

RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPOP COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly News

A community service since 2016

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Issue 470

WHAT IS ON THIS WEEKEND?

- ** 6-7 December: Sculpture on the Edge, Flaxton Gardens
- ** 6 December: Community Open Day, 12Noon-8pm, QCCC
- ** 6 December: Montville Christmas Market 4pm-7:30pm
- ** 7 December: Celebrating 40 years of Service, 4:30pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.
- ** 7 December: Yandina Community Christmas Carol, 1pm-7pm

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MAPLETON POST OFFICE

The community acknowledgement of the contribution Elizabeth, David and family have made to our community has been nothing short of outstanding.

Community groups and individuals are banding together both to offer assistance to the Buckley family and to present a united community approach when the opportunity comes to work with Australia Post on the future of our postal service.

We see this as an opportunity for the community to work together for a very good cause, and avoid presenting multiple 'fronts'.

Two matters we are trying to address:

1. How can the community demonstrate their appreciation and support to Elizabeth and her family? For 18 years they have conducted a professional and outstanding service.
2. How will Australia Post continue postal services in our area?

To that end we have spoken with Elizabeth, and are seeking specific contact information to hold discussions with the right people in Australia Post. As information comes to hand we will inform everyone through all the available community communication channels.

If anyone would like to make suggestions and or seek additional information please contact either

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or

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Nita and Peter

If you missed the letters from Elizabeth and Australia Past circulated on Tuesday morning:

<https://mapletonlibrary.au/community-news/range-and-hinterland-popup-community-news-mapleton-post-office/>



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SCULPTURE ON THE EDGE

Thanks to everyone who came along to Friday night's Opening Celebrations. It was a very special gathering of our creative community, artists, sponsors, supporters, friends, and of course, the dedicated team who work tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this event to life.

It was an evening that not only marked the beginning of this year's exhibition but also celebrated the extraordinary talent, passion, and collaboration that defines the event.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the artists who took part this year. Your creativity, courage and dedication are what make Sculpture on the Edge such an inspiring experience.

And congratulations to the winners on the night; your achievements are incredibly well-deserved, and it was a joy to witness the excitement and emotion as your work was recognised.



Prize Winners

Sculptor of the Year



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Precious
by **Megan Robinson**

Sculptor of the Year - Runner Up



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After the Swim
by **Cam Crossley**

Local Sculptor



6

Hope is a Thing
of Feathers
by **Jean Bennett**

Upcycle Sculpture



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The Stone Trojan
by **Margaret Shaw**

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Touch as a Whisper
by **Ally Dalton**

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Jellyfish
by **Dawid Szymczyk**



The winners who were present on the night were Jean Bennett - Local Sculptor, Megan Robinson - Sculptor of the Year, Cam Crossley - Runner Up Sculptor of the Year and Margaret Shaw - Upcycled Sculptor.

HEY NAMBOUR! LET'S GET FESTIVE!

Walk

Queen Street Thursday Night Xmas Trading and sidewalk stalls. 2 nights only! 4pm - 7pm Thurs 4th December Thurs 11th December

THE NAMBOUR TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRAIL

Support your local small businesses, buy some fantastic and unique Xmas pressies, eat some great food, listen to some groovy tunes & have a lovely Thursday night shopping experience like the good ol' days.

Special Offers
Instore Prizes & Giveaways
Art & Craft
Handmade Gifts & Toys
Live Music
Vintage Fashion & Collectables
Street Stalls
Food Trucks
Face Painting
Sweet Treats

Queen Street

- Hair & Beauty Ahead of Time
- Flowers All Season Flowers
- Jewellery Queen Street Jewellers
- Festive Foods Queen Street Meats
- Fashion & Metaphysics Crystal Realm
- Health & Wellbeing Bowen to the Max
- Food Jampas Spirit of Tibet
- Preloved Upcycled Fashion LDL Boutique
- Body Art Shadow Craft Tattoo & Piercing
- Gifts & Homewares King Kong Sales
- Fashion Tootsies Shoes
- Art Gallery The Old Ambo
- Music Bad Habit Records
- Sewing & Needle Craft Fabric Cartel
- Food Adobo Kitchen
- Bar, Live Music & Cocktails The Presynct Venue
- Art Gallery Fine Art Prints, Ceramics Rogues Gallery
- Hair & Beauty The Duke

Ann Street

- Music BackBeat Records
- Vintage Fashion Mr Beesley's
- Pet Supplies Pet Affecti

Howard Street

Low Street

- Nambour Town Square Markets
- Eyewear Hammond Optometry

A Queen Street, Nambour activation project organised by Suzanne & Ail, & supported by Queen Street Traders, Sunshine Coast Council, I AM NAMBOUR & Nambour Chamber of Commerce

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN MAPLETON



Council tree opposite the Mapleton Public House



Lights in Topaz Street



Hello Art lovers of Mapleton.

If you haven't discovered....

(MOMA) Museum of Miniature Art at 10 Warruga St, Mapleton, now is a great time to check it out. The little Museum of Miniature Art has turned into a Christmas vision for passers by to enjoy.

Step into Christmas and add 'MOMA' December Exhibition to your evening Christmas light walk.

MOMA, Museum of Miniature Art is a little street gallery, just like a real art gallery!

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY



Advent-Christmas exhibition on now! Several members of the congregation have been very busy!





The Mapleton Mah Jong group set aside their playing tiles this week to gather at the Palmwoods Hotel for their annual Christmas lunch. It was a delightful afternoon of friendly chatter, tasty food, and a glass of good cheer.

If you're interested in learning Mah Jong - a tile-based game of skill, strategy, and luck that originated in China - you're warmly invited to drop in at the Mapleton Bowls Club while the group is playing. They resume on 6th January and meet every Wednesday from 12noon to 3.30pm throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Amongst the many Christmas celebration events held this week, was the luncheon for the volunteers for the Library Community Centre.

Many volunteers joined the festive Thank-You Christmas Luncheon to celebrate our wonderful volunteers. They enjoyed delicious dishes, a fun holiday quiz, warm conversations, and plenty of good cheer.



Everyone enjoyed the gathering and expressed their heartfelt appreciation to all fellow volunteers.





As we look ahead to 2026, I'm reaching out on behalf of Ted O'Brien MP to offer support for your club/organisation and ensure we stay connected with your activities and events throughout the year.

Marquees for Club Events at no cost.

We are able to provide branded marquees featuring your club/organisation's name and logo, together with a "Sponsored by Ted O'Brien MP" panel. These are available to your club at no cost.

Complimentary Printing Support

If your club/organisation requires printing for newsletters, flyers, notices or similar materials, our office is more than happy to assist free of charge.

2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

We would also appreciate any information regarding upcoming sponsorship opportunities for next year so we can explore how we may be able to support your club/organisation.

Assistance with Grant Applications

If your club is considering applying for community, sporting or infrastructure grants in 2026, our office is available to provide support. We can assist with identifying suitable grant programs, supplying letters of support, and offering guidance to strengthen your application where appropriate. This service is available to your club/organisation at no cost.

Event Invitations

We kindly ask that our office be included on your invitation list for club/organisation events in 2026. Ted is always keen to attend when possible and remain engaged with your members and the wider community. Please send all invitations to Ted.O'Brien.MP@aph.gov.au

Please feel free to reply directly to this email or contact Ted's office on 07 5479 2800 if you have any questions or information to share.

Kind Regards,

Kade Lamont

Campaign Officer

OFFICE OF TED O'BRIEN MP

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

SHADOW TREASURER

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FAIRFAX

Electorate Office: 17 Southern Drive, Maroochydore, 4558 | T: 07 5479 2800



Thank you to community members for the recent food donations for those in need in Nambour and Mapleton. If you wish to assist, leave your donations at the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Mapleton Library Community Centre

BINGO

Friday 5th December

9:30am - 11:30am



\$12 per person inc: morning tea

win cash and other prizes



*** Bookings essential
mapletonlibrary@gmail.com or in person**

Merry Christmas

MADCA
Connecting community
www.madca.com.au

Food & Drinks stalls,
Multi draw raffle, Santa,
Blackall Range Lions,
Fancy Dress Parade,
Gifts for Children,
Mapleton Choir and
more...

Music by local band
Girl Friday

Be Amazed ENTERTAINMENT

Featuring:
Miss Donna & Mr Jay's Magical
Christmas Show & Face Painting
(Face painting from 4.30pm)

Mapleton's

Light the Lights '25

Friday 5th Dec. 5-8pm. Mapleton State School.

Join the fun at Mapleton's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event.
All Welcome. Free Entry. BYO Chair and Blanket.





MAPLETON

QCCC Mapleton Community Open Day Saturday, 6th December

For most of the year, QCCC Mapleton operates under strict child safety and privacy protocols, with our facilities reserved exclusively for school and community groups. But this weekend, we're opening the gates to the public and inviting the whole Mapleton community to enjoy the beautiful surroundings we're blessed to call home. Join us **from 12:00pm on Saturday, 6th December**, for a relaxed, family-friendly afternoon packed with activities, good food, and a chance to explore the site and meet the team.

Here's what's on offer:

- All four swimming pools open (with our trained lifeguards on duty for your safety)
- Climbing wall and Archery Tag run by our Outdoor Education instructors
- Pickleball, volleyball, frisbee golf and other sports equipment available
- Food and drinks for purchase (EFTPOS and cash options)
- Welcome to Country and cultural demonstration from TribalLink at 2:15pm

Possibility of a fire truck visit from 1-3pm

This is your chance to enjoy the facilities and hospitality that QCCC Mapleton provides to tens of thousands of guests every year.

Time: From 12:00pm (TribalLink Acknowledgement of Country at 2:30pm)

Weather Forecast: Fine, warm and sunny 29 degrees

Cost: Free entry, food and drinks available for purchase or BYO picnic

RSVP: Scan the QR code on the flyer to let us know you're coming We'd love to see you there!

FOLLOW QR CODE TO REGISTER



PH: 07 5456 3600



QCCC

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

6TH DECEMBER 2025 12PM - 8PM

FOOD FOR PURCHASE AT DINING HALL 12PM - 8PM
OR BYO FOOD/PICNIC

RESORT POOLS OPEN ALL DAY

PICKLEBALL & VOLLEYBALL COURTS ALL DAY



TRIBALLINK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY 2:30PM

INSTRUCTOR RUN ACTIVITIES: 3PM - 6PM

- CLIMBING WALL
- ARCHERY TAG (MAIN OVAL)
- TRIBALLINK ACTIVITIES (ARENA/PAVILION NEAR LAKE)



TribalLink

70 OBI OBI RD MAPLETON





MONTVILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 6 December 2025, 4:00pm - 7:30pm
Montville Village Hall, Main Street, Montville

- 'Sip & Shop' market event
- Santa visits from 6:15pm - children can meet Santa and take away a treat
- Face painting 4:30pm to 6:30pm
- Kids activity - painting their own Ceramic Gnomes and Christmas decorations
- Family Disco - 5.15pm to 6.00pm
- Live music - Ruba Tuba; Christmas Carols; Maleny Ukuleles and Harp Duo
- Festive food
- Christmas shopping
- Gift wrapping

The market is indoors, but there will be space on the Village Green to sit and enjoy the evening. You can also bring a blanket to sit on while waiting for the Christmas lights to be turned on at around 7pm.



YANDINA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Yandina Community Christmas Carols brings families and friends together for a joyful, relaxed celebration of the festive season.

From 1pm, enjoy performances from local school choirs, musicians and community groups, along with free kids activities including face painting and petting zoo, local markets, food trucks, and a special visit from Santa with support from the local Rural Fire Brigades. The evening will conclude in a fireworks display at 7pm.

This FREE, family-friendly event is volunteer-run and welcomes everyone.

You are invited**Celebrating 40 Years of Service****Mapleton Library Community Centre – Powered by Volunteers**

Join us as we celebrate **40 wonderful years** of dedicated volunteer service in the community.

Date: Sunday, 7 December 2025

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Mapleton Library Community Centre

Enjoy an early evening of **wine, nibbles, music, and memories** as we raise a glass to the countless hours, passion, and care that volunteers have devoted to our Centre over the years.

Let's toast to the past, and the people who continue to make the Library Community Centre such an important asset to the community.

RSVP: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com by 5 December

Dress: Smart casual



Telephone: 07 5445 7011
Address: PO Box 206, Mapleton 4560
E: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com
W: www.mapletonlibrary.au

Assisted by the Sunshine Coast Council and other community organisations

Event sponsors:

BELLA VISTA ITALIAN RESTAURANT
MAPLETON



Mapleton Public House



Cultural Heritage Services invites you to attend:

On the Heights: Photographic exhibition launch event

Date: Friday, 12 December 2025

Venue: Landsborough Museum, 4 Maleny Street, Landsborough

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (morning tea included)

Tickets: Free. Please book

<https://heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/about/programs-and-events/on-the-heights-exhibition>



NATURE AND BIRDS HAVE HAD A MOMENTOUS WIN.

Last week, the Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025 passed Parliament, setting up a new framework for how Australia makes environmental decisions. For the first time, we will have National Environment Standards and an independent Environment Protection Authority to enforce them – reforms BirdLife Australia has long called for, made possible by you.

Fast tracking of coal and gas projects has been shut down. Forestry no longer gets a free pass to destroy nature, which could make a real difference for forest-dependent birds like the Critically Endangered Swift Parrot.

These wins are the direct result of persistent, collective action. Every petition, every open letter, every webinar, every donation, and every conversation has had a meaningful impact – thank you.

But these new laws sadly don't go far enough to protect the 1 in 6 birds already facing extinction.

It is unfortunate, Recovery Plans for our precious threatened species have not been mandated and will instead be left to Ministerial discretion. With 14 out of 18 Critically Endangered birds lacking an up-to-date plan – and with the growing risk of H5 bird flu hitting our shores – this remains a serious gap in the laws.

Additionally, developers can pay a fee in exchange for destroying habitat, with no guarantee the financial offset will actually support the same threatened species affected by their project.

We won't need to wait long before the true effectiveness of these laws is put to the test.

Important decisions are looming that could have severe consequences for threatened Australian birds.

In WA, Baudin's Black-Cockatoo habitat faces clearing for Bauxite mines. In SA, habitat for the Eyre Peninsula Southern Emu-wren is at risk from proposed rocket launches. And in Tasmania, the Robbin's Island development threatens migrating Orange-bellied Parrots, including captive-bred birds returning to the wild.

There's no doubt these reforms do give us a stronger foundation to fight for the protection our beloved birds deserve. And with you alongside us, we'll keep holding decision-makers to account and pushing for decisions that protect habitat, strengthen recovery efforts, and secure a safe thriving future for Australia's birds.

With sincere gratitude,

Kate Millar, Chief Executive Officer, BirdLife Australia

P.S. You can read our full analysis of the revised EPBC Act in our updated Nature Laws Report Card.

<https://birdlife.org.au/strong-nature-laws/>

RECENT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS IN DIVISIONS 5 AND 10

This is an initiative of Pop Up Community News aimed at providing information and heightened awareness as to developments in our region. Hopefully the information will provide a spring board should anyone wish to dive deeper into any specific application.

Using the link: <https://developmenti.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/> or entering "development i sunshine coast" into a browser will take you to the Development i home page. Click on "Application Search" and enter the application number. Select "Details" if you want to dive deeper.

The supporting documents can typically be downloaded or viewed by selecting "Application Documents" in the right hand section of the screen.

In the listings below, typically a brief editorial comment is provided after each application description. These are shown in *italics*.

DIVISION 10:

Lodged: 26/11/2025 DA#: POS25/0216

7 Image Flat Rd NAMBOUR - BFP 7 Units Lots 1 - 7 SP351851 - SP351851 is cancelling Lot 431 SP351846 - loaded against Lot 429 SP235750 until POS25/0214 approved - KM Surveys.

Administrative, Approving Plans.

Lodged: 26/11/2025 DA#: POS25/0214

47 Image Flat Rd NAMBOUR - 1 into 2 Lots - Lots 431 & 430 with Easements - SP351846 - KM Surveys. *Administrative, Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 26/11/2025 DA#: RAL25/0099

66 Seib Rd EUMUNDI - Reconfiguration of a Lot - 1 Lot into 2 Lots - Radek Neumann & Paulina Neumann. *Splitting a 13,272M2 lot into 2. First lot 7,271.8M2 and second, 6,001.9M2.*

Lodged: 26/11/2025 DA#: OPW25/0532

41 Carter Rd NAMBOUR - landscape, earthworks, stormwater, Road work & Vehicle crossover - Image Projects Group Pty Ltd. *Relates to MCU23/0232, creation of 14 dwellings.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 25/11/2025 DA#: MCU25/0339

170 Lower Landershute Rd LANDERS SHOOT - Short Term Accommodation - Amy and Glen Parker - URBN Town Planning Pty Ltd. *2 X 2 bed, 1 bath with living and kitchenette, 2 X 1 bed, 1 bath with kitchenette and 2 X 1 bed, 1 bath cabins, skillion roofs on stumps.*

Lodged: 25/11/2025 DA#: MCU25/0338

06 McKees Rd PALMWOODS - Secondary Dwelling - Jodie North - Council Approval Group. *2 bed, 2 bath, 1 garage dwelling, skillion roof on slab.*

Lodged: 26/11/2025 DA#: POS25/0219

3 Eric Ct MOOLOOLAH VALLEY - BFP for Duplex SP350960 - CadCon. *Administrative, Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 27/11/2025 DA#: MCU03/0099.08

20 Rifle Range Road - Minor Change to Development Approval - (Wedding Reception and Conference-Function Centre) - Voyager Retreat - Project Urban. *"Minor" Change: Increase of 64M2 to back of house within the facility.*

Lodged: 28/11/2025 DA#: RAL25/0100

PRAS 627 & 683 Maleny-Stanley River Rd WOOTHY - Minor Boundary Realignment - Christoher Hughes KC - Hinterland Surveys Pty Ltd. *Movement of 109M2 between 2 large lots.*

BY COMMUNITY REQUEST

Do you want to attract fairy wrens, robins, thornbills to your garden?

Creating a garden suitable for little bird species involves providing essential resources: food, water, shelter and nesting sites.

1. Provide Food Sources

Native plants are the best way to offer a natural, reliable food source that suit tiny birds.

- **Nectar Plants:** Choose local plants that provide nectar, seeds, and berries, such as Banksias, Grevilleas, native grasses, bottlebrushes (*Callistemon*, *Melaleuca*), kangaroo paws (*Anigozanthos*)
- **Seed and Fruit Plants:** Plant native grasses and berry producing shrubs that produce small seeds and fruits easily consumed by little birds.
- **Insects:** Avoid using pesticides. A healthy garden ecosystem with a diverse range of native plants will naturally attract the insects that many small birds rely on for protein, especially during breeding season.
- **Protect fruit and veggies:** If you have a vegetable patch, use wildlife-friendly netting to protect plants from birds.

2. Ensure Access to Water

A reliable water source is crucial for both drinking and bathing.

- **Shallow Bird Baths:** Small birds need shallow water to feel safe. A depth of 2-5cm is ideal. Place a few smooth rocks in the bath to provide easy perching spots and depth variation.
- **Location:** Position the bird bath near shrubs or trees so birds have a quick escape route from predators.
- **Maintenance:** Clean the bird bath every few days to keep the water fresh and prevent mosquito breeding.

3. Offer Shelter and Safe Havens

Small birds are vulnerable to predators (cats, larger birds) and need safe places to hide and rest.

- **Dense Native Plantings:** Create dense thickets and layered plantings using shrubs, grasses, and groundcovers. This structure provides hiding spots and protection from weather and predators.
- **Thorny Plants:** Consider incorporating native plants with prickly foliage, which offer excellent, impenetrable cover from predators.
- **Layered Canopy:** Design your garden with different heights—from groundcovers and small shrubs to medium trees—to create a variety of niches for different species.
- **Build brush piles:** A simple pile of pruned branches and sticks offers cozy hiding places.
- **Offer nesting materials:** Leave out natural materials like twigs, dried grass, or cotton for nests.

4. Create Nesting Sites

Provide secure locations for birds to build nests and raise their young.

- **Natural Sites:** Dense native shrubs, tree cavities, and peeling bark on trees offer natural nesting materials and locations.
- **Nesting Boxes:** Install small nesting boxes specifically designed for the little bird species common in your local area. Ensure the entrance hole size is appropriate for small birds to exclude larger competitors.
- **Predator Protection:** Mount nesting boxes or feeders on poles with baffles (guards) to prevent predators like snakes or cats from reaching them.

By focusing on native biodiversity and creating a safe, multi-layered environment, you can successfully attract and support a variety of little bird species in your garden.

Some common small birds include:

- Grey Fantails
- Fairy-wrens
- Red-browed Finches
- Spotted Pardalotes
- Eastern Spinebills
- Eastern Yellow Robins
- Welcome Swallows
- Brown Gerygones
- Jacky Winters
- Robins
- Finches
- Scrubwrens
- Silvereyes



Images nita



Superb fairy-wren



Scarlet honeyeater



Double-barred finch



Golden whistler

Grow Australian Plants

LOCAL

Cymbidium suave

Snake orchid

An epiphytic orchid with pendulous, highly fragrant flowers. It can produce hundreds of flowers when well grown.

It naturally grows in the hollows of trees in moist temperate to sub-tropical areas.

The lack of pseudo-bulbs mean that it dislikes disturbance once established.

Best grown in a hollow log in decomposing eucalyptus heartwood.



All images nita



Gardening Book

Selling across the Sunshine Coast and south to Brisbane, and north to Gympie.

A useful resource for new and experienced gardeners living in sub-tropical regions.

\$25

Available: The Barn on Flaxton, La Botz, Mapleton Post Office, Mapleton Library Community Centre, Rosetta Books Maleny, Maleny Hardware and Rural Supplies.

Levin Publishing

This locally produced text features local species that will attract wildlife to your garden.

AUTHORS ARE GIFTING ALL PROFITS TO THE COMMUNITY via Montville Village Association and Mapleton Library Community Centre

LOCAL

Masked Lapwing, Spur-winged Plover

Vanellus miles



Size Range 33cm to 38cm

The Masked Lapwing is notorious for its defence of its nesting site, diving on intruders, or acting like it has a broken wing to lure the intruder away from the nest.

Masked Lapwings are large, ground-dwelling birds that are closely related to the waders. The Masked Lapwing is mainly white below, with brown wings and back and a black crown. Birds have large yellow wattles covering the face, and are equipped with a thorny spur that projects from the wrist on each wing. The spur is yellow with a black tip.

The Masked Lapwing inhabits marshes, mudflats, beaches and grasslands. It is often seen in urban areas. Where this bird is used to human presence, it may tolerate close proximity; otherwise it is very wary of people, and seldom allows close approach.

The Masked Lapwing is common throughout northern, central and eastern Australia. Masked Lapwings are also found in Indonesia, New Guinea, New Caledonia and New Zealand. The New Zealand and New Caledonian populations have been formed from birds that have flown there from Australia.

Thank you Feather Cap



Community Service

JP SERVICE

Monday mornings from 8:30am to 11:30am without an appointment at the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Or Thursday mornings 9am to 11am.

Telephone 5445 7182 for a booking in Mapleton.

WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Are you a new resident?

**Collect your pack from the
Mapleton Library Community Centre**

Borrowing hours: 1pm to 4pm week days
9am to 12noon Saturdays

What does the pack include?

- Brochures promoting community organisations
- Range Popup Community News - a free weekly news for everyone with information about the events in your neighbourhood
- List of community organisations in Mapleton, Flaxton and Montville
- Zonta Business Directory
- Recent publications such as the History of the Mapleton Bowls Club

Also available at the COMMUNITY STALL at the monthly Mapleton Country Market.

MAPLETON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Monthly Training: 5:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of Month

Monthly Meeting: 5:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of Month

First Officer (all operational matters): 0428 137927

Fire Warden (fire permits, safety checks): 0499 778806

Secretary (new members, administration): 0499 883019

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/mapletonruralfirebrigade/>

E-Mail: MapletonRFB@gmail.com

Address: 37 Obi Obi Road, Mapleton 4560

Postal: PO Box 366, Mapleton 4560

Following the recent Annual Meeting the above details are current.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

On the green, Montville

Sunday Eucharist at 8am

Wednesday Meditation with Maureen 9am

For general enquiries contact Carole Phillips at 5445 7839

Baptisms and weddings enquiries welcome.

Parish Office: 07 5499 9130

Email: maleny@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Montville Uniting Church

Services are held each Sunday at 8.15am when a combined service is held at Maleny Uniting Church at 9.45pm. All welcome.

Minister: Rev Nathan Barton

E: minister@ourcommonlife.org.au

M: 0429 632527

The church is open as a Reflection Gallery every day from at least 10am till 3pm.

Date Claims

5 December Mapleton Bingo, 9:30-11:30am, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

5 December Mapleton Light the Lights, 5pm-8pm, Mapleton State School

6 December Community Open Day, 12Noon-8pm, QCCC.

6 December Montville Christmas Market 4pm-7:30pm.

7 December Celebrating 40 years of Service, 4:30pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

7 December Yandina Community Christmas Carol, 1pm-7pm.

10 December 'The Shambles', 2pm, Montville.

10 December Twilight Bowls, 5pm, Mapleton Bowls Club.

11-14 December A Christmas Carol, Woombye.

11, 18 December Nambour Town Square Markets, 9am-7pm.

12 December Maleny Christmas Festival 5pm-9pm.

12 December Christmas Concert, Maleny RSL 6:30pm.

14 December Kim's Christmas Concert St Georges 2 Walker Drive Maleny 2pm Sunday December 14, free Christmas nibbles and raffle.

17 December Montville Carols, 6pm-8pm.

Hinterland Music Club, 2nd Saturday each month, Big Shed, Pioneer Village, Bryce Lane, Maleny.

2026

12 January Twilight Bowls, Mapleton Bowls Club.

14 February Lovers of Books, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

MAPLETON STATE SCHOOL BOOK PACKS
TAKE THE HASSLE OUT OF SCHOOL BOOK
PACK SHOPPING

MAPLETON POST OFFICE WILL PICK AND
PACK YOUR SELECTIONS READY FOR PICK
UP AFTER THE 12th JANUARY, 2026 AT YOUR
CONVENIENCE

JUST DROP YOUR BOOK PACK LIST INTO
THE POST OFFICE AND WE WILL DO THE
REST

NO PAYMENT REQUIRED UNTIL PICK UP

OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON
REQUEST
COPIES OF MAPLETON STATE SCHOOL BOOK LIST AVAILABLE
AT THE POST OFFICE



**MAPLETON POST OFFICE
CHRISTMAS COLOURING
COMPETITION**

PICK UP YOUR ENTRY FORM TODAY

And Receive a Gift when you return your
completed entry to the Post Office

4 MAIN PRIZES TO BE WON

Competition Closes 5.00pm 23/12/25



KEEPING YOUR TUMMY HAPPY THIS CHRISTMAS

By Natalie, your local Pharmacist at Lindner Family Pharmacy,
Mapleton

The festive season is a time for joy, good company, and of course—plenty of delicious food. But with all the indulgence and routine changes, it's also a time when many people experience tummy troubles. Here are some friendly tips to help keep your gut feeling comfortable throughout the celebrations:

Enjoy treats in moderation

Christmas puddings, chocolates, and hearty meals are part of the fun, but large portions can leave you feeling uncomfortable. Pace yourself and listen to your body.

Stay hydrated

Between hot drinks, festive cocktails, and busy days, water can be forgotten. Staying hydrated helps keep digestion running smoothly. If you overdo it or feel a bit dehydrated, an oral rehydration product like *Hydralyte* can help replenish lost fluids and electrolytes.

Keep your body moving

A gentle walk after meals can support digestion and reduce feelings of fullness or bloating.

Don't forget your fibre

Rich foods can sometimes slow things down. Including fruits, vegetables, and whole grains can help maintain regularity. For those who occasionally struggle with constipation, products like *Movicol* can be useful—just ask your pharmacist whether it's right for you.

Be prepared for indigestion

Heartburn and indigestion are common this time of year. An antacid or reflux-relief product such as *Gaviscon* may help ease discomfort when used as directed.

Make time to rest

Stress can affect your digestive system just as much as food. Carve out moments to unwind and enjoy the season at a comfortable pace.

If you need personalised advice about digestive symptoms or choosing suitable over-the-counter products, feel free to pop in and speak with us—we're always here to help.

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and tummy-friendly Christmas!



Montville Carols *On The Green*

6 pm - 8 pm

Wednesday December 17

Christmas Carol Favourites with

- ★ The Salvation Army Band
- ★ The Mapleton Choir
- ★ Kristy Turner + Garry Sando

FREE Sausage Sizzle 6 - 7 pm.

Face Painting + Bubbles

GIANT Christmas Cracker tug-o-war!

Bring your picnic rug and join us for a festive evening under the stars!

Enjoy a sausage sizzle from 6:00 pm, then settle in for the main event starting at 7:00 pm.

There's bubbles, face painting, and a GIANT Christmas cracker for the kids — plus plenty of joy and community cheer for everyone!

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5PM TO 9PM

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Support your community with Lions Christmas Cakes & Puddings



Lions Christmas cakes, in 1 and 1.5kg sizes, and puddings are available now at Mapleton Post Office, Mapleton Chemist, Mapleton IGA, The Barn on Flaxton and the Montville IGA.

By buying 1 or 2 – one for Christmas, one to save for unexpected guests through the year, you help provide funds for Blackall Range Lions to support our community.

Prices: 1kg Cakes \$16, 1.5kg Cakes \$20 and Puddings \$16.

Just ask one of our Lions if you would like to try one of our small gluten free cakes - \$10.



Back by popular demand - the Lions' little Iced Christmas Cakes.



Available now at The Barn on Flaxton, the Mapleton Post Office, and Montville Post Office from December 1st. These 375 gram cakes have been lovingly decorated for all to share and make ideal gifts for your friends and relatives who live alone.

Numbers are limited...



Recent Development Applications in Divisions 5 and 10

This is an initiative of Pop Up Community News aimed at providing information and heightened awareness as to developments in our region. Hopefully the information will provide a spring board should anyone wish to dive deeper into any specific application.

Using the link: <https://developmenti.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/> or entering "development i sunshine coast" into a browser will take you to the Development i home page. Click on "Application Search" and enter the application number.

Select "Details" if you want to dive deeper. The supporting documents can typically be downloaded or viewed by selecting "Application Documents" in the right hand section of the screen.

In the listings below, typically a brief editorial comment is provided after each application description. These are shown in *italics*.

DIVISION 10:

Lodged: 17/11/2025 DA#: MCU25/0326 & OPW25/0521

19 Stevens St YANDINA - Shops, Office, Healthcare Services, Indoor Sport & Recreation , Earthworks, Landscaping, Stormwater, Car Parking & Access - GJ & MR Pty Ltd - Alan Holliday Pty Ltd. *Indoor Gym and 5 commercial tenancies spread over 3 free standing buildings, plus car parks.*

Lodged: 18/11/2025 DA#: MCU21/0327.02

14 White Fig Pl BURNSIDE - Minor Change to Development Approval - Material Change of Use - Dual Occupancy x 10 - Aushomes - Suncoast Building Approvals. *To quote: "Proposed dual occupancy located outside of the indicative building envelope and not a split level or elevation construction where beyond the rear extent of the nominated envelope."*

Lodged: 20/11/2025 DA#: MCU25/0330

68 Kromes Rd NORTH ARM - short-term accommodation - Tusk Australia Pty Ltd - Project Urban. *Presents as 5 X 2 bed cabins on poles, skillion roof on a large lot.*

Lodged: 21/11/2025 DA#: MCU25/0333

14 Noel St NAMBOUR - Secondary Dwelling - Project BA. *2 Bed 1 bath secondary dwelling with an attempt to create a period look.*

Lodged: 21/11/2025 DA#: MCU25/0334

132 Howard Street NAMBOUR - Outdoor Sales (Motor Vehicle Sales Yard) - Sunny Coast Cars Pty Ltd - Ferris Town Planning. *Application to place a demountable office on the lot.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 19/11/2025 DA#: OPW25/0524

28 Rowan Lane MOUNT MELLUM - Vegetation Clearing - Ryan Jeffrey & Georgia White. *Removal of slash pine grove covering most of the lot.*

Lodged: 20/11/2025 DA#: OPW25/0529

Nambour Christian College 2 McKenzie Rd WOOMBYE - Landscaping - Nambour Christian College Ltd - Covey Associates Pty Ltd. *Mainly carpark and landscaping.*



13 December



BIRDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Preening Ones Feathers by Angela Farnsworth

Why this image won: a note from our judges

"This image stood out as these much-maligned birds are often overlooked. The image is perfectly composed, with the dark tones in the feathers never losing detail. It's refreshing to see a Brush-turkey photographed in such an endearing way." — Angela Robertson-Buchanan (Judge)

"The red neck of the Brush-turkey stands out against the black background and so draws the viewers eye into the essence of the subject. The eye is matching the background, and the textures enhance the ugly beauty of the Brush-turkey. Although the feathers are black there is a difference to the background and there is a lot of detail in those dark tones." — Peter O'Brien (Judge)

"At the start of this competition I would not have envisaged a Brush-turkey as being the subject of the winning image. The photographer has captured the bird preening in a unique and compelling way. While the image is dark, the detail is good and the neck and head, responsible for the activity, stand out beautifully." — Gary King (Judge)

"An image that stood out from the crowd, displaying intricate feather detail and a stark contrast of red against black in a striking composition, drawing attention to a beautiful dark liquid eye. Soft glowing light separates black feathers from a black background and along with the partially hidden face, create a sense of mystery and emotion. A common bird photographed in a stunning and unique way." — Melissa Zappelli (Judge)

<https://www.birdlifephotoaward.org.au/>



MAPLETON LIBRARY
COMMUNITY CENTRE



Christmas Raffle 2025

Multi-draw prizes!

TICKETS: \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5



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Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas



ALL DAY CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE!

Nambour was the capital of the shire for over a century but it's no secret the centre has taken some knocks. More empty shops, more people sleeping rough....it can make the town feel a bit confronting if you haven't been in for a while.

The Nambour Town Square Markets are trying something small but positive in the middle of all this and we're just asking for a bit of help from those of us who can give it. On Thursdays 4, 11 and 18 December, the markets will run all day (9am-7pm) in Nambour's Town Square on the corner of Short and Lowe Sts. It's a full all day Christmas market instead of just the usual morning. There'll be good quality produce, plants, handmade gifts, toys; all with plenty of shade and level access from nearby parking. It's very much set up for a relaxed visit rather than a crowded chaotic occasion.

With families, stallholders, volunteers and just normal people walking around is when Nambour feels at its happiest. A steady stream of visitors who park nearby, wander through the square, then step into a café or shop, does more for the town than any number of reports or plans.

The ask is simple. If you usually bypass Nambour and head straight down the highway or take the long drive to 'the plaza'....consider dtopping downtown on one of those Thursdays instead. Come for some shopping, walk through the markets, buy a few Christmas presents and then head home when you're ready.

For the businesses still hanging on in the centre, and for the people doing it tough on those streets, the presence of calm, ordinary shoppers makes a real difference. An hour or two in Nambour this December is a very practical way to help.



Kiosk Bookings

Our kiosk, located right on bustling Maple Street in Maleny, is available for hire to both organisations and individuals.

Whether you're looking to promote your cause, raise funds, or simply connect with the local community, this compact yet versatile space is a perfect solution.

For more information please call the office on 5429 6043 or email admin@malenycc.org

CREATING A WILDLIFE FRIENDLY GARDEN

To create a **frog friendly garden** focus on providing a cool, moist, and protected habitat with a permanent, clean water source, native plants, and shelter, while avoiding chemicals and predators.

Key Components

- ◇ **A safe water source (pond):** This is essential for breeding and hydration.
- **Location:** Choose a spot that gets morning sun but is shaded during the hottest part of the day (around 50-75% shade is ideal). Place it away from house windows, as calling frogs can be loud at night.
- **Design:** Vary the depth, with a deep end of at least 50 cm to keep the water cool in summer and shallow, sloping edges for easy entry and exit. Use a non-metal container, plastic pond liner, or an old bathtub sealed with silicone.
- **Water Quality:** Fill the pond with rainwater if possible. If using tap water, let it stand in an open container for 5-7 days to allow the chlorine to dissipate. Never use fertilisers or pesticides near the pond.
- **Mosquito Control:** To manage mosquito larvae, you can install a small water pump to gently break the surface tension, or introduce a few small native fish like Pacific Blue-eyes, which will eat the larvae without decimating all the frog eggs and tadpoles.
- **Shelter and Habitat:** Frogs need places to hide from predators and harsh sunlight.
- **Ground Cover:** Use thick leaf litter, logs, branches, rocks, and upturned flower pots for hiding spots. Allow some wild, mulched areas to develop in your garden.
- **Multi-layered Planting:** Incorporate ground covers, grasses, shrubs, and small trees to provide shade and protection. This diverse structure also attracts insects for food.
- **Minimise light pollution:** Turn off bright outdoor lights at night, as they can disrupt a frog's hunting and resting.

Native Plants:

- **Pond Edges/Bog Areas:** *Lomandra longifolia* (Mat Rush), *Carex* spp. (Sedges), *Juncus usitatus* (Common Rush), *Viola hederacea* (Native Violet), *Alpinia caerulea* (Native Ginger).
- **Submerged/Deep Water:** *Marsilea* spp. (Nardoo), *Villarsia exaltata* (Marsh Flower), *Baumea articulata* (Jointed Twig-rush).
- **Surrounding Garden:** *Acmena smithii* (Lilly Pilly), *Callistemon* spp. (Bottlebrush), *Grevillea* spp., and *Banksia* spp. help attract insects and provide additional cover.
- **Local text:** The Range and Hinterland Gardening book is a current and useful resource.

Pest and Predator Management:

- **Chemical-Free Zone:** Frogs absorb water and chemicals through their sensitive skin, so strictly avoid all pesticides, herbicides, and fertilisers in and around your frog habitat.
- **Pets:** Keep cats and dogs away from the frog area, as they are significant predators.
- **Cane Toads:** If you have cane toads, make your pond edges at least 50 cm high or use dense, spiky plants like *Lomandra* as a barrier to deter them from entering the water to breed. Learn to identify and humanely remove cane toad eggs (long, stringy strands) from the water.

Final Note

Be patient. If you build the right habitat, local frogs will find it on their own. Never introduce frogs or tadpoles from other areas, as this can spread disease. You can use the FrogID app to identify which species live in your area and record your sightings.

<https://www.museum.qld.gov.au/learn-and-discover/apps/frogid-app>

Common and Widespread Native Frogs

These species are frequently encountered across various habitats, including urban areas, in south east Queensland.

- **Common Green Treefrog** (*Litoria caerulea*): One of Australia's largest and most well-known frogs, with a variety of green shades.
- **Eastern Sedgefrog** (*Litoria fallax*): A common, small, and slender species often found near water bodies and garden ponds.
- **Striped Marshfrog** (*Limnodynastes peronii*): Identified by its bold, dark longitudinal stripes on a light brown or grey-brown back.
- **Common Eastern Froglet** (*Crinia signifera*): A small, abundant ground-dwelling frog known for its clicking call.
- **Great Barred Frog** (*Mixophyes fasciolatus*): A large, powerful frog found along stream banks.

Other Notable Species

- **Orange-eyed Treefrog** (*Litoria chloris*)
- **Graceful Treefrog** (*Litoria gracilentia*)
- **Eastern Laughing Treefrog** (*Litoria rothii*)
- **Emerald Spotted Treefrog** (*Litoria peronii*)
- **Spotted Grassfrog** (*Limnodynastes tasmaniensis*)
- **Scarlet-sided Pobblebonk** (*Limnodynastes terraereginae*), also known as the Northern Banjo Frog
- **Ornate Burrowing Frog** (*Platyplectrum ornatum*)

Conservation Status

Several native species in the region are listed as vulnerable or endangered:

- **Tusked Frog** (*Adelotus brevis*) - Vulnerable
- **Wallum Sedgefrog** (*Litoria olongburensis*) - Vulnerable (EPBC and NCA status)
- **Wallum Froglet** (*Crinia tinnula*) - Vulnerable
- **Fleay's Barred Frog** (*Mixophyes fleayi*) - Endangered (EPBC and NCA status)
- **Giant Barred Frog** (*Mixophyes iteratus*) - Vulnerable (EPBC and NCA status)
- **Red-and-yellow Mountainfrog** (*Phyllorhina kundagungan*) - Endangered (EPBC and NCA status)

Identification Resources

For more detailed identification, the Queensland Museum provides resources on local species. You can also use the FrogID app to help identify frogs by their unique calls and contribute to national monitoring efforts.

Note that the **Cane Toad** (*Rhinella marina*) is an introduced species and a major threat to native wildlife.



Above: Striped rocket frog
Top right: Peron's tree frog
Lower right: Broad palmed rocket

MAPLETON COUNTRY MARKET

Our Pre Christmas Country Market and last for the year was extremely busy with Santa (aka Brian Hansen from the Mapleton Rural Fire Brigade). The market is now in recess till February 28th 2026. We would like to thank our MADCA Sub Committee, all our community groups, volunteers and you the patrons for a wonderful year. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and may your days be filled with warmth of family, the cheer of friends, and the promise of a new year full of hope, joy and peace.

Kind regards Paula Wright and Donna Klease (Convenors)

Photographs: Conne and Santa



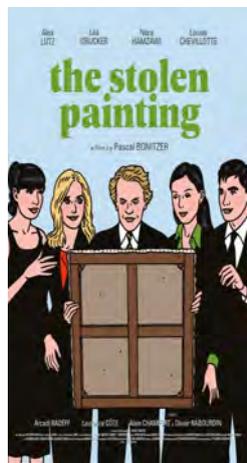
The Stolen Painting

13 December: 3pm and 7pm

91 mins – France – Drama 
(Coarse language)

MALENY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Parisian art auctioneer André Masson, played by Alex Lutz, learns of an original painting by Egon Schiele, the fin de siècle Austrian Expressionist. Known only through prints, *Wilted Sunflowers* has been long since lost—until now. Although sceptical, André agrees to appraise the piece.



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Accompanied by Bertina (Léa Drucker), his ex-wife and art valuer, he travels to the gritty industrial town where its new owners live. Upon viewing the work, André and Bertina immediately declare it to be authentic. Its provenance, however, proves murky—its former owner collaborated with the Nazis during WWII. Then Bob Wahlberg (Doug Rand) appears, representing the painting's rightful heirs. Inspired by real events, *The Stolen Painting* is 'a sophisticated and compelling character study and mystery.' Jason Di Rosso, *ABC Radio National*

MATINEE SCREENING

Doors Open at 2:30 pm for licensed bar, tea/coffee, slices
 Movie Starts at 3:00 pm

EVENING SCREENING

Doors Open at 6 pm.
 Movie starts at 7:00 pm for licensed bar, tea/coffee, slices
 BYO nibbles, meals or restaurant takeaway (Tables provided)

THIS EVENT GOES ON SALE 30 NOVEMBER

<https://malenyfilmsociety.au/project/the-stolen-painting/>



HELPING CHILDREN WALK WITH PRIDE

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Bags of ring pulls collected at the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Every ring pull you collect over Christmas will contribute to another mobility device for a child.

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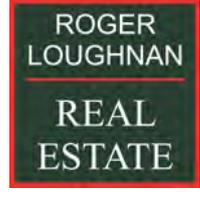


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Gardening Book

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A useful resource for new and experienced gardeners living in sub-tropical regions.

\$25

Available: The Barn on Flaxton, La Botiga, Mapleton Post Office, Mapleton Library Community Centre, Rosetta Books Maleny, Maleny Hardware and Rural Supplies



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LOCAL VENUES FOR HIRE

KUREELPA PUBLIC HALL

Our modern and clean hall is available for hire for meetings, community events and classes.

Contact: Dianne Fitzgerald E: fitzies56@gmail.com

MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB

Cost: for meeting \$50.00. Rent of premises, or large gathering [Trivia] \$100.00

Space: Can accommodate up to 90 persons standing or 80 persons seated.

Other: The use of the Bar and its staff should be requested, while the use of the kitchen and/or its staff is limited and would need discussion.

Contact: The Club Secretary, Martin Lambe

E: mapletonbowlsclub350@gmail.com T: 0428 898734

MAPLETON COMMUNITY HALL and SPORTSGROUND

The historic timber 109year old hall including grounds. Includes tables, chairs and a basic kitchen. Capacity is 110 persons in the hall.

To enquire email mapletonhall@gmail.com

Two tennis courts managed by The Mapleton Tennis Club are available for Hire.

MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Obi Obi Road, Mapleton T: 5445 7011

E: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

Cost: meeting \$20 per hour; plus use of the kitchen \$30 per hour

Includes: indoor and outdoor spaces, fully carpeted indoor; small kitchen; toilet inside; data projector with screen on the ceiling; 40 chairs, folding tables available. There are also small grass areas, gazebos available, chairs can be used on the grass.

MONTVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Our versatile hall is the perfect venue for everything from weddings to birthday parties to community gatherings. With ample space and beautiful views, you'll be sure to impress your guests.

Contact us today to make a reservation.

<https://www.montvillevillageassociation.org/village-hall-hire>

OBI OBI HALL

Obi Obi hall is owned by the Obi Obi and Kidaman Creek communities, and operated by members of the Obi Obi and Kidaman Creek District Community Hall Association Inc.

856 Obi Obi Road, Obi Obi 4574; PO Box 276 Mapleton Queensland 4560

Calendar, floor plan and more all on the following web site

<https://obiobihall.blog/obi-obi-hall/obi-obi-hall-hire/>

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IT'S THAT TIME OF THE MONTH, WHEN COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS' PROMOTIONAL POSTERS ARE INCLUDED.

If your organisation has a poster, please forward for inclusion in the next edition.

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**Contact: Paul 0439 670 629
Tina 0493 101 730**

Or drop into the gym – we are located behind the Mapleton Bowls Club overlooking the Lilyponds (5 Post Office Rd, Mapleton)
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Mapleton Library Community Centre offers:

Over 11,000 books, magazines and DVDs for borrowing [children, young adults, large print].

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Workshops, events, public notice board, community brochures.

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W: mapletonlibrary.au



MAPLETON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Monthly Training: 5:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of Month

Monthly Meeting: 5:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of Month

First Officer (all operational matters): 0428 137927

Fire Warden (fire permits, safety checks): 0499 778806

Secretary (new members, administration): 0499 883019

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/mapletonruralfirebrigade/>

E-Mail: MapletonRFB@gmail.com

Address: 37 Obi Obi Road, Mapleton 4560

Postal: PO Box 366, Mapleton 4560

Following the recent Annual Meeting the above details are current.

MAPLETON CRAFT GROUP

Meets every Wednesday 9am to 12noon at the Mapleton Bowls Club. Like a raft of creativity beside the Lilyponds; we gather to inspire and motivate our members for 30 years.

Your initial visit is free of charge. Come and enjoy the creative atmosphere and share a [free] morning tea with our members. Explore the variety of talent that can enrich you life. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Zonta International is an international service organization with the mission of advancing the status of women.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Zonta Club here on the Range, please contact the President Margy Henderson. E. president@zontablackallrange.org.au

Promotional space in 2024 Business Directory is now available.

MAPLETON ART

A small group of artists meet every Thursday morning from 9am to 11am.

They investigate techniques and materials for continued professional artistic development.

If you think this group might be right for you, drop in one Thursday at the Mapleton Library Community Centre or Email: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

Currently working on the 2026 calendar to raise money for more Art in Public Spaces.



Kureelipa Hall—1st Saturday of every month at 8am.

Mapleton 3rd Wednesday every month at 9am [in the



PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BLACKALL RANGE INC

Venue: Mapleton Bowls Club, 5 Post Office Road, Mapleton

The Probus Club of North Blackall Range Inc meets on the second Friday of the month from February to November at the Mapleton Bowls Club for fun, fellowship and friendship between 10am and 12noon. We have interesting guest speakers, fun outings and several special interest groups.



Annual Membership is \$65 which covers meetings for the year, Public Liability Insurance, hire of venue and morning teas. There is a once off joining fee for new members of \$25.

Interested persons are welcome to come to our meeting free for the first visit to see if it suits them.

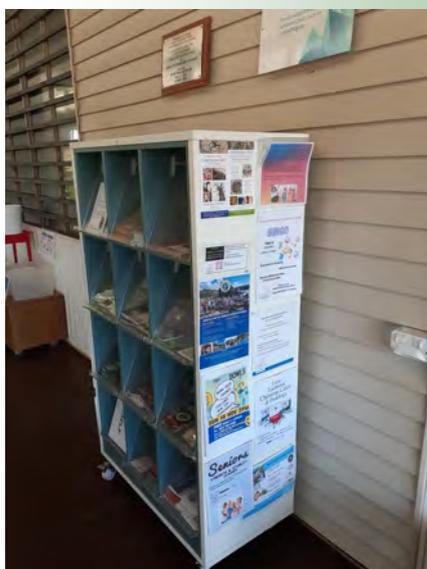
Community brochure and poster display on the verandah of the

Mapleton Library Community Centre

If your organisation has brochures or short term posters, consider adding them to this community service.

If you are looking for information, check out this collection.

Currently over flowing with posters and brochures—there is something for everyone.





RECYCLING IN MAPLETON

SPECTACLES are collected by Lions from the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

CANS and BOTTLES - Containers for Change

Mapleton Bowls Club - There is a convenient collection point which is a wheelie bin placed near the entrance. Bins can be distinguished from others by its bright blue lid.

Mapleton State School P & C. All your donations would be gratefully received and will go towards resources for our school and students.

Mapleton Men's Shed These may be left in the bins in front of the storage shed in Mapleton Forest Drive.

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Roger Loughnan Real Estate, corner Post Office Road and Obi Obi Road Mapleton, is a registered drop off location for people to donate their old working phones with chargers etc. The staff will deliver these to DVSafe Phone.

Also place in any Lion's spectacle box and these will be handed on.

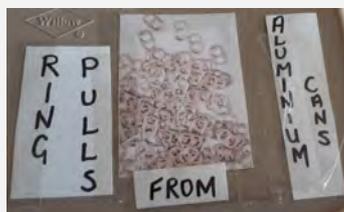
Blister packs—container on the Mapleton Library Community Centre verandah



Used pens—container on the Mapleton Library Community Centre verandah



Ring pulls from aluminium cans.
Lions will forward these for wheel chairs for children. Container on the Library Community Centre verandah



YARN LIBRARY- Sewing, knitting and embroidery items to swap— containers inside the Library Community Centre

PLANTS – there are stands outside where you can leave plants for someone else who might like them.

THANK YOU to all who have already recycled many of the above items.



Procedures for Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News management

The Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News was launched in 2016.

The News has gone through many changes with no one organisation controlling the News—it is truly a community news: for the community by the community. Auspiced by the Mapleton Library Community Centre since 2016 which provides insurance, financial support and much more.

The News offers opportunity to promote events and provide information to all community groups across the Range and the Hinterland

Thank you everyone.

The Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News is edited, published and distributed by volunteers.

There will be no discussion or correspondence on matters pertaining to the Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News.

- All articles for the Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News are to be sent to mapletonqueensland@gmail.com
- If it is important to have an article included in a specific edition, forward article as early as possible. Generally the cut off time for publication is noon Tuesday each week but as this is a fully volunteer publication inclusion is not guaranteed.
- Articles can be emailed at any time. Please include contact name and contact details.
- All articles are to be sent digitally unless otherwise pre-arranged.
- Pop up Community News is published weekly but open to review at any time. A short holiday over Festive Season each year to give the volunteers a well earned holiday.
- Currently Thursday night for distribution is the target time.
- No lost animals, political, religious, personal opinions or missing person notification will be published.
- Negative or derogatory comments will not be published.

Email mapletonqueensland@gmail.com requesting guidelines.

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