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Cars, colour, bands, markets and dancing ... Sarah and Nathan Major and Skye Parker ham it up to promote the May 5 Festival.

Happy Days Festival

PREPARE to step back in time and immerse yourself in the nostalgic charm of the 50s and 60s at the upcoming Happy Days Festival in Woombye.

Organized by the Woombye Community and Business Association (WCBA) in collaboration with Bendigo Bank Woombye, this free festival promises a day of retro-inspired fun for the entire community.

The May 5 festival aims to cele-

brate Woombye's rich history and vibrant community spirit while showcasing local businesses and fostering a sense of pride in the town's heritage.

The festivities kick off at 10 am along Hill Street, which will be closed from Blackall to Campbell Street.

A stage beside the School of Arts will host live music performances from 10 am to 6 pm, along with entertaining compe-

titions, prize-giving ceremonies, kids' performances, and emceed by the charismatic Howard Riach.

Rock 'n Roll Dance in the Main Hall

As evening approaches, one of the highlights of the event is a \$25/ticket rock 'n roll dance in the main hall starting at 6 pm.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest 50s attire for a chance to win prizes while

enjoying live music by the "RocknRollaBillys" band.

For those new to dance, *Cool Cats Dance Studio* is offering free workshops throughout the afternoon, catering to various styles and experience levels. Nathan Major, a dance instructor, encourages attendees to join the dance and experience the joy of the era firsthand.

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Police chopper slated for Coast

THE State Government has announced plans to provide police with funding to establish a Polair helicopter capability for the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay.

Queensland Police Service will now embark on a procurement process to secure an appropriate aircraft and operator. Timing will be announced following its procurement.

The decision follows advice from Queensland Police and advocacy from Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay MPs.

Polair operational capabilities have proved extraordinarily successful in South-East Queensland and in Townsville.

Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton said a Polair helicopter capability would make a very real difference to police's ground operations.

"It makes challenging police operations safer for the community and safer for the police on the ground," he said.

"Over the past few months, I have been hearing from locals all across our region about their concerns regarding crime.

"Whilst reassuringly, the Sunshine Coast's crime rates are among the lowest in Queensland, I know that it only takes one incident of crime to have a deep, irreversible impact on people and families.

"We've seen very promising results come out of our gold standard early intervention programs, but I want to see more."

Commissioner of Police Steve Gollschewski said the chopper would help keep the community and police safe.

"Aerial assets are a game-changer in the way police track offenders, search for missing people and gain extensive situational awareness from above.

"Bolstering resources for police will help our frontline now and into the future as the organisation continues to grow."

Rodeo returns for family fun

THE Ray White Nambour Rodeo is on again at the Nambour Showgrounds on Saturday 11 May featuring a full rodeo program of popular events: bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and much more.

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Nicklin MP Rob Skelton.

Nambour pilot's WW2 heroism

A huge crowd at Nambour's ANZAC Day ceremony heard the story of a fledgling pilot from Nambour whose brave actions saved an English town in WWII.

Nicklin MP Rob Skelton told the crowd of the heroic act of RAAF pilot James (Jim) Hocking.

"I would like to recognise the 80th anniversary of the heroic actions of the RAAF pilot James Jim Hocking," Mr Skelton said.

"Like many of his generation and those before and after Jim enlisted in the military the day he turned 18 and was accepted into the RAAF in September, 1942.

"He was later transferred to England to train for bomber command. On July 18th, 1944, Jim was captaining a Short Sterling bomber LJ 451 during night training when flames appeared on the inner starboard engine.

Soon the plane lost power

"Soon the plane lost power with engine two cutting out and the other two engines following soon after. Jim ordered his crew of six to don their parachutes and abandon the aircraft.

"Jim stayed behind telling his crew mates he would be following them. He wanted to ensure the plane didn't crash into the town below.

"Jim was last seen manoeuvring the bomber away from the town of March before it crashed into a field, a kilometre from the town. A young man barely 21 years old. Jim Hocking represents what we call the ANZAC spirit, a hero who sacrificed himself for his mates and



Pilot Officer Jim Hocking ordered his crew to abandon a bomber (similar to the one pictured) so he could stay on board & save a town below.



the English town of March, below.

"In 2015, Jim was recognised for his bravery posthumously with the Star of Courage some 71 years later.

"He is one of us. I would like to thank the schools of our region and Nambour Museum for preserving and remembering his story. Jim's story is a thread in the vast tapestry that is our nation's story.

"The story about our ANZAC spirit. It reminds us of what it means to be an Australian or New Zealander. I thank everyone here today for their contributions to this history and respectful commemoration. Jim was one of us and he is all of us. We remember him. We remember all of them in our hearts forevermore. Let us not forget."



Scenes from Nambour's ANZAC Day Service in Quota Memorial Park.



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Nambour citizens lined Ann Street and packed Quota Memorial Park for the March and Service.

No group of Australians has given more:

Pastor's moving tribute to sacrifice & courage

WITH heads bowed and hearts heavy, a large crowd at the service in Nambour's Quota Memorial Park heard a poignant prayer led by Nambour RSL Pastor Kerry Evans, pictured.



Pastor Evans' invoked the memory of the brave souls who fought for Australia's freedom and paid tribute to ANZAC spirit. "On the shores of the Gallipoli Peninsula, those who took part in that ill-fated operation have all gone, and yet those men and that day still remain in our memory," he said.

"On this day, above all days, we remember our heritage as a nation with a sense of humility, reverence, and overwhelming pride. We pause on this day to remember not only those young Australians who paid the ultimate sacrifice in wars then, but to all who have served since and those currently serving to

defend this nation.

"No group of Australians have given more nor worked harder to shape our values and beliefs than those who have worn and now wear the uniform of the Royal Australian Navy, Army and Royal Australian Air Force. They offered their lives in the

service of something greater than themselves. They gave their tomorrow for our today. We are grateful, never forgetting nor failing to esteem their sacrifices nor the price of freedom cruelly calculated in human blood and those who returned from armed conflict and peace-keeping missions are among us today and we thank you.

"You are deserving of our enduring gratitude. And so in our way, individually and together we stand united to remember the commitment, the sacrifice, and courage."

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From Pozières to Villers-Bretonneux:

Heroic digger's remarkable story of WWI survival

by **Cameron Outridge**

HE was gassed. He was blown up. He fought in the bloody battles of Pozières and Villers Bretonneux.

And on ANZAC Day, 2024, his grandson, Lieutenant Colonel Ian Stoddart, retired veteran of the Royal Australian Engineers, delivered a solemn address in his memory.

The former Nambour High School (Nambour State College) student recounted a poignant tale from his family history. He told the service about his grandfather, Tom, and the enduring legacy of the ANZAC spirit. The tribute provided a stirring reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served their nation during conflict.

Lt Col Stoddart said Tom wasn't born in Australia but moved out with his family in the early 1900s as a young lad.

"He had a job with the Adelaide Steamship Company as a shipping clerk. He was six foot tall, athletic, and when the war came up, Tom was an early enlistee. He was posted as a stretcher bearer to the First Army General Hospital. Prior to deployment his girlfriend at the time said she'd wait for him. He was on the first troop ship out with a number of others and they got to Egypt where they all trained.

"Tom didn't go to Gallipoli. The hospital remained in Egypt and his job was to carry the wounded down from the ships. After Gallipoli, they went to France.

"And due to the amount of people that were wounded and killed, he transferred across to the infantry into the 12th Battalion. In July, 1916, the day before his battalion was to march down to the Somme, he wrote his mother a letter.

"In that letter he said that he believed that the cause was just, and that he was there to fight a war to end all Wars. Just an aside, both his sons and his grandson have subsequently been to war, so off he marched to the Somme, to the Battle of Pozières (23 July - 3 September 1916).

"In the six weeks of that battle, there were more casualties than the eight months of Gallipoli. The Australian divisions suffered 23,000 casualties, of which 6800 of them died or died of wounds. Tom's Battalion was only in the battle for eight days. Of a unit of around 700, they had 446 casualties. Tom was one of those.

"He was blown up by an artillery shell. He

Four unidentified soldiers inspect the ruins of Villers-Bretonneux (AWM E02193).

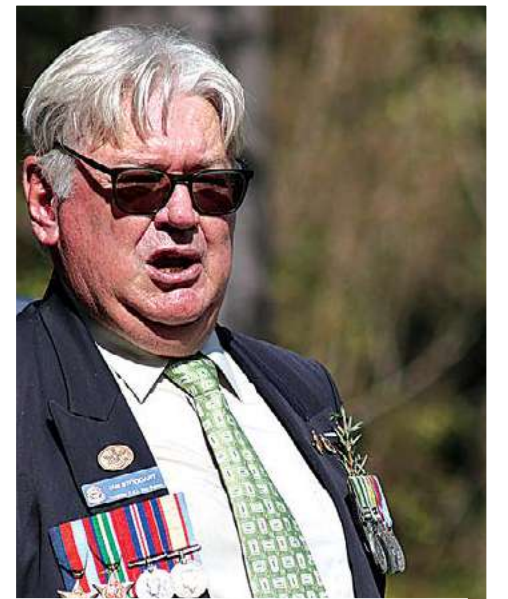


was evacuated out and sent back to the UK to recover. After a time getting over his injuries, he came back to France, back into the same battalion. He rose to the rank of Corporal. He was then awarded a battlefield commission.

He was just the best of what was left.

"He was promoted Second Lieutenant and awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Now, there was no more training. He was just the best of what was left. He continued on, got gassed, injured again.

"So again, he came back from the front lines, went back into another unit - the 51st battalion and fought at the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux. From there, he saw the end of the war. But that



Lieutenant Colonel Ian Stoddart' delivers the address at Nambour's ANZAC Day Service.

for Tom wasn't the end of it. He was a good administrator and probably because he was a shipping clerk in civilian life, he was posted to the admin headquarters and he was responsible for the repatriation of all the soldiers and airmen back to Australia.

"He didn't come home until 1920, nearly two years after the war, as a Captain. Now Tom's character epitomised what is now known as the spirit of the ANZACs. He was cheeky. He was certainly a bit of a rascal, but he was loyal, he was brave, and he was a good mate.

"Above my medals, I wear two RSL badges, one's mine and the other's Tom's. Tom was one of my heroes. He was also my grandfather. Thank you."



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Honouring Montville's fallen:

Moving Dawn Service remembers six local sons lost to World War II

ANZAC Day Address by Montville History Group's Cate Patterson at the Montville Dawn Service

EVERY ANZAC Day, we honour all who have served in our name, and all who continue to serve today.

Previous ANZAC Dawn Services have acknowledged the sacrifice and service of Montville fallen from WW1 with only a couple of names known from WW2. 67 men and 13 women are named on the WW2 honour board with another 28 also connected with the district. Of these six were killed. Today we remember them and pay tribute to their young lives – given in service to their nation.

Hilary York Seccombe Brown

Hilary York Seccombe Brown was the youngest son of George and Ruth Brown, a much-respected early farming family. George was a lay preacher and later a Church Warden at St Mary's Church. Hilary was a true son of Montville. He was born at the family home *Craglands*, went to school at Montville and attended St Mary's Church. After he left school he worked with his father as a fruit grower and joined the Militia at 18 when war was first announced.

Hilary was 19 when he enlisted in 1940 and served the next year in the Middle East. Home on leave in May 1942 the newspaper story told of narrow escapes, a bullet piercing his tin hat and grazing his hair, another bullet striking his haversack and grazing his shoulder.

Just a few months later Hilary Brown sailed for Port Moresby.

While at Townsville on shore leave, Hilary was a guest of family friends for dinner. He called home to Montville, and wrote his mother a letter. It would be the last time his family would hear from him.

Appointed Acting Lance Sergeant, Hilary went into action with the Australian troops fighting the Japanese along the Kokoda Track. He was ordered to take his section to locate another. He accomplished this. Then with daylight fading, Hilary set off alone back through the jungle to report their location.

Hilary on his own, was ambushed and attacked by snipers. His body was found by his men the next day.

Driver Lloyd George (Joe) Foster

Young Joe Foster was working at Montville as a truck driver who did running repairs. He was on the Montville footy team and all of 21 when he enlisted.

Joe and his mate, Allen Harvey, were the first two volunteers from the Montville District for active service and were farewelled together.

They were drivers for the 2/3rd Field Ambulance, and after training were members of the 6th Division.

Joe went to England where he was injured in an air raid in London when a shell struck a shelter, and he was hit in the knees and face with shrapnel. He was later sent to Palestine and then Egypt. Joe was part of the Siege of Tobruk. Only days before the Australian troops were due to be relieved Joe died in a vehicle collision.

Private Leonard James Harvey

Private Len Harvey, like Hilary Brown, was born in Montville, went to school here and worked as a farm-hand. His Harvey and Butt grandparents were highly respected early settlers as were his parents James and Daisy Harvey. Len was 19 when he enlisted in 1942. He completed jungle training at Canungra 80km south of Brisbane. The following year he qualified in Infantry Signals. From September 1943 Len served in New Guinea with 2/6 Australian Infantry Battalion.

On leave in December 1944 Len married his 19-year-old sweetheart Joyce Frizzell, and then re-joined his unit at Aitape, New Guinea.

The Aitape – Wewak Campaign was the last Australian campaign in New Guinea. Just two months before the end of the war, Private Leonard Harvey was killed in action. He knew of the birth of his baby son Brian Leonard Harvey on 15 April 1945 and sent telegrams to Joyce rejoicing in his little boy.

Private Richard Leslie Charles Lippett

Private Dick Lippett was a



Hilary Brown outside his home, Craglands, on Balmoral Road and, inset, his army photograph.

ville farmers.

Jim joined the Militia when he was 17 and enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy when he was 18.

He trained at *HMAS Brisbane* until August 1941. After further training at *HMAS Cerberus* and *HMAS Penguin* he served aboard the British depot ship *HMS Anking* based off Java.

Following the fall of Singapore in February 1942, all British craft were ordered to leave Jakarta.

On 4 March 1942, *HMS Anking* was attacked by a Japanese heavy cruiser squadron off the south coast of Java.

Jim's ship was sunk and he was not among the survivors. Ordinary Seaman Jim Berry, was just 19 years old.

Gunner Herbert Steinhardt 295

Gunner Herb Steinhardt's family were Hunchy farmers and Herb went to Palmwoods State School.

He played cricket for both Palmwoods and Montville and was a keen tennis player. He became a member of the 2/14th Light Horse and then enlisted in the 2nd AIF with his brother Hal and joined 2/2 Anti-Tank Regiment as a gunner.

This regiment was deployed in North Africa to undertake the defence of Egypt before taking part in the Syria and Lebanon Campaigns against the Vichy French who controlled these French Protectorates.

Herb was killed in action in Syria aged just 24 years on 10 July 1941. He is buried at the Damascus Commonwealth War Cemetery.

For these six men

For these six men – a sniper attack, a vehicle collision, illness, bombing and combat cruelly ended their young lives along with so many others who stepped up for us.

We stand here and await the dawn together in the hope that one day all wars will end, and peace will prevail.

Lest we forget.

Londoner who immigrated as a 14-year-old with his older sister. Dick was a farm labourer at Montville. He was a keen sportsman and played football for Montville and was captain of the Montville Cricket Club.

Private Lippett was assigned to the 2/15th Infantry Battalion. He left Australia for training and duties in England before heading to Libya, seeing action at the Siege of Tobruk.

He became seriously ill and died from typhoid fever on 28 August 1941.

Ordinary Seaman Jim Berry 260

Ordinary Seaman Jim Berry's family had immigrated from Manchester, England to become Mont-

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'Hope you're running it straight up there, Benny':

Club's tribute to fallen teammate

by Cameron Outridge

NEARLY a year on from the accident that ended his life a young rugby league player has been honoured by his beloved footy club family.

Nambour Junior Rugby League Club on Wednesday (April 24) unveiled a memorial garden and bench in memory of the popular young man. Ben would have celebrated his 17th birthday this week.

Juniors President Leith Hensley said Ben's teammates from the under 17 side, along with their parents, came down to join in putting the garden together.

"It was a special afternoon seeing many of his mates getting together for him once again and contributing to what will be a very special and significant place at Nambour Rugby League Club.

"This will be somewhere that people can come to share laughs or shed some tears. To maybe take some time out if they need a moment to themselves or with Ben."

The garden setting includes a lychee tree. BJ worked on a lychee farm in between his school and football commitments.

"It will be somewhere that we can continue to remember Ben and all the times we had with him under the shade of the lychee tree," said Leith.

Plaques honouring Ben have also been hung in the dressing sheds. "Ben is always going to be remembered in Nambour Junior Rugby League with little reminders in the dressing sheds of what he brought to the field. And also a player award named in his honour," said Leith.

The plaques include the following wording as a reminder of Ben's attributes and as a touch-point for players as they take the field:



From left, Club Secretary Tarsh Gardner, Ben's parents Nat Gorzalka & Chris Hunter with their son's jersey and Club President Leith Hensley.

"Forever missed, forever remembered. Always a Crusher. Run it straight. Tackle with purpose."

Leith said the garden was a place to sit down and reflect on the impact Ben had on those who knew him. "Or it can be just a quiet place for anyone to go and sit down, take some time to themselves or share a moment with a friend."

"This remarkable project will give not only Benny's teammates, friends and family, somewhere significant to always come and enjoy his memory, but all members of our club now and beyond for many years to come. A place to remember a young man who left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him."

With that, Leith looked to the sky. "Hope you're running it straight up there, Benny. The whole club is still running it straight for you mate."

'Every day is hard'

Leith then asked Ben's parents to cut the ribbon. Ben's dad Chris Hunter said every day was difficult.

"Yes, it is hard for everyone and us, but what's gone into this is fantastic. Just keep it up, use it. Talk to him. Because he's here. So,

thank you all."

Nambour Men's Shed President Bob Ward said the club was pleased to be involved. "It was our honour to do this work," he said. "We put a lot of extra effort into it. It's something that has to stand the test of time."

Benjamin Hunter, 16, also known as BJ and Ben, died from critical head and chest injuries after he was hit on Image Flat Road near Nambour, on June 25 last year.

The bench plaque inscription reads: "Because Someone We Love Is in Heaven; There's a Little Bit of Heaven in Our Fields."

With thanks

The club thanked the following people, businesses and organisations for helping with the project:

- Rob Skelton, Member for Nicklin for donating materials for the bench seat and plants from Florabunda Native Nursery;
- Bob Ward and the Men's Shed Nambour for crafting the bench seat with exceptional workmanship and generosity;
- AJ Steel for donating the steel for the seat's construction;
- Apogee Trophies for donating the special



Crushers and Falcons player Ben "BJ" Hunter, below, was known for his straight running and determined tackling.



plaque that sits on the bench with a touching tribute to BJ;

- Duane from ME Excavations, as well as Niall Maudsley, for their services and time in clearing the old garden and donating the topsoil and mulch for the new garden;
- Plants Direct kindly donated the mondo grass used in the garden;
- Arbour Grove for their donation of the lychee tree in BJ's memory;
- BJ's teammates and their parents for their planting efforts, and a special shout out to Matt for his paving work;
- Club secretary Tarsh Gardner for her planning and coordination of the garden.

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Mother's Day baby turns 40: Nambour family's new addition tradition

IN 1984, Mother's Day fell on the 13th of May, and Adam Griffiths was the first baby born on Mother's Day at the Nambour General Hospital.

His mum, Nola, remembers "The Sunshine Coast Daily interviewed me and made quite a big deal of it at the time. Obviously welcoming Adam into the world was a special day for us already."

Nola and Wayne Griffiths lived in Woombye with their three children for 19 years, and Adam attended the Woombye State School, and then went on to Burnside State High.

"He played hockey for the Blue Demons and went to Nambour Little Athletics, as did his sisters, Anna and Mardi," Nola said.

"Roughly around every 6 years, Adam's birthday falls on Mother's Day, and he has had a little article in the newspaper each time. He was always quite happy to go along with it, even as a teenager, and it has been quite a lovely tradition for us."

Adam completed a boilermaker apprenticeship after leaving school and he and his wife, Leanne, now live in Mt Isa, where he is a project manager in the mines.

"This year, Adam turns 40 the day after Mother's Day and myself and his sisters thought we would surprise him with a story in our local paper," Nola explained.

"The birthday celebrations this year will take place without Dad, as he passed away twenty months ago," Nola said. "Wayne was so close to our children and I know how proud he was of the man Adam has become. I think he would be happy to see us keeping up our little tradition."

Adam Griffiths and his Mum Nola then, above, and now below.



Growing Nambour Sunday Market welcomes new bakery to the mix

LAST month's Mega Market Day in Nambour was a wet one, however plenty of people put on their ponchos, grabbed an umbrella and joined in the Sunday morning fun in the Nambour CBD.

"We had a steady flow of people join us at both the Old Ambulance Precinct and the Library Forecourt Precinct," said organiser Rhonda Billet from I Am Nambour.

"The feedback has been amazing since we launched the Nambour Sunday Rummager's Market into its new home in the Nambour CBD. And it's bringing prosperity into our local businesses.

"Small Change Cafe was overflowing with customers for the entire morning, as everyone grabbed a coffee, some brunch and enjoyed the Sunday Nambour CBD vibe," said Rhonda. "We will also have a new bakery, Walters Artisan Bread opening soon across the road from the Sunday market location, on Currie Street, which will be another spot for Sunday market goes to visit while in the CBD."

New vintage store *Saint Atlas* on Bury St were thrilled with the event as well and found it their busiest day since their recent opening.

"It's all looking very positive for the once-a-month Sunday concept for Nambour and we are enthusiastic about the future of the event and really want to see it grow long term," said Rhonda.

Next Sunday Market event is Sunday May 19th from 9am-12pm. (3rd Sunday of every month).

Biggest Morning Tea at Club Yandina

CLUB Yandina (Yandina Bowls Club) will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea function at Club Yandina on Tuesday 21 May from 10am to noon.

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New home for ultimate family football club

TWO local multi-generational footy families are celebrating the huge refurbishment of their much-loved hinterland football club facilities.

The 'Home of the Reds', home to 350 players aged 5 to 70 is enjoying a new lease of life thanks to a \$1.7 million club upgrade, which has now been completed.

Proudly supported by Sunshine Coast Council, the project at Nambour-Yandina United (NYU) Football Club sports club facility will be a boost for the football club and the weekend Yandina Community Markets, which it hosts. It's a welcomed improvement to their local football club for the Harths, a proud Reds footy family.

Ari Harth, son of Jono Harth and grandson of Michael Harth, is playing his first season as a Mini Roo at Nambour Yandina United Football Club, making it three generations of Harths that have played for NYU.

Adding a fourth generation, Ari's great-grandfather Peter Harth is a former President of the NYU Football Club.

"My four sons Michael, Stephen, David and Gary all played for NYU, my grandsons Jono and Michael Harth play in the Premier League men's team and my great-grandson Ari Harth plays in the Mini Roos," Mr Harth said.

"I remember back in my time with the club, our first dressing room was over in the old cricket shed and was simply two trucks we used for change rooms.

"The new clubhouse is something to see, in my lifetime, from what we started with. I'm looking forward to seeing my great-grandson Ari enjoying the new facilities."

Lifetime NYU Football Club member Peter O'Keefe also has a multi-generational legacy with the Reds.

Peter's three children Bonnie, Lachlan and Quinn O'Keefe all started out as juniors in the club and are now playing and coaching for the



From left, NYU Football Club President Jeff McColl with his daughter Lily McColl, Lachlan O'Keefe, Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Cr David Law, Peter and Jenny Harth, their great-grandson Ari Harth (at front), Sophie Day, and Peter and Jenny's grandson Jono Harth.

Reds.

Peter's son Quinn was in the first team as NYU to win a Grand Final, and his grandson Jack O'Keefe is now playing his first season in the Mini Roos.

NYU formed in 1997

NYU was formed in 1997, bringing together two great earlier clubs, the Nambour Reds (founded in 1974) and the Yandina Eagles (founded in 1976). The club is affiliated with Sunshine Coast Football and Football Queensland and now has 350 players registered in junior and senior divisions.

The \$1.7 million upgrade includes new public amenities, four new changerooms, improved access for all abilities, a separate area for umpires and a first aid room.

The refurbished clubhouse also boasts a new club administration office and uniform store, with a solar system to offset electricity costs.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 10 Councillor David Law said Council recognised the regional importance of sport and active recreation at a grassroots level.

"These improvements to the Nambour Yandina United Football Club facility are enthusiastically welcomed by the local

sporting community in Nambour and Yandina," Cr Law said.

"The club is recognised for its dedicated players and passionate supporters, and what a fantastic facility this now is, enabling even more people to get involved in local sports.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Nambour Yandina United Football Club President Jeff McColl said the club was excited about their new clubhouse and facilities, which coincided with NYU's 50th anniversary celebrations.

"The new facilities couldn't have come at a better time, as we have more than 350 players plus officials, coaches, managers and spectators, and we're still growing," Mr McColl said.

"These updated facilities are a major step for our club development, with many new players and programs including an excellent girls' program that achieved Football Australia's Star 1 Club Changer recognition, and we've engaged the teams with a technical director, goal keeping coaching, junior coach development and field maintenance.

"We have a large supporter base and I am sure everyone will be proud of our new facilities."

Blues bounce back to beat Moreton Bay

HINTERLAND Blues are fourth on the QFA Div 1 Seniors ladder after a 19 points Round 4 win against Moreton Bay Lions on Saturday (27 April).

Vice-captain Thomas Wischnat kicked four goals in his team's 131-112 win. Rhys Magin kicked 5 and Liam Astley and Jet Wikaire 3.

It was a good turnaround for the Blues, who bounced back from a 140-58 loss to Springwood in Round 3.

In Round 2 they beat Beenleigh 202-56 and in Round 1 were beaten by 108-85 by Mayne.

This Saturday (May 4) is the local derby against Caloundra at Carter Park Caloundra. Kick off is 2pm. On May 18 they play Beenleigh at Beenleigh.

RESULTS:

Seniors won 131-112 v Lions. Goals: R. Magin 5; T. Wischnat 4; L. Astley 3; J. Wikaire 3; J. Nanninga; D. Killworth; N. Spring; D. Bence; R. McCormack. Bests: Z. Diekman; N. Spring; J. Nanninga; B. Kristelly; T. Wischnat; N. Collins.

Reserves lost 91-35 v Lions. Goals: D. Walsh; J. Starlord; A. Baker; J. Smith; C. Waterhouse. Bests: B. Fragiaco; D. Povey; K. Disney; O. Achammer; H. Reeves; C. Edney

Thirds won 54-51 v Mayne. Goals: J. Corcoran; S. Lee; K. Healy-Moon; J. Kelly; B. Armstrong; C. Jennings; C. Williams. Bests: J. Starlord; L. Southern; J. Corcoran; R. Rosenius; J. Scharenberg; A. Wass

Women lost 62-7 v Jets. Goal: J. Dyer. Bests: S. Cameron; J. Dyer; K. Janes; K. Mewton; C. Single; N. Clark.

Crushers, sitting fourth, host Dolphins this weekend

NAMBOUR Crushers host the Kawana Dolphins in the SCGRL A Grade Men Round 5 match on Saturday May 4.

The Crushers will be well-rested after a bye on the weekend and looking to build on their promising start to the season.

In Round 3 they drew with Stanley Rivers 22-22. In Round 2 they lost to Caboolture 12-20 and in Round 1 beat Maroochydore 18-16.

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Coming together for ANZAC Day

from Ted O'Brien
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The Sunshine Coast community came together in great numbers this ANZAC Day to commemorate and honour the memories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I was privileged to attend a number of ceremonies across the Sunshine Coast and can attest to the brilliant work of local event organisers and volunteers who provide us locals with the opportunity to pay our respects. Lest we forget.

LifeFlight Visitor Experience

I was delighted to recently learn that the much-loved charity LifeFlight will name its new visitor experience facility after local community leader, Jocelyn Walker. Jocelyn is a stalwart of the Sunshine Coast and someone who continues to make a huge contribution to our region. Congratulations, Jocelyn.

Cost-of-Living Pressures Continue

It's disappointing to see the latest data confirming that the cost-of-living pressures Australians are suffering from aren't going away anytime soon.

The recently released quarterly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data shows that CPI rose in the March quarter, and core inflation remains at 4%.

The price of many essential items has increased – food is up 10%, education up 11%, housing up 12%, insurance up 26%, and electricity and gas up 18% and 25% respectively. Australians are paying for the Albanese Labor Government's economic mismanagement.

Autumn Road Trip a Success

My Autumn Road Trip was a big success, having stopped in Buderim, Woombye, and Eumundi. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come out and have a chat. With everyone that I talk to, the same big issues keep coming up: cost-of-living, health, and border security. If you require any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to my team at ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au or on (07) 5479 2800.

Letters to the Editor

The Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Please keep your letters brief (under 300 words). All things being equal, preference is given to topical, shorter letters on local matters of widespread interest. Very brief letters are particularly appreciated and well-read.

Honouring the sacrifice of our service men and women

AS the nation paused to reflect on the significance of ANZAC Day I extend heartfelt gratitude to the brave men and women who have served our country, including those from Fisher and the Sunshine Coast, and across Australia.

On this day of remembrance, we pay tribute to the courage and sacrifice of our ANZACs, whose selfless devotion to duty continues to inspire us all. Among the countless heroes who have answered the call of service stands Private Dayle Morrison, whose story serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women.

Private Morrison, a local hero from Fisher, exemplified the ANZAC spirit during his service with the 2nd Battalion, 2RAR, in the Vietnam War. His bravery and dedication were evident during Operation COBURG, where he and his comrades faced the challenges of TET 68 with unwavering resolve.

Tragically, Private Morrison made the ultimate sacrifice on January 6th, 1968, laying down his life in defence of our freedoms. His memory, along with that of countless others, remains eternally honoured in the hearts of our nation.

Every year we gather to honour the ANZACs. Let us remember and pay tribute to the remarkable men and women who have served our country with valour and distinction.

Their sacrifice and service have shaped our nation and continue to inspire us to strive for a better future. The values of our ANZACs such as mateship, courage, integrity, compassion, loyalty and respect are just as relevant today as they were 109 years ago.

Montville's Memorial trees: Guardians of community unity and kindness

RECENT events elsewhere crystallise what it can mean for a community to be confronted with grief and heroic kindness, shown to strangers in circumstances of terror.

Kindness in our own community can be a force that bridges divides, fosters connections, and combats the growing issue of mental illness that is a scourge of many communities.

Kindness can be a unifying thread that weaves through the fabric of our community, bringing people together in compassion and understanding.

ANZAC Day brings into focus Montville's historic Memorial Close Precinct that many of us pass by or through every day.

It reminds us of values held dear by many generations and for which the ultimate expression of kindness was shown during global conflicts.

The Memorial Gates are a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women. These gates stand as a testament to the bravery of those who served (and those who were refused) and also as a symbol of our community's enduring gratitude.

For me, the trees, each one named for a fallen WWI serviceman from Montville, speak



Montville's Dawn Service is held under the memorial trees.

loudest through their quiet embrace of those who pass under them as they look over the heart of our village.

These trees serve as living tributes to the last expression of service of those people. Their kindness was expressed in their service to their community and their country.

When we move through our community and share a kind word, we might just lift someone else's spirits and strengthen the ties that bind.

– Wayne Parcell PSM
President, Montville Village Association

As the bugle sounds and the nation falls silent in remembrance, let us pledge to never forget the sacrifices made by our ANZACs and to honour their memory by upholding their values, today and every day.

– Member for Fisher, Andrew Wallace

Will our new council pass the pub test?

THE votes have been cast and the numbers tallied but does the new look Sunshine Coast Council pass the pub test?

Having Rosanna Natoli as Mayor and her husband, ex-Mayor, Joe Natoli, representing Division 4 does not look good. As much as they both say that it's not a conflict of interests, it's

not an issue, nothing to see here, can we trust that to be true? We would not expect them to say otherwise.

To my knowledge, this is a history-making situation. What are the chances that Division 4 won't receive favouritism when it comes to Mayoral decisions? How tempting is it for ex-Mayor, Joe, to offer Mayoral advice to wife, Rosanna, over a bowl of breakfast muesli? Can any couple in a marital relationship truly remain independent in such a situation?

I guess we will find out but, I believe that it's a situation that needs to be closely monitored.

Whatever pans out in the future, let's hope the new Council will be a council for the whole Sunshine Coast, including the hinterland, not just the coastal strip and not just Division 4.

– Anthony Sullivan, Nambour

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Lions ladies did the knitting, now it's up to the kids to do the reading to their bears each night. Inset: Helen Smith having a book read to her. Helen is the Lion behind the Read Bears project.

Lions Club introduces Read Bears Program at Mapleton

THE Lions Club of Blackall Range is bringing a new reading initiative to Mapleton State School with the introduction of the Read Bears program.

The program aims to enhance children's reading skills by encouraging them to read to their bears each night.

On April 22, marking the start of term 2, Year One students received special presentation boxes containing a bear, a book, and an information sheet.

The Read Bears program was developed by Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre (HBNC) in 2019, and is based on similar programs run in Europe and Canada. Blackall Range Lions Club is partnering with HBNC to bring Read Bears to our area. It is currently operating in 13 schools

across the Wide Bay region.

The Lions Club of Blackall Range, through their dedicated knitting group, has meticulously crafted bears to meet the program's specifications.

Project Leader Helen Smith expressed enthusiasm about the initiative's potential impact on local students' literacy.

"Schools in the Hervey Bay area have reported significant improvements in Year One reading levels since adopting the Read Bears program," said Helen. "We are excited to bring this initiative to Mapleton State School and hope to see similar positive outcomes."

Montville State School has also embraced the program, with students set to receive their bears in term 4.

Nambour Chamber's networking events in May to celebrate Small Business Month

MAY is Small Business Month and to celebrate, the Nambour Chamber of Commerce is planning rolling networking events throughout the month, including events in collaboration with other local business chambers.

"It seems like such a great opportunity to not only network with our own members, but also to invite potential new members to join with us, and to connect with some of our neighboring chambers," said Nambour Chamber President, Mark Bray.

The month kicks off with the regular Coffee Catch Up on (May 1) at Sweet & Flour Bakery in Nambour from 8am-9.30am.

"The Coffee Catch Ups are a great early morning, mid week networking event which have also allowed us to support our fantastic local cafes," he said.

The Sunshine Coast Show Society is a Silver member and will be sponsoring the event.

"Leigh Florence, Council's Nambour Showgrounds Manager will speak on the upcoming events at the showgrounds," said Mr Bray.

The Coffee Catch Up is free for Members, and \$5 for Non-Members. The price includes a free barista-made coffee.

Tickets can be secured by clicking on this link <https://tinyurl.com/36r2a3uj>.

"On Friday the 17th of May we are holding a Drinks@5 event for the first time on a Friday evening," Mr Bray said.

"This event is sponsored by Baldwin Lawyers and will be held at the Presynct from 5pm to



Mark Bray.

late, with attendees welcome to stay on to enjoy a live music performance. Again, this function is free for Members, \$5 for Non-Members and the price includes a free welcome drink.

"The Presynct really is a terrific venue which has fast gained a reputation for

hosting world class live music of all genres," he said.

Tickets can be secured by clicking on the link advertised on the Chamber Facebook page. The final event is still in planning stages, but will be a friendly lawn bowls competition against the Woombye Community Business Association (WCBA).

"We are quite excited about the prospect of this event," said Mr Bray. "One of our best supported Coffee Catch Ups was held in collaboration with the WCBA at Frankie's Woombye, and the networking between members was really fantastic. We had over 60 business people at that particular event. We will be keeping everyone updated on Facebook as we confirm details. We are hoping that via events like these, other business owners can see the benefits of joining their local chamber of commerce."

Record turnout at Eudlo Dawn Service

EUDLO showed its community spirit as locals gathered in the early hours to honour ANZAC Day at the Dawn Service organised by Clive Plater OAM and his grandsons, Hunter and Lincoln Schell.

With an estimated 80 attendees, the turnout far exceeded expectations, marking a significant increase from previous years. Clive expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming support, noting the stark contrast from the handful of attendees just two years ago.

The service, held at the Eudlo War Memorial, commenced at 5:30am with the traditional flag

raising ceremony. Attendees had the opportunity to place wreaths in remembrance of the fallen. Following the proceedings, participants reflected on the significance of ANZAC Day and the enduring legacy of those who served.

Clive emphasised the importance of community unity in honouring the ANZAC spirit. He expressed his appreciation for the support of residents and the dedication of his grandsons in helping organize the service.

The Eudlo Dawn Service serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring impact of ANZAC Day.




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ANZAC Day in the hinterland

from Rob Skelton

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Every 25th of April, we remember the Australians and New Zealanders that landed and fought at Gallipoli and beyond in the many theatres of what was to be called the Great War.

We remember those that never returned from that war, and all the wars that our nations have fought.

We also remember those who continued to suffer long after guns of battle were silenced.

We remember the families and communities who lost loved ones and were changed forever.

We reflect on the bravery and sacrifices of those who came before us.

Lest we forget.

Sunshine Coast police helicopter

Over the past few months, I have been hearing from locals all across our region about their concerns regarding crime.

Whilst reassuringly, the Sunshine Coast's crime rates are among the lowest in Queensland, I know that it only takes one incident of crime to have a deep, irreversible impact on people and families.

That's why I'm proud to announce that the Sunshine Coast will soon benefit from its own police helicopter. This builds on my work delivering brand new police stations for Nambour and Cooroy, as well as our massive police recruitment drives across the state.

Expanding Youth Co-Responder Team

I'm proud to announce a \$13.55 million investment, under our Community Safety Plan, to expand the successful and nation-leading Youth Co-Responder Teams model into the Sunshine Coast.

The Youth Co-Responder initiative is a joint program between Queensland Police and the Department of Youth Justice, where specialist staff connect with young people who come into contact with the criminal justice system or are at risk. This investment is about backing the evidence, which shows young people come to respect and trust their local co-responders, working together towards a better future.

Open Studios 2024: Hit the road for artistic adventure

THE Sunshine Coast's biggest art event of the year, Open Studios 2024 is being held across nine days from May 18 - 26.

And with the printed and on-line art trail guide now available, it is time to start planning your self-guided arts tour.

The annual event organised by Arts Connect Inc was established in 2010. With new elements being introduced and different artists choosing to participate each year, there's something fresh and new for everyone.

Visitors are once again spoilt for choice, with 70 plus studios and galleries taking part, showcasing the diverse mix of more than 100 artists and featuring photography, glass art, ceramics, metalwork, sculpture, jewellery making, painting, printmaking, feather art, shoe making and much more.

The first weekend May 18 - 19 focuses on the coastal trails from Caloundra to Coolumb and the second weekend May 24 - 25 moves the spotlight to the hinterland trails from Glasshouse across the Blackall Range and north to Yandina.

For hinterland residents, the event holds special significance as two local artists, Jean Bennett and Wolfgang Engel, invite the public

into their creative spaces.

Jean Bennett, a mixed media artist based in Balmoral Ridge, specializes in encaustic painting and fiber sculpture. With a background in fine art and art therapy, Bennett's work is deeply personal, often exploring themes of connection and balance. Visitors to her studio will witness traditional painting and sculptural methods come to life through intricate layering and assemblage.

Meanwhile, Wolfgang Engel, a seasoned glass artist with over 38 years of experience, welcomes guests to his Montville studio. Originating from Germany, Engel's expertise lies in blowing glass, pushing the boundaries of shape and color. His collaboration with renowned glass artist Tina Cooper offers visitors a unique insight into the art of glassmaking.

Both Bennett and Engel represent the rich tapestry of artistic talent found within the Sunshine Coast hinterland. As Open Studios celebrates its 20th year, locals and visitors alike are encouraged to embark on an artistic adventure, supporting and engaging with the region's thriving arts community.

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Glass artist Wolfgang Engel.



Montville's Jean Bennett.

Maroochy Vehicle Owners Club Inc.

MAROOCHY Vehicle Owners Club will be holding an Open Day with our Members Classic & Vintage Cars.

This event will take place at Yandina Historic House 3 Pioneer Road Yandina at the roundabout. The event will take place Saturday May 11, 9am to 1pm. The public is welcome to come along. Entry is free and everyone is invited. Come along & check out the cars & talk to the owners. Morning tea & light lunches available at the Historic House cafe. This event will be weather dependant.

• www.maroochyvehicleownersclubinc.org.au.

Championships, competitions and commemorations at Club Yandina

APRIL has been another busy month for Club Yandina (Yandina Bowls Club) with a number of private functions catered for by our willing volunteers along with bowls days.

Club Championship games are almost finished with Ladies Pairs being won by Pam Styles & Gail McClurg, Men's Pairs won by Aaron Page & Mick Burns.

The Men's Singles Champion this year is Mick Burns who defeated Greg Smith, 25-21 after a long battle of 31 ends. A great game to watch with the lead changing every couple of ends.

Sunshine Coast Hinterland Competition

Presentation Day was held on Sunday 14th April with clubs from Nambour, Palmwoods, Mapleton, Woombye & Cooroy joining in on the day. Congratulations to Nambour Bowls Club on their win of this year's competition.

ANZAC Day saw over 30 people join together in the afternoon for a BBQ and afternoon of social bowls. A fun afternoon which was a great way to finish the day that starts with such sadness & reflection around our country. We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our members and past president, Ian Brown in April, following a short illness. Ian will be missed around the club and the Board and Members extend our sincere condolences to Ian's family.

Coming up in May, Club Yandina will be holding a fundraiser for the Cancer Council by holding a Biggest Morning Tea at the Club on Tuesday 21st May from 10am to noon. If



Men's Pairs winners Aaron Page & Mick Burns, who also contested the Singles Championship, which Mick won. RIGHT: Ladies Pairs winners Pam Styles & Gail McClurg.



Nambour Bowls Club emerged as overall winners in both Men's and Ladies' categories in the Yandina Bowls Club event.

you're not able to attend on the day you can donate online by going to the Biggest Morning Tea website, search for Club Yandina's function and follow the prompts. So many people have been affected by Cancer in some way and all funds raised will be greatly appreciated.

• Our Friday night Barefoot Bowls and Bistro events are continuing to be popular with the locals. If you would like to book a table for the Bistro or our Courtesy Bus for Friday night please contact Club Yandina on 5446 7126.



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Kenilworth Hall

Friday 17th May 2024

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From water skiing and surfing, to nippers and outriggering, the Grassroots to Glory exhibition at Landsborough Museum is a celebration of Sunshine Coast aquatic sports. Enjoy memorabilia, photos and artefacts that showcase the region's rich water sport heritage and hear from champions of local water sport as they recount their tales from the deep and the shallows. The exhibition is on until September 8. Entry is free. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 3pm.

Take a stand against violence

This May, support Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month on the Sunshine Coast. Help speak up against violence against women and children by wearing your purple ribbon and find out about other ways you can get involved to take a stand. For more information about events and resources for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, visit Council's website.

Council's yearly planned burn season has begun

Keep up-to-date with our burn schedule via Council's Facebook page or website. A number of sites across the region will be treated as long as the weather remains dry and the winds favourable. Planned burns help plant species that rely on fire to regenerate to survive and also reduce fuel on the ground before bushfire season.

Fun free festival with something for everyone!

The Landsborough Street Festival has fun for the whole family on May 18 from heritage talks, classic cars and cake, to craft and face-painting. Enjoy a delicious morning tea at Landsborough School of Arts Memorial Hall. And don't miss the special First Nations Welcome to Country and dance performance. 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 - May 30 at 9am

Discover a new public art trail in Montville

Keep your eyes peeled to see if you can spot 'The Monts', an evolved fantasy mushroom species, that has escaped from Russell Family Park into Main Street. There are seven to spot and local artist Finn Cossar's story behind it is a delightful addition to the streets of Montville. He encourages 'spotters' to snap a photo if they find one, as they might just run away!

Historians share their research

Sunshine Coast Historians in Residence will reveal their research findings at two free history seminars. Sessions run 9.30 to 11.30am at Nambour Heritage Library on May 23 and Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct on May 24. Hear about the evolution of Sunshine Coast cemeteries with Dr Lisa Murray and uncover the fascinating biographies of the personalities of Bankfoot House residents with Dr Ken Greenwood as he delves into their individual lives. Sessions include free morning tea. Bookings are essential. For more details and to book, visit heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

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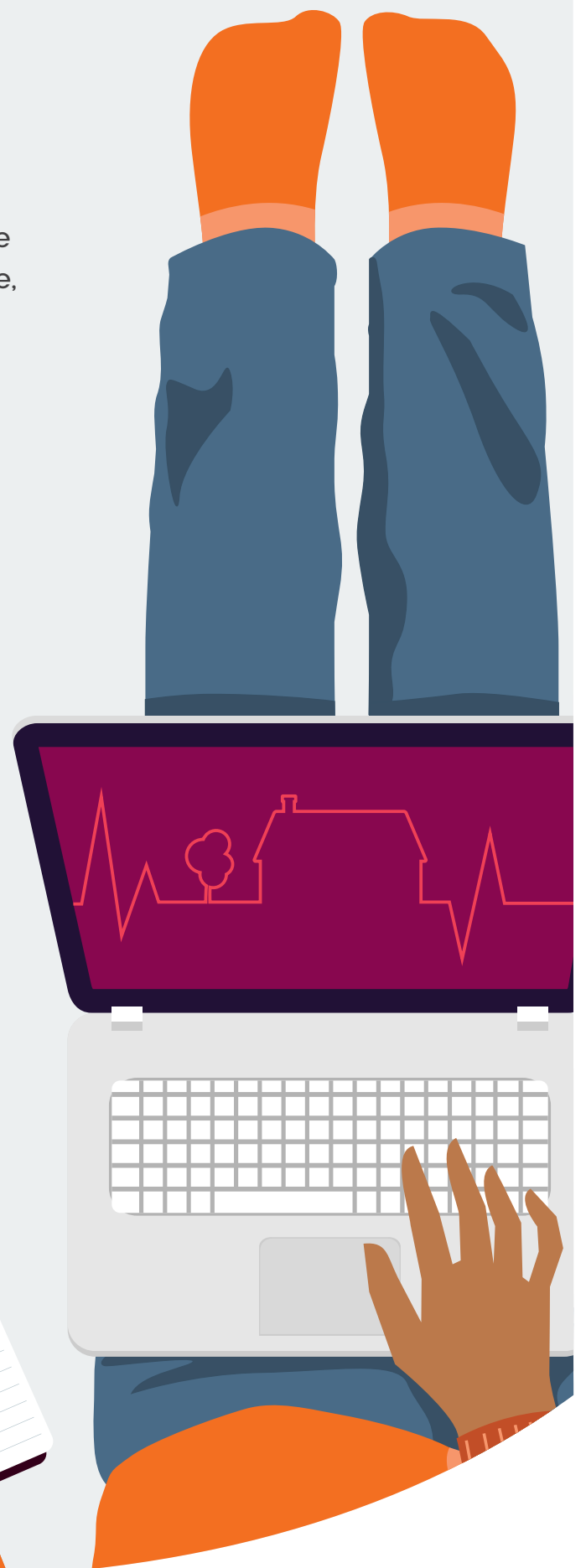
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Col Pearce and son Brendan: "Brendan and I generally put the bunches together and we get some funny looks, that's for sure. It's not what people expect from a pair of fruiterers."

Fruiterers brace for blooming Mother's Day

CONSTANT rain has meant that quality fresh flowers have been more difficult to source. And with Mother's Day looming, local flower aficionado Col Pearce says that means local retailers will have their work cut out finding beautiful blooms.

"Mother's Day is our busiest time of the year," said the owner of Brady's Fruit in Palmwoods. "We are normally absolutely flat out putting together bunches of flowers for mums over that weekend."

"This year we don't expect that to be any different, but we might find that the traditional flowers that people tend to look for, are not as readily available. The rain has knocked about flowers, as well as fruit and veggies. I am really hoping the supply improves."

Brady's Fruit has become well-known both

locally and across to the coast, for the range and quality of their fresh flowers.

"Valentine's Day this year was crazy," Col said. "We had three queues of cars lined up waiting for their flowers. I heard a customer from Mooloolaba telling another customer that I was 'the lovmaker'. That made me laugh."

"My son Brendan and I generally put the bunches together and we get some funny looks, that's for sure. It's not what people expect from a pair of fruiterers!"

Col and Brendan are able to put together beautiful bouquets while you wait, so you can be sure that you are getting the arrangement that you want. "At this stage I can't say what flowers will be available for Mother's Day, but I can promise that we will have a mixed bag of very nice, fresh flowers."

How to manage the symptoms of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Wellness with Linda Goggan, Sacred Body Montville

WITH the increase of time spent working on computers, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) is becoming more common among Australians.

Recent studies have shown that the condition once predominantly found in women has now seen a significant increase in men. It was once thought that was predominant in women as pregnancy was found to be one of the common causes. But we are now seeing an increase in men due to the ageing population as there are strong links between arthritis and carpal tunnel.

What is CTS?

This is the inflammation and/or entrapment of the nerves that run through the carpal tunnel in the anterior of the wrist, resulting in pain, numbness and/or weakness in the affected wrist.

What causes CTS?

The most common cause is the repetitive use or motion of the wrist (e.g. computer use), for long periods. It is considered an over use or repetitive strain injury with excessive flexion and extension.

We don't often consider the way that we hold our hands, wrists and forearms while we are performing an activity. The wrists are fundamental and foundational to the use of the hands, which offer us the ability to carry out



the intricate details of our everyday life. The health and intimate connection with our wrists sets forth the full expression of all that we do with our hands.

How to treat CTS?

The stage the condition is at determines the treatment. Stages 1 and 2 range from occasional intermittent pain to more regular severe throughout the day and may simply require rest, splinting and massage treatments.

Stage 3 is constant pain, and reduction in mobility, and a more surgical approach may be required.

Ways to prevent or reduce reoccurrence of CTS:

- Be gentle and present when carrying out tasks. Be more mindful about positioning and weight on wrists.
 - Give yourself a break during tasks
 - Stretches
 - Avoid frequently overextending and flexing of wrists.
 - Get regular arm and hand massages.
- For more support about how to prevent and treat Carpal Tunnel Syndrome contact your health professional.

Petrie Creek BushCare News

IF you'd like to help Petrie Creek BushCare improve and create habitat for native animals the next volunteer Action Bees will be:

- Florabunda Pocket on Saturday 04 May 2024 starting at 8am. (Meet near the back Rugby oval at Woombye. Come down Laidlaw Rd and turn right through the large wire mesh gates just before the Gymnastics Hall, and follow that road till you see us)

- Namba Creek on Saturday 18 May starting at 8am. Access is through the main gate of the Model Rail Park off Florence St Nambour.

For more info and to check starting times and dates etc of events, see the FB Page Petrie Creek Catchment Care Facebook page, go to www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/bushcare or contact Norm Morwood 0409 63 99 44 or email normmorwood@gmail.com.

Look Local Classifieds



Woombye's Hill Street Closure Notice Sunday May 5

On Sunday the 5th of May 2024, Hill Street will be closed from Blackall Street to Campbell Street between 6am and 7pm.

This closure will facilitate the holding of the Woombye Happy Days Festival.

This festival has been approved by the Sunshine Coast Council and the street closure has been approved by the QLD Police Service.

Alternate access to the northern end of Hill St and Campbell and Cary Streets is via the Nambour Connection Road (see map).

Emergency vehicle access to the southern end of Hill Street will be maintained at all times.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

As this event is on a Sunday, we believe the closure will have minimal impact on residents and businesses.

Your cooperation and support is deeply appreciated. P Milo Frawley, President WCBA. Contact: woombyecommunity@gmail.com



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Hatha Yoga Pilates is held at the Woombye Hall: Sat 9am & Wed 9.30am. Beginners & Seniors welcome. Cost \$10. Call Christine: 5441 6285 (Cert. in Pilates matwork; Dip. IYTA: Yoga Instructor; USC Sport & Exercise minor: Ex. Prescrip. for Health & Rehab.)

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Community Wild Dog Baiting Program Autumn 2024

Sunshine Coast Council in partnership with Biosecurity Queensland is supporting a community-based coordinated Wild Dog Baiting Program. Wild dogs cost Australia's agricultural sector \$89 million per year. Failure to control wild dogs can result in livestock losses, attacks on domestic pets and the loss of native fauna including koalas. Landholders have a legislative responsibility to control restricted species on their land and participation in this program is an effective way to help meet this responsibility. The Wild Dog Baiting Program will be held throughout Bald Knob, Beerburrum, Beerwah, Belli Park, Cambronn, Conondale, Curramore, Eerwah Vale, Elaman Creek, Kenilworth, Kidaman Creek, Obi Obi, Peachester, Reesville and Witta areas from 8-31 May, 2024.

For more information please contact:

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Nurturing Fatherhood:

Community Centre launches dads' group

THE *Thriving Families* program at Nambour Community Centre works side by side with families to help nurture and maintain family structures.

Along with case management and counselling services, *Thriving Families* provides a range of groups, for families to participate in. All groups are free, fun, inclusive, strengths based and non-judgemental.

Thriving Families recently started a *Thriving Families Dad Group* which aims to provide dads the opportunity for them and their kids to come and participate in a range of fun activities together.

This activity-based group is a monthly event, open to all men who live in or around Nambour who care for a child, whether as a parent, relative, or part of the extended family. Dads can bring their kids to meet other families have fun and participate in discussions related to their own experiences of parenthood.

Facilitated by two male social workers the group celebrates the important role of dads and promotes healthy attachments between parent and child. The National Men's Health Strategy (2020-2030) highlights how supporting active and involved fatherhood can improve men's help-seeking and health-seeking behaviours.

Recognising this, *Thriving Families Dad* group empowers fathers to embrace their own parenting role, challenge gender stereotypes, and promotes respectful relationships, and better health outcomes for men and their families.

Previous monthly gatherings have included lawn bowls, water slide fun, pinball arcade, fishing at Chambers Island with plenty more adventures to come.

• Next Month on Wednesday May 22nd between 3.30pm and 5.30pm, *Thriving Families* will host the next free Dads Group. For more information, please contact Nambour Community Centre on 5441 4724. Or check out Nambour Community Centre and *Thriving Families* Facebook pages where you can find out about all the free activities available.



Acting Superintendent Phil Goodman prepares the rebuilt green. Photo Penny Edwards.

Masterstroke: Maleny completes iconic first hole rebuild

By Richard Owen

MEMBERS and visitors alike have been rejoicing since Maleny Golf Club finished rebuilding the treacherous green on its picturesque opening hole which had a fearsome reputation for ruining otherwise good rounds.

Arguably one of the most iconic holes on the Coast, the remodelled 1st, will be a signature hole at Maleny and a spectacular introduction to a unique golfing experience.

Prior to reconstruction, the 117m Par 3 hole was the second toughest at Maleny due to a fierce back-to-front slope of around four per cent - causing well placed tee shots to roll off the green and down over a one-metre-high, dry-rock wall.

Even former US Masters Champion and PGA tour pro Adam Scott carded a double bogie when he first attacked the hole with a wedge after it opened for play in February 2020.

General Manager Stephen Porter said golf should be about rewarding good shots, but there was rarely any reward on this hole.

So last year the Board decided to literally "level the playing field" by creating a back-up 19th hole and rebuilding the green on the 1st Hole to reduce the fall to about one per cent.

The final combined cost of the two new holes was around \$60,000. Mr Porter said course Superintendent Mick McCombe and his team deserved high praise as the work.

• Visit the Maleny Golf Club website: www.golfmaleny.com.



Get ready for an influx of cowboys, cowgirls and spectators from across the country for the 2024 Ray White Nambour Rodeo.

Saddle up, Nambour, for family-friendly rodeo action

WHETHER you're a seasoned cowboy or just looking for some family-friendly fun, this year's Ray White Nambour Rodeo promises non-stop action and entertainment for all ages.

The rodeo, at the Nambour Showgrounds on Saturday 11 May, features a full rodeo program of popular events: bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and much more.

Ray White Nambour Principal Matt O'Grady said last year's rodeo, in just its third year, raised a remarkable \$97,773 for Nambour community groups.

Money was shared between Reimagine Nambour, Nambour Tramway Company, Sundale Community Foundation and Nambour Men's Shed.

Mr O'Grady said he was proud to support Nambour's development through the funding.

"This is exactly what we envisaged for this rodeo," he said. "The rodeo brings the commu-

nity together. The money is for people that are on the streets doing the work. And the funds go to the people that need it. That's what we want to see."

Each year increasing numbers reflect the rodeo's growing popularity, with ticket sales last year reaching 3983.

Ticket sales data revealed that 84 percent of attendees were from outside Nambour, highlighting the event's ability to draw people to town.

Mr O'Grady thanked sponsors, including Cricks, Mackellar, Snap Fitness, Done & Dusted, Ray White Commercial, Cronau Enterprises and Mason Finance Group, as well as the volunteers.

• Details: Gates open at 11am, with the main event starting at 5pm at the Nambour Showgrounds. Adult Ticket: \$30. Children: \$15. Family Pass: \$80. Pensioners \$15. For tickets, go to www.stickytickets.com.au.

Glassies voting now open!

from Andrew Powell

State Member for Glass House
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Nominating was only the beginning. If you want to get your favourite small business/employee over the line, you now need to vote for them.

Businesses and employees in each region with the highest number of votes will receive the silver glassie for their area.

Bronze glassies are a peer recognition award, chosen by the local Chamber of Commerce for each region, and the coveted gold glassie is chosen as a collaborative decision between myself and all Chamber Presidents, taking into account nominations, votes and community anecdotes about the nominees.

Be sure to register your vote at www.andrew-powell.com.au before the 13th May.

We need to talk about gambling

Let's face it, Aussies love to gamble. From a game of two-up on ANZAC Day to a flutter on Melbourne Cup or a punt on the horses or foxy, to those "one-armed bandits" - the pokie machine.

For most, it's a passing occasion, a special treat, some fun on a Friday night. For others, it becomes an addiction.

I'm pleased we return most of the taxes from gambling back to the community through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund...but that doesn't always sit comfortably with me.

After meeting Val and Jennie from 'Relationships Australia QLD' - who have the largest and longest running gambling help service in the state - I feel even less comfortable.

Do you know we only provide 0.6% of the taxes we take back into gambling harm minimisation.

And that a simple doubling or tripling of that to 1.2 or 1.8% in line with other Australian states - lifting the annual contribution from \$10 million to \$20 or \$30 million - would allow services like Relationships Australia to reach more problem gamblers.

There's a state budget coming up in June. I'll be pushing for this much needed increase. I would value your support of the cause.



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Live Local Hinterland Living



The Maleny Show offers a rare opportunity for visitors to get a glimpse into agricultural life.

Experience the best of rural life at the Maleny Show

by Tanya Outridge

THE Maleny Show is on from Friday May 31 to Saturday June 1 and, as always, it will showcase a blend of traditional and new activities with something to please everyone.

“Putting the Show together involves such a huge amount of planning and execution, but we are incredibly fortunate to have such a fantastic bunch of energetic volunteers,” said Maleny Show Society Secretary, Lois White.

Since 1922, the Maleny Show Society, together with their passionate band of volunteers, sponsors, patrons, and committee members, have ensured the show continues to thrive.

Held at the Maleny Showgrounds, this year’s show is set to delight, educate and entertain, with a diverse range of sections and events.

“Every aspect of the Show will celebrate our community’s agricultural heritage and diverse, vibrant culture,” she said.

“The Maleny Show offers a rare opportunity for visitors to get a glimpse into agricultural life, from livestock to fruits and vegetables, flowers, cake decorating, needlework, photography, woodwork, sweets and preserves and handicrafts.

“And over the years, events such as the Show Jumping, Woodchop and Dog Jumping have become incredibly popular.”

The Maleny Show has expanded its offering by including attractions for all ages, such as Bluey and Bingo and the popular JC Action Sports Freestyle BMX.

“We are so excited about bringing JC Action Sports to the Show because they offer an opportunity for younger generations to ‘meet and greet’ and attend poster signing after each show,” Ms White said.

This year, there will be a prehistoric adventure ‘Dinosaur Fun Park’, and the Animal Nursery, where you can get up close and personal with adorable farm animals. You will learn about the importance of conservation



and biodiversity at the Wildlife Conservation Experience, which features interactive exhibits and educational demonstrations.

“This year we have a very exciting Country Star Search Competition, where huge prizes are on offer to the winners and the chance to become the Next Big Thing in country music, and we encourage local country entertainers to get in touch,” she said.

All of the traditional favourites will be there, from SideShow Alley rides and games, live music, the Big Bang Science Fun, local dance performers, roaming entertainers, trade vendors and the Cattlemen’s bar serving up refreshments till late.

At the end of each night there will be a fantastic fireworks display in a show that’s not to be missed.

You can purchase your tickets online now for discounted rates by visiting malenyshowso- ciety.org.au/2024-show/.

“This year’s Show is looking bigger and better than ever and we can’t wait to see people there.”

Churn it up:

How to make your own butter

Hinterland Homesteading Column with Racheal Pascoe

THERE are lots of aspects about Homesteading which are really satisfying, but the one to top it all is homemade butter. I like it because instead of eating a margarine product which they say is one molecule away from being plastic, we can quite simply make our own butter and we know what it contains. It can be another food at your place that you can control.

How to make butter

It is just so easy to do! Butter is made of milk or cream, whichever you use it needs to be full fat. Ideally it would be wonderful to live down the street from a dairy, but let’s face it, not many people do. Don’t be put off though, you can still make terrific butter at home from grocery store cream. I buy the full fat cream from the grocery store, and it makes lovely butter every time.

Gone are the days of the butter churns which were manual kitchen instruments. Just pull out your food processor, pour your cream in there and put it on a medium setting for a few minutes. You might like to add a sprinkle of salt or maybe try your first batch without salt. Then you will get a feel for what it tastes like.

At first not much will seem to happen, but as it thickens you will notice the cream will turn from white to a yellow and the buttermilk will separate. You will know when this is happening as it will look like lumps of cottage cheese. Keep the food processor going a little longer.

When it is thick, lift the butter out and strain it through a clean cotton cloth, new chux or simply squeeze it with your hands. What you want to do is squeeze the buttermilk in to a bowl. Once you have the butter, pop it into the fridge for 10 mins to chill it.

Once chilled you can shape it with your butter paddles, or 2 spatulas from the second drawer! A 600ml cream will make almost 250-300g of butter. If you don’t have a food processor or are just wanting to share a fun time with the kids. You can pour the cream into a jar and pop a clean marble inside. Take turns in shaking the jar continuously and the same process will happen as above. The cream will separate and turn into butter. This is a great exercise to show children how to make homemade butter. They will love the hands on aspect.

Buttermilk

What to do with the buttermilk which is left over? It isn’t actually traditional buttermilk as such, as buttermilk needs lactic acid to give



Full fat cream from the grocery store makes lovely butter every time.

it the tangy taste, which in times gone by it would have been allowed to start to sour before use to get that taste. What you have can be used in recipes though. You can easily look up some recipes for pancakes, scones etc to use it up or give your doggie a treat.



More economical?

Making butter yourself it not really a cost saving exercise, I think it works out about the same when you factor in buying the cream, power, your time etc. It is more for the benefit of knowing what is in your food and expanding on our understanding of the source of our food, the processes and eliminating nasties. Homemade butter is creamier, fluffier and tastes delicious!

Homemade butter will last for 2-3 weeks. It can be stored on the kitchen bench in the cooler months here in South East Queensland, but in the warmer months it needs to go in the fridge. You can also freeze your homemade butter for about 9 months.

If you were fortunate enough to source a lot of milk or cream, you could have a big butter making session and store it for later.

Give making your own butter a go – it is a fun process and simply tastes just that – simple, no other nasties added.

Discover the tastes of the Hinterland

THE Blackall Range Lions Club will host ‘Taste of the Hinterland’ on 3 May at 4.30pm to 6.30pm at The Barn on Flaxton. Tickets are \$25 and on sale at the Mapleton and Montville Post Offices and the Barn.

Visitors are encouraged to taste and buy some of the tempting products that local producers are showcasing.

The more purchases you make, the more raffle chances you have, and the prizes are scrumptious! There will be a free drink on arrival and further drinks may be purchased from the Barn.

The Barn will also provide some nibbles to sustain you between tastings.

It’s a fundraiser for the Parkinson’s Support Group, who will have a raffle, and will be selling their delicious honey and lemon butter. Bring your friends and neighbours along for a ‘Taste of the Hinterland’.

Hatha Yoga Pilates is held at the Woombye Hall: Sat 9am & Wed 9.30am. Beginners & Seniors welcome. Cost \$10. Call Christine: 5441 6285 (Cert. in Pilates matwork; Dip. IYTA: Yoga Instructor; USC Sport & Exercise minor: Ex. Prescrip. for Health & Rehab.)



Country Kitchens Cooking for 1 or 2 people

QCWA Maleny Branch Members invite you to join them for a cooking workshop focusing on preparing healthy meals for 1 or 2. Participants will learn our top tips on grocery shopping, food preparation and meal planning to give them the skills needed to make delicious, healthy and affordable meals. This workshop is perfect for those living in smaller households or on their own.

The workshop will be held at the Maleny Community Centre Verandah Room on the 25th June, 9.30am to 1.30pm. For only \$10 participants will receive a recipe booklet, apron, shopping bag, morning tea and lunch on the day. • To book your place in the workshop please email Judy on judystubbs1@gmail.com RSVP 18th June.




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This home features two living areas, and a central kitchen with a north-east facing covered patio.

Easy family living, modern and spacious

AGENT'S CHOICE: 26 Creekside Circuit, Nambour. Offers above \$760,000 considered.

LOCATED in the boutique residential enclave of Creekside, is this single level modern family home on an easy care fenced 409m² block, just footsteps to leafy Tuckers Creek Bushland Reserve and walking distance to childcare, a fabulous park/playground, and Nambour Hospital.

Across a single level with a well designed floor plan facilitating good separation of living areas, the home has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two living areas, a central kitchen with walk-in pantry, a north-east facing covered patio, a separate laundry, and a double lock up garage.

The original owner occupiers have taken excellent care of the home, there is nothing to do but move in and put your own stamp on it.

Features include two split system air-conditioners, ceiling fans, security screens, tinted windows, stainless steel appliances, soft close cabinetry, a separate shower and bath in the family bathroom, roller blinds, outdoor power, and a Sungrow solar system.

Designed for low maintenance living, the focus is on relaxation and comfort.

A child and pet-friendly fenced backyard provides private, secure space for outdoor play; and there is room for a pool. If you are a green thumb there is potential to create an amazing, lush native garden to further enhance this lovely home's appeal.

Offered to the market for the first time since built, this is smart buying in a convenient, sought-after location surrounded by contemporary homes and framed by bushland reserve.

To arrange your inspection, contact selling agent Richard Krausz on 0422 997 810.

'Experience is the key,' says Nambour property manager

REMAX Property Sales has recently welcomed new property manager, Natalie De Chellis to the team and she spoke to the *Gazette* about her background in property management.



Property manager, Natalie De Chellis

Q: What is your current role with Remax?

A: I am Head of Property Management and that role is combined with the Business Development Manager role.

Q: Where did you work prior to that?

A: I have worked at PRD Penrith in Western Sydney for the past 17 years.

Q: How long have you been in property management?

A: Thirty eight years.

Q: What is the most important skill a property manager can have?

A: Strong communication skills are definitely the most important skills a property manager needs to have.

Q: What should a property owner look for in a property manager?

A: Without a doubt, experience is key. When a property manager has experience it generally means they have the knowledge and skills necessary to handle any situation. As a property manager there are such a broad range of situations that you have to deal with every day.

I would also look for a property manager who is responsive and proactive.

Property owners need to be informed every step of the way and it is important that when you are managing a property on behalf of someone else that you are always looking for

ways to improve the value and profitability of their property.

Having a meticulous approach and paying close attention to detail is also extremely important.

I have also always made a point of gaining a deep understanding of the local real estate market including rental rates, vacancy

rates and any trends that may affect a property investment.

Q: What is the most unusual thing you have had to do as a property manager?

A: There have been many, some good, some bad and some very ugly.

However, not so much the most unusual but the one that sticks with me the most is having to play detective over social media and contacting a next of kin overseas to tell them their family member had passed away.

We only knew when the police walked in asking for keys to the property as his employer had reported he had not turned up for work and had not been in contact, which was very out of character.

I will never forget the police opening the front door of the home, the tenant had remained in the property for just over a week once he passed.

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The light and airy living space is captivating with natural stone wallpaper and hardwood floors.

Tropical oasis in Nambour

AGENT'S CHOICE: 6 Benji Court, Nambour. \$739,000

LOCATED at the end of a quiet court, set back from the street and surrounded by lush gardens is 6 Benji Court.

This lovely property has been thoughtfully planned to maximise the home's position on the block, and outlook into the tropical gardens.

The double doors open out from the lounge and bring the outdoors in. The light and airy living features natural stone wallpaper and hardwood floors.

The kitchen, with its gorgeous feature tiling, overlooks the lounge, dining and deck areas, making entertaining easy.

There are three bedrooms, each with ceiling fans and built-in robes and large enough to house double beds.

The huge master bedroom features a walk-in robe, and the bathroom is beautiful, featuring floor to ceiling tiles, a stunning double floating vanity and seamless glass shower.

The gardens to the front of the property offer abundant privacy, and the north facing deck, shaded by tropical plants, is big enough to entertain.

The generous yard offers plenty of space for children or pets, and includes a garden shed, citrus trees and a pebbled area ideal for winter fires.

Underneath the house there is abundant height clearance which allows for the opportunity to create another functional space.

Currently tenanted until January 2025, this property would make a great addition to any portfolio, and for owner-occupiers, you can earn an income and start getting that mortgage paid down, whilst you prepare for the move.

Contact selling agent Richard Krausz on 0422 997 810 to arrange your inspection.

• Please note the marketing photos were taken in 2022 prior to the current tenants moving in and may not accurately reflect its present condition.



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There are tranquil green views from the large deck which connects to the chef's quality kitchen.

Immaculate home in Woombye rainforest setting

AGENT'S CHOICE: 621-625 Blackall Range Road, Woombye, \$1,200,000.

THIS 5 year old stylish 2 storey, quality built, contemporary home sits on a 6,339m² private forest block, approximately 6kms from Woombye.

There are beautiful green views from all areas on the block including from the the large deck which connects directly off the chef's quality kitchen.

Featuring spacious open plan living with high raked ceilings, this immaculate home is filled with natural light and has been designed with soft neutral tones.

The kitchen is equipped with a 900mm 6 burner gas stove and large oven, a generous brekky bench topped with stylish composite stone and a massive plumbed fridge space.

Large glass doors have been used extensively throughout, to maximise natural light. There is ducted air conditioning in the living area, and reverse cycle A/C & ceiling fans throughout.

The large master suite has a spacious walk in robe and a fresh, light ensuite.

A stylish internal timber staircase takes you to the ground level 4 car garage, and a 7.4m x 3.4m, 3 metre high ceiling storage room. There is also an under staircase storage area.

The lower level offers many appealing options. The garage area itself is close to 80m² with high ceilings, and could easily be transformed into an additional living or bedrooms.

The home has energy efficient LED lighting with dimmer controls, 3 phase power + generator switch installation, 3 x Poly water tanks with approximately 69,000 litre total capacity, and a septic recyclable waste water treatment system.

The level, fenced house yard features a levelled site for future shed installation, landscaped gardens and a turfed yard, and multiple site options for a swimming pool installation.

Most of the planning and hard work has been thoughtfully completed here but this property still offers great potential to add further value and your own personal touch.

• Inspections will be a pleasure, please contact Kirk Patrick of Century 21 Living Local Woombye.



Located between Maleny and Montville you're sure to be impressed with this hinterland gem.

Renovated, character-filled home ideally located just minutes from Maleny

AGENT'S CHOICE: 947 Maleny-Montville Road, Balmoral Ridge. Price guide \$1,000,000.

IDEALLY positioned facing northeast, just 4.5kms from Maleny, you will find this beautifully renovated, picture perfect property, nestled on a 2,029m² parcel of land.

'Puddle Duck Cottage' is a fully renovated, character filled hardwood cottage which features two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a separate powder room downstairs, and a stylish kitchen.

Exposed timber ceilings and a thoughtful, neutral colour palette make this lovely home ready for the next owner to move in.

The combined lounge and dining rooms open onto the sunny verandah which overlooks

the gardens. The yard is a delight to wander with fruit trees, a lawn area and a large garden gazebo with power and lights for evening entertaining.

There is parking for three cars plus a charming garden shed, a 22,500L rain water tank and a ride on mower.

This property has been running as a highly successful Air BnB on weekends only for just over a year, and you could vastly increase this income by taking mid-week bookings as well or just keep this amazing and rare find all to yourself.

A furniture and linen package is included.

• Call exclusive agent Jess Luthje today on 0438 616 064 to book your inspection.



The views from this property are truly stunning and must be seen to be appreciated.

Magnificent views minutes to Montville

AGENT'S CHOICE: 105 - 109 Balmoral Road, Montville. Price, by negotiation.

THIS is one impressive property; a timeless, contemporary home offering spectacular views to the coast, the Hinterland and over the impressive gardens.

Tucked away from the street and neighbouring properties, yet only 5 minutes' drive to Montville village, the 3.73 hectares (9.2 acres) is mostly bushland with a concrete access road to the lower levels.

The home itself features soaring ceilings and timber floors throughout the living area, with a wood fire and air conditioning.

The gourmet kitchen opens to the deck and has uninterrupted coastal views.

The tasteful, contemporary 3 bedroom, 2-bathroom main house also has an art studio and parents' retreat/home office.

A double lock-up garage is attached and a separate multi-purpose area with bathroom is connected to the workshop.

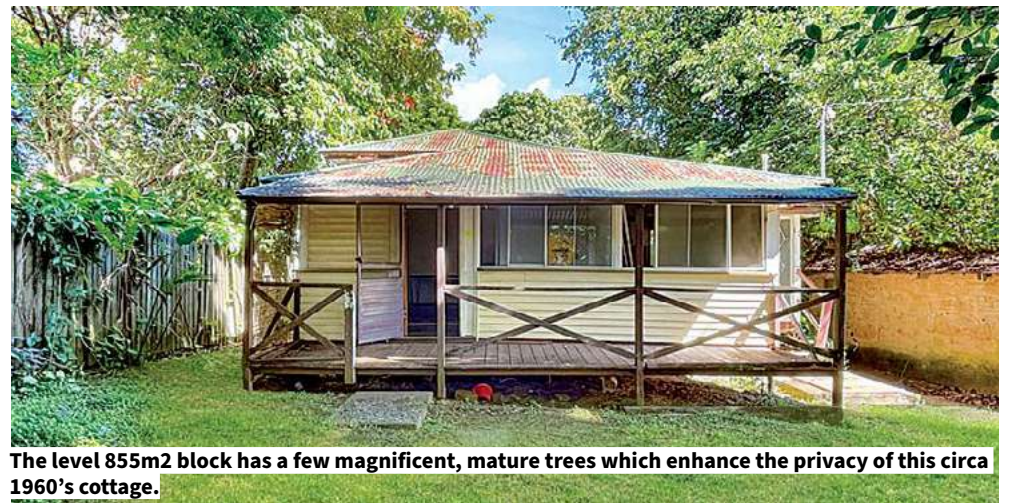
The property boasts a carport plus 3 bay, three level shed (with a mezzanine), a 4.6KW solar system, and 80,000 litres of rainwater storage.

A machinery shed further down the property offers storage for garden tools and machinery, and a concrete road through the established landscaped grounds offers all weather access through the property.

The land has old growth rainforest trees and grassed lawn areas. You can enjoy coastal views from the established outdoor party area and covered cooking/dining zone, which has power and water connected.

The views from this property are truly stunning and must be seen to be appreciated. Not only that, you own the land in front of the house so you can control the views, and it is just 4 minutes' drive or 20 minutes' walk to Montville.

• This unique Hinterland property is exceptional. Book your private inspection with exclusive agent Jess Luthje today on 0438 616 064.



The level 855m² block has a few magnificent, mature trees which enhance the privacy of this circa 1960's cottage.

Central Woombye with endless possibilities

AGENT'S CHOICE: 20 Ann Street, Woombye. Auction Saturday May 4 onsite at 11am.

THE tried and true phrase about location, location, location certainly applies to this property. Situated right at the end of this highly sought after, quiet, friendly cul de sac in central Woombye, the options for change and to value add are many.

The prime, level 855m² block has a few magnificent, mature trees which enhance the privacy of this circa 1960's two bedroom plus sleepout cottage on steel foundations.

For renovation warriors, the hardwood floors throughout are an immediate feature which would revitalise beautifully. The high ceilings sturdy hardwood frame structure offer a solid

base to work from.

For some, relocation of the cottage may be an option. You could move it or sell it, and start fresh on a new build project. Alternatively, you could combine the current structure with an extension to double / triple the dwelling size.

This property is a 2 - 3 minute stroll to the Woombye town centre shops and services, and railway station.

It is at the end of a very quiet and private cul de sac. This address will always be well regarded and in demand. The surrounding properties in the street are all very well presented and maintained.

• Contact Century 21 Living Local Woombye's David Gaskin on 0405 258 765 or Kirk Patrick on 0439 395 599.

Agent champions affordable housing

OVER the past eight months a property agent has embarked on a purchasing spree to help the region boost its affordable housing stock.

Dave Rea has purchased 120 properties involved with the National Rental Affordability Scheme to secure affordable housing for the local region.

As the NRAS comes to a close, many owners are faced with the decision to raise rent to market levels, effectively displacing their current tenants, or to sell.

Mr Rea, a licenced Buyers Agent, has

purchased these homes at market rate, charged owners no commission, and retained them as community housing stock with Coast2Bay Housing Group.

In almost all cases, the tenants have remained in place. He aims to buy 130 more homes in the next 12 months with funding support from the State Government Housing Investment Fund.

• If you own a current or ex-NRAS property, contact Dave on (07) 5451 2999 for an offer to buy.

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Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. All care taken but please check details with organisers. Send details to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

Sunday Happy Days Festival to bring 50s fun to Woombye

ORGANIZED by the Woombye Community and Business Association (WCBA) in collaboration with Bendigo Bank Woombye, the May 5 Happy Days Festival in Woombye is a free festival that promises a day of retro-inspired fun for the entire community.

The festival aims to celebrate Woombye's rich history and vibrant community spirit while showcasing local businesses and fostering a sense of pride in the town's heritage.

Market Stalls and Classic Cars

During the day attendees can explore market stalls, admire classic cars on display, indulge in delicious fare from food trucks, and enjoy family-friendly activities including a petting zoo.

WCBA President Milo Frawley thanked the community and local businesses for their support, emphasizing the festival's significance in bringing people together.

With its blend of dance classes, live music, and retro vibes, the Happy Days Festival promises to be a memorable celebration of Woombye's past and present. Save the date, dust off your dancing shoes, and join the festivities on May 5.

• For more information about the festival and how to get involved, contact the WCBA at woombyecommunity@gmail.com or attend their monthly meetings held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6-7pm.



One of the highlights is a \$25/ticket rock 'n roll dance in the main hall starting at 6pm.



Headlining the event are veteran musicians Steve & Ainsley Apirana.

Soul-stirring music at Live @ The Chapel Nambour event

NAMBOUR'S Live @ The Chapel series is set to enchant music lovers once again on Saturday, May 4, 2024, featuring a dynamic lineup of local talent. Headlining the event are veteran musicians Steve & Ainsley Apirana, whose illustrious careers span four decades across Australia and New Zealand.

Adding to the evening's musical tapestry is acoustic worship band *One Achord*, known for their soulful melodies and harmonies that glorify the name of Jesus. Led by lead vocalist Shontelle Hughes and guitarist Hone Hughes, with Angela Simeti on background vocals and Jordan Govan on the Cajon Box Drum, *One Achord* promises a worshipful experience filled with both covers and originals.

Hosted by Ignite Christian Church & Aussie Grown Radio, the event will take place at 29 Short St, Nambour, from 6pm to 8pm. Admission is free. Drinks and nibbles available for purchase.

• For more information, visit www.facebook.com/LATCNambour/ or contact Hank David at hank@aussiegrownradio.com or 0412747315.



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FESTIVAL MAP May 5



MAP



MAIN STAGE

'Bowery Boys' Band	10:00am 1:30pm
Kids Kar Klub	11:40am 12:00pm
Klassic Kardboard	11:40am 12:00pm
Fairy Floss Eating Comp	1:30pm 2:00pm
'Rhythm Ratz' Band	2:00pm 6:00pm
Beard, Mo's & Chops Comp	3:00pm 3:30pm
Vintage Car Winner	4:00pm 4:15pm
Rock'n'Roll Open Dance Competition	4:30pm 5:30pm

MAIN HALL

Pin-up Workshop	10:00am 12:00pm
Acting Up Youth Theatre	12:00pm 12:20pm
Rock'n'Roll Family Dance Class	12:30pm 1:00pm
Swing Dance Class	1:30pm 2:00pm
Rockabilly Dance Class	2:30pm 3:00pm
Rock'n'Roll Dance Class	3:30pm 4:00pm
Happy Days Dance	6:00pm 10:00pm

DANCE NIGHT

Sunday Night in the Hall	6:00pm 10:00pm
'RocknRollaBillys' Band	6:00pm 9:45pm
Dance Finalist Comp	6:45pm 7:00pm
Best Dressed Female Comp	7:45pm 8:00pm
Best Dressed Male Comp	7:45pm 8:00pm
Best Dressed Couple Comp	7:45pm 8:00pm
Refreshments Available	

ACTIVITIES FROM 10AM: Classic Cars, Market Stalls, Jumping Castle, Pin Ball Machines, Petting Zoo, Shaved Ice Truck,

Fairy Floss, Pizza Guy, Coffee Van, Mr Whippy, CWA Milkshakes & Tea House, *Clancy's Burgers & Dawgs, Arts Comp.

BEER GARDEN ALSO FROM 10AM: Serving alcohol and showing 'I Love Lucy' and 'Happy Days' on the BIG screen.

Start the fun early at the Woombye Pub, Saturday night 4th May 2024 from 6pm. Michael Healy will have the audience dancing and having fun to the music of Elvis, Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison and more!

* Tea House from 2pm - Hall. Clancy's Burgers & Dawgs from 11am - Bowls Club

Maleny Arts and Craft Group to host annual Autumn Fair

THE annual Maleny Arts and Craft group Autumn Fair returns for 2024 with a huge selection of locally crafted and created items for purchase.

Running from Friday May 3 to Monday May 6, the fair will feature items handmade by group members and include; clothing, glassware, jewellery, woodwork, art, woollens, pottery, jams and pickles, toys, handbags and more.

A sashiko (Japanese embroidery inspired) quilt is the raffle prize.

The fair is a good opportunity to find a unique Mother's Day gift.

Held at the Maleny Community Centre at 23 Maple Street (main street next to the Visitor's centre), the event is a fantastic opportunity to shop local and support Hinterland artists and craftspeople.

There will be extra parking behind the building on Bicentenary Lane.

Mary Valley Food Festival

CELEBRATE GourMay Mary Valley Food Festival 2024 from May 1 to May 31. Experience a month full of events showcasing Mary Valley growers, producers, and creators.

Experience GourMay Mary Valley Food Festival Day on Saturday, May 25, from 8.30am to 3pm at Imbil Town Square & Rail Park. Celebrate the flavors of Mary Valley.

Kenilworth ArtsFest

HOSTED by the Kenilworth Arts Council (KAC) and the Chamber of Commerce, the Kenilworth ArtsFest has been held in Kenilworth for over the past 25 years!

Come along for a weekend of a whole range of arts activities, from visual arts and sculptures to music and live poetry! Go to kenilwortharts.org.au/kenilworth-arts-fest/ for more information.

Mapleton Choir

THE Mapleton Choir invites you to join them every Monday night starting from May 6 at Kureelpa Hall from 7pm to 9pm. New members are warmly welcomed.



Artisan jeweller Aileen Greig will be opening her studio to the public on May 24, 25, and 26. Aileen enjoys creating unique pieces like this nature-inspired pendant, below. (Images by Greals).

Open Studios comes to the Old Ambo

NAMBOUR'S Old Ambulance Station gallery is delighted to be hosting events for the annual Open Studios event, in which artists all over the Sunshine Coast welcome the public into their workspaces this May.

One of the resident artists is Aileen Greig, who describes herself as an artisan jeweller, working in metal and glass. Aileen established her studio in the Old Ambo six months ago. She loves the location because it is roomy and light filled, and she enjoys contact with the people who work in or visit the gallery. Aileen also has her constant companion Max, a Golden Retriever, to keep her company when there are no visitors about.

All of Aileen's art is hand made by her and so each is a unique wearable piece. She says that her customers could be anyone from 18 to 80 if the art speaks to them. At present she is working on a large batch of signet rings which will be sold at the Caloundra Markets.

Aileen's studio will be open to visitors on



Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the 24, 25, and 26 of May from 10am-4pm. Entry is via the front door at 80 Howard Street, Nambour. There will also be various workshops run in the gallery from May 15th. Open Studios have provided us with printed copies of their Art Trail Guide, so please come down to the gallery between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Saturday, to grab one.



The three musicians, Linsey Pollak (winds), Philip Griffin (strings) and Tunji Beier (percussion) all came to love the folk music of the Mediterranean.

Macedonian folk concert for Maleny

A 'concert with a difference' is the next performance for St George's-in-the-Hills concert series to be held in the church at 2 Walkers Drive at 2pm on Sunday June 9.

Members of the group, called Gosti, have played together for many years specialising in music from the folk tradition of Macedonia. They were formerly Beier-Griffin-Pollak but changed their name in 2023 to respect the sources of their music, as spokesperson Philip Griffin explained.

"Gosti means 'guests' in Macedonian, and we wanted to reflect the fact we cherish the hospitality that Earth provides us...We have been the guests of the various cultures whose music has inspired and motivated us. We all now live in Australia, and we are conscious that we are guests of peoples that have made music here for at least 65,000 years", he said.

The three musicians, Tunji Beier (percussion), Philip Griffin (strings) and Linsey Pollak (winds) all came to love the folk music of the Mediterranean, the Balkans and in particular Macedonia, through their travels as musicians throughout the world.

Tickets at only \$25 are available from Humanitix.com, by ringing Susan on 5494 3062, or at the door. Complimentary refreshments would be available in the hall after the concert when patrons can meet the musicians.

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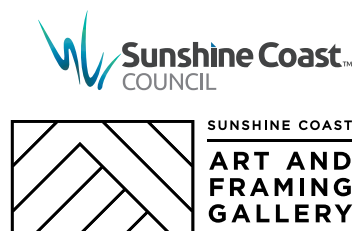
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Moir Duncombe, left, plays bossy Dianna Boss in the show, and Ronda Vijsma, who is the slightly confused tour guide Sandy Shaw.

Palmwoods Singers Theatrical Society marks 40 years

PALMWOODS Singers Theatrical Society celebrates 40 years of musical theatre accomplishment, this year Little Village Theatre will present 'The Royal Galah Performance', a light-hearted romp around the world with Royal Galah Airlines in three matinee performances on June 8, 9 and 16.

Rehearsing for 'The Royal Galah Performance' has been a heady mix of hard work, madcap mayhem, laughter and fun.

Look for updates on our Facebook page.

New members, visitors, volunteers and tech support are always welcome at Little Village Theatre.

Dates are 8, 9, 16 June. 2-4pm. Venue is Palmwoods Guide Hut, cn Lingara Av & Montville-Palmwoods Road. Tickets are \$30, includes afternoon tea. To book, call Moira on 0409 026 145 or email ourlittlevillagetheatre@gmail.com.

For general enquiries contact LVT secretary Ronda on 0411 115 786 or email ourlittlevillagetheatre@gmail.com.



Jen Brady plays passenger Flora Bucket in the show, and Mark Ackerman, who is barman Ferdinand in the show.



Zonta Club Blackall Range

EACH year Zonta Club of Blackall Range packs birthing kits to send to developing countries to provide a safer and more hygienic environment for women to give birth.

The Foundation that organises this was a Zonta initiative and has provided thousands of kits over the years.

This year's packing day is 25th May at 9.30am at Maleny RSL. You can help Zonta pack 1000 kits by purchasing one or more kits at \$5 each. Just go to MyCause.com.au and search "birthing kits" or "Zonta Blackall Range". Contact: Service@zontablackallrange.org.au for further information.

Probus Club Meeting

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

Montville Market

INDULGE in a scrumptious pancake breakfast at the Montville Market on Saturday, May 11, from 7am to 12pm. Enjoy handcrafted treasures, fresh produce, and local treats.

Mapleton Crop Swap

JOIN the Mapleton Crop Swap on Wednesday, May 15, at 9am behind The Old School House (TOSH). Share and swap produce with your community.

Open Studios

EXPERIENCE Open Studios Sunshine Coast from Saturday, May 18, to Sunday, May 26. Meet talented artisans and explore their works during this unique event.



"This music is absolute gold," said Ms Innes. "We have so enjoyed rehearsing and putting it together in a way we hope truly honours both of these legendary groups."

Oriana Choir brings 70s hits to life with *Dancing Queen*

THE Sunshine Coast's premiere vocal group, Oriana Choir, presents *Dancing Queen*, an exciting and energetic tribute show featuring the best of ABBA and Queen on May 11 at Stella Maris Catholic School Performance Venue and May 18 at The J in Noosa, with a matinee and evening concert at each location.

These two icons of the Seventies have created an impressive body of timeless music. Their creativity, vitality, dynamism, exciting live presentations, and sheer song-writing brilliance remain unparalleled. Their much-loved songs are performed and enjoyed the world over.

"This show has been much anticipated," said Oriana president, Melissa Innes. "We've prepared this show three times now but were a covid casualty! We're so excited to finally bring it to Coast audiences."

With unequalled classics such as Bohemian Rhapsody, We Are the Champions, Somebody To Love, Mamma Mia, Dancing Queen, The Winner Takes It All, and many others, this show is certain to be a treat for music lovers of all ages.

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Oriana is no stranger to the music of Queen and ABBA, having performed the songs of both bands many times. With the 70-voice chorus conducted by Elisabeth Wallis Gaedtker and accompanied by a live band, you will be jiggling in your seat and tapping your toes in no time! Also performing will be the Sunshine Coast Youth Choir conducted by Annie Wilson.

Visit www.oriانا.org.au for all the details and for bookings for either the performances at Stella Maris at 1:30pm or 7:30pm on Sunday, May 11 or "The J" venue (thej.com.au ph: 5329 6560) for the Noosa events at "The J" on May 18 at 1:30pm or 7:30pm or phone 0431 542 343 with enquiries. Tickets are available from Oriana's website: www.oriانا.org.au

2024 Sunshine Coast Tennis Veterans Tournament

THE Sunshine Coast Tennis Veterans Tournament is a very popular annual event on the Veterans/Seniors Tennis calendar.

Hosted by Nambour, Palmwoods, Yandina and Woombie Tennis Clubs the event attracts entrants from throughout the region and Australia wide, bringing a welcome economic boost to the local Hinterland Clubs and wider economy. This year's tournament will be held May 17-19. B and C grade events also available.

Entries close Saturday 11 May. Contact May Young 0415 625 144 may2young56@gmail.com.

To enter go to www.tournaments.tennis.com.au and search "Sunshine Coast Tennis Veterans".

Maroochy River Country Music Club

THE Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their May concert on Sunday 12th, commencing at noon. This concert pays tribute to Patsy Cline. Entry Fee is \$10 and \$8 for Members. Raffles are available and free tea and coffee. Venus is A.C.M.A. Hall of Fame, Steggalls Road, Yandina. Featuring also 20 singers from various Clubs. Inquiries phone Darryl on 0458 671 568.

Festuri Multicultural Festival

FESTURI Multicultural Festival is set to host the Moffat Beach Surf and Sea Multicultural Festival on May 18 and 19. Originally slated to coincide with the Pa and Ma Bendall Memorial Surf Competition, now it is featured on its own with the fabulous addition of surf culture. Get ready with your camp chairs at Eleanor Shipley Park at Moffat Beach for a day of adventure between surf and sea and music and dance. Book your free pass on @festurimulticulturalfestival for the chance to win a Dinner for two at Ours Cafe and Goods, Moffat Beach.

MADCA General Meeting

THE Monthly General meeting of the Mapleton and District Community Association will convene at the Mapleton Bowls Club on Wednesday, May 1, at 6.30pm for 7pm.

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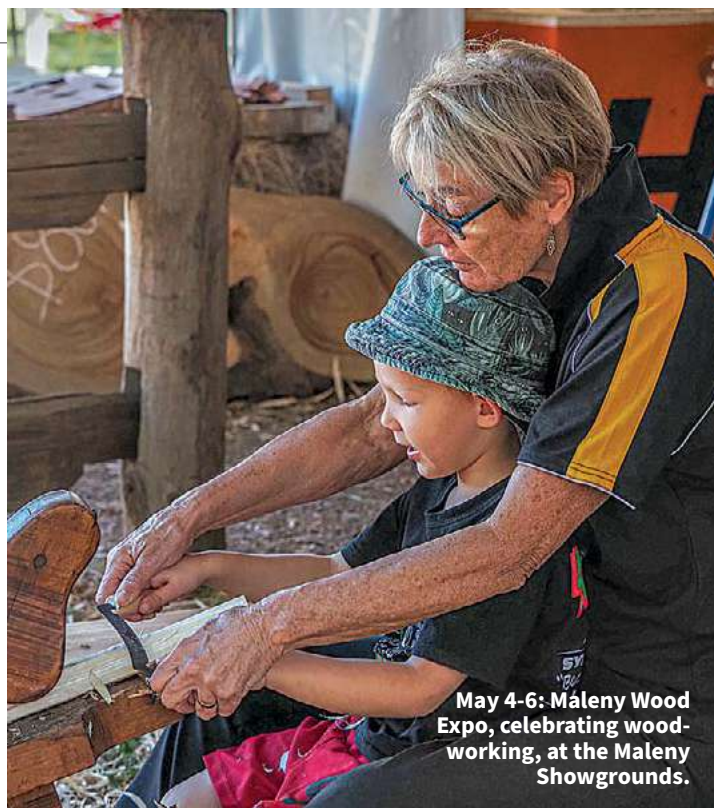
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What's On Day by Day in the Hinterland

Local Events and Entertainment coming up. Preference given to local events of widespread interest. All care taken but please check details with organisers. Send details to editor@sunshinevalleygazette.com.au.

- **May 1-31: GourMay – Mary Valley Food Festival.** Celebrating Mary Valley growers, producers, and creators.
- **Wed May 1: Nambour Chamber Coffee Catch** Up at Sweet & Flour Bakery from 8am to 9:30am. Free for Members, \$5 for Non-Members. Secure tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/36r2a3uj>.
- **Fri May 3: Experience the Taste of the Hinterland** hosted by the Blackall Range Lions Club at The Barn on Flaxton from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25, available at Mapleton and Montville Post Offices and The Barn.
- **May 3: Bingo, 9:30-11:30am, Mapleton Library** and Community Centre.
- **May 3-6: Autumn Fair, Maleny Community Centre.**
- **May 3: Enjoy Pinky's at The Presyncnt** starting at 6pm at The Presyncnt.
- **May 3: Catch "Silence Of The Jams"** at the Black Box Theatre starting at 7:30 pm.
- **May 3-6: Maleny Arts and Crafts Group Annual Autumn Fair** showcasing handmade crafts at Maleny Community Centre.
- **May 4: Space & Ages. Immerse** yourself in "Space & Ages" at The Presyncnt, starting at 6pm.
- **May 4-5: Acis and Galatea, 2pm,** Maleny Primary School, Maleny
- **May 4-6: Maleny Wood Expo, celebrating woodworking, at the Maleny Showgrounds.** Subscribe to the newsletter via the website or follow on Facebook and Instagram @malenywoodexpo.

- **Sat, May 4: Local AFL. Caloundra QFA Div 1 Seniors v Hinterland Blues** QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, Carter Park.
- **Sat, May 4: Women's Rugby, 12.30pm, Caboolture v Nambour** at Caboolture Field 1.
- **Sat May 4: Local rugby league. A Grade Men Round 5.** Nambour v Kawana at Nambour Rugby League Club - Field 1, 5:30pm kickoff.
- **May 4: Live @ The Chapel** Nambour featuring Steve & Ainsley Apirana at 29 Short St, Nambour from 6pm to 8pm. Admission is free. Visit www.facebook.com/LATCNambour/ or contact hank@aussiegrownradio.com or 0412 747 315.
- **May 5: Sunshine Coast Choral Society** presents "Magnificent Melodies in May" at Stella Maris Primary School, Maroochydore, 2pm. Tickets: www.suncoastchoral.org.au/performances.
- **May 5: Woombye Happy Days Festival: School of Arts, Woombye, 10am-10pm.** Email Milo Frawley: woombyecommunity@gmail.com.
- **May 6: Mapleton Choir. Weekly from** Mon 6th May, 7pm-9pm at Kureelpa Hall. Non-audition choir welcomes new members.
- **May 8: Suncoast Christian College Open** Morning: 9am - 11am. Take a look at the College - including our brand new purpose-built Primary precinct. Cnr Schubert & Kiel Mtn Roads, Woombye 5451 3600, info@suncoastcc.qld.edu.au suncoastcc.qld.edu.au/open-morning.
- **May 10: Probus Meeting. Fri 10th May,** 10am-12pm at Mapleton Bowling Club. Monthly gathering.
- **Fri, May 10, 2024, 7pm: Men's Rugby Nambour v Caloundra** at Nambour Rugby Union Club.
- **May 10: Cabaret at The Lind** Lane Theatre.



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- **May 10: Nambour Twilight Markets on** Short Street from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- **May 10: Do You Even Party?** Join the party at The Presyncnt starting at 6pm.
- **May 11: Ray White Nambour Rodeo. Experience the excitement of the Ray White Nambour Rodeo at Nambour Showgrounds from 11am to 10pm.**
- **May 11: Enjoy Girl Band Night** at The Presyncnt starting at 7pm.
- **Sat, May 11: Women's Rugby, 12.30pm, Nambour v Brothers** at Nambour Rugby Union Club.
- **Saturday May 11: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 9, Woombye Snakes FC v Baringa FC FQPL 3 Men at 6pm, Woombye Snakes FC-Field 1.
- **Saturday May 11: Local rugby league. A Grade Men Round 6.** Nambour v Coolum at Nambour Rugby League Club - Field 1, 5:30pm kickoff.

- **Saturday May 11: 2024 Nambour Rodeo, Nambour Showgrounds.**
- **May 11: Montville Market. Sat 11th** May, 7am-12pm. Pancake breakfast overlooking Sunshine Coast. Hand-crafted treasures.
- **May 11: Maroochy Vehicle Owners Club** Open Day at Yandina Historic House from 9am to 1pm. Free entry. Morning tea & light lunches available at the Historic House cafe. Weather dependent. Visit www.maroochyvehicleownersclubinc.org.au for more details.
- **May 12: Enjoy the Maroochy River Country Music Club May Concert** at A.C.M.A. Hall of Fame, Steggalls Road, Yandina from 12pm. Ph 0458 671 568.
- **May 12: Mother's Day.**
- **May 15: Mapleton Community Crop Swap.** Wed 15th May, 9am, TOSH per-gola. Bring items to swap and share.
- **May 16: The Jazz Sessions at** The Presyncnt, Nambour. Tickets, \$15 - \$25, can be purchased through ww.events.humanitix.com/the-jazz-sessions Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm show.
- **Saturday, May 18: Local AFL. Beenleigh QFA** Div 1 Seniors v Hinterland Blues QFA Div 1 Seniors at 2pm, Guardian Gantry Hire Oval.
- **Saturday, May 18: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 10, Beerwah Glasshouse Utd FC v Nambour Yandina Utd FC at 5pm, Beerwah Glasshouse-Field 1.
- **Saturday May 18: FQPL 3 Men's Football** Round 10, Caloundra FC FQPL Men v Woombye Snakes FC at 6pm, Caloundra FC-Field 1.
- **May 18-26: Open Studios. Meet Sunshine Coast** artisans. Various locations.
- **May 18: Experience "The Wish Fulfilled"** at The Presyncnt starting at 6pm.
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