to the workings of government.

I have been honoured with an Operational Service Medal (border operations), National Medal and Defence Medal.

I have three beautiful grown children who are my pride and joy.

Letters to the Editor

Eudlo questions put to council

RECENTLY, a council working party visited Eudlo. The purpose was to lay plans for Council funding for "upgrades" in Eumundi, Woombye and Eudlo.

With this in mind I forwarded to Division 5 Cr Winston Johnston an email outlining suggestions as to where money could be spent.

I did this with the knowledge that consideration would have to be given to finances and resources and also expecting that any co-operation between Council and Main Roads would be difficult but necessary to the longer term safety and well being of this green enclave. Difficult but not impossible.

In furthering this process, my question to council was: will a local survey be conducted or will council simply proceed with their proposed changes? I have not received a reply at this time. With respect, a simple answer to this question, please.

I include here Eudlo community issues, raised over a long period of time, that could in due course be addressed by Council and stakeholders.

1. Public Toilet – the stench from our "long drop" public toilet is surely sufficient to request better facilities.

2. Pedestrian traffic from Eudlo School Road on the bridge over Eudlo Creek do not have safe access into Rosebed Street and risk being struck by motor vehicles.

3. Population growth in Palmwoods and Mooloolah has resulted in Eudlo being used as a rat-run, morning and night.

4. There's currently a Give Way sign for traffic in Corlis Ave entering Rosebed St. This should be changed to a stop sign and the centre landscape area should be pruned to give clear vision to all users.

5. The Rosebed Street School Speed Limit sign is mostly ignored. Perhaps it needs flashing lights like Corlis Ave?

6. Library Resource truck parking: Relocate outside rail park and playground area. Supply of power and toilet facilities are available close by.

7. A Street Sweeper is required once a week to sweep away leaves from the gutters?

8. Review of mowing contractors area of service in conjunction with community or stakeholders.

9. Sealing of Citrus Road: Final section has remained unsealed for 18 years.

10. Olsen Mill Park: Exercise Stations to encourage park users and a small foot bridge to connect with proposed Eudlo Mill Community Farm.

Ian Hughes
Eudlo News and General Store

Council responds

AN email from Robyn Hughes was received by Council on 27/08/20 and Ian Hughes emailed myself on 03/09/20. Both emails were directed to all the relevant council departments for consideration and report back to Mr and Mrs Hughes.

Many of the issues raised are not within the province or control of SCC as they are either Police or Transport and Main Roads controlled issues. Councils Traffic Engineer responded to Ms. Hughes on 04/09/20.

The working party Mr Hughes refers to were officers from our Streetscape Planning Depart-

ment and they visited Eudlo to understand the layout of streets, parks and other relevant issues. Since then I have also visited with the officers to make them aware of various issues.

Contrary to suggestions that the plans will be prepared prior to any community consultation, I assure everyone that has never been the intention. Once broad community consultation commences, interested parties will be informed of the general scope of works and the budget for the project, which will hopefully commence in the 2021/22 financial year. Council and TMR will be discussing the issues raised where they cross over lines of responsibility.

The email from Ian Hughes listed 10 items, many of which require in depth research and consideration, before reporting back to either myself or Mr Hughes. I fully understand his frustration, but I assure him that matters are in hand and he will receive a detailed response in due course.

Briefly I will outline those issues:

1. Public toilet. Eudlo does not have either water or sewerage services. Hence there is a composting toilet, because septic trenches are no longer possible.

2. Pedestrian access under the railway bridge. This is an extremely costly project and will be addressed when the rail line is upgraded.

3. Rat runs and traffic speeds. This is a Police and TMR issue and has been referred to them.

4. Traffic issues at Corlis Ave and Rosebud St intersection are a TMR issue.

5. Speeding in Rosebud Street is a Police issue. 6. Mobile Library Parking. I raised this issue with Council Officers in July and we are already investigating an alternative location.

7. Street sweeping. I have referred this matter for attention.

8. Review of mowing. This matter has also been referred for attention.

9. Citrus Road. Like everyone else, I want to see this final section sealed. Plans are now complete and sealing is planned in 2-3 years. I have previously asked officers to put this road forward for a possible COVID-19 funding grant.

10. Olsen Mill Park. Exercise stations and a footbridge across Eudlo Creek would be extremely expensive and although desirable, are unlikely to be funded by council.

Winston Johnston | Division 5 Councillor

Which family will be next?

The case of Sarah from Canberra, barred from attending her father's funeral in Brisbane has caught public attention. The Prime Minister raised the case on the radio. Federal ministers and the Queensland LNP weighed in to attack Premier Palaszczuk. Queensland regards Canberra as a hotspot because its borders are porous and there are no border controls. Some people have used Canberra as a back door to get into Queensland (though not in this case). Sarah had not had time to quarantine before her father died. Thousands of people have been similarly affected. They have not been able to attend family events in for example, NSW. Funerals are high-risk events because many elderly people attend them and, if exposed, could carry COVID-19 into aged care facilities. As a compromise, Sarah, was allowed a private viewing. To use a family's private grief and make it the centre of a media storm for political purposes is contemptible. As I sit in the quiet solitude of my study and scan the funeral notices, I wonder which family will be next?

Anne Philtrip, Maleny

Dogs in Business

SCRUFFY, who you met last edition, is an extraordinary dog who is, strictly, not in business (as such), but rather in training with The Compass Institute Inc as an assistance dog.

Scruffy is a wolfhound-cross who found himself at the Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge through no fault of his own.

The staff at the refuge put Scruffy (then known as Peter – because of his adorable bunny ears), forward as a potential assistance dog for a child with special needs.

Scruffy is proving to be an amazing boy and will be placed with a family when his training is complete.



Gardners Falls.



Kondalilla Falls.

Put some Spring in your step this school holidays

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6. Discover the waterfalls and get back in touch with nature in Kondalilla National Park in Montville or Gardners Falls in Maleny.

7. Enjoy a scenic picnic with the family with a hamper of local cheese from Maleny Food Co.

8. Let the kids creativity run wild with a hands on clay workshop at Fried Mudd Clay Studio in Maleny who offer 'Mudpies Workshop' for children of all ages.

9. Get off the beaten track in Conondale National Park. Here, accessible by 4WD, is the blissfully remote - and extremely Insta-worthy - Booloomba Creek whose turquoise waters are perfect for cooling off on those warm sunny days and whose banks are perfect for camping.

10. Walk it off. The hinterland is home to some of Australia's best mountain climbs. The Glass House Mountains are must-visit, but lesser known is Mount Ninderry. Located just outside of Yandina, Mount Ninderry offers spectacular views over Mount Coolool and the Maroochy River to the east and the Blackall Range to the west - you are even permitted to bring your dog along!

11. For other hidden gems, check out the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary which is home to more than 200 different species of birds, crabs and butterflies, Robinson Falls in Nambour or Baxter Falls in Flaxton.

12. Hit the road: It's not hard to see why the Blackall Range Tourist Drive has been voted one of the best in Queensland. The journey takes you through the picturesque Sunshine Coast Hinterland villages of Maleny, Montville and Mapleton, offering views of the ancient volcanic peaks of the Glass House Mountains on one side and the sparkling coastline on the other. Along the way, meet local artisans in the galleries at Montville.

• For more information go to: visitsunshinecoast.com

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Six people were nominated and regrettably one nominee, Melody Fanti, bakery manager at Super IGA Maleny, was unable to attend due to an IGA work function on the same evening. Rotary club will do a separate presentation to Melody.

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Community concerns over Yandina estate

SUNSHINE Coast Council has issued a formal Request for Information to a developer following community concern about a planned housing development in Yandina.

The move comes after dozens of letters were written to Marc Connell, head planner for Council, opposing many aspects of the development including small lot sizes and a road closure.

The proposed housing estate is in South West Yandina on a block of land bordered by Wappa Falls, Creightons and Bracken Fern roads.

An estimated 50 letters were sent to Marc Connell, with copies to Councillor David Law and to YADCA.

"Overwhelmingly the key topic of the letters was the proposed closure of Creightons Road and the impact that would have on a largely rural community with their larger vehicles, horse floats and agricultural equipment having to negotiate four roundabouts on a small road through the complex," said YADCA President Nigel Anns.

"A narrow residential street, which will inevitably have cars parked on both sides, will just not be wide enough for emergency vehicles. And there is obvious concern about evacuation in regard to bush fires.

"Lot sizes were also a focus of the letters. There has been clear manipulation of numbers to suggest that average lots sizes will be 1172 sqm when in fact they will be 756sqm," Nigel added.

The land is owned by the Oakes family who used to farm sugar cane on the site. The developer has until 21 October to respond to the Request for Information. YADCA is encouraging all interested residents to monitor development.i, the section of the Council's website which lists development applications. <https://development1.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Home/ApplicationSearch>. The development.i code for the South West Yandina development is RAL20/0072.

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Nominees pictured with Greg Williams, left, Alan Wilson, right & Paulette Steele, kneeling.

Rotary recognises Maleny workers

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Pictures, from top ...
• Lynda Tomkins Cathy Kunde cutting the cakes.
• Carol Eaton Jill Webb Lorraine Middleton.
• Debbie Hopsick and Leigh Watson.

Re-formed QCWA branch celebrates birthday

THE Yandina Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) recently celebrated their 5th birthday since re-forming.

An enjoyable high tea marked the re-activation of the Branch which had been active from 1929 to 1991. It then closed due to lack of membership.

"In 2015 a keen group of ladies reopened the Branch which now has a healthy membership of 24 ladies," said current President Maureen Brook.

"One of the members, Debbie Hopsick, hosted the event at her lovely, spacious home. The ladies caught up over delicious home-baked savoury and sweet treats while maintaining social distancing as required by COVID-19 restrictions."

Maureen baked the birthday cakes that were cut by founding President and Vice President, Lynda Tomkins and Cathy Kunde.

The Branch has monthly meetings at 9.30am on the fourth Friday of the month at the QCWA Division Hall at 11 Stevens Street, Yandina and interested ladies are welcome to attend. QCWA is not for profit, non-sectarian and non-political with a simple vision: "for the women of Queensland to come together to support communities, while celebrating their interests and forging friendships in a respectful and caring environment".

Further information is available on their Facebook page or by emailing qcwayandina@gmail.com.





Andrew Powell, right, with Witta local Dennis Hensby at Maleny-Kenilworth Road.

We'll fix this 'goat track' says Powell

AN LNP Government would commit an additional \$5 million in upgrades for Maleny-Kenilworth Road if elected, Member for Glass House Andrew Powell has announced.

"Earlier this year, I announced that the 'goat track' between Lees Road and Booloumba Creek at Cambroon would be upgraded to two lanes of bitumen," Mr Powell said.

"Now, I'm pleased to announce an LNP State Government will invest a further \$5 million to widen and improve safety on Maleny-Kenilworth Road between Maleny and Witta.

"The LNP are dedicated to busting congestion and improving road safety across SEQ – we will make this road safer for locals and tourists alike."

"Maleny-Kenilworth Road is a designated tourist route and a daily commute for locals. But it has never been up to scratch.

"The fact that several kilometres remain gravel and in other sections the road is narrow, with steep drop offs, is simply not acceptable."

"Getting that \$5 million earlier this year was a great start but that's all it was, a start.

"We recognise the importance of this road as a key arterial in the area. It's just not safe enough as it is."

Mr Powell was joined by Witta local, Dennis Hensby, who has been working to get improvements on the section from Maleny to Witta.

"This road has been falling to pieces for years now, especially on some of the sharp left-hand corners," said Mr Hensby.

"This is excellent news and the upgrade is well overdue".

Q & A

with RangeCare Marketing Officer Jess Garey

FAVOURITE sports: The closest I have come to watching any sport is the ultra-marathons my husband Chris participates in.

FAVOURITE colour: Blue and green

FAVOURITE Movie: My childhood favourite movie was Back to the Future II - A classic!

DREAM Car: Thanks to my colleague Paul, I now aspire to be a Tesla owner.

BIRTH date and/or star sign: 08/09/1989. A true analytical Virgo.

LAST book read (title and author): I recently reread "You can heal your life" by Louise Hay.

WHERE did you grow up: I grew up in the St George area in Sydney.

FIRST job you ever had & what was it like: My first job at 14 years old was a cashier at Red Rooster.

FAVOURITE Range food and why: This is tricky because there is so much variety on the Range. I enjoy the GF vegetarian Nachos from The Barn on Flaxton, the coffee at Little May in Montville and prior to my gluten free diet, the strawberry & custard tart from Sweet & Flour Bakery in Mapleton

BEST thing about Mapleton: The people! Everyone is so kind and supportive. I also appreciate the beautiful scenery whether it be the ocean views or the tranquil lily ponds.

MOST important thing you ever learned: Community is everything. Despite your personal



circumstance, if you have a community around to support and nourish you, you can achieve anything!

FAVOURITE Saying: "We are all a work on progress". I believe we all have a responsibility to continue to learn and grow and through conversing with one another we can share that knowledge and empower one another.

HAPPIEST moment in life that wasn't related to family matters: The present - I live in a great community with wide open spaces, a healthy family and a great group of friends who wholeheartedly support one another.

WHAT are you passionate about: Our community and finding creative ways to give back to those in need.

WHAT else should we know about you?: I am passionate about the work I do at RangeCare and how it has a direct positive effect on our community. I am also an enthusiastic rookie gardener – gardening tips are welcome!



Yandina Toastmasters President Mat Banks.

Find your voice at Toastmasters

FIND your voice and develop your side hustle with the leadership skills and confidence you will gain from Yandina Toastmasters.

With an emphasis on fun and personal growth the Team at Yandina Toastmasters are helping members build the confidence to follow their passions.

"Joining Yandina Toastmasters has contributed to some Members developing the confidence to create podcasts, take up belly-dancing, start a mosaic group, build an online arts business, compete in public speaking competitions, and much more," said President Mat Banks.

"Since the world has been ravaged by COVID-19, we all need something to fill our lives with more joy."

If you have the desire to develop your leadership skills, improve your communication and public speaking prowess, or grow the confidence to build your own side hustle then come and join the friendly team at Yandina Toastmasters for one of our fun club meetings every 1st and 3rd Monday at the Yandina Church. "As our next special guest, we are excited to meet you."

Nambour Heritage Soundtrail

David Law

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The Nambour Soundtrail is a GPS activated, audio story trail that features 18 stories of Nambour told by locals including Bob Collins, June Upton, Brent Miller, Lyndon Davis and many more. The trail is narrated by Powderfinger's John Coghill and has a cool soundtrack from musicians Lee Hardisty and Leon Tussy. Visit significant sites in Nambour such as Collins Café, Vogue Cinema, BCC Supermarkets, C-Square and Bayards and learn about the history of the town. The self-guided tour starts at Nambour Library, where you can use the free council Wi-Fi to download the Soundtrails App to your tablet or smart phone. Remember to bring your headphones and while you're there why not check out some incredible new street art featured at BackBeat Records. Visit council's website for more info.

Healthy Sunshine Coast 2021

Our Healthy Sunshine Coast program remains on a break and will be back with a fresh new program of activities and events next year. If you'd like to have your say on council's new program, please complete this survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/HealthySC

Don't forget to check out Adventure Sunshine Coast for more than 150 free self-guided activities, Sunshine Coast Libraries for many online resources and EOIs for the next round of The Lift Project Sunshine Coast (an online wellbeing program).

Sunshine Coast Mass Transit

Momentum continues for a mass transit solution to address our public transport needs now and well into the future.

The Mass Transit is important for the whole sunshine coast and across the hinterland because our public transport network will connect to the mass transit project.

It's also important that all towns have their say on projects that impact the entire Sunshine Coast. This is a great opportunity to have your say and provide feedback during open consultation. For more information visit the Mass Transit project web page and subscribe to receive regular Sunshine Coast Mass Transit project updates.

Free School Holiday Fun

Winston Johnston

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The innovative Agents of Discovery game is back these school holidays! Head to your app store to download and try the all new missions at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve or Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden. Check out the what's on guide on council's website to get started.

New CEO announced

Congratulations to Ms. Emma Thomas on her appointment as the new Sunshine Coast Council CEO, I look forward to working with her to deliver service excellence to both Division 5 and the entire Sunshine Coast.

Stay engaged

Between now and Christmas council has lots of community engagement planned in regard to a wide range of council projects. Be sure to visit council's website haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for the latest engagement opportunities and be sure to have your say.

Road upgrade progressing

Road users in Diamond Valley will soon have an improved experience, with the Diamond Valley Road reconstruction project nearly completed. The guard rails are now being installed and line marking will be finalised soon.

Pet rego reminder

Don't forget, pet registration renewals are on the way and due by September 30.

Pet registration helps Sunshine Coast Council to reunite lost dogs and cats with their owners and it also helps to plan for services such as off-leash areas for dogs, education programs to promote responsible pet ownership and the animal pound. Contact Councils Customer Service on 5475 7272 for more information or visit council's website.

Keeping you connected

Please do keep an eye on my Facebook page for the latest Division 5 news and information, visit www.facebook.com/winstonjohnstondivision5scc.

We need seasonal workers

Andrew Wallace

Federal Member for Fisher
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A lot of our local growers are struggling to find the pickers and packers they need at the moment, and there is a real danger that a bumper harvest will have to be left to rot in the fields.

The Federal Government is doing everything that we can to help. Early on in this crisis the Government looked ahead and extended the visas of the seasonal workers who were already in Australia so that they could continue to work this season.

We have also recently begun a pilot program bringing more seasonal workers here safely from Vanuatu.

However, unfortunately, the Queensland Premier has decided not to sign up to the National Cabinet's National Agricultural Workers Code, which means that we cannot get the seasonal workers from other States and Territories here to the Sunshine Coast where they are needed.

While we try to persuade the Premier to change her mind, I would urge local growers who are struggling to find workers to contact the Federal Government's Harvest Trail program at www.jobsearch.gov.au/harvest so they can link up with locals who are looking for work.

Unfortunately however it is not only fruit pickers who are struggling to find employees. Businesses from Hinterland IGAs to home care providers are telling me that they cannot get applicants for the jobs they have available. With unemployment high on the Coast, we need to get locals into these jobs right away.

The Government has acted to help this week by reintroducing mutual obligation arrangements for all job seekers from 28 September 2020.

This means that people who are receiving JobSeeker payments will need to ensure they are actively applying for jobs or undertaking further training to help them find work. If you have any problems with Centrelink and are not getting the help you need, please remember that you can contact my office on 07 5493 5556.

Road trip & Jobs Forum

Ted O'Brien

Federal Member for Fairfax
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It was great to be out and about with Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt and meet so many people during my Spring Road trip.

Together with my State colleagues, I've been holding Jobs Forums and mobile offices across the Fairfax electorate, listening to residents and speaking with business owners.

Concern about the post-COVID economic recovery was a key topic of conversation at both the Mapleton mobile office and the Nambour Jobs Forum, co-hosted with Marty.

More than 13,800 businesses and organisations across the Coast are receiving JobKeeper payments, and we received positive feedback about how JobKeeper has been successful in keeping businesses afloat and people in jobs.

Many also shared concerns that it's likely unemployment figures will continue to rise and

Flashing Lights at Mooloolah

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I was recently joined by Deputy LNP Leader Tim Mander to announce that an LNP State Government will install flashing school zone lights at Mooloolah State School. The Mooloolah State School community have been calling for these lights to be installed for years now but increasingly so with the development of new residential estates along King Road. The current government has ignored the community's pleas. In contrast, the LNP will make the lights a priority. They will be delivered should the LNP form Government at the 31 October election.

We had success in lobbying for flashing lights to be installed at Glasshouse Mountains and Peachester State Schools with both being installed over the past year. Mooloolah deserves the same and the LNP will deliver it.

Maleny-Kenilworth Road

For eleven years now I've been fighting for a safer Maleny-Kenilworth Road. Earlier this year, I was thrilled to announce the "goat track" between Lees Road and Booloumba Creek at Cambroon would be upgraded to two lanes of bitumen. Now, I'm pleased to announce an LNP State Government will invest a further \$5 million to widen and improve safety on Maleny-Kenilworth Road between Maleny and Witta.

Small Business Awards Winners

Yesterday I held my annual Glass House Small Business awards gala where I announced the winning businesses and employees for each of the four regions (Moreton Bay, Glasshouse, Maleny and Montville) as well as the two gold winners. Congratulations to all the winning businesses and employees but especially Mitchell Emerson from BRN Mechanical in Moreton Bay on winning the gold employee award and the Maleny Pie Guy on winning the gold business award this year. Mitchell is a fantastic young man devoted to going above and beyond for his customers whilst the Maleny Pie Guy was nominated as an outstanding business using locally sourced produce and giving back to the community wherever he can.

The Roadmap to cash

Business Advice

by Peter Gamgee



CASH flow importance was emphasised in my last article – but how do you guarantee what you have set out can be met?

Anyone with some Excel skills can set out a very attractive cash flow projection, but the reality of meeting that projection is another matter.

How can you be certain that you will achieve the goal?

It takes a lot of motivation, and of course action but three years is a long time and how can you tell if you are on track?

The solution is to set out a Roadmap that will show if you are headed in the right direction, and allow you to make adjustments along the way to make sure you meet that cash flow you desire.

The idea is to build another spreadsheet where you will track key business performance indicators on a regular basis.

By regular I mean monthly at a minimum, and desirably weekly.

To keep it as simple as possible to start with just use these four most important components:

- Financials
- Leads
- Subscribers or Visitors
- Industry specific measures

Financials

The financial baseline you will have established previously – based on revenue, margins, cost of sales, overhead costs.

Set that baseline out in your Roadmap by month, or even weekly for a minimum of the next 12 months.

Include: Target Revenue, Cost of Sales, Overhead Costs, Cash at Bank. On a row in your spreadsheet just below each one of these allow for the entry of your actual situation, and revised forecast.

Measuring and seeing the planned v actual financial performance is essential – but it is also a lagging indicator – by the end of the month you have spent the money and the revenue is fixed – you don't have a chance to change anything.

The next three Roadmap items are more lead indicators to those financials.

Leads

For each product set out the number of sales you need in order to meet the revenue targets.

Then in the next row set out the number of leads you need to have, based on your current conversion rates, in order to achieve the number of sales.

For example if your target revenue is \$10,000 and your average sale is \$1,000, you will need 10 sales to achieve the revenue.

If your conversion rate is 10% you will need 100 leads to obtain that revenue.

Set out this Leads baseline and allow provisions to track weekly/monthly how many leads you have obtained.

Subscribers

In their buyers journey customers often become followers, or subscribers (of free services) before they become leads and then buyers.

From your previous information you may have some idea as to how many leads you get from your subscriber base.

So you can then calculate how many subscribers you need to generate those 100 leads.

It may need a thousand or more subscribers. If you do not have the prior records – make some reasonable assumptions.

Set out the Subscriber baseline and provision to track your actual number of subscribers.

Industry Specific Measures

Each industry has its own set of measures, or measures that are considered lead indicators of performance.

For example manufacturing use reject or rework rates, telecommunications and service industry use churn (the number of customers won and lost to others).

You may already have this measure – if not check it out through your industry association.

OK – now you have all the elements of a simple Roadmap for your business.

Each week you will need to update this roadmap with the actual numbers.

If you are getting the right number of subscribers and leads through your marketing – then you should be on track for the revenue and cash.

If not you will know what you need to correct to stay on track to your cash destination.

150 years of Yandina

Historical Snapshots

YANDINA has recently been celebrating 150 years since its proclamation as a Township Reserve on September 23, 1870 ... exactly 150 years to this day.

At the time, Surveyor William Frya penned a report to the Surveyor General dated August 11, 1870. It refers to the site he deemed suitable for a town or village where Yandina now stands.

"I have the honour to report that the site described below appears to embrace the necessary conditions – commencing at a point on the South Maroochy River on the left bank and immediately opposite the north west corner of James Low's selection of 97 acres and bounded thence on the west by a line bearing north 60 chains, on the north by a line bearing east about 110 chains to the North Maroochy River and thence by that river downwards to its confluence with the South Maroochy and thence by that river upwards to the point of commencement.

The land is generally above flood mark and the river is permanently fresh water. There is a very considerable waterfall about four miles up the river which in future might be utilised for mechanical or sanitary purposes.

The site is about half way between Caboolture (where a village settlement appears to be forming) and Gympie, and an inn, Police Camp and Post Office are already established adjoining it.

It is about 74 miles from Brisbane and 46 from Gympie and a considerable population is already settled in the neighbourhood. The land being well adapted for settlement."

Six weeks later, on September 23, 1870 a Proclamation, by His Excellency Samuel Wensley Blackall, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Queensland and its Dependencies, appeared in the Queensland Government Gazette.

• Reference: Queensland State Archives, Sur/ A57, Proclamation – QGG 1870, vol 12, pp1192-3. Thanks to Council's Heritage Library Officers for the words and Picture Sunshine Coast for the photos.



Men pictured during the clearing of land for the construction of the Excelsior Hall, ca 1900. Pictured: Alex G. Low (far left), John Gustave Sommer, far right, his brother Richard Bernard Erwin Sommer, in dark suit seated on log, Mr Mitchell, Yandina Station Master (seated in front with dog).



E. & H. Law's boarding house, corner of Farrell Street and Stevens Street, Yandina, 1920s, originally owned by Mrs Murray (1896-ca 1903). It was used as a private residence for some years until it was acquired by the Law family. The building was demolished in 1988.



John McNab's General Store, Farrell Street, Yandina, ca 1900. McNab established the store on the Old Gympie Road (Farrell Street) ca 1890. Burnett and Co. took over the store in 1895 and named it 'Excelsior House'.



Ruth Morgan, right, Brian Harris and John Muller from the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild with donations to Acute Restorative Care.

Woodies skills help dementia patients

THE Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild have crafted several impressive engagement resources for patients being treated at the Acute Restorative Care (ARC) unit at Nambour Hospital.

Wishlist CEO Lisa Rowe said the items were being used by patients with complex cognitive issues, including those with dementia.

"The workmanship was beyond our expectations and we are so grateful to the guild for turning this idea of donating wooden items to engage patients into a reality," Ms Rowe said.

ARC Recreation Officer Ruth Morgan said members of the guild delivered Finska sets, a cornhole board for bean bag toss games and two platform steps for patients to practice using their wheeled-walkers to go up and down kerbs or steps at home.

Finska is a fun log-tossing game that helps with rehab.

"The platform steps were even weight-rated and the finish on the cornhole board was smooth to enable bean bags to slide on the surface," Ms Morgan said.

"We just want to publicly say a big thank you to the Blackall Range Woodcrafters for the fantastic, handcrafted donated items.

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If you prefer a traditional taste then you must try the spaghetti carbonara, for a bit more decadence go the chicken pesto, if meat's not your thing then its the pumpkin and goats cheese gnocchi for you, but if you have more of an adventurous side then you'll want the yellow curry prawn pasta.

If you're like us, then some weeks we're adventurous and others we're decadent.

Pasta Night is every Tuesday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Bookings are essential, call the Club on 5441 2366 to reserve your table now.

High profile move for North Coast Mowers

North Coast Mowers is on the move from its long time location in Windsor Road Burnside to a newly refurbished, high-profile showroom at 36 Coronation Avenue, Nambour. Business owner Gerald Robertson, pictured, said: "I am excited about the move because the larger showroom means that I can have more stock out on the floor and it is all indoors in the air conditioning, which is important as we move into summer. There is also plenty of parking out the front. When the showroom became available, it seemed like a good opportunity for a change."



'Homes built to a standard we'd expect for ourselves'

by Angela Norvall

QUALITY, individual design and pure distinction. There's a certain something that makes a David Prior home stand out from the rest.

For David, by having his name on the door, he knows the importance of always maintaining the highest of standards to build or renovate homes that don't just have the wow factor today but for many years to come.

Having run his own family business on the Sunshine Coast for over 25 years, David has definitely seen a large variety of styles come and go, but for him one thing has always remained the same; the need to understand the investment that a house or even renovation is to a client.

David said through the support of his wife Allison and their team at David Prior Homes appreciating that it is their client's dream home they worked closely with them to create a custom home that fulfils all their needs and wants.

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"Every home is built with quality in mind. "We build our homes to a standard that we would expect for ourselves."

For David and his experienced team of

sub-contractors, they continue to work on substantial projects throughout Queensland so always remain upfront with all costs involved in the project right from the start.

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Right: Allison and David Prior at their Palmwoods home, which David built.



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Yandina Crazy Dayz help mark 150 years



People and bargains were out in force in Yandina on Friday and Saturday when the town held a two-day Crazy Dayz event as part of its 150 year celebrations. Yandina Chamber of Commerce President John O'Leary said shops and businesses offered crazy prices and crazy deals on hundreds of items. Celebration continued yesterday with the unveiling of a ceremonial time capsule.



Gazette Sport

Eumundi Dragons Rugby

U11 Match Report
by Team Manger Pamela Campbell-Jones

The Dragons took on Uni this weekend at Noosa, with some help from some Maroochydore boys. The first half against Uni GOLD was made up of strong running rugby from the Dragons with some impressive team tries. The boys took the win for this half.

The second half the Dragons took on Uni GREEN. The Dragons showed grit and determination, holding up three try attempts, and took the win for this half too, with the whole team, including the Swans lifting again and again.

The Best Team Mate was Jett Herbert, with his usual try scoring talents, as well as strong defence and kicking game.

Well done Dragons, and thank you to Tom, Harvey, Chaise, Levi, Tai from the Swans.

U9s Round 9 V Caloundra
by Team Manager Andrea Hillhouse

The Eumundi Dragons under 9 team had a tough hard game against a well drilled Caloundra. The boys refused to give up and eventually scored a number of tries. They won lots of ball and made numerous tackles. Lots of good rucking and mauling work from Jasper, Josh K and Josh V and Brooklyn.

All of the team made some good breaks with an almost run away try from Tristan. Brooklyn and Aiden both scored 2 tries and Josh V was unlucky to have disallowed 2 tries not referred to the TMO. Good to see Jasper come back after coping a very solid tackle. Our second half was again better than our first which shows some true determination.

Many thanks to our heroic U8s Jack, Tristan and Hunter who ran on and played their hearts out after their own game.



Player of the week this week goes to Aden for playing his heart out, making a huge number of tackles, often against the players twice his size, getting up and making the next tackle then getting up and scooping up the ball. Aden ran well, scored was always backing up and always ready for the next job.

U8 Match Report
by Team Manager Jero Mansell

The Eumundi Dragons U8s had an awesome game Against Caloundra at Saints in Peregian on Saturday. The track was hard and dry and both teams managed to run in a number of great try's with the tackling, passing and fending being standouts. Jack lead the way with Great tackling and some incisive runs. Hunter brought his fend along in his last game of the season and had a dominant display. CJ, Zach, Spence, Finn and Quill all had strong contributions With Tristan and Henry also pulling off some quality tackles. Well done Dragons!



10-Year-Old Girls Age Champions and Place Getters... Friends on and off the field.



Teammates Will H, Baden C and Max J celebrate Dunethin's victory.



Dunethin Sports Captains Hamish W and Maddy F accept the trophy.

Sportsmanship on display at carnival

NORTH Arm State School was a sea of red, green and yellow last week as students donned their house colours and belted their best war cries for the annual sports carnival.

From high jump, long jump, shotput and sprints to ball games and sack races everyone joined in over two days of healthy competition.

The competing sporting houses Ninderry, Eerwah and Dunethin, all jostled for lead position as students cheered on their teammates and showed great sportsmanship.

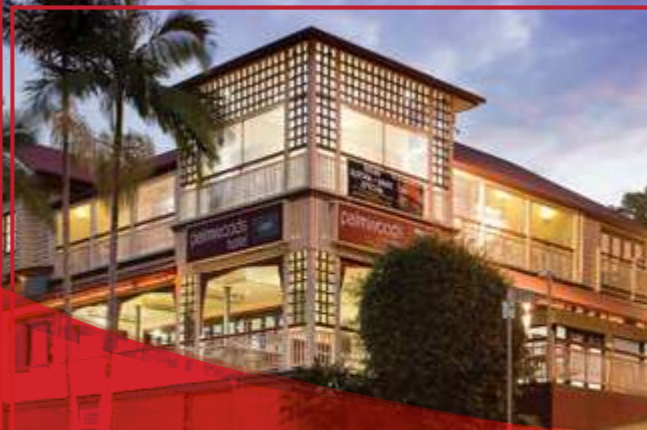
The day culminated with the celebration of Age Champions, who were awarded their medals by North Arm Principal Kelly Edgar.

Beau M and Halle B were awarded 10-year-old champions, Jullian H and Charlotte D were awarded 11-year-old champions and Charlie K and Madeline B were awarded 12-year-old champions.

Sporting house Dunethin was victorious overall and was awarded the Interhouse Carnival Winners Shield, while Eerwah won the Interhouse Junior Ball Game Shield and Ninderry won the Interhouse Track and Field Shield.

Physical Education teacher John McKie said he was thrilled with the performance of all students. "I was just very impressed with the blend of competitiveness, fun and the levels of sportsmanship displayed by all students over the two days," he said.



Ms Edgar expressed how proud she was of all children who participated and the champions on the day. "It's been a fantastic couple of days and we couldn't have asked for better weather. A big thank you to all the students, parents and staff who helped to make these two days such a success," she said.



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