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Mayor vows change

Promise of fresh leadership, community engagement

by Janine Hill

THE Sunshine Coast's new mayor has promised that residents will see change under her leadership and more community input in council decisions.

Television journalist and university lecturer and researcher Rosanna Natoli was officially declared winner of the mayoral ballot late on Thursday night.

In a video she posted on social media to announce the news, she said it was an exciting time that would be about the people of the Sunshine Coast.

"I pledge to really make a difference to this community and you will see a new style of

leadership and a new council," she said.

Speaking to the Gazette, Ms Natoli said the people of the Sunshine Coast had voted for change and that is what they would get.

"It was very clear when I spoke to people that there was a disconnect between the community and the council, and so I wanted to restore that communication between the people and their elected representatives," she said.

"I have spoken to councillors elected, the majority of them, and they want that, too, so it will be different in that we will have more community voices in our decision making."

Ms Natoli was unsure when she and the rest of the council would be sworn in, saying it would not be until all divisions were declared.

That will likely hinge on a recount in Division 10, where incumbent councillor David Law led challenger Peter Walsh by only a handful of votes after the distribution of preferences.

The Electoral Commission was yet to post the full preference vote count when Ms Natoli was declared, instead saying the official preference count was underway, the successful candidate had received the majority of votes, and the results would be published upon completion.

The Good Friday public holiday meant options for celebrating Ms Natoli's win were limited and she said she and her husband, Joe,

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Crushers, Blues back in action

FOOTY fans rejoice! The Nambour Crushers rugby league and Hinterland Blues AFL seasons get underway with home games this Saturday (April 6) against Maroochydore and Mayne respectively.

Both clubs invite Gazette readers to get out and experience local, live footy at the Crusher Park and Jubilee Drive facilities respectively.

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Greens candidate Sue Etheridge's votes flowed mainly to Cr Law, while Mr Walsh received a boost with Camillo Primavera's supporters.

With the result so close Mr Walsh, who only returned home on Thursday from military duties, said a call for a recount was the obvious decision.

"So after the preference count, I only lost by 25 votes," he said. "However, I've asked for a recount to ensure that each vote has been put in its correct location."

"Win or lose, one of the main things that I experienced during the campaign was the amazing people I met along the way, many I now call friends. And I believe that in campaigning, you actually get to feel



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and hear what is important to people in our local communities.

"The Sunshine Coast Council's first priority should be to get back to basics when providing service that supports individuals, families, local business and the broader community. It is about building strong, thriving, resilient communities across the hinterland."

'Hinterland feels like it's been left behind'

Mr Walsh emphasised the importance of representing the needs of the people and understanding their diverse community priorities.

"One thing that's quite clear throughout the campaign, is that the hinterland feels like it's being left behind, and needs a voice that's going to advocate for, and reduce the gap between the hinterland and the

coast.

"I hope, if I'm not successful, that Cr David Law can be that voice, because something has to change for the Division 10 communities."

If elected, Mr Walsh said he would address key issues raised by the communities throughout the campaign such as; supporting the community objection to the proposed plan for the Dulong and Image Flat quarries, an action plan for homelessness and vulnerable people, increased parking in towns, a community swimming pool for Yandina, increased community safety, revitalisation for small businesses and a review of waste management systems.

"At the end of the day, I stood for council because I could no longer watch what was happening within the Division 10 communities. I believe that our communities need to move from survive to thrive, with a representative that is willing to be the voice of the many."

Cr Law led by 25 in preferences comeback, awaits tense recount

by Cameron Outridge

INCUMBENT Div 10 Cr David Law said the past two weeks had been an emotional rollercoaster but he remained positive and optimistic as he awaited the result of a recount.

"It's been nerve wracking," he said on Thursday. "Peter (Walsh) wants a recount and that's a reasonable request under the conditions with only 25 votes in it."

"I would do the same. I will continue to remain positive and optimistic. I certainly hope that I'm still leading in the end."

Cr Law's priorities, if elected, would include continuing several ongoing divisional projects and focusing on the needs of the community.

"I'll be hitting the ground running," he said. "I'm never someone who is short of energy."

"My priority would be to go through all of the information and conversations I had with the community, specifically over the last three months."

"And then it's about making sure that everything that is in progress continues and the new items get started."

Back to divisional focus

Cr Law said Council needed to concentrate its focus back at the divisional level rather than prioritising regional projects like City Hall.

"Before I started in the council in 2020, the airport, the landing cable, the Maroochydore City Centre, the new council building at Maroochydore, they were all things that were called region-making projects,



that were put in place prior to 2020 when I started.

"There was clearly a message from the voters in 2020 that the region-making projects are over and we need to be more focused on the day-to-day things. I have certainly not supported any new region-making projects because I agreed we need to focus on our divisions again."

'I will always argue for more funding'

Cr Law acknowledged election feedback about the hinterland missing out on funding at the expense of the Coast but argued progress has been made in that area.

"I will always argue for more funding for the hinterland, but my view is that in the four years that I've been in council it has been increasing and we have been doing better than in the past."

"I've successfully doubled the funding for gravel roads in '21, '22 and '23. Obviously I want to keep that going and I want to increase it

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David Law campaigning and, facing page, at Nambour's Meet the Candidates event.

more and more, so there is still a lot to do.

"Another example is the Eumundi streetscaping project, when I started was budgeted at \$800,000 and finished at \$3.4 million. I think that's a pretty good effort.

"And now we've got the Nambour Place Plan, a plan for the council buildings in Nambour including funding for a new library and community spaces. Now it's about keeping that going. But in an election campaign, that is not a message that is going to cut through. The message that is going to cut through is that 'we are not getting our share of funding'.

"We would like more funding, but then I can also look and see what has increased and what has improved, and I intend to continue on that journey. Having been doing that for four years, I'm very well placed, to continue doing that, and absolutely, hit the ground running from day one."

In 2020 Cr Law beat Courtney Claridge 4912 votes (56.85%) to 3728 votes (43.15%) after they were the final candidates standing out of a field of seven.

Winston Johnston re-elected in Div 5

by **Janine Hill**

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Mr Bruinsma, the only other candidate in the division, had finished with 26.72% of the vote in the primary counting.

Mr Johnston had predicted preferences would swing his way, saying the usually favoured the incumbent. With his position on the council

secured, Cr Johnston was thankful to all who had supported him.

"I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve my community for another four years and also, I want to express my appreciation for that honour but also to the many people that supported me and assisted me during my campaign for the last four years" he said.

Cr Johnston was aware that he had held a margin over Tracy Burton of just under 300 votes before preferences helped him extend his lead by another 883 votes.

He was not fazed by how close Ms Burton had come to tipping him from council.

"I've been around long enough to know that it's almost impossible to predict what's going to happen in council elections," he said.



Cr Johnston: "Division 5 is an extremely diverse division ... with seven towns and 26 districts, it's difficult to get around and be well known in all areas."

"Division five is an extremely diverse division and whoever represents it will always find that with seven towns and 26 districts, it's difficult to get around and be well known in all areas, and in addition to that, there were some particular issues which were played up in the campaign.

"Number one was the application

for a Coles supermarket in Palmwoods but there were other issues."

Cr Johnston was on an Easter break in Woodgate with his family when his Division five victory was declared but he expected to be back in time for the swearing in of the new council, which he expected would take place after the long weekend.

Bruinsma proud to highlight hinterland needs

JOURNALIST and political staffer Richard Bruinsma is proud of a campaign that garnered him more than a quarter of Division five first preferences against two strong candidates.

Mr Bruinsma came a close and competitive third to incumbent councillor Winston Johnson and Greens candidate Tracy Burton.

The long-term Palmwoods resident ran a modest campaign which involved a lot of good old-fashioned doorknocking to meet residents and ascertain their wants and needs from the Sunshine Coast Council.

"While obviously I was disappointed that I won't get a chance work with the community on my plans to make life better for

everyone in Division five, it was a positive to receive around 26% of primary votes for a campaign I ran mostly myself with a very small handful of helpers," he said.

"There are positives in every disappointment - and in my case I made some good new contacts, which I am in the process of following up.

"I raised numerous issues formally with council - and some of them are already being addressed.

"I helped put the needs of the hinterland firmly in the minds of the mayor-elect and hopefully senior council decision-makers, and I proved that true independents with small teams and low budgets can actually give an election a good

shake."

Mr Bruinsma said the biggest message he received during the campaign was that people wanted "genuine recognition by council, including senior staff, of the needs of the hinterland".

Mr Bruinsma's preferences contributed towards Cr Johnston's final tally and he hoped the returning councillor would be successful for division five during the next four years.

"Best wishes to Winston for a term full of important achievements for the community," he said.

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'I've got a clear picture of what the community wants'

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who was re-elected as councillor for Division four, spent the day with their family, which they had planned to do anyway.

She had waited almost two weeks to learn she would officially be mayor although she had led the field of six mayoral candidates after the first night of unofficial counting, with Ashley Robinson the next nearest contender.

"I've been quite calm because there (was) nothing I could do to change anything, nothing I could do to make it go faster," she said.

"I've had a lot of work to do at home... signs to collect, brochures to put in boxes," she said. "There were a lot of jobs around the home ... so that allowed me to keep busy to distract my thinking about it ... my next few years are going to be busy, I may as well get that house-work done now!"

High calibre candidates

Ms Natoli said voting reflected the standard of candidates who nominated for election and she wanted to acknowledge what they all brought to the campaign and the community.

"I would like to acknowledge that each of the mayoral candidates offered something and each had some wonderful qualities and that was recognised in the community which is why you saw some close votes, because there were quality candidates.

"When you get that happening, the community really has a big decision."

Ms Natoli said she had enjoyed the opportunity to meet people from all over the Sunshine Coast, particularly small growth areas and rural areas, during her campaign, and that had given her a very clear picture of what the community wanted to see in a new council.

"That has allowed me to see and get a feel for what's important to people and people wanted change, people wanted a change in the direction and focus. That's what they said and that's what they voted for," she said.

"They wanted a council that was delivering services that mattered to them on a day-to-day basis."

Robinson's regret: I feel bad for my supporters

by Janine Hill

MAYORAL candidate Ashley Robinson's only regret about the election is that he might have let his supporters down.

Mr Robinson finished in second place behind Rosanna Natoli.

Mr Robinson said he would have liked to have pulled off the win for the sake of all of those who had helped in his campaign.

"Obviously, I wanted to win and there's no prizes for second place but I'm thrilled that people voted for me," he said.

"The only regret I've got is that for the amount of people that worked so hard for me, that we didn't get that win.

"I'm a little bit embarrassed by the amount of hours that people put in just to make this work.

"I watched people working like that and not getting paid. A lot of people did that for me and there was no complaining.

"I regret not getting a win for them, and that's the only thing I regret."

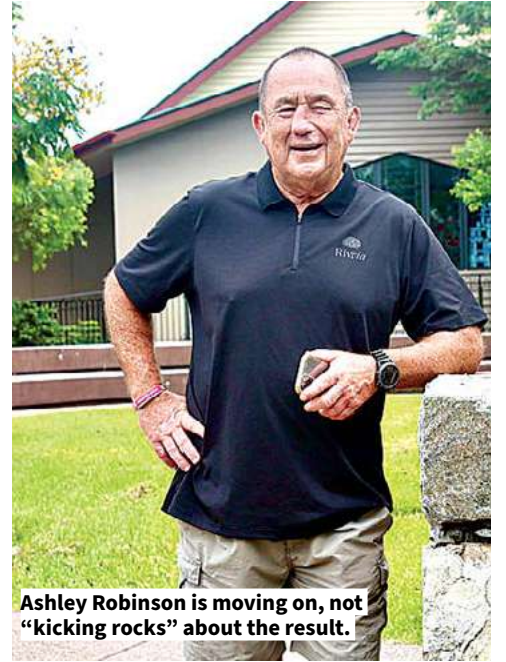
Mr Robinson was buoyed by the fact that more than 50,000 people did pick him as their number one choice to lead the Sunshine Coast for the next four years.

"I expected and there was, obviously, pushback from people about me running for mayor but not as much pushback as I thought I would get, and I got a whole lot more love than I thought I would get, which is kind of nice," he said.

"I've been a little bit surprised by the support that's come from people I didn't expect it to come from, and obviously, my family as well.

"That surprised me, how much support there was from them," he said.

Mr Robinson had a humorous take on the experience of put himself up for the commu-



Ashley Robinson is moving on, not "kicking rocks" about the result.

nity to cast judgement.

"It's like having a funeral without dying," he said.

He said instead of people gathering around a box to talk about him, "I've been there to still see them."

Mr Robinson has had a long career in hospitality management, is chair of the Sunshine Coast Falcons rugby league, and has been involved in charity work, including as co-founder of the Island Charity Swim, which raises money for special schools on the Sunshine coast.

Considering his future

He resigned from his job at the Alexandra Headland Surf Club, where he had worked for more than 10 years, just prior to the election.

He said he was not "kicking rocks" about the result and said it had helped him draw a line under his career to date and consider his future.

"I'm 66. It's probably given me a new lease on life. I've just got to figure out what I'm going to do," he said. "I have a few opportunities that have popped up, but for once in my life, I'm going to find something that makes Ashley happy, not something that makes everybody else happy."

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Crushers focus on goals, effort ahead of season opener

by **Janine Hill**

IF you had any doubts that Sunshine Coast rugby league competition was not serious, think again.

It was too wet for the Nambour Crushers to get on the ground last week but just because players could not train physically did not mean they could not train mentally.

The team sat down the night before the long weekend to set goals, talk key performance indicators, and hear referees' expectations and rule interpretations for the season, which will begin on April 6 playing at home against the Maroochydore Swans.

Captain-coach Martin Cordwell said it was all a part of setting a level for the team to play up to.

"It's something we feel as coaching staff was very important for the group. It sets a standard of expectation," he said.

"Normally, if you set a standard like that, you create that expectation so it just gives you a bit more energy."

Cordwell said there was a strong focus on getting "the little things" right, such as playing the ball fast and effort in defence.

"They don't sound like much but if you do them well and everyone's on the same page, it makes a difference," he said.

Cordwell is in his first year in the dual role but said he had a team of coaching staff providing support which enabled him to take on the added responsibilities.

"We did work hard on finding a new coach. We did find other people wanting to help with



Walking the talk: Captain-coach Marty Cordwell in action last season. They play the Swans at home on Saturday April 6.

coaching but they couldn't commit full-time," he said.

"I thought if people with that expertise could help, then I could put my hand up and coach the team."

Cordwell acknowledged that playing and coaching was a combination that brought added pressure because he had to walk his own talk.

"I can't say to people, 'Do as I say'. I have to do as I say. I have to lead by example and put my words into action, but certainly having those good assistant coaches, when we get into the heat of things, I'll be concentrating on playing footy," he said.

"During the week, it's coaching but on game day I'll be particularly relying on assistant coach Jamie Vogler."

Cordwell said the club had turned a corner in its direction in the last couple of years, working hard on building a family atmosphere and creating pathways for juniors who wanted to continue in their footy.

"We're trying to be there for each other and back each other up," he said.

The Crushers finished last on the SCGRL table last season. After a promising start they were hit with a dreadful run of injuries. After this weekend's home game they travel to Caboolture to take on the Snakes on Sunday (April 14).

• Meanwhile, congratulations are due to Brad Beeton for being honoured with a life membership to the Crushers after many years supporting the club and rugby league on the Sunshine Coast.



Palmwoods Devils announce head coach

PALMWOODS Devils Seniors Rugby League recently announced its 2024 Head Coach, Luke Lanham, pictured.

"A huge part of our successful 2023 campaign, 'Dukey' brings a wealth of knowledge and experience following on from his long, playing career," the club said on social media.

"Luke is a proven winner, having won no less than 4 reserve grade premierships and an A-grade premiership with Maroochydore in 2018. We're excited to see where Luke takes our squad in 2024, as the Devils march towards another successful season."

Locals to fly flag for ANZAC Day at Eudlo

ENCOURAGED by an increased attendance in 2023, Clive Plater OAM, with grandsons Hunter and Lincoln Schell, will conduct a Dawn Service at 5.30am at the Eudlo War Memorial as part of the traditional flag raising.

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New faces, strong line-up: Hinterland Blues prepare for season opener

by Janine Hill

THE HINTERLAND Blues are continuing to strengthen as the club moves into its QFA Division 1 Seniors 2024 season.

President Bruce Bell said the club would field four open-age teams for the first time this year, with the Division 1 senior men's, men's reserves and women's teams joined by a division four men's team.

The Blues have made big progress over the past few years, going from a struggling club in debt and leaking players to fielding teams in Division 1 in 2023, even making the finals. This followed their promotion to division 1 last year after they clinched the division 2 grand final in 2022.

The Blues' campaign will begin on Saturday, April 6, when they take on Mayne in a home game at the Jubilee Drive Palmwoods grounds at 2pm.

Senior men's coach Phil Birchmore was confident that a refined line-up has strengthened the team and it has a strong season ahead of it after finishing fifth last season.

"There's been a little bit of a changing of the guard," Birchmore said.

"We've brought in a few new players. We've let a few players go who were not required which has left the meat in the group."

The club reluctantly farewelled Jacob Bakke and Xander Harrison who returned to Geelong



Blues Captain Nathan Spring.

to be closer to the families they left two years ago.

Ben Kristelly, a former best and fairest winner for the club, and Zak Diekman, an up-and-coming defender, return this season.

Rhys Magin, who has played 30 games in the



Hinterland Blues President Bruce Bell, above, invites you to watch live, local footy live this weekend. The Blues are back at the Jubilee Drive home ground in their season opener against Mayne. Then, April 13 they take on Beenleigh, also at home.

VFL and four for Essendon at AFL level, will join the Blues, following in the footsteps of his siblings Lanze and Laine, who have both played for the club.

Kilworth, Lawrence back in blue

Tough midfielder Dom Kilworth, part of the Blues' 2022 premiership winning team, has committed for 2024 and goal-kicking ex-Subiaco midfielder McKenzie Lawrence will return after his 2023 season was cut short by injury.

Callum Mann, who captained the side in 2023, will share the role in 2024 with Nathan Spring, who last did it 10 years ago.

"We're pretty excited about the players we're heading into the season with," Birchmore said.

The coach's biggest concern for his players going into the season was their lack of training time on an oval during the cricket season.

The Blues women have an additional week up their sleeves as their first round game is at home on 13 April at 4.45pm, the day after the new fourth division team plays its first match

against Yeronga Devils.

After starting last year with eight players new to the game, the women's team made the finals and, despite not being able to muster a bench, earned respect when they went down 40-21 to Pine Rivers.

Juniors thriving

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Caffeine hit: LaBotiga owner Belinda Dawson is supporting Hamish Jackson's quest for success at the National Championships.

Mapleton Cafe brews support for local swim teen's national dreams

MAPLETON'S LaBotiga cafe has thrown its support behind 14-year-old swimmer Hamish Jackson as he gears up for the Australian Age Championships. Hamish's dedication and talent in the pool have earned him recognition, including a top-ten finish in eight events at the Queensland Championships last year. The Nambour Piranhas squad member has dreams of making waves nationally, but needed financial backing for competitions, equipment, and travel. Luckily LaBotiga owner Belinda Dawson stepped in. Belinda emphasised the importance of supporting local talent. "We are thrilled to be able to support Hamish in his journey to the National Championships," she

said. "It is inspiring to see such passion and determination and we're pleased to rally behind and empower our local talents." Over six days Hamish will contest eight events (50m fly & back, 100m fly & back, 200m fly and back, 200m Individual Medley and 400m IM). Hamish joined Nambour Swim Club in 2017 and last year placed top-ten in all eight of his events at the Queensland Championships including a silver in the 200m backstroke. With dreams of making a splash on the national stage, Hamish, trains 6 days a week. Hamish said he was keen to do well to show appreciation to the cafe, his parents, Kerrie and Carl Jackson, and to represent the Mapleton community.

Field of dreams: 10 years later, sports precinct land lies dormant

by **Janine Hill**

ABOUT 200ha of land bought by the Sunshine Coast Council for hinterland sports facilities remains unused while clubs look for ovals and courts. Ten years ago, the council announced it had bought 100ha of land in two parcels fronting Diddillibah Road, Woombye, to meet the sporting and recreational needs of the growing population in the Nambour, Woombye and Palmwoods areas. However, former councillors Jenny Mackay and Greg Rogerson, who were both on council at the time of the Woombye purchase, are wondering when that land will be used for its intended purpose.

The council did not provide a time-frame for the Bli Bli or Woombye sports facilities when the Gazette submitted an enquiry, instead offering the following statement by a spokesperson:

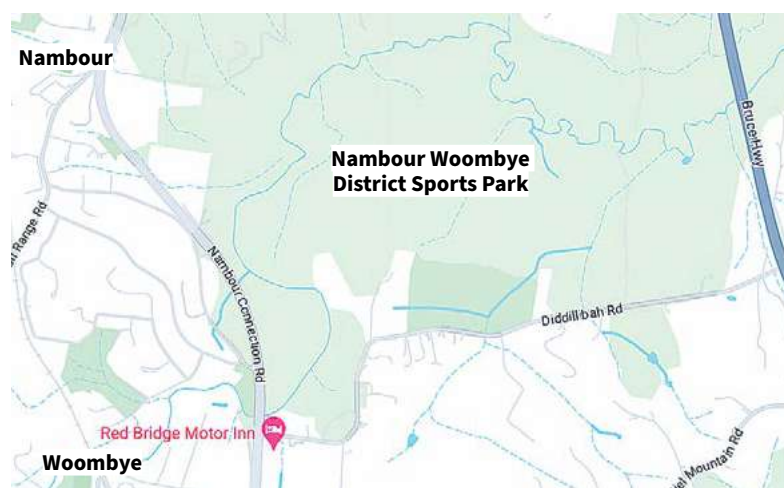
"These parcels of land were purchased by Council for \$2.28 million for future sport and recreation purposes. Council is investigating the feasibility and costs of developing the sites."

Fields would relieve pressure

Ms Mackay, former president of the Sunshine Coast Show Society, said the Woombye sports grounds were needed to take some of the pressure off the Nambour Showgrounds.

The showgrounds are currently the home of Nambour Cricket Club and Ms Mackay said they were also used by other sporting groups.

"We need the sports precinct so it can provide space for some of the activities at the showgrounds," she said.



The precinct, between Nambour Connection Road and the Bruce Highway, is labelled 'Nambour Woombye District Sports Park' on Google Maps.

"Now they've made the showgrounds the events centre for the Sunshine Coast, it starts to stop activities that were normally able to occur there."

The Nambour Cricket Club was forced to reschedule matches one weekend this season to make way for a dog festival at the showgrounds.

Club president Steven Ledger was aware the council had long-term plans to relocate cricket and other sports to a multi-sports facility at Diddillibah Road but he could not see that happening for some time.

"I don't think they can afford it at the moment. I think there's a lot bigger issues at the moment than building a sports facility."

He said the grounds were big enough although the club would need more room if it was to grow in the future.

Mr Rogerson said the cricket club should not be relocated until equivalent facilities were available

elsewhere and questioned the lack of progress with the Woombye multi-sports grounds.

"It's been four years since Jenny and I were in council and still nothing's happened," he said.

"If you want the showgrounds to flourish and provide added events, you need to do something about developing land for these clubs to use."

"It will be a number of years before residents will see facilities coming out of the ground and there remains a great deal of planning and funding to be sought before this project officially commences."

In 2022, the council announced it had also bought 97ha of land on Godfrey's Road, Bli Bli, for future sport and recreation purposes.

The Bli Bli purchase was accompanied by a warning that it would be "a number of years" before residents would see facilities come out of the ground.



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Growing pains: Show grapples with capacity challenges

by **Janine Hill**

THE Sunshine Coast Show has become so successful it verges on outgrowing the Nambour showgrounds.

Sunshine Coast Show Society president Rowan O'Hara said in the last six years, show attendance had grown 92% to almost 36,000.

Mr O'Hara said patronage was on track to beat numbers not seen for more than 30 years when a house-and-land package was given away in a 1990s show promotion.

"That was probably the last year they had 40,000 people at the show and we're probably set to hit that mark this year, all going well," he said.

He put the show's success down to the good work of a strong committee.

"I have a very good committee that are very much driven to put on the best product that we can achieve, and it's all volunteers apart from a couple of paid positions," he said.

He said the Sunshine Coast Show was now the fourth largest and biggest show in Queensland and brought \$4 million into the region, "all in a ground that's smaller than most country shows".

Mr O'Hara used a recent meet-the-candidates event to raise the issue of the constraints placed on the show by the grounds.

He said the show accepted just under 7000 entries, of which 2000 were for horse events. He said although there were 80 schools on the Coast, school entries had to be limited to only two.

"If one more school was to enter a number of works into these sections,



President Rowan O'Hara says show patronage is on track to beat numbers not seen for more than 30 years

we're at the point of not being able to accept them due to space," he told the meeting.

Speaking to the *Sunshine Valley Gazette*, Mr O'Hara said parking was limited, and there was not a bus stop or taxi rank near the showgrounds.

Vehicle access and parking was now at the point where he feared it was becoming a risk for patrons, volunteers, exhibitors and their animals.

He said the space shortage also affected other large events held at the showgrounds, including the Queensland Garden Expo.

Mr O'Hara is hopeful that the new council will engage with the show society and other interested parties to discuss their future needs.

At the meet-the-candidates night, he asked candidates what their plans were for the future of major events on the Sunshine Coast.

Promising signs

He was satisfied that most of the field said they were willing to consult on the matter.

Mayor-elect Rosanna Natoli said she would undertake to look into why a proposed multi-purpose facility for the showgrounds had been shelved.

However, Mr O'Hara said the proposed location of the building on a grassy hill would restrict views of the ring without providing sufficient replacement seating. But he was open to discussing other possibilities.

Palmwoods cricket president named volunteer of year

PALMWOODS Cricket Club President Mel Shelley's outstanding contributions to local cricket have earned her the 2024 Queensland Cricket "Sunshine Coast Volunteer of the Year" award.

Since June 2019, Mel has navigated the club through significant milestones including the construction of a new clubhouse and the management of shared facility use. Despite facing challenges such as major floods, Mel's composed and consultative leadership style ensured the club's resilience and continued growth.

Mel also played a pivotal role in the establishment and expansion of the women's cricket competition on the coast. Under her guidance, the competition has flourished from four teams to two divisions comprising six teams each.

Supported by her husband Dan, Mel actively contributes to the club's operational tasks, including fundraising, facility preparation, and promotion.

As a player, Mel exemplifies her



Mel Shelley, left, accepts her award.

passion for the sport, often taking on the role of captain and participating in prestigious competitions such as the North vs South Competition and the Queensland Vets women's team, which clinched the National title. As the only female President on the Coast, Mel encouraged other women to take leadership roles within the cricket community.

Her leadership will undoubtedly continue to shape cricket in Queensland for years to come.

Art Group presents Veranda market

DISCOVER unique handmade treasures and support local artists at the Veranda Market hosted by the Sunshine Coast Art Group. Held at their studios in Buderim on Sunday, April 21 from 9am to 1pm, the market offers a diverse selection of artisan stalls, perfect for finding gifts or updating home decor. With

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Maleny mourns loss of respected arts leader, gentleman and academic

Vale Peter Lavery
by Claire Booth
Maleny Arts Council Vice-President

IT is with sadness that I pass on the news that Maleny Arts Council's President Peter Lavery, pictured, passed away suddenly on 7 March 2024.

He was an active member of Maleny Arts Council having joined the Committee in 2014 and then accepting the role of President from February 2018.

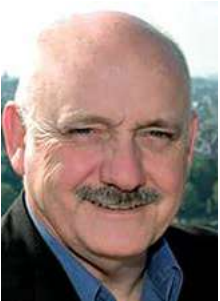
Peter provided essential leadership to the Committee, bringing together a team of diverse committee members with complementary skills and knowledge.

Peter's key driver was the presentation of quality performing arts. He was a respected actor, director and producer. His professional theatre career included work with the Queensland Theatre Company, TN, La Boite, The College Players and Sam Wanamaker's Globe Theatre (London). His work in arts education involved leadership at state and national levels.

He had a successful academic career at Queensland University of Technology where he worked for over 30 years.

Most importantly Peter was a lovely, gentle man. He was terrific to work with - considered, positive and future focussed. He was kind, measured and he brought a wonderful artistic sensibility to Maleny Arts Council. Peter will be sorely missed.

We pass on our deep condolences to his wife Jacqueline, his children and extended family, as well as his vast array of friends, colleagues and past students across Australia and overseas.



Curtains close: Majestic Cinemas to cease trading

by Janine Hill

SIX WEEKS after Majestic Cinemas went into voluntary administration, the company has announced it will close its Nambour venue.

The company CEO, Kieran Dell, had been hopeful of re-negotiating rents with landlords to retain as many of the Majestic cinemas as possible but planned work at the C-Square building thwarted his hopes of hanging on to Nambour.

"Unfortunately, our current administration process coincides with plans for an impending major refurbishment of the C-Square building, and as a result, it makes sense for us to close our doors at this time," said a Majestic Cinemas statement.

The cinema will remain open for the Easter break and school holidays but will cease trading on 14 April.

The closure comes despite a call by community members, such as Sunshine Coast councillor David Law, for people to go to the



Majestic Cinema Nambour in better times.
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movies to save the cinema.

In the same week that the closure was announced, members of the public posted online that there were only one or two people seated at some screenings.

The numbers were poor despite tickets being competitively priced compared to Event Cinemas at Maroochydore, the nearest other cinemas.

News of the cinemas' closure was described as "very sad" by a number of movie-goers and Mr Dell agreed.

"We are very sad about it. We hoped we might be able to do a deal. The refurbishment was the last piece in the puzzle, really," he said.

He acknowledged that it had been difficult to build numbers at Nambour since the Majestic moved into C-Square eight-and-a-half years ago.

"We expected Nambour to become more of

an entertainment hub, particularly for people who didn't want to go to the coast because of the traffic. We said it was the hub of the hinterland, people coming from Yandina and Eumundi," he said.

"I think Nambour hasn't achieved its potential to be the hub of the hinterland, despite all the talk of the special entertainment precinct. It's just moving too slow.

'People scared to be out at night'

"There's a few venues, I know, that have opened, but it just hasn't got to that point."

Mr Dell said law and order issues had contributed to the town's failure to thrive as an entertainment hub.

"The problem for Nambour is that people are scared to be out there at night," he said.

"You go there on a Friday and Saturday night and there's no people on the street."

Nambour Groups: Hopes high for CSquare hub despite closure

MEANWHILE, local organisation, Nambour Groups, discussed the Cinema's closure at recent meetings.

"We were aware, early on, of the various hurdles and unsteady business factors ahead," said organiser Rhonda Billett. "It is very disappointing to us all, that we are losing these businesses.

"We have worked fiercely behind the scenes these last few weeks with Sunshine Coast Council CEO Emma Thomas, as well as Emma's amazing Economic Development team, in working through all avenues for this site. Whilst it has not been viable to to keep the cinema and pinball arcade, due to numerous business

factors, we have had some positive feedback over the years from Sandran, the commercial property owners of C Square and we look forward to see them take it to the next level.

"Sandran are an amazing company, they have owned CSquare for only a few years, they also happen to be the long-term landlords of my business premises in Nambour. The company are absolutely financially invested in Nambour. I've personally found the father-son team to be generous, smart, commercial operators and Nambour needs their professional expertise, guidance and investment for the future we are all craving for the CBD of Nambour."

Ms Billett said the CSquare building served as an important entry point into Nambour.

"With Nambour hosting an event for the 2032 Olympics, this entry point, adjoining this commercial property plays an important role in Nambour's future.

"We are lucky in Nambour, many people overlook the fact that we have the transport infrastructure that the rest of the coast is desperately wanting.

"We have heavy rail right into our CBD and with the CSquare property owners looking to further enhance their building, that adjoins our Nambour transport hub, that is a huge positive for Nambour's future."

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Knock-on effect: Pinball arcade goes down with cinema

by Janine Hill

THE pending closure of Nambour's Majestic Cinemas means the Sunshine Coast's only pinball arcade will also fall as collateral damage.

Sunshine Coast Pinball, which is next to the cinema in the C-Square complex, will trade through Easter with the Majestic before owner Vaughan Jones shuts up shop.

Vaughan knew the future was uncertain for his business when it was announced in February that Majestic Cinemas had entered voluntary administration.

For six weeks, he had hoped that the Nambour cinemas would remain open but news of the closure forced his hand.

"I'm okay, however, it's been a bruising and crushing week or two, and it's not been any easier in the last week, that's for sure," he said.

"I've been in a position of uncertainty where you're desperate for some news, one way or other, but then reality is hitting you and you realise it's the thing you expected all along."

Vaughan said times had been tough and would have been made more difficult by a planned refurbishment of the centre even though the business had been in a good position.

"It was challenging but my business was trimmed up really well. It

was ready to capture the next busy period. I was positioned to capitalise on it."

However, the loss of the cinema, with which he shared customers, would render his position unviable.

He said there had been subtle signs that the Majestic closure was coming but all he had been able to



Vaughan Jones' pinball business is in good shape but his position is untenable without the cinema.

do was sit back and wait for meetings between other people.

"You wonder what's coming but you're not sure if they're serious about it," he said.

"You hope that a miracle comes along at some stage and makes it work."

Vaughan said he was already fielding enquiries from people interested in buying some of his hard-to-get pinball machines "but if I sell them, I can't get them back again".

He felt it would be hard to start another business in the future at his stage of life but his priority now was to sell, reduce debt, "see what's left, take a break, and see if I've got the energy and the stones to do it again."

Letters to the Editor

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548,000 migrants & nowhere to go

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- Tony Sullivan, Nambour

High-rise? High rise would ruin Nambour

Has anyone ever asked the man in the street what they love about Nambour? The friendly people, the easy walking distance to all facilities etc. These are also the benefits that the real estate agents will push. However they don't mention that a block of land that once housed a family of a few now will house 100s of people. This will choke our quaint town of its unique attractions.

Choking Nambour with gross high-rise will benefit only two parties, real estate agents and Council.

Remember when you could go to Caloundra and have a swim and do some shopping? Not that long ago.

Whereas now, because the developers, council and real estate agents have made their fortune, we have to wait 20-30 minutes at peak time to get to the beach or shops.

They now have a dual highway out of there to get to the M1. People

love Nambour for what it is now. And this is not the vision that developers hold for us as there is no dollars in it for them to leave it alone.

- Jim Forbes, Nambour

I vote to can the tram

I see that we are waiting again for this tram to be built and delivered. Firstly, I don't know why we don't use a more historic cane tram design. Secondly the tram is not going to improve traffic flow in Nambour. It will impede traffic.

I vote to can the tram and open the tram sheds up for the homeless to be able to take refuge in those unused buildings. Surely others can see the tram as ridiculous.

- Jorel Jamieson, Woombye

Palmwoods' traffic issues need to be addressed

I support Ken Coulter's two letters to the editor (Gazette January 24 and February 21).

There are serious problems on the corner of the Woombye/Palmwoods Road and Jubilee Drive with no marked lanes on the Woombye/Palmwoods Road for traffic turning right into Jubilee Drive. Not to mention the huge problems turning right from Jubilee Drive into Margaret Street.

The only solution I can see is a set of traffic lights to control the corner. Perhaps this may be a way also of warning drivers of the road being flooded.

Palmwoods has a growing population, with schools and retirement villages and is the main route to Montville and Maleny.

The road is busy every day. Sadly, residents' safety is being overlooked. It is time for this problem to be addressed please!

- Maureen Cook, Palmwoods

Big porn is harming our children, and we must stop them

I'm deeply concerned and alarmed at the Federal Labor Government's refusal to implement the most basic measures to keep kids safe online.

The Government continues to dismiss the eSafety Commissioner's recommendation for a mandated trial of age assurance technology, despite overwhelming expert and public support.

With child sexual exploitation growing by the day, every moment the government wastes on this issue ensures that more children will be exposed to graphic pornography and harmful material.

I've been talking about the need for age verification for five years, and I just cannot understand why this Government is siding with 'big porn' over parents, experts, and their own backbenchers.

Exposure to pornography distorts a child's understanding of consent, relationships and healthy sexuality, and increases their vulnerability to sexual exploitation and mental illness.

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We could trial age assurance technology within the next three months and save our kids from a world of hurt.

It's imperative that the Prime Minister and this Federal Labor Government put children's safety first.

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- Andrew Wallace MP, Member for Fisher and Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

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This is a public inquiry, so I absolutely encourage everyone to have their say by making a submission.

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Supporting local sporting clubs

I'm proud to announce that we're funding our local sporting clubs with \$884,728 to make their facilities more accessible. Some of these include: Woombye Snakes FC, who will receive \$289,321 for changerooms and amenities at their Woombye clubhouse.

Nambour Tennis Club will receive \$245,407 to upgrade their courts, encouraging more people to stay active and play tennis. This comes in addition to another 9 sports facilities receiving funding across the Sunshine Coast.

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New, indoors addition to the Nambour market scene

by **Janine Hill**

AN indoor market at Nambour is the latest addition to the Sunshine Coast's market calendar.

The Nambour Indoor Market will be launched on Sunday, April 7, in the *Dance Art Etc* space at 120 Currie Street.

The market will run from 9am to 2pm with a variety of stallholders selling candles, crystals, jewellery, knitwear, baby clothes and macrame art and more, all under cover.

Market coordinator Daniel Gibson said the indoor market would offer stallholders and marketgoers some security in unpredictable weather.

"You know the weather we've been having recently. I'm sick of waking up in the morning wondering how muddy it's going to be or if a market will be on," he said.

"You plan for a weather change and it stays dry when you think it's going to be wet or it's wet when you're expecting it to be dry. It's really hard to prepare."

Daniel hopes the later start and finish will appeal to people who want to take weekends slower than during the working week. "Who wants to get up early on a Sunday morning? Sundays should be more casual," he said.

Daniel, who himself runs a stall at various

markets, said it had not been too difficult to attract stallholders.

"I just put the word out. There's a few places on Facebook that you can find this sort of thing," he said.

He said food and refreshments would be available at Small Change Espresso next door or other cafes in Nambour.

"There's a couple of local cafes in Nambour that are open on Sunday and I've told them about the market," he said.

"I didn't want to get in food trucks because I didn't want to take away from local business. There's good food options already in town," he said.

A second Nambour Indoor Markets is planned for Sunday, 14 April, and Daniel hopes to continue running the event on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from May onwards.

"We have a great range of local stallholders and artists showcasing their products and creations. Crystals, candles, jewellery, clothing - new and preloved, baby clothes, knitwear, macrame art, massage, plus so much more. And local author Claire Smith (a.k.a Grandma Claire) will be there offering book signings."

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Vintage items, musical delights

Markets to unite for Sunday rummaging

NAMBOUR'S Sunday scene is in for an exciting shift on April 21 as the Nambour Rummagers Market inaugurates its new home in the Eddie De Vere Council building forecourt and teams up with another market.

Rummagers will partner with Bad Habit Records, who are hosting their own market on the same day in the Old Ambulance building, in what will be a blend of vintage treasures and musical delights.

"We will combine records and vintage up one end of the town and have the Rummage at the other end, like a walking market concept to get people exploring the town, which is what we all want," explained Phil Dalton from Bad Habit.

Following a successful March market despite the weather, Rummagers organiser Rhonda Billett said the collaboration promised a bustling array of stalls.

"I caught up with Aaron (Borg) and Phil (Dalton) after the first Rummages Market in March and we were pretty quick to realise we needed to collaborate, support each others' events to make the April 21st event a significant one for Nambour," said Rhonda.

Rhonda said even despite the rainy weather the March 24 market brought a crowd of people into town. "Currie Street was certainly abuzz on a Sunday morning."

"The April market is just a few short weeks



The March Rummagers Market attracted people to Nambour on Sunday.

away, and we are looking to overflow the Nambour Library/Currie Street areas with as many stalls as possible. I am firmly focused on growing this concept for Nambour."

Its also an even bigger reason to get into Nambour on the Sunday, bring your market basket, grab a coffee from your favourite Cafe and wander the town as we create some awesome Sunday vibes in the CBD."

• Stallholders interested in participating can contact Nambour Rummagers Market on Instagram, Facebook, or via the Nambour Markets Page on the I am Nambour website or via badhabitrecords.com.au to book a spot. Sites start from \$5 for 1 meter x 1 meter stalls, while 3mx3m marquee sites are \$20 each.

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Survey seeks input on Mapleton Parking improvement ideas

THE Mapleton and District Community Association (MADCA) is inviting residents and visitors to share their thoughts on proposed solutions to improve parking in the village centre.

A survey in August 2023 identified safety, increased parking availability, disability access, traffic flow & pedestrian safety as key concerns.

"The feedback we received has been invaluable," said Wendy Turton, MADCA Communications Officer. "This community dialogue is helping us develop proposals to create a more accessible and vibrant village centre."

Community members can now give feedback on suggestions from the 2023 survey by visiting the MADCA website (www.madca.com.au).

MADCA emphasises the importance of striking a balance between preserving Mapleton's unique character and addressing the community's practical needs. Through collaboration and appropriate partnerships, it is hoped that the recommendations embraced will lead to improved safety provisions and the invigoration of a village centre that caters to residents, supports local businesses, and retains the charm that attracts visitors.

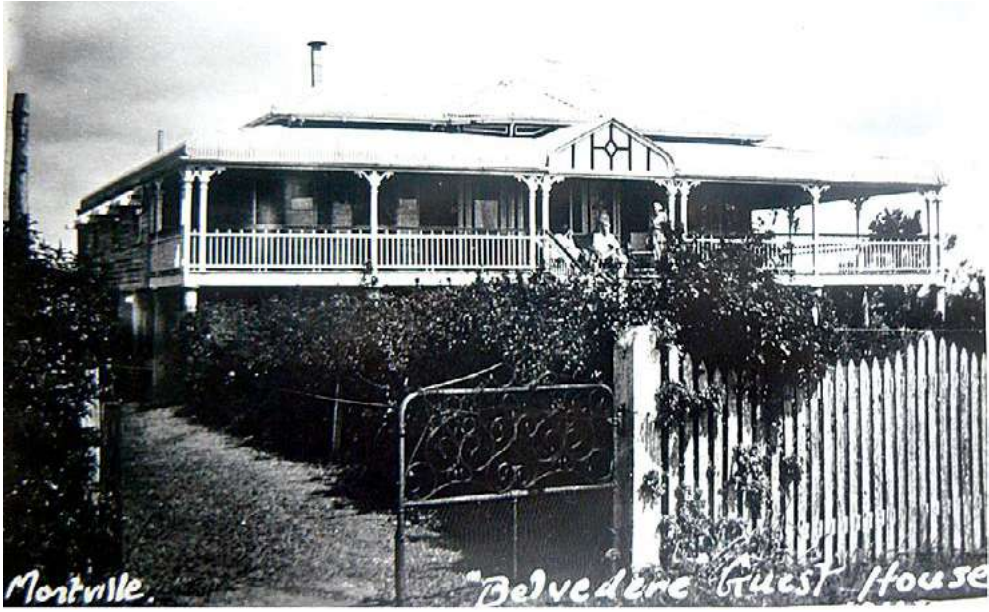
Wedding venue company collapses amid court battle

CHAPEL of Angels Pty Ltd, the company behind a Montville wedding venue, has collapsed following a protracted legal dispute with its former builder. The court battle, ongoing since 2014, stemmed from issues arising during construction of the chapel, including licensing discrepancies.

The *Courier-Mail* reported that the dispute began after it was revealed the builder, Hennessy Building Pty Ltd, did not have the correct licence to complete a two-storey project. Chapel of Angels refused to pay for a portion of the work completed by the builder and sought a further refund for work completed.

However, in 2018 a judge ordered that Chapel pay \$85,989.86 to Hennessy. He further ordered the Chapel pay 75 percent of the builder's estimated \$385,000 costs of the proceedings.

Further proceedings in 2022 also found in the builder's favour. The Supreme Court on March 21, appointed liquidator Marcus Waters of Hall Chadwick to Chapel of Angels Pty Ltd. The property, at 14 Kondalilla Falls Road, Montville is currently listed for sale.



Belvedere in 2024, right, is not what it used to be, above. But Belvedere's owners are looking at ways to restore this once stately home.



Adeline, Charles, Alice and Val Downes at Belvedere circa 1930.



Restoring Belvedere: Montville's historic haven on the hill

This Old House: from recollections by Hilary Brown, research by Cate Patterson, Montville History Group

THIS old house on the hill at 128 Balmoral Road was once a wonderful family home and a popular guest house.

The original 160 acres (Portion 101v Parish of Maleny) was selected in 1890 by Richard Proctor Remington who built a hut from sawn timber with a shingle roof.

Remington's main home was at Palmwoods and known as Rose Hill and from here his wife Ann ran the general store and post office. Remington constructed a shute from the timber taken from the top of the Range.

He also established strawberries, citrus and bananas on his property. Remington travelled the track that would be later known as Rem-

ington's Shute with horse and slide between his Palmwoods home and his Montville property. He retired to Caloundra and disposed of this property before his death in 1918.

Ten acres of Remington's property was bought by Charles and Alice Downes, a young couple who had been living in a hut on what would later become the Palmwoods-Montville Road. Here they kept a few cows. Their children Val and Del found it a long hard walk up the hill to school and the family were grateful to find land closer to the school on what was called the Eastern Road (now Balmoral Road).

Here they grew citrus and sold sweet mandarins and oranges. Local ads for fruit from the Belvedere Orchard in the 1940s offered half a bushel for around 5 shillings for a mix of citrus. In 1924 like many farmers in the area, looking to diversify Charles Downes planted a large area of pines on his property.

The large two-story home was built by well-known local builder Fred Thompson around the end of WW1 on the high point of the undulating property.

In February 1931 Montville received 40 inches - 1000 mls in nine days and the gales that followed battered the citrus and blew over Mr Downes' tank from his shed and deposited it 100 yards away in his pineapple patch.

By the middle of the 1930s the family began

advertising their home as a guest house and named it Belvedere for its idyllic location and 'beautiful view' of the coast. This proved a successful business for the family with its large airy rooms, generous verandah, electricity, hot and cold running water, telephone, tennis courts, riding trails and free garaging. It was a popular destination for tourists especially through the war years.

Citrus orchard and pineapple farm

Belvedere maintained its working citrus orchard and pineapple farm. Many social and fixture tennis matches were held here from the late 1920s. Local clubs such as Senore and Mayfield were regularly hosted by the Downes family. In 1940 they held a tennis carnival on Belvedere Court to help raise funds for the Montville Sports and Recreation Ground.

Later, owners of Belvedere were the Ashton family followed by the Williams family. Who could forget the last Guy Fawkes night held in the grounds of Belvedere and attended by most of Montville's residents. Belvedere was the first pineapple farm to use a mechanical pineapple harvester and was also the headquarters of an interstate trucking company owned and managed by Clive Williams in the 1960s.

Today, Belvedere's owners are looking at ways to restore this once stately home.

Nominate now for the Glassies!

from Andrew Powell

State Member for Glass House
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NOMINATIONS for the 2024 Small Business Awards (the Glassies) are now open on my website. If you're particularly fond of a small business or one of their employees in Montville, Maleny, Glasshouse Country or Moreton Bay and think they are deserving of an award to acknowledge their success, be sure to nominate them. Visit www.andrewpowell.com.au before 8th April to register your nominations.

Mooloolah Pedestrian Crossing

I recently caught up with Ron from the Lions Club of Mooloolah Valley and representatives from Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to discuss pedestrian safety around Mooloolah.

TMR gave us a good hearing and agree more needs to be done, particularly when crossing Mooloolah Connection Road near the child-cares and Neill Road at Martin Rungert Park.

LNP's Making Queensland Safer Laws

The LNP's Making Queensland Safer Laws are the first step in making our community safer and combatting the Youth Crime Crisis if we're elected in October.

These laws would be the first legislation we pass, and will include:

- Victims' rights being put first
- Strong laws to deliver consequences for actions
- Removal of threats to the community
- More police on the beat
- Programs to turn kids around.

Labor has already said they won't amend the Youth Justice Act and has blocked the LNP's attempts to create stronger crime laws. The Queensland Youth Crime Crisis continues to get worse under Labor's chaos and crisis, and nothing will change until the government changes.

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Seniors Forum at Nambour RSL

from Ted O'Brien
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MY 2024 Seniors Forum at Nambour RSL was a great success thanks to expert speakers from Blackall Range Care Group, CAPA Services, Stream Financial and Easton Lawyers.

Our presenters' top tips for accessing services:

1. Apply for My Aged Care when you are eligible: it's better to have the funding and not need it, than need the funding and not have it;
2. Ask for advice from Centrelink about eligibility for assistance: you don't know what you don't know;
3. Be across your finances: know incomings and outgoings and get advice on how to structure your affairs to maximise support;
4. Don't DIY law, get legal advice on drafting your will and related matters.

Thank you to co-hosts Lenore Simpson and the team from Blackall Range Care, as well as Carol Cashman and the members of my Fairfax Seniors Advisory Committee.

Labor's Promise is Now a Lie

Labor's promise of a \$275 reduction in household power bills is now a lie.

Whenever I've criticised Labor for breaking its election promise to reduce household power bills by \$275 on 2021/22 levels, the Minister has cried foul and insisted his promise would be delivered by the year 2025.

Last week, the draft Default Market Offer was released which indicates changes to electricity prices for 2025. So, it's now official - Labor's \$275 promise is dead.

So, guess how much Labor fell short of its promise? By up to \$1,027. Remarkably, despite this revelation, the Minister still refused to concede that his \$275 election promise could not be delivered. Thus, his broken promise has morphed into a deliberate lie.

Talking Industrial Relations

It was great hosting my Shadow Minister colleague, Senator Michaelia Cash, on the Sunshine Coast recently and meeting with some terrific local businesses to discuss Labor's industrial relations agenda and the Coalition's plans.

Concerts herald pending sale of Lucas Parklands

YOUNG classical musicians Sam Lucas and Berta Brozgul have again wowed audiences through their energetic, complex and emotional performances at the Lucas Parklands 'Long Weekend of Music'.

The young stars - Sam, a former Montville schoolboy who is today a world renowned cellist, and Berta, a rising piano maestro - have played together previously, and again shared a noticeable synchronicity as they performed some wonderful but incredibly difficult pieces together.

"Every time I come back to Australia, especially home, it's an emotional experience," Sam said of the weekend recitals.

"When I was growing up, I started learning cello here in this property and in this hall; so, that first note, in the first piece, in the first concert back, it's always quite deep for me emotionally."

The performances were extra emotional after Ian Lucas, who owns the property with his wife Lee, announced quietly that the beautiful 27-acre bushland venue, with its private performance auditorium, is on the market - after 17 years of bringing world class classical musician here to perform for audiences locally.

"It's been seven days a week for 17 years," Ian said of his and Lee's commitment to the concerts and their cabins.

"It's been a lovely house to live in and a lovely community, but at some point, you've got to say, 'Honey, you need a rest'."

"I hope the future owners of Lucas Parklands runs it in a similar way, to present beautiful music to those who wish to hear it."

Sam and Berta presented three very different musical programs at the 'Long Weekend of



Sam Lucas and Berta Brozgul.
Photo: Richard Bruinsma.



Howard and Jayne Aron, Lee Lucas, Hannah Coates and Ian Lucas.
Photo: Richard Bruinsma.

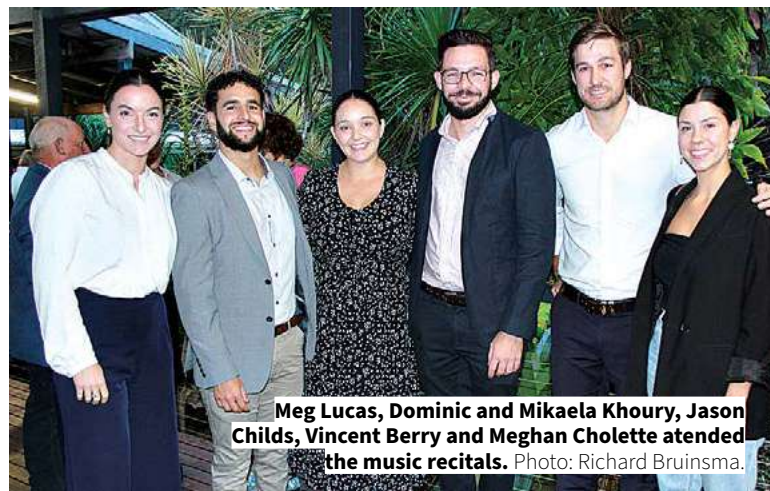
Music', including duets and solos of works by composers Bach, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Hindemith, Schumann, Grieg and more.

"With such a big program, you go through many stages, but you keep discovering yourself and rediscovering each other, and just playing with Sam it just gets better and better and better, and the audiences here are incredible, and so appreciative," Berta explained.

"There was also something emotional from hearing that it might be the last time, and I felt emotional in that way as well and realised how much I love it here."

More music to come

The 'Long Weekend of Music' performances kick-started what may well be one of the most impressive calendars of any intimate classical music venue in Australia. In June, Lucas Park-



Meg Lucas, Dominic and Mikaela Houry, Jason Childs, Vincent Berry and Meghan Cholette attended the music recitals. Photo: Richard Bruinsma.

lands will host world famous piano maestro Piers Lane AO; in July, Italian pianist Ida Pelliccioli and New Zealand violinist Amalia Hall; in September, cellist Sam Lucas will return, to be accompanied by Lithuanian pianist Pauleus Andersson and Australian pianist Daniel Le. Russian-born piano maestro Konstantin Shamray will also perform at Lucas Parklands in 2024, on a date to be confirmed.

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A bird in the bush is worth working for

Petrie Creek BushCare News With Norm Morwood

PICTURED are some of the local natives that are benefiting from our BushCare activities. These ones are at the Florabunda Pocket site near the rugby grounds beside Petrie Creek in Woombye. Photographed by Lyn Donald in March are the colourful Lorikeets and Blue Triangle Butterfly and the startling Spangled Drongo, just a few of the 30 to 40 different wildlife spotted each time we go. If you'd like to join us in this satisfying activity of BushCare, the next volunteer local opportunities will be:

- Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 06 April 2024 starting at 8am. (Meet near the back Rugby oval at Woombye. Come down Laidlaw Rd and turn right just before the Gymnastics Hall, and follow that road till you see us) Note the 8am start time.

- Namba Creek on Saturday 20 April starting at 8am. Access is through the main gate of the Model Rail Park off Florence St Nambour.

If you'd like to help in these activities, you'll need to come in "long everything" bush protective clothing including boots/shoes and a hat. All tools required will be provided. Then after a couple of hours of good exercise and satisfying achievement we'll finish with the well-deserved cuppa.

For more info and to check starting times and dates etc of events, see the FB Page [PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc](https://www.facebook.com/PetrieCreekCatchmentCareGroupInc) and for additional info [sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare](https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare) or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com.

Insecticides don't only kill insects

Nature Watch News from Donna Brennan. Wildlife Volunteers, WILVOS | 5441 6200 | www.wilvos.org.au

THIS continual wet weather has had us all grumbling, but what about our native wildlife? They are impacted in so many ways, as our Hotline indicates.

One lady called last week, very upset after seeing several magpies dead, in and near her small acreage property, and was worried it could be from pesticides.

When insectivorous birds are found dead or dying there is always the concern that pesticides may be the issue.

At this time of year lawn grubs are a problem for many people with their lawns. Many of the chemicals are toxic to reptiles, birds and mammals so this concern is warranted.

There are many ways to lessen the damage done by lawn grubs if people understand their life cycle. The brown moths are attracted to lights so it is best to leave the lights off on the patio at lawn grub time of year. The moths will leave those little fluffy spots under your eaves and these will develop into lawn grubs. If lawn grubs are a source of angst for you, then these eggs can be removed.

I don't have any lawn grub larvae or lawn grubs so think that my native garden attracts such a variety of native birds that they must control the pests for me. All birds will eat insects. The protein is also vital to feed to their young chicks. The peewees, magpies and kookaburras are only occasional visitors to my yard so maybe the former come in and clean up any lawn grubs, while I have seen a kookaburra with a snake in his beak. Such hard workers. Possums love their moths and insects too.

The depletion of insects has become a worldwide problem. I remember growing up when car grilles were covered in moths and other insects after driving at night in the country. Where have they gone? Once chemicals hit the market it was all downhill.



Story Dogs helping kids read thanks to Whites IGA

WHITES IGA at Mooloolah has backed a program which helps kids develop their reading skills with four-legged friends.

The store has sponsored one of the canines, Cassidy, who with owner, Di Whiston, is part of the Story Dog program.

Maree Keating, coordinator of the program in the Caloundra and Kawana areas, said Story Dogs visited schools with their owners and listened to children read.

"My dog and I read at Currimundi State School. We're there for about two hours. We have about 20 students at each school.

"The process is that they read the books to the dogs."

Maree said the Story Dogs program was established to help students improve their literacy skills and boost their confidence but not all were struggling with learning.

"I read with one little boy who had lost his mum," she said.

She said the students looked forward to the sessions and so did the dogs, who eagerly anticipated a pat once the reading was over.

"I've had kids say, 'We've been waiting for this all week,'" she said.

"It's a wonderful program. It's been going



Wendy and Di, of Whites IGA, with Di Whiston, centre, and Story Dog Cassidy.

since about 2009. It was established in New South Wales by two ladies and there were about four dogs. Now we've got about 600."

Although the program has grown, Maree said more Story Dog teams were needed to meet demand.

"Beerwah would like a volunteer, Glenview would like another, and Glasshouse Mountains," she said.

Maree said prospective Story Dogs needed to be good with kids while their accompanying volunteers needed to pass the usual working with children and other checks.

She said sponsors were also always appreciated. Annual sponsorship of \$550 covered the cost of special vets, insurance, and more.

"The nice part is that you're helping kids to read and it's a nice, social thing."

• For information, go to www.storydogs.org.au.



Palmwoods in premiership three-peat after GF washout

PALMWOODS have claimed their third Sunshine Coast Cricket 2nd grade premiership after the third day of their Grand Final against Yandina was washed out.

The Hawks batted first on day one scoring 252 all out off 89.5 overs. Harry Pilgrim top scored with 90 before being caught by Mat Bruton off the bowling of Auden Cushen.

Nicholas Burford scored 34 with Brendan Jones contributing 28.

In response, Yandina were 72 for the loss of 4 wickets off 31.4 overs at stumps on day 2. Ryan Stewart top scored with 20 before being caught by Scott Hogan off the bowling of Mark Perusich. Mat Burton (on 19) and Lewis Warren (11) were the not out batters when play ended.

Ex-teacher arrested on child exploitation material charge

A former Brisbane teacher, was denied bail in Maroochydore Magistrates Court after police found computer-generated images depicting child abuse on his laptop in Palmwoods.

Arrested on March 16, 65-year-old Julian Toussaint faced court where it emerged he had previously been sentenced for similar offences in July 2023, according to the Courier-Mail.

Despite arguments from his defense that the images, showing children in sexual poses, did not involve real victims, the magistrate deemed the material harmful.

Toussaint, who had already spent 616 days in remand for prior charges, had his teaching registration revoked and employment with the Department of Education terminated.

Veterans camp sets up at Ewen Maddock Dam

A veterans support organisation has secured a 10-year lease at Ewen Maddock Dam.

Securing a lease with state-owned bulk water provider Seqwater is a key milestone for the project and gives the organisation, SMEAC, the opportunity to deliver on their long-term vision to transform the former Camp Koongamoon site into a veterans camp.

SMEAC will refurbish the site on the banks to deliver wellbeing programs and assist veterans to transition from military service. The 'veterans helping veterans' camp will restore existing structures, and maintain site facilities within the existing footprint. Works are under way, with SMEAC on track to complete the first stages of the refurbishment by 30 June 2024.



Why are healthy fats essential for a healthy body?

by **Nutritional Advisor Linda Goggan**, Sacred Body, Montville



THE old saying "you are what you eat" is usually a fairly accurate way of looking at how we eat. But having sayings like this without a full understanding of what the body needs can often be quite detrimental to our health.

For many years we were told that to have fat in our diet was making us fat so many people started to cut out all fat, yet we are fatter and sicker than ever before. Is it because we cut out this vital macronutrient that the body desperately needs for optimal function?

What are some things that happen in the body when we go for prolonged periods without adequate healthy fat intake?

Here's a list just to name a few: dry skin, dermatitis, brittle nails, fatigue, inflammation, hormone/mood imbalances, hunger/brain fog/low concentration, low immunity/vitamin deficiency ... just to name a few.

What do healthy fats offer our body?

Healthy fats are a great source of essential fatty acids that the body can not make itself. These fatty acids are a great energy source and are an essential membrane constituent. It also helps with the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins such as A, D E & K and assists with hormone production.

What are some great sources of the healthy fats that our body thrives on?

Avocado, egg, olive oil/olives, flaxseed/chia seed, coconut, salmon/oily fish, nuts and grass fed beef.

Ultimately, science can offer all sorts of information about what foods are good for you but the best way to eat is to listen to your body. Some days you may feel you need more fat intake than other days remembering that it is a powerful source of energy. Let your body be your guide.

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Other notable features include zoned ducted air-conditioning, ceiling fans, bay windows on the northern side, which flood the master bedroom and kitchen with natural light, plantation shutters in the master bedroom, stone benches in the kitchen, stainless steel

appliances, security screens, an electric entry gate, a 45,000-litre water tank, garden sheds, 5kW solar power, and solar hot water.

The western side of the home has a separate expansive grassy space which could also be an ideal site for a large shed or granny flat (subject to council approval).

The current owners have invested in significant improvements to add value including a brand new tiled roof (only completed in February 2024), and new plush carpets.

The presentation is immaculate, and the home has been meticulously maintained inside and out, with no immediate money to be spent. This is a rare opportunity to purchase flat, useable land of this size in Mapleton.

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Rental shortages spark rise in 'subject to sale' contracts



Real Estate Column
with RE/MAX Property Sales
Principal Tristan Brown

IN the current market agents are seeing more and more buyers entering the market place looking to purchase and needing to utilise the 'Subject to Sale' condition.

This is becoming more common as buyers are facing greater uncertainty when transitioning from a sale to a purchase.

The speed at which houses are selling can place a seller in a precarious position, leaving them 'homeless' if they are unable to secure a home purchase. Therefore to protect themselves buyers are now finding themselves only willing to place their home on the market once they've successfully secured a contract on a new home.

Buying a new home subject to the sale of your current one can be complex, but here are some steps buyers can take to stay organised:

Secure financing:

Ensure you have pre-approval for a mortgage on the new property. Understand the terms and conditions of the pre-approval, including any expiration dates. Have in depth conversations with your bank or broker to ensure you know the changeover figures and what is realistically achievable. An online desktop pre-approval sadly, is not worth the paper it's printed on. Be diligent and have a personalised conversation with your branch manager or broker.

Understand contingencies:

Know the details of the special condition clause in your purchase agreement. Understand the timeframe within which you need to sell your current home to proceed with the purchase. Be clear on whether there is a sunset clause in the contract and what that means for you as a buyer.

Market analysis:

Research the real estate market in your area to understand the average time it takes to sell a home similar to yours. This will help you gauge how quickly you might be able to sell.

Prepare your home for sale:

Make any necessary repairs or improve-

ments to your current home to make it more attractive to potential buyers. Consider staging and decluttering to enhance its appeal.

Set realistic expectations:

Understand that selling a home can take time and may not always go as planned. Be prepared for potential delays or unexpected challenges.

Communicate with your sales agent: Keep open lines of communication with your real estate agent throughout the process. They can provide valuable guidance and support as you navigate the sale of your current home and the purchase of a new one. In fact, go one step further. Select your preferred agent, sign the listing paperwork, have photography taken and have the listing 'stored' in the computer ready to go online the moment you've agreed on a purchase contract. This level of organisation and commitment will carry significant weight in helping you having your offer accepted by the seller. You are not committed to sell or go online - you are merely ready and most likely several steps ahead of competing subject to sale buyers.

Have a backup plan:

Consider alternative housing options in case your home sale falls through or takes longer than expected. This could include short-term rentals or staying with family or friends.

Stay flexible:

Be prepared to adjust your timeline or expectations based on market conditions and other factors that may arise during the buying and selling process.

Trust your instinct:

This is tricky... but.... trust your gut. Are you getting that feeling that your agent is pushing you or making you feel trapped in having to sell. Are they really acting in your best interest or are they exhibiting that pungent 'commission breath'. The moment you begin to feel pressured or sense that your agent is no longer thinking of you and your needs then maybe it's time to push pause and seek a second opinion.

By taking these steps and staying organized, buyers can better navigate the process of purchasing a new home subject to the sale of their current one.

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THIS home in a quiet cul-de-sac in sought-after 'Heritage Heights' offers stylish, modern family-friendly living of the highest calibre on a fenced 811m² block. It backs on to a leafy reserve, within walking distance to local parks and schools.

It has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, expansive open plan living flowing out to a north-east facing covered deck with elevated views.

The quality kitchen is well equipped and central to the light, spacious living area.

There is a double lock-up garage, and underneath the rear of the house is a large lock up storage/workshop space. The property has gated side access to bring in a boat/caravan/trailer. Other features include split system air-conditioning in the living area and master bedroom, ceiling fans, security screens, a separate shower and bath in the family bathroom, stainless steel appliances, tiled splashbacks, block-out blinds on the deck, and 6kW solar power.



The back yard is gently sloping with plenty of grassy space for a pool. Well established vegetation is in place and all the hard work has been done.

The current owners of over 10 years have taken meticulous care of this lovely home and the presentation is outstanding inside and out.

This is the type and style of home so popular with many buyers. It looks amazing inside and out, it is solidly built and well-designed, and it is located in a desirable neighbourhood surrounded by quality contemporary homes also on large blocks.

• To find out more, contact selling agents Tristan Brown on 0403 665 643 and Garren Reisinger on 0476 950 007.



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Escape to the country on 19 acres in Mapleton

AGENT'S CHOICE: 119 Delicia Road, Mapleton. \$1.4 million.

THIS beautiful 19 acre property is a parcel of prime land in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

There is access from Delicia Road and McLeod Road, and the current business will be removed to provide you with a blank canvas of nearly 2 acres.

The flat and level land has space for a large sand arena for horses or bigger sheds than the existing 2 already on the property, or

perhaps a granny flat to rent out or for extended family to come together and all have their slice of Mapleton.

You can explore the walking trails through tall forest timbers, breathe in the fresh hinterland air, and relax sitting by your spring-fed dam.

The comfortable three bedroom home with two separate landscaped outdoor covered entertainment areas leads to the chook pen, and huge array of established fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

This property is minutes from Mapleton village.

The owners are on the move and all offers will be seriously considered.

• Contact Vanessa Brunton of VB Real Estate on 0467 448 850 to arrange an inspection.



A spacious lounge/dining room opens onto its own patio overlooking the garden.

Charming western red cedar home in the heart of Maleny

AGENT'S CHOICE: 6 Majuba Close, Maleny.

THIS renovated Western Red Cedar home in the heart of Maleny is on the doorstep of cafes, restaurants, shopping, public transport and everything Maleny has to offer.

Set over two levels, this charming home offers great opportunity for young families or the professional couple.

The striking kitchen features a SMEG double oven and microwave, gas cooktop and dishwasher, and striking timber benchtops.

There is air conditioning, fans, custom timber features and bamboo flooring throughout.

Large sliding doors allow the light in and lead to a generous timber deck.

This characterful home represents the perfect opportunity for

dual living, a home office, a B&B, a craft or hobby space; as downstairs offers a large bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette, and a spacious lounge/dining room opening onto its own patio overlooking the garden.

There are three large bedrooms and the master bedroom features a built-in robe, en-suite with shower and full-size bath.

The home has town water and sewage plus a 10,000 gallon water tank, solar hot water, mains power and solar power.

There is a double carport and ample parking, low maintenance gardens, and quality fixtures and fittings.

• To arrange your private inspection, contact exclusive agent Rodney Millett of Maleny & Hinterland Real Estate on 0477 702 073.

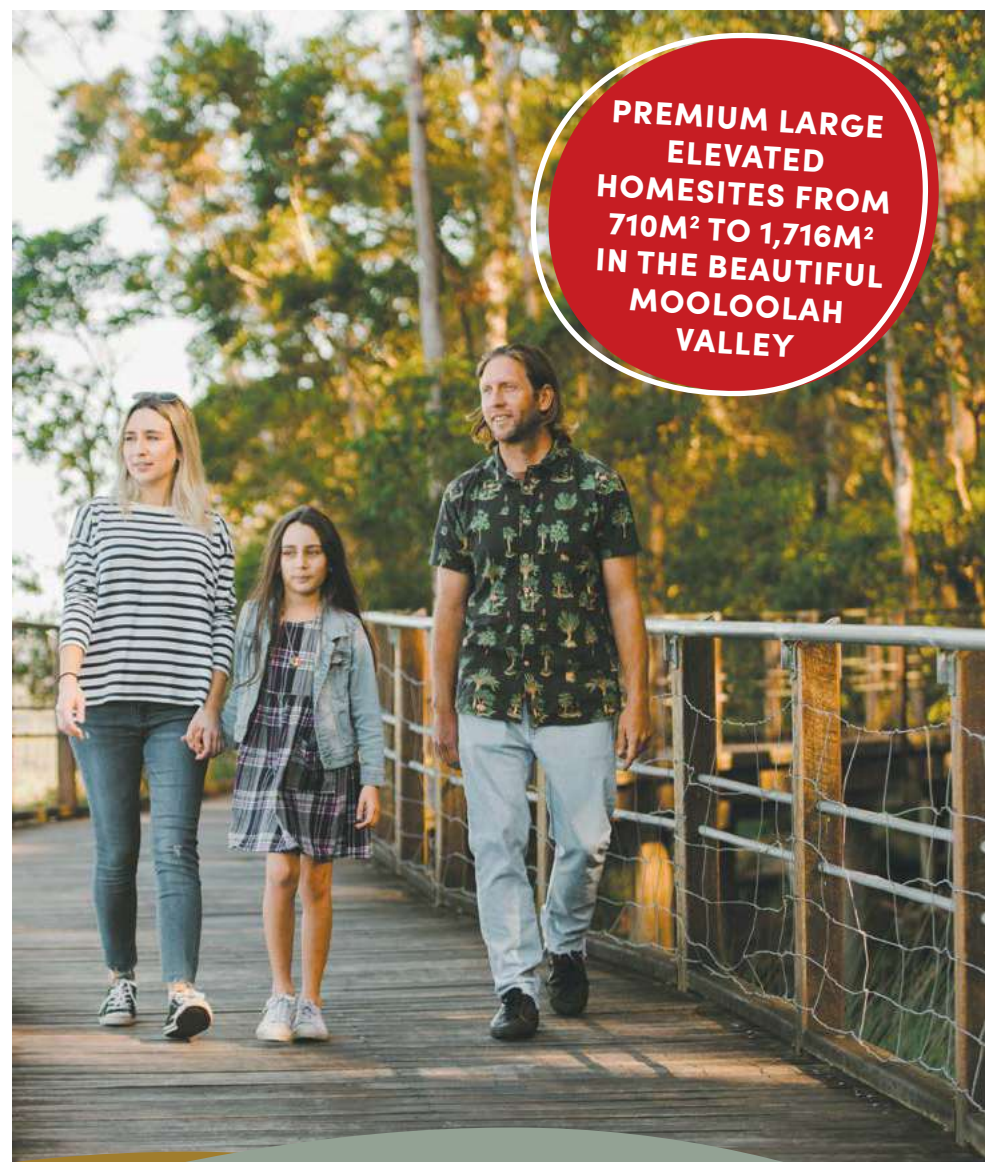
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49 Mary Cairncross Avenue **MALENY**



On a user-friendly 4451m² block bordering Mary Cairncross Rainforest Reserve, on the sought-after East side of Maleny township, this appealing home has much to offer.

- Bespoke Rammed Earth and hardwood home
- Separate, self-contained studio with 6m x 6m carport adjacent to the home
- A bore plus tanks for the established gardens and fruit trees
- Rainforest grove with seasonal creek
- Stunning Northern courtyard-landscaped with water feature and fish pond

The large courtyard to the Northeast takes in the impressive but low maintenance gardens. Tucked away down a tree-lined driveway you'll be impressed by the many features.

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24 Wongabel Street **MALENY**



Perfectly positioned to make the most of the Hinterland and all it has to offer; this very stylish home delivers fantastic proportions, light-filled rooms and endless style. Large windows offer a beautiful, leafy outlook and captures wonderful light.

- 5 bedrooms over 2 levels with the potential for dual living
- Master with en suite and the main bathroom with a shower and spa
- Stylish open plan living, dining and kitchen area
- Dual living potential or welcoming guest space
- High ceilings and wood-burning fireplace

A low maintenance, established garden completes the picture here for a wonderful lifestyle.

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947 Maleny-Montville Road **BALMORAL RIDGE**



Ideally positioned facing Northeast, just 4.5kms from Maleny township, you will find this beautifully renovated, picture perfect property, nestled on a 2029m² parcel of land.

- Northeast facing position
- Beautifully renovated with quality in mind
- Exposed timber ceilings
- Neutral colour palette
- Separate powder room downstairs

With its location between Maleny and Montville you're sure to be impressed with this Hinterland gem.

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6 Majuba Close **MALENY**



You'll be on the doorstep of cafes, restaurants, shopping, public transport and all amenities. Set over two levels, this charming home offers great opportunity for young families or the professional couple alike.

- Master bedroom features built-in robe, en suite with shower and full-size bath
- Bamboo flooring throughout
- Custom timber features
- Solar hot water, mains power and solar power
- Double carport and ample parking

Offering low maintenance gardens, quality fixtures and fittings, and the perfect location in Maleny, this home must be inspected today.

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48 Sinclairs Lane **BALMORAL RIDGE**



Situated on 5.7 acres in a quiet country lane, this residence was designed to take full advantage of the sweeping panoramic view that spans from the rolling green hills to the ocean.

- 180 degrees of ocean views and rolling green hills
- Soaring ceilings throughout the upstairs living areas
- Oversized, covered deck area plus full-length verandah
- Second outdoor entertaining area downstairs plus large storage room
- 12m x 9m extra height shed with bathroom plus 12m x 4m motorhome port

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Unit 8/13 Bunya Street **MALENY**



Unit 8 'Stirling on Bunya' is situated in a central position in the vibrant Hinterland town of Maleny. It's just a short walk to unique shopping destinations, cafes, and amenities. Modern in its design, this unit makes the most of space for functional living.

- Air conditioned open plan living and dining area
- Ceiling fans
- Modern kitchen with good storage and bench space
- 30 sq m outdoor entertaining deck
- Secure car parking

Positioned on the top floor, in a block of only 8 units, this property offers an opportunity for entry level buyers. It also presents the opportunity for buyers looking to invest or create a weekend retreat to explore every delight of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

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THE Mooloolah Valley Community Association were thrilled to support both Morris House Landsborough and the Eudlo Rural Fire Brigade by donating \$1,000 each towards their incredible work in our community.

MVCA Community Assist Officer Sharon Clark met with David Weir, Head of Eudlo Rural Fire Brigade, who said the donation was gratefully received and will be put towards keeping up with the latest technology to keep our community safe.

Sharon together with the centre's Treasurer Nat Pettingill also met up with the team at Morris House Landsborough, who do an amazing job supporting individuals and families that are experiencing hardships with the rising cost of living.

MVCA raise all their funds via the Mooloolah Valley Op Shop, run by dedicated volunteers. Sharon said "We often have half price sales where many items are only \$1.50, our aim is to support community where ever possible".

At the moment MVCA are asking community



Sharon Clark hands over the cheque to David Weir, Head of Eudlo Rural Fire Brigade.

to drop off any footy boots in good condition, they will then be available free to any families in need. Sharon said "Often kids boots still have a lot of life left, but just don't fit anymore". Donations can be dropped off to the centre at Bray Road, Mooloolah Valley.

Op Shop hours are Monday - Saturday 9am to 1pm.



Racheal Pascoe: "If you've ever wanted to grow veggies in the hinterland now's the perfect time."

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Montville Market

INDULGE in a scrumptious pancake breakfast on the deck overlooking the beautiful Sunshine Coast at the Montville Market on Saturday, April 13. Discover handcrafted treasures, fresh produce, and tasty treats from local growers and makers from 7am to 12pm.

Mapleton Crop Swap

HAVE you been to a Crop Swap? Join us on Wednesday, April 17, at 9am behind The Old School House (TOSH) in Mapleton. Bring something to swap and share with the community.

Mapleton Country Market

JOIN us at the Mapleton Country Market on Saturday, April 27, from 8am to 12pm at the Mapleton State School. Enjoy a variety of food, fresh produce, handmade crafts, and live music.

Veggie patch on your to do list?

Autumn is the time to plant out a vegetable garden

Hinterland Homesteading with Racheal Pascoe

AFTER waiting all summer long, feeding beds up with manure, mulching and longing for this time ... it is finally here ... all the gardeners can start to plant out their veggie patches! You can feel the change in seasons, the mornings are cooler and the days are getting shorter.

It is the time to plant almost anything you want to eat including broccoli, cauliflower, kale, spinach, silver beet, carrots, beetroot, onions, potatoes, beans, leeks, radish, cabbage etc... let's get cracking!

Seedlings or seeds?

If you are going to head to the shops to buy seedlings, look out for the strongest, healthiest ones. This way the plants get a good start. I like to buy seedlings from the markets when I can, as they are more suited to our local area. Buying at a local hardware store can mean buying seedlings which were started further away in possibly a different climate. Buying a few punnets of seedlings can be a pretty expensive way to get started. I know, I have done it time and time again but maybe you could think about saving some seeds at the end of this season?

The very best way to go is to have your own little stash of seeds which you have saved from last season. For example, last winter we grew delicious broccoli and really enjoyed it. I let one plant go to seed, bagged the seed head at the end of the season to save the seeds, so this year we have hundreds of seeds from the same tasty stock.

You can bag the seed heads with those white fine mesh fruit and veggie bags that the grocery stores sell for putting fruit in. I always have a few on hand. The mesh is perfect for

collecting tiny seeds. Seed saving is by far the most economical way to grow food. Sharing and swapping seeds with other gardeners then allows you to have a great variety which you know all grow well in your area.

It is important to know that not all seeds you save will be viable. This is because some seeds/plants have been genetically modified, which means that you can enjoy this crop but not save seeds for next season. This is horrifying for gardeners as you have spent your money and it will only grow for one season. The big companies are endeavouring to control our food (that is another entire column for another day), but you can make a difference... when buying seedlings or seeds, choose the heirloom/heritage ones. These are seeds that will allow you to keep the seeds for generations.

Fluffing up

It is a good idea to fluff up each bed just prior to planting to loosen the dirt. You do not need to turn it all over and disturb everything but rather make it easier for tiny roots to find their way. After all the rain we have had, sometimes the top of the soil has become a hard surface.

When planting small seedlings, it is easy to plant them too closely together. Have a read of the label to see what the size of the adult plant will be. Then you can give them enough room to grow and it will reduce the risk of disease later down the track.

Pro tip - carrots do not transfer well.

Once they are up, they really don't like to be disturbed, so don't bother buying the punnets of carrots and then wonder why you didn't have any luck. Start with seeds in place where they will remain.

Try a new fruit/veggie this season

Each season I like to try growing something that we haven't grown before. One year it was loofah and they grow wonderfully here on the Sunshine Coast. I could open a loofah shop with all the loofahs we have grown! Ha. Another year it was cucamelons, which are tiny little cucumber like fruit which are terrific snacks for lunchboxes. They grow on a fine vine and are super easy to have and great givers. Last season I tried to grow heritage rockmelons and it was a big flop. In my defence we have had a lot of rain and they just were longing for sunshine. I will have another go in spring/summer.

I hope you are excited about getting your veggie patch filled. It is a wonderful feeling to see food growing and even better to serve some to your family for dinner. Happy gardening everyone!



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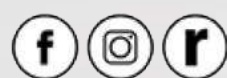
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Happy Days Festival to bring back 50s & 60s fun

WOOMBYE locals save the date! Planning and preparations for the Woombye Happy Days festival are being finalised for May 5, and it is shaping up to be a day of fun for people of all ages.

The WCBA, in conjunction with Bendigo Bank Woombye, is staging the local street festival, a community get-together aimed at celebrating our people and fabulous community spirit. We also want to promote Woombye and our wonderful businesses and imbue a sense of pride in the town and its history.

The 1950s-60s themed Happy Days festival on 5 May is the jewel in the WCBA's events crown.

The Festival begins on Saturday night (May 4) at the Woombye Pub with a 1950s themed cabaret event starring Michael Healy. "This will set the mood for Sunday and give good reason for people to come to the Woombye area and stay a night or two," said WCBA president Milo Frawley.

On Sunday (May 5) the festival begins in earnest, kicking off at 10am with Hill Street closed from Blackall to Campbell Street. A stage will cross the road beside the School of Arts and face north.

"We'll have live music on the stage from 10am-6pm intermittently broken by fun competitions, prize-giving, kids performances, and our wonderful emcee Howard Riach."

Elsewhere, there will be market stalls, classic cars on display, the Bowls Club Diner with a



Nathan and Sarah Major of Cool Cats Dance Studio and friends are getting set to kick up their heels for a weekend of 50s fun on May 5.

gallery of artwork from local primary schools, a petting zoo, jumping castle, an outdoor bar, dancing classes, food trucks and more.

At 6pm the outdoor activities come to a close and a ticketed rock 'n roll dance begins in the main hall.

Come in your best 50s threads and enjoy live music by the RocknRollaBillys band.

"This will be the biggest 30 hours Woombye sees all year," said Milo. "But to pull this off WCBA has called on a lot of support from so many wonderful people and businesses.

We still need volunteers, we need ideas, and

we need financial support from our local businesses. Bendigo Bank Woombye is our major sponsor, but we need all the help we can muster.

"We would love as many people as possible to join us and get into the spirit of things."

Get involved

To get involved with Woombye Happy Days, volunteer or connect with the association in other ways, email: woombyecommunity@gmail.com WCBA meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-7pm.



Woombye Library Balcony Book Sale

MARK Saturday 13 April in your calendar to visit us at Woombye Community Library for our first Balcony Book Sale of 2024.

Buy bargain books and audiobooks for just \$1, \$2 or \$5 each (including recent releases) and help to support our local volunteer-run library service which has been a cornerstone of Woombye village for over 100 years.

The Book Sale will run from 8am to midday on Saturday 13 April, which is the last Saturday of the school holidays. Find us at the School of Arts Hall on the corner of Blackall St and Hill St at Woombye. See you there booklovers! - by Cathy Cash

Yandina Writers Group

YANDINA Writers Group is looking for new scribes to join in the Wednesday morning session in the downstairs room at Yandina School of Arts.

This is not a course-based writing experience but an informal gathering for writers to read their stories or poems. Show up for 10.30am start.

For more information email caracarol@hotmail.com.



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Calling Sunshine Coast environmental community groups

Now is the time to apply for a grant to help fund the vital work you do to care for our wildlife and natural environment. Applications for the Environment Levy Partnership Funding Program open on April 15. Successful groups will receive a share of more than \$630,000 each year for the next three years, subject to conditions. The three-year partnership funds operational expenses to provide certainty for the groups, helping them to engage in longer-term planning and capacity building. Apply now at sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Do you want to have a say on Council matters?

Simply register online or update your profile on Have Your Say Sunshine Coast - Council's online engagement platform - to have your voice heard on Council projects. There will be a diverse range of projects open for community input and feedback this year, including regional and locality-based projects. To be notified of upcoming community engagement activities and help to shape our region, register today at haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Join a unique, fun-filled day of cultural learning

The free First Nations Family Fun Day is on April 20 at Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct. Join Kabi Kabi and Jinibara First Nations People for a unique, fun-filled day of cultural learning. Enjoy games, dancing and craft activities for all ages, as well as bush tucker-inspired food, drinks and coffee from the snack van. You may wish to pack a picnic and enjoy the spacious grounds and amazing view of Mt Tibrogargan. Visit heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for more information.

One for the calendar: Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers - April 24 at 9am

Are you an established or emerging Sunshine Coast artist, creative or producer?

You could access up to \$10,000 for your next venture. Round one of the Regional Arts Development Fund grants is now open. Submit applications in one of four categories: Concept Development, Project Funding, Individual Development and Mentorship. For more details, to sign up for an information session or to apply, head to Council's website. Applications close April 15.

Nominate now for the Sunshine Coast Biosphere Community Awards

It's your chance to say thank you and well done to the amazing people we know who help out, volunteer and support our communities. You can nominate in eight categories including citizen, senior citizen and young citizen of the year. You can also nominate for community group or organisation, creative arts, healthy people, healthy planet and biosphere business of the year. Nominating is easy at sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. Nominations close April 30.

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Ginger Factory unveils Zog Trail attraction with hi-tech difference

THE rain was pouring down but it did not dampen the spirits of visitors to Yandina's Ginger Factory at the opening of the latest attraction, The Zog Trail last month.

Tourism Manager, Brenda Bailey quipped "thanks to the rain, this could well be the first attraction on the coast to be opened and closed on the same day!"

But the steady stream of gumboot and raincoat-clad children and their families were proof positive that it will take more than wet weather to keep families from getting out and having fun these holidays.

Ms Bailey officially opened the Zog Trail, which is an Australian first attraction, combining a cutting edge, interactive app, with the stunning rainforest grounds at the Ginger Factory.

"When the idea was first presented to us, it took very little effort to persuade the owners

that this idea was going to be a winner, and bring visitors to the Ginger Factory, over and over again," she said.

Ms Bailey thanked all of the businesses that helped to bring this fun and colourful attraction to life, including Social Tap, Express Print & Mail, Pacific Building & Alterations, ASV Audio Visual, Nambour, and a kilt clad blacksmith – Alex Greef from Bribe Island, as well as Ginger Factory staff.

The school holidays are the perfect time to get out and explore the gorgeous Ginger Factory grounds and let your children's imaginations run wild as they experience the Zog Trail.

"We are just so fortunate to be able to bring this kind of experience to the hinterland, and we know that our visitors of all ages will love it."

The trail is free and open seven days a week.



Let your children's imaginations run wild as they experience the Zog Trail.

Bowlers Paradise Hinterland Local League marks 12 years of success

THE Bowlers Paradise Hinterland Local League is gearing up to celebrate its 12th year of fostering community spirit and competitive lawn bowls. Established in January 2013, the league has become a cornerstone of local sporting culture, providing a platform for bowlers of all skill levels to participate and represent their clubs.

League Organiser Andrew Friday reflects on the journey: "From its humble beginnings, the league has grown into a vibrant community of bowlers. We wanted to offer a more accessible alternative to larger competitions, and it's incredible to see how much it has flourished over the years."

What started with six Hinterland clubs has now expanded to include teams from Pomona, Cooroy, and Kenilworth. Major sponsor Bowlers Paradise bowls shop has been instrumental in supporting the league's growth, cementing its status as the 'Bowlers Paradise Hinterland Local League.'

Founding member Baz Neil reminisces about the league's early days: "There were doubts about our longevity, but now we have 13 men's teams and 10 ladies' teams representing nine clubs. It's a testament to our strength and inclusivity."

Participating clubs praise the league for its affordability, competitiveness, and minimal travel distances, offering a stepping stone for aspiring bowlers. The upcoming Presentation Day at Yandina Bowls Club on April 14th promises to be a highlight, celebrating achievements and camaraderie.

"We're excited to recognize the dedication of our players and clubs," says Andrew. "The event will showcase the spirit of the league and its commitment to inclusivity and development."

As the league marks another milestone, it continues to uphold its values of community, sportsmanship, and accessibility, ensuring that bowls remains a cherished pastime for generations to come.



Psychedelic, bush funk band bound for Precinct

FUNKATU is an original psychedelic, bush funk band who combine an eclectic fusion of reggae, soul, ska and hip-hop into a delightfully delicious explosion of funky goodness guaranteed to get your booty shakin'... Featuring the unmistakable Aussie song righting of lyricist Louey Howell on drums & didgeridoo, Dan McCoscka on de funky bass, Hannah Harlen on sweet vocals & electric guitar & Ahva dub on synths & jazz bansuri. A great live act. This fresh outfit deliver the goods in style.

The Funkatu collective will be playing at Maleny Lane on the 5th of April and the Precinct in Nambour on April 6 as well as some venues in Brisbane etc. the amazingly talented Hayden Hack will be doing support at the Precinct.

Festuri Festival at Moffat Beach postponed

FESTURI'S much-anticipated Multicultural Festival slated for March 30 & 31 at Moffat Beach was postponed due to inclement weather. The decision was made in light of the forecasted rain and soggy ground conditions to safeguard the safety and enjoyment of attendees. Organisers expressed gratitude for people's understanding and assured the community that the event will be rescheduled once weather conditions improve. Stay tuned to FESTURI's social media and website for updates on the new dates.

MADCA General Meeting

THE Monthly General meeting of the Mapleton and District Community Association is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, at the Mapleton Bowls Club, commencing at 6.30pm for 7pm.

Probus Meeting

PROBUS meets at the Mapleton Bowling Club on the second Friday of every month. Join us on Friday, April 12, from 10am till 12 noon. For further details about Probus, please email nbrprobus@gmail.com.

The Robyn Brown Quintet plays a Jazz Session at The Precinct recently.

New beginnings: The Jazz Sessions back in Nambour

ONE of the Sunshine Coast's most popular jazz events, The Jazz Sessions, began in Nambour in 2015. The intimate concerts, featuring local, national and international artists, ran successfully right up to early 2023 when a series of venue closures put a pause on the event. Now, with the opening of a new venue in Nambour, The Jazz Sessions returns to its town of origin.

The Jazz Sessions is partnering with The Precinct in Ann St, Nambour.

"It's the perfect venue to host jazz," said event organiser and jazz singer Robyn Brown. "With a European Jazz Club vibe, patrons can sit with a glass of wine, a craft beer and perhaps a cheese platter and enjoy live performances from some of Queensland's finest musicians."

The Jazz Sessions at The Precinct are held on the third Thursday of each month.

"We've been selling out quickly bringing enthusiastic audiences who love to watch the jazz musicians interact, play off each other and improvise – it's a unique live experience," said Robyn.

"Taking in the swinging vibes, brilliant musicianship, incredible solos and serious humour in an elegant, intimate setting is an



experience audiences can't get enough of."

Robyn said a different artist would be featured each month, from smooth swing to world jazz, Brazilian, Gypsy jazz, funk and Latin. Well-known standards will mix with originals so the audience can experience world-class entertainment in Nambour.

Matt Allan Band April 18

The next Jazz Sessions, will be held Thursday April 18 and will feature the Matt Allan Band. The Matt Allan Band is a trio of local jazz musicians from different backgrounds coming together to deliver a night full of musical exploration and interaction. Band leader Matt Allan is a jazz guitarist and singer who has crafted his sound over a decade and a half, always challenging his abilities with new material. Come listen to foot-tapping classics and rarely heard gems in the Matt Allan Band style.

• Book early. Tickets, \$15-\$25, can be purchased through events.humanitix.com/the-jazz-sessions. Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm show.

From left, Deb Holland, Shelley Love & Rob Hobson plus anonymous guest (spot the shoe!) in The Real Inspector Hound murder mystery at Maleny Playhouse.

Mystery and meaning from Maleny Players

THE art of mystery is to consume with curiosity, irritate with intrigue, satisfy with a solution – and entertain with humour!

The Real Inspector Hound, the Stoppard play at Maleny Playhouse Maleny Show-grounds between April 5 - 21, performs all these acrobatics at once – and more. Prepare for a confusion of identities and old secrets emerging from a mystic atmosphere.

Bookings are busy and the opening weekend of 5-7 April still has seats available for the Saturday 6 show at 7pm and Sunday 7 at 2pm; followed by three other evening shows and three matinees, until the Sunday April 21 bump-out.

Director Patricia Lovell collaborates with a strong, experienced cast who treasure the



trickery within this play-within-a-play.

They are unearthing every nuance of meaning in cascades of rich dialogue unique within the spectrum of theatrical literature.

A fierce four at Bridge makes fun use of Ruffing, Tuffing and Bluffing, Twisting and Busting jargon in a snappy interchange reflecting competition on personal fronts.

• Bookings via trybooking.com or MAD gallery Maple Street (cash sales only). Tickets \$25/\$20 concession. Phone Barbara Thomas on 0428 716 015 for information.

Community Bank helping Woombye bank safely online

THE Community Bank Woombye will soon be hosting a morning tea and a Banking Safely Online education session, open to all customers and the general public.

"The 30-minute session will highlight the benefits and importance of getting digitally connected and staying

safe while enabling attendees to protect themselves from scams and fraud," explained Branch Manager, Hayley Saunders.

The Bank's community focused approach is in response to the growing problem of scams and fraud, with Australians losing more than \$3 billion to scams in 2022, according to ScamWatch.

Community Bank Woombye Chair Stephen Marshall said the upcoming Banking Safely Online session will help make new and existing digital banking users comfortable and confident.

"We recently had a particularly careful and diligent customer experience a scam which left him quite shaken. It was so plausible it was frightening," he said.

"It's well worth being forewarned to be forearmed so I encourage people to take up this opportunity."

Bendigo Bank's community focused education approach is enabling one-on-one connections between the Community Bank Woombye and the public to help grow their digital capabilities, confidence and help more Australians safely navigate digital banking.

The event will be held on Friday April 19 from 9.30 - 10.30am at the Bendigo Bank Boardroom (behind the branch), 33 Blackall St, Woombye.

Morning tea will be provided for all attendees – so please RSVP for catering purposes to woombyemailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.au

Clubs, sporting associations, social and community groups can also contact their local Bendigo Bank and enquire about a Banking Safely Online education session for their members.

'Let's keep dancing in our wooden floored halls'

THE Cooloola Coast Dances Group will be holding an old time dance at the Belli Community Hall on April 20.

The group was founded by Julie Mcphail as a way to bring retirees from neighbouring communities together to enjoy all the benefits that dancing brings.

"Dancing is wonderful for your health, and our group finds so much happiness and fun in our dance events," said Mrs Mcphail.

"Social activities like this in today's world are so important. I think we need all the fun and happiness we can find to share."

The Belli Hall has been secured to hold a dance once a month.

"If all goes well, the dances will run from June through to December 2024 at Belli Hall," she said.

"The doors open at 6.30 and the dancing starts at 7pm to 11pm. We ask that guests bring a plate to share as we have tea, coffee and a light supper during the evening. Grey nomads, campers, and motorhome owners who attend the dance are welcome to stay at the hall grounds, at their own risk."

The cost of entry is \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. There will be raffles, lucky door prizes, lucky spots and Monte Carlo prizes



"Our group finds so much happiness and fun in our dance events."

during the evening.

"Everyone is welcome, we would love to see you there," Mrs Mcphail said. "Please help us keep dancing in our wooden-floored halls."

• For more information, please contact Julie on 0428 824 115.



Ben Hines (aka Humble Dumpling) conducts a street art tour.

Tours to celebrate Nambour's street art creativity

THE Old Ambulance Station in Nambour will be abuzz with creativity as eleven artists from the Liminal Beings Collective showcase their diverse works until April 20.

The event kicked off with an artist's talk on March 30. This will be followed by a free opening on Saturday (April 6) featuring poetry, live music, delectable food and drinks, and the

chance to mingle with the artists.

Attendees can also enjoy free street art tours led by Ben Hines, as well as a scavenger hunt.

Last year's attendee Julya Hegarty had this to say after last year's event: "Such a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Was magical to spend time listening to Humble Dumpling (Ben Hines) and the stories behind his street art pieces. Plus who the creators and collaborators were behind some iconic slap stickers, sculpture art and graffiti works."

• For information go to Liminal Beings Instagram page at www.instagram.com/liminalbeingsartcollective.

Whirls of emotion await in Lind Lane's latest

JOINING forces to present "Speaking in Tongues" by Andrew Bovell, are Kathryn Barnes and Angela Braby who have taken up the second play season of the year at Lind Lane Theatre in Mitchell St Nambour.

The genre is completely different from the first play of the year, "Codename: White Mouse", with the challenge of simultaneous dialogue and the unusual storyline of two

couples are engaging in infidelity at the same time. And when a mysterious disappearance is thrown in, the play jumps from a psychological drama into the realms of a thriller keeping the audience on the edge of their seats.

• The season is April 26-May 4. Bookings are open and moving well so don't miss it! lindlane.com.au/whats-on or 1300 732 764.



Kathryn Barnes (Jane), and Emily Rigby (Peta) rehearse.



Cindy, Coral, Ron & Kathy.

Community treasures, plants and books

MAPLETON will host another Book Fair on April 14, 8am to Noon. What is a Book Fair? Hundreds of quality books will be available at 'fill a bag for \$10'. Where else would you find such an opportunity? Books include newly released fictions, favourite authors such as Baldacci, Patterson and Robb along with specialist non-fiction texts such as history, gardening, birds and the arts. Even 'Marvel' graphic novels are waiting for a new home.

Children's books available are comprehensive from pre readers to juniors, classics to modern. Come early as these are very popular.

A special morning tea is on offer for only \$4 with baked treats and tea/coffee. Lions not only has the usual barbecue but a plant store featuring natives and exotic species that will grow well in the area.

Other stalls include eco printing on silk clothing, gifts such as leather bookmarks and earrings, and beaded jewellery. The Mapleton Men's Shed will feature specialist items and

repaired treasures. Probus will not only promote their functions but the other community groups across the region.

The Gently Loved Treasures Stall is a standing feature at Book Fair. Amazing items are for sale; be surprised as there will be collector items at very affordable prices. At the last Book Fair an Italian vase worth \$800 sold for \$60.

Where does the funds raised go? The continuation of services such as community workshops classes, mental health activities such as bingo and art. The Library Centre provides a venue for JP services anytime of the week, community meetings and cultural events such as 'Lovers of Books' and 'Lovers of Opera Cinema'.

Join the volunteers and community groups at the Mapleton Library and Community Centre from 8am on Sunday April 14 to enjoy the treats and take home some books, plants and gifts.

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APRIL

- **April Various Dates: Nambour Bowls Club Business Challenge** in April, Wednesdays 6-7pm. Register at 0477 111 110.
- **April 3: MADCA General Meeting. 6.30pm** for 7pm at Mapleton Bowls Club. Monthly meeting of Mapleton and District Community Association.
- **April 3-May 8: Woombye Bowls Corporate League**, Wednesday nights. Register at 0411 961 454.
- **April 5: Bingo Fun** with a delicious morning tea and additional games. 9:30am to 11:30am Mapleton Library and Community Centre
- **April 5-7: "The Real Inspector Hound"** at Playhouse Maleny Showgrounds. Tickets at trybooking.com/COUS.
- **April 6: Live @ The Chapel** Nambour with Phil Spence and Nicola Jean, 29 Short Street, from 6pm. Free entry. Details on Facebook.
- **Saturday April 6: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 2, Woombye Snakes FC v Buderim Wanderers FC at 8:30pm, Woombye Snakes FC-Field 1.
- **Saturday April 6: SCGRL A Grade Men** Round 1. Nambour v Maroochydore at Nambour Rugby League Club - Field 1, 5:30pm kickoff.
- **Saturday, April 6: Local AFL. Hinterland Blues** QFA Div 1 Seniors v Mayne QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, G Rae Oval, Palmwoods.
- **April 7: Indoor All-Weather Market: Dance, Art Etc**, Nambour, 9am-2pm. Visit Rummager's Market, Thursday Town Square Market, Friday Night Markets.
- **April 8-12: Easter activities at Nambour**

Plaza, starting with farm animals on April 8. Wildlife encounters on April 12. Location: 18 Ann Street, Nambour.

- **April 12: Outspoken presents Bri Lee** in conversation at Maleny Community Centre. Tickets at outspokenmaleny.com.
- **April 12-14: Nambour Expo. Auto accessories**, caravans, camper trailers, boating, and family fun!
- **April 12: Probuss Meeting, 10am-12pm**, Mapleton Bowling Club. Monthly gathering.
- **April 13: Montville Market. Sat 13th Apr**, 7am-12pm. Pancake breakfast overlooking Sunshine Coast. Handcrafted treasures, fresh produce.

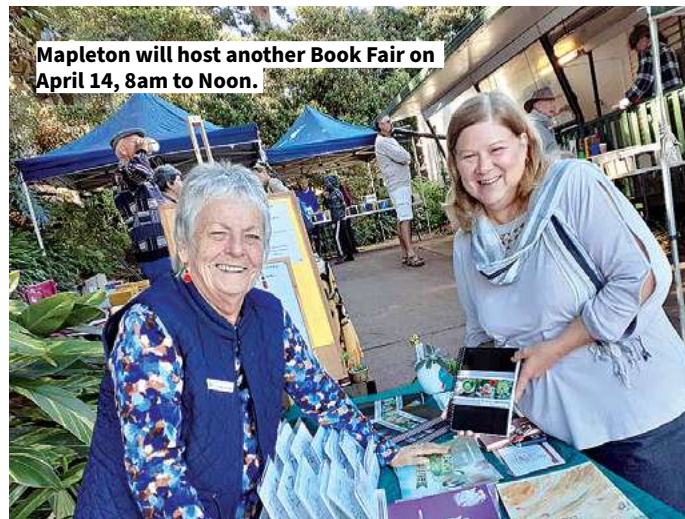


The Hinterland Blues are back in action with home games this weekend and next to kick off the season.

- **Saturday April 13: QFA Division 1 Hinterland Blues** v Beenleigh, Seniors 2pm | Reserves 12pm at G Rae Oval, Palmwoods.
- **Saturday April 13: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 6, Gympie United FC v Woombye Snakes FC at 6pm, Gympie Field-Field 1.
- **Saturday, April 13: FQPL 3 Men's Football**

Round 6, Coolum FC v Nambour Yandina Utd FC at 6pm, Coolum FC-Field 1.

- **Saturday, April 13: Local AFL. Hinterland Blues** QFA Div 1 Seniors v Beenleigh QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, G Rae Oval, Palmwoods.
- **April 13: Cinema on the Rooftop** at Cooroy Library, 6-8pm. Enjoy "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish". Admission by donation.
- **April 13: Cold Chisel Tribute Night** at Palmwoods Hotel, 8.30pm. Booking at linktr.ee/palmwoodshotel.
- **April 14: Book Fair and mini market.** 8am to noon. Hundreds of good quality books are available for only \$10 a bag. Numerous stalls from Gently Loved Treasures to eco printing on silk to baked goods. Mapleton Library and



Mapleton will host another Book Fair on April 14, 8am to Noon.

Community Centre.

- **Sunday April 14: SCGRL A Grade Men** Round 2. Caboolture v Nambour at Bob Day Oval - Field 1, 3pm kickoff.
- **April 14: Maroochy River Country Music Club** concert, A.C.M.A. Hall of Fame, Yandina, 12 noon. Info: 0458 671 568.
- **April 17, 24, May 1: Genealogy Sunshine Coast Beginner's Classes**, 9.30am-3.30pm. Book early. More info on their website.
- **April 17: Mapleton Community Crop Swap.** Wed 17th Apr, 9am, TOSH pergola. Bring items to swap and share.
- **April 18-21: Bad Habit Records & Collectables**

Big Birthday Weekend in Nambour. Bands, vinyl sale, and skateboarding. Details on badhabitrecords.com.au.

- **Saturday April 20: SCGRL A Grade Men** Round 3. Stanley River v Nambour at Woodford Showground - Field 1, 5:30pm kickoff.
- **Saturday, April 20: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 7, Woombye Snakes FC v Nambour Yandina Utd FC at 6pm, Woombye Snakes FC-Field 1.
- **Saturday April 20: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 7, Woombye Snakes FC v Nambour Yandina Utd FC at 6pm, Woombye Snakes FC-Field 1.
- **Saturday, April 20: Local AFL. Springwood QFA** Div 1 Seniors v Hinterland Blues QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, Lowe Oval.

- **April 25: Montville and Mapleton ANZAC Day** Services, Montville service starts 5:30 am; Mapleton details to be confirmed.
- **April 25: Anzac Day - Lest we forget.** Commemorating Australian and New Zealand soldiers lost in WWI.
- **April 26: Pademelon Survey - Citizen Science.** Fri 26th Apr, 7.30am-9.30am at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. Register online.
- **April 27: Mapleton Country Market. Sat** 27th Apr, 8am-12pm at

Mapleton State School. Food, produce, crafts.

- **Saturday, April 27: Local AFL. Hinterland Blues** QFA Div 1 Seniors v Moreton Bay QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, G Rae Oval, Palmwoods.
- **Saturday April 27: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 8, Woombye Snakes FC v Beerwah Glasshouse Utd FQPL Men at 5pm, Beerwah Glasshouse-Field 1.
- **Saturday, April 27: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 8, Nambour Yandina Utd FC v Gympie United FC at 6pm, NYU FC-Field 1.
- **April 29 - May 1: Coolum Art Collective's Easter Art Expo** at Coolum Civic Centre. Free entry. More at coolumartcollective.com.



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