

# RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPUP COMMUNITY NEWS

**Weekly news**  
**A community service since 2016**

29 January 2026

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## WHAT IS ON THIS WEEKEND?

\*\* 30 January: Friday Night Dinner, Mapleton Bowls Club  
6pm

\*\* 31 January: Maleny Film Society

### **TO ALL MAPLETON MAIL BOX OWNERS**

The Mapleton Post Office suggests: It will be advisable to empty the mail boxes on Friday 6th February. There will be an Australia Post notification going into the mail boxes in the near future to this effect.

Please support your family, friends and neighbours to ensure this information is circulated.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **WHERE CAN I PARK IF ALL THE PARKS ARE FULL OUTSIDE THE MAPLETON IGA/BP?**

The parking outside the Mapleton State School on Flaxton Road is Council parking so you can use this location to park.

Otherwise, there are several parking spaces behind the IGA/BP building, and you walk up the slope.

#### **RECOGNITION OF THE BUCKLEY FAMILY AND THE MAPLETON POST OFFICE SITE**

Thank you so much to everyone for your preferences to say 'thank you' to the Buckley family. We received more than 90 individual or group feedback and many suggestions and comments.

The preferences indicate both a desire to record historically the Post Office location and service of Postmasters, and also to provide specific recognition and thanks for the Buckley family.

Based on the feedback both short and longer term ideas are being actioned:

## 1) **Short term** – immediate ‘Thanks’ to Buckley family

A gift from residents in the form of a selection of vouchers purchased from the local businesses has been selected as an immediate ‘thank you’. If you would like to be part of this ‘gift voucher box’, please make a cash contribution. Peter Gamgee and Nita C Lester will be purchasing the vouchers over the coming week: please give your contribution to either Peter or Nita should you wish to support this project.

OR There is a donation box placed at La Botiga

OR This Friday night [30<sup>th</sup> January] contributions can be given at the Mapleton Bowls Club from 5:30pm onwards.

All contributions and purchases will be fully and transparently accounted.

Your support will mean so much to the Buckleys.

In the event we have excess contributions they will be held and put towards the longer term projects.

## 2) **Longer term** – historical recording of Post Office location and Postmasters and the Buckley’s service

a. A historical plaque located on the footpath outside the current Mapleton Post Office site was a popular selection. This plaque would note the site as ‘of historical importance’.

b. A plaque on a bench recording the community’s thanks to the Buckley family for 18 years of generous service was also a popular choice.

These longer term projects require Council involvement/approval so we will need to follow their processes, with no idea yet on timing and ultimate cost.

Nita and Peter are currently investigating these on behalf of the community, and we will keep you informed.

Also – please feel free to individually leave a note of thanks, and drop it in at the Post Office.



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## MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB

Happy birthday to these fabulous four bowlers who at 85, look fit and fresh after an afternoon of bowls.

Congratulations to Bev Zeisemer, Gresham Dobson, Heather and Allan Lewis.



## DINNER NIGHT MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB



**FRIDAY, 30 January**

Orders taken on arrival. Serving begins at 6pm

### TONIGHT'S SPECIALS

Beef Stroganoff with pesto pasta and salad (GF)  
Honey mustard chicken with chips and salad

### DESSERTS

Asian creme caramel

Passionfruit and banana Eton Mess

Carrot cake with Swiss meringue and cream cheese icing

### Everyone is welcome

Enjoy a relaxing night away from the kitchen  
Becoming so popular - book now to avoid disappointment

<https://mapleton.bowls.com.au/reservations/> This link will take you directly to the booking page of the Mapleton Bowls Club. When a booking is made on the form an email is automatically sent to Kathy Lambe's Dinner Night Email Account and thus will allow for more accurate catering.

**To help raise funds to keep this community service going, many of the local businesses have donated vouchers.**

**Be a winner in the 10 multi-draw raffle**

# **MARLON WILLIAMS: NGA AO E RUA – TWO WORLDS**

## **31 January, 3pm and 7pm**

NZ – (C) – Music Documentary – 92 m  
(Coarse language)

VENUE: MALENY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
23 MAPLE STREET MALENY

Marlon Williams: Ngā Ao e Rua – Two Worlds is a vibrant, soulful journey that follows Williams as he navigates the spaces between heritage and modern artistry. Blending intimate storytelling with soaring musical performances, the film celebrates identity, connection, and creative courage. It offers a beautifully crafted look at an artist embracing his roots while forging new paths. With stunning visuals, heartfelt conversations, and music that resonates long after the credits roll, the film offers a moving celebration of belonging, artistic evolution, and the courage to honour where you come from while boldly stepping into new terrain. It's an inspiring, tender, and unforgettable cinematic experience.

### **MATINEE SCREENING**

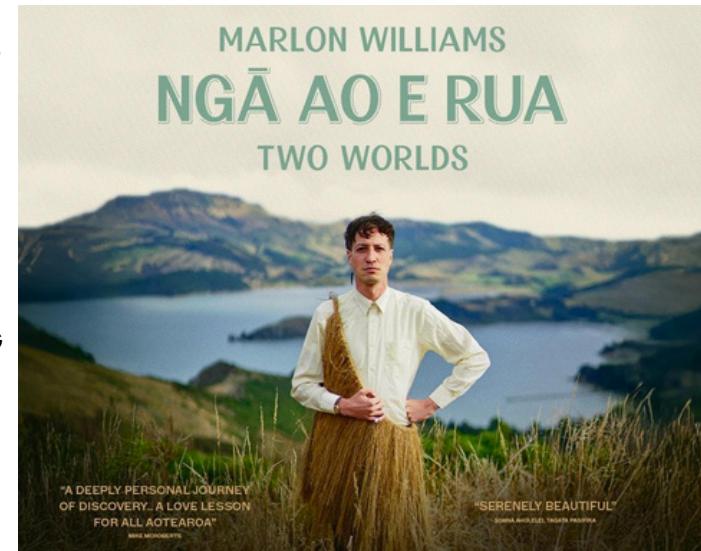
Doors Open at  
2:30pm for licensed  
bar, tea/coffee,  
slices

Movie starts at  
3:00pm

### **EVENING SCREENING**

Doors Open at  
6:00pm  
Movie starts at  
7:00pm for licensed  
bar, tea/coffee,  
slices

BYO nibbles, meals or restaurant takeaway (tables provided)



## **COMMUNITY QUESTIONS**

### **What is going on here?**

#### **Another Lions Project**

Cleaning, repairing and painting the 'bus shelter' outside the Mapleton State School on Flaxton Drive.



## LOOKING AFTER YOUR EAR HEALTH

By Natalie, your local Hinterland Pharmacist @ Lindner Family Pharmacy, Mapleton

Our ears are essential for hearing, balance, and communication, yet they're often easy to overlook until something feels wrong. With a little everyday care—and the right support—many common ear problems can be prevented or managed early.

One key tip is to avoid using cotton buds or other objects inside the ear canal, as these can push wax further in and cause blockages. If earwax does build up, your local pharmacy stocks gentle ear drops designed to soften and help remove excess wax safely over time.

Protecting your ears from loud noise is also important. Repeated exposure to high volumes can lead to long-term hearing damage. For those working or living in noisy environments, reusable earplugs available at the pharmacy can offer simple, effective protection. Ear discomfort, itching, or a feeling of blockage can sometimes be linked to colds, allergies, or minor infections. Our pharmacy team can offer friendly advice and recommend suitable ear sprays or soothing drops where appropriate, as well as let you know when it's best to see a doctor.

If you have questions or concerns about your ears, feel free to stop by and have a chat. Your local pharmacy is here to provide helpful products, practical guidance, and friendly support to keep your ears—and your hearing—in good health.



### A LITTLE PIECE OF MAPLETON HISTORY

The building currently occupied by the Mapleton Pharmacy was built in 1924 and has a varied history, serving several different purposes in the local community over the past century: a bakery, a private house, a fish and chip shop and a building designer's office. The Mapleton Pharmacy relocated to this historic site in 2009.

The building is part of the established history of Mapleton, a town that grew rapidly in the early 20th century, supported by a tramway from Nambour opened in 1915 and the thriving local citrus industry.

If you have any images and/or further information about the Pharmacy building please contact [mapletonqueensland@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonqueensland@gmail.com)



**the  
MAPLETON  
CHOIR**

themapletonchoir@outlook.com

The Mapleton Choir is about to commence its first term of singing for 2026. Under the care and tutelage of Brian Martin, we will once again bring a selection of songs we love to sing to the community.

We begin rehearsals on Monday 2 February. We rehearse every Monday except during school holidays, from 7.00-9.00pm at the Kureelpa Dulong Community Hall, Corner Jewett Road and Mapleton Road, Kureelpa.

We will end the first term with two concerts on 6 and 7 June.

Our subscription fees are \$100 per term. All music is provided to our members at the beginning of each term.

We have a lot of fun. Brian is a highly respected and well known choir director with a number of choirs under his belt. He is a great believer in the joy of singing and really believes that everyone can sing. Even you, reading this with much scepticism. Come along and find out!

This term our songs will include Africa (made famous by Toto), The Lion Sleeps Tonight (Elton John), Boy From New York City (Manhattan Transfer), You Raise Me Up (Westlife). There are also several classical pieces. So there is something and more for everyone.

We are a non auditioning choir and we welcome everyone who wishes to be a part of a fun and entertaining community choir.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the secretary at [themapletonchoir@outlook.com](mailto:themapletonchoir@outlook.com).



## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PRESIDENT, ARTS CONNECT INC.**

Arts Connect Inc. is seeking Expressions of Interest for the volunteer role of President.

This is an opportunity to help guide a respected, member-driven organisation that supports and connects artists across the Sunshine Coast through events, exhibitions, workshops, and professional development.

We welcome EOIs from individuals with leadership experience or a strong interest in governance, community arts, and collaboration.

For a brief role outline or to submit your EOI, please contact: [president@artsconnectinc.com.au](mailto:president@artsconnectinc.com.au)

EOIs close: 15 February 2026



## Montville Reflection

### Gallery

Space to rest and reflect 10 am to

3 pm most days of the year!

Montville Uniting Church, 152 Main

Street, Montville

#### Before Lent

#### Live in God's Light—

#### An Exhibition by Barbara

#### Willcock

Catch the latest exhibition of our regular contributing artist from

now until 17 February!

After a career of 39 years in Office Administration with a year's diversion as a Patisserie proprietor, Barbara moved to the Sunshine Coast with her husband in 1998. She became interested in painting in 2008 after her husband died when she undertook a watercolour painting course using her husband's now neglected paints.

She relished the experience of attempting to paint and seeing some improvement as she practiced the techniques delivered in the weekly workshops.

Although not an easy medium to begin with, Barbara was inspired to have a go and she now enjoys the challenge of painting mostly flowers and scenes from trips both at home and overseas.

In 2011, she became a member of the Blackall Range Visual Artists, a self-help art group, and their encouragement and critiques of her work have helped her to develop her own style.

Taking inspiration from God's creations around her, she is both challenged and excited to paint images that express her impression of what she sees; enjoying the form which emerges of mostly the landscape and flowers, now in watercolour, acrylic and oil.

**THE BOOR**  
A comedic opera by Dominick Argento

**TICKETS AND INFO**

**7pm, 7<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Maleeny Community Centre**

THIS BOOR MAY HAVE JUST MET HIS MATCH, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE...

**SPRINGBOARD OPERA**

**4MBS Classic FM**



**LOVERS OF BOOKS**  
**SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2026**  
**5.30pm-7.30pm**

The annual Lovers of Books at Mapleton Library Community Centre is being held on Saturday 14 February with six local authors who have come highly recommended to us by Rosetta Books.

This is a great opportunity to meet with published authors who have helpful experience with the writing journey including how to find an agent and publisher, how to carve out time to write, how their story kernels come to them, what research they need to do (or not) – there is so much that goes into writing whether it be memoir, non fiction, fiction, children's, historical, science fiction.

For \$10 per person (including glass of wine and finger food) you will be able to ask those questions you always wanted to have answers to.

You can book your place either through the Library by dropping in (Monday-Friday 1pm-4pm, Sat 9am to midday) or phoning the volunteers there on 5445 7011 or via Try Booking at <https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1505140> or via the QR code below.

So many ways to have an enjoyable evening!

We would love to see you there.



Informative and beautifully illustrated the 15 titles in this collection of Junior non-fiction books have been donated to the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Excellent for research for primary-aged children.

Three titles are shown here.



**Bawdy Codpiece Theatre Company**

*presents*

# A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



**AN OUTDOOR  
SHAKESPEARE  
EVENT**



**Tickets online only.**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DINYI>

*Kindly supported by*  
**MALENY**  
REALTY

**Maleny Playhouse**, Maleny Showgrounds

February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 4pm

*Full details of this event  
can be found at the link*

**Mapleton Hall Gardens** February 15<sup>th</sup> 4pm

<https://bawdycodpiece.com.au/>

## **Community Information**

### **Community safety concerns raised by Community Members**

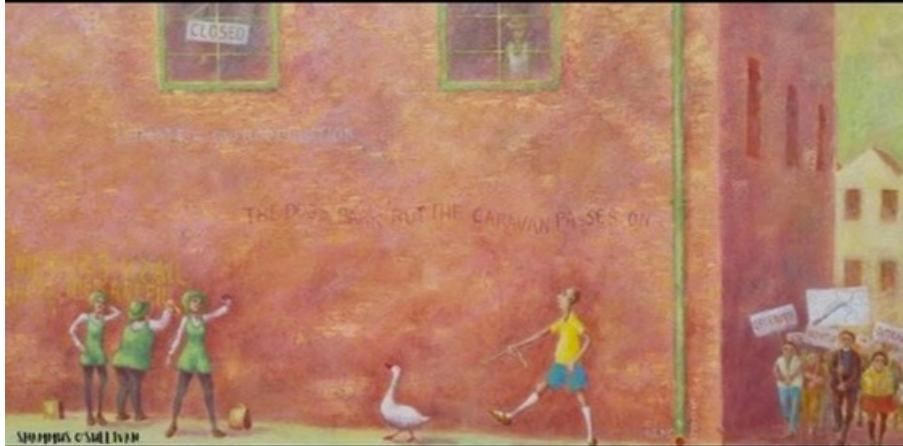
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2. The footpath on Obi Obi Road outside the Pub.
3. A pedestrian crossing on Obi Obi Road was requested several years ago for the safety of residents.

**All details and who to contact are in the Repeat  
section of this edition**

# Kenilworth ArtsFest

22ND - 24TH MAY 2026



KENILWORTH ARTS COUNCIL

FRI 22<sup>ND</sup> 5.30PM OPENING NIGHT \$10

STREET FOOD VANS BAR COFFEE

LIVE MUSIC

SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> 9-4PM \$5.00

SUN 24<sup>TH</sup> 9-1.30PM \$5.00



## FREE ACTIVITIES

### KENILWORTH FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026

9-2PM

### KENILWORTH SHOWGROUNDS

JUNIOR BURGER BAND

TORTA MASON AND

PUPPETS AT PLAY

THE BURNING FIRE

WORKSHOP

BAND

MAMA BULUKA

SES

YOGA

WORKSHOPS

OLD POLICE

WILDLINGS

FIREFRUCK

BUSH SCHOOL

OLD

AMBULANCE

WILDINGS

BUSH CRITTERS

BUG CLUB-MKCC

KITE MAKING

PTSD DOGS AUSTRALIA

SKYFALL SILKS

CARDBOARD BOX CONSTRUCTIONS

FUNKYBOOKS-CHRIS

WILDLINGS

SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL

KENILWORTH SAFE SPACE

COLLIN

STALLS

ARTISAN STALLS

STILT WALKERS

BUSH CRITTERS

STALLS

WILVOS

MEET THE AUTHOR

KUBATUBA

BUILD A RAINFOREST IN A JAR

DR SARAH PYE

KIDS IN

ACTION

FOOD VANS

FACEPAINTING



[www.kenilworthfamilyfun.day](http://www.kenilworthfamilyfun.day)





## **QCCC Weekly Activity**

Over the weekend, we're hosting a prayer retreat – a peaceful time of spiritual reflection, quiet contemplation, and relationship-building in our rainforest surrounds. These moments of rest are a welcome rhythm within the busyness of our operations and a meaningful way for groups to reconnect with God and each other.

We're now entering the second week of Term 1, traditionally one of the busiest in the calendar as schools prioritise early camps for their Grade 7 cohorts. These camps are designed to foster community and resilience in students navigating the transition from multiple primary schools into a shared secondary journey.

A major changeover on Wednesday will see the arrival of two more school groups:

- Another Grade 7 cohort, this one from Toowoomba, and
- A Grade 6 group from the Brisbane area.

It's a full and purposeful week ahead, with our staff focused on creating safe, formative, and joyful experiences for every student stepping onto our site.

QCCC Mapleton Annual Training Day:

## **Staff Training & Weekly Activity**

Last Tuesday, our full QCCC Mapleton team gathered for a day of training and preparation for 2026. It was a chance to:

- Welcome new staff, including this year's interns and the Cobb and Co crew joining the QCCC family;
- Undertake annual fire safety and updated ChildSafe training;
- Participate in cultural awareness training delivered by Triballink; and
- Reground in QCCC's shared culture and mission.

With almost 100 staff employed at QCCC Mapleton now, it was a timely moment to pause, reflect, and gear up for another big year of camps and expeditions. We're committed to excellence, best-practice compliance, and strong culture – so schools can have confidence their students are in safe, capable hands.



## 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: 20/01/2026 DA#: OPW26/0012

28 Nambour Mapleton Rd NAMBOUR – Earthworks & Stormwater – Infinity CE Pty Ltd. *Associated with a 10 unit rooming accommodation development.*

### DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 19/01/2026 DA#: RAL26/0004 & OPW26/0011

32 Wilson Ave WOOMBYE – Reconfiguring a Lot by Subdivision (1 Lot into 2 Lots) Earthworks, Stormwater, Road work & Driveway Access – Treetop Place Pty Ltd TTE – Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd. *849m2 lot into 2, 417m2 and 432m2, corner lot.*

Lodged: 16/01/2026 DA#: POS26/0001

397-429 Western Ave MONTVILLE – Reconfiguration of a rural lot (1 lot into 2 – Lots 2 & 3 on SP355679 – Murray and Associates. *Legal doc fee loaded 16/1 as missed. Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 23/01/2026 DA#: RAL26/0005

484 Glenview Rd GLENVIEW – Reconfiguration of a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots) – Kerry Bevan Nissen – Braydon Jones. Approximately 2.55ha lot split onto 8376m2 lot and 1.716ha.

Lodged: 22/01/2026 DA#: MCU26/0008 & CAR26/0035

8 Hillfoot Lane MONTVILLE – New Construction of Dwelling – 2 Storey – Metricon Homes Pty Ltd – Suncoast Building Approvals. *5 bed all ens, plus 2 guest bedrooms, plus powder on lower floor, 2 garage, 12.5° pitch, on 19,540m2.*

Lodged: 27/01/2026 DA#: POS25/0239

2 Summer Place PALMWOODS Reconfiguration of 1 Lot into 2 Lots – SP359282 Lots 941 & 942 – Formia Project Management. *Administrative, Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 22/01/2026 DA#: RAL19/0123.02

109 Oehmichen Road WITTA – Minor Change to Existing Approval – Subdivision 2 into 2 Lots – Peter Thompson – Murray & Associates (Qld) PL. *Request proposes a secondary building envelope on Lot 4 to accommodate a non-habitable shed, plus allowance for creek crossing to reach new building envelope.*

Lodged: 22/01/2026 DA#: MCU24/0201.01

39 Isambert Rd GLENVIEW – Minor Change to Existing Approval – Second Dwelling House – Prabakar Kuppusamy – Danya Cook Town Planning. *Initial approval for new primary dwelling and modifications to existing dwelling of 2 levels, 2 bed, 2 bath with 28° gables, plus carports under, and 18.8m from primary dwelling house. Minor change requests existing dwelling to be demolished, and replaced with single level, 3 bed, 2 bath, carport, 22° and 15° gables, now positioned 85.6m from primary dwelling. Reason for change given as: "quotes he has obtained from builders are rather high, prompting my client to conclude that it would be more cost-effective to demolish the existing dwelling"*

# Grow Australian Plants

## **Callistemon 'Pink Champagne'**

Evergreen fast-growing column-shaped bottlebrush bush to 3m tall.  
Prune after flowering to encourage a more compact habit

Long narrow leaves and large, soft pink flowers. Very showy indeed.

Will grow and flower in full sun and part shade locations. Tolerates a wide variety of soils.

Very successful across the region and is often used as a screen and as a wind break. Fast growing and play ground friendly.

Attracts bees, nectar eating birds and butterflies.

Good for picking and has a vase life of a few days.  
Currently flowering across the region.



**LOCAL*****Gallinula tenebrosa***

**General description:** Dark grey waterbird with red bill tipped yellow. Small flocks or individuals. Restless, wary bird, runs, swims or dives readily. Quarrelsome, many join in noisy squabbles.

**Habitat:** Lake and river margins, reedy edges of dams and lakes.

**Male and female:** Breeding: Upper and underparts slate grey. Bill and frontal shield red tipped with yellow. Rump and wings dark brown. Tail black with white side feathers. Legs and feet red orange with dark grey joints. Nonbreeding: Bill dark red, shield olive green, legs and feet olive with a little red near the body.

**Juvenile:** Paler and duller with olive green bill and legs.

**Flight:** Runs across water to take off. Once airborne, flies strongly with neck extended, legs trailing. Often flies at night between water bodies.

**Call:** Broken 'yeek', clear 'wut wut ...', high pitched 'yi yi yit' and nasal honks.

**Feeding:** Aquatic plants and seeds, molluscs, insects, spiders, carrion.

**Breeding:** Nest saucer composed of dried grass and reed stems, usually just above water level and hidden amongst rushes or clumps of grasses. Sometimes 2 females will share a nest. Eggs 5-10, cream-brown with red-brown spots. Breeding season is from August to December, depending on rains.

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 at another time.

### COMMUNITY WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Collect your pack from the  
Mapleton Library Community Centre

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

What does the pack include?

Community organisations brochures

Range and Hinterland 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

And much more

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

### RURAL FIRE BRIGADES

**Call 000 for emergencies**

#### **Kureelpa**

First Officer 0429 068090

Fire warden Kureelpa 0477 048616

Fire Warden Dulong 0407 412539

E: kureelparfb@gmail.com

Address: Bradford Rd, Kureelpa

Post: Kureelpa RFB P.O. Box 4931, SCMC, 4560

Monthly Meetings: 7.30pm on the first Thursday

#### **Mapleton**

First Officer (all operational matters): 0428 137927

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

Secretary (new members, administration): 0499 883019

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

E: MapletonRFB@gmail.com

Address: 37 Obi Obi Road, Mapleton 4560

Post: PO Box 366, Mapleton 4560

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

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

#### **Montville**

Call Mark Roderick, First Officer on 0409 480058 for queries and training information

Call John Watson, Fire Warden on 0477 712175 for permits

The team meets every second Monday at 7.00pm and the final Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm

## 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](mailto:minister@ourcommonlife.org.au)

M: 0429 632527

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

## ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

On the green, Montville

Sunday Eucharist at 8am

Wednesday Meditation with Maureen 9am

Baptisms, funerals and wedding enquiries welcome

Parish Office: 5499 9130

E: [stmarysmontville@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmontville@gmail.com)

## Date Claims

**30 January** Mapleton Bowls Club Friday Night Dinner, 6pm.

**6 February** Trivia, Bingo—Pit yourself against the Odds, 9:30am, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

**6 February** Murder Mystery Night, 5:30pm, Maleny RSL.

**6-7 February** A Midsummer Night's Dream, Maleny Playhouse.

**12 February** Parkinson's Awareness, 1:30pm, Mapleton Men's Shed.

**13 February** Blackall Range Probus Club, 10am, Mapleton Bowls Club.

**14 February** Lovers of Books, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

**15 September** A Midsummer Night's Dream, Mapleton Hall Gardens.

**18 February** Free Foot Health Check, 9am-1:30pm, Mapleton Community Hall.

**21 February** Always Valentine Trivia Night Zonta, 5:30pm, Maleny Community Centre.

**19 April** Book Fair and Mini Market, Mapleton Library and Community Centre.

**2-4 May** Sunshine Coast Hinterland Writers Festival.

**26 May** Family Fun Day, 9am-2pm, Kenilworth Arts Council.

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# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## Community safety concerns raised by Community Members

Thank you to all those who have shown concern regarding three of the safety issues in the Mapleton village:

1. The footpath on Flaxton Road between the State School car park entry and the BP/IGA. The path is sloping, making it impossible for those with mobility devices to use. The post office is being moved to the IGA. This section of the footpath is essential for many residents to obtain their mail. Contact Council
2. The footpath on Obi Obi Road outside the Pub. The path is level, but the ground between the path and the gutter is sloping, and residents often slip. This was investigated several years ago, but the cost to improve is high owing to the power poles along that side of the road. Contact Council
3. A pedestrian crossing on Obi Obi Road was requested several years ago for the safety of residents. Now that the post office is moving to the IGA, many residents will need to cross this road. Contact TMR or Marty Hunt

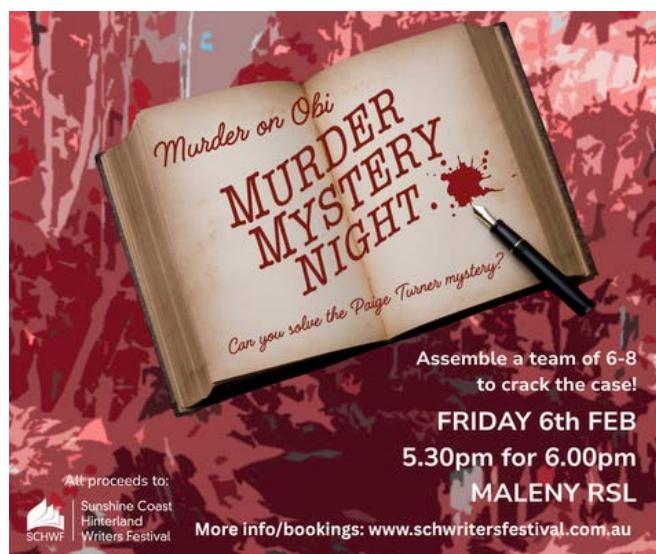
Thank you to those who have already sent requests to Council and TMR.

**Council:** Division10@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

**TMR:** nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au; Maroochydore at 5451 7055

Every individual contact addressing these community concerns, strengthens the case to improve the safety in our village.

**Let's fill the in-boxes and help keep your family, neighbours and friends safe**





## PARKINSON'S?



Did you know that the Red Tulip is the international symbol for Parkinson's Awareness? The tulip represents hope, perseverance and effort to find a cure for Parkinson's.

Mapleton now has a Self Help Support group established to support people who have been diagnosed as living with Parkinson's and their carers and/or support persons.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 12 February 2026 at 1.30pm. The group's meeting lasts about 2 hours depending on the enthusiasm of those attending!

This fifth meeting will be held at the Mapleton Men's Shed, 52 Delicia Rd, Mapleton. Tea and coffee will be provided.

If you have been diagnosed as living with Parkinson's or are helping someone living with Parkinson's, you are most welcome to attend. Or if you know of someone living with Parkinson's please let them know of this get together.

For further information, please contact Peter 5478 6109.

### MAPLETON COUNTRY MARKET EVENTS & DATES 2026



February 28th - First for the Year

March 28th - Easter Event

April 25th - No Market (Anzac Day)

May - 23rd - Best Dressed Dog Parades - Large & Small

June 27th - Celebrating Children

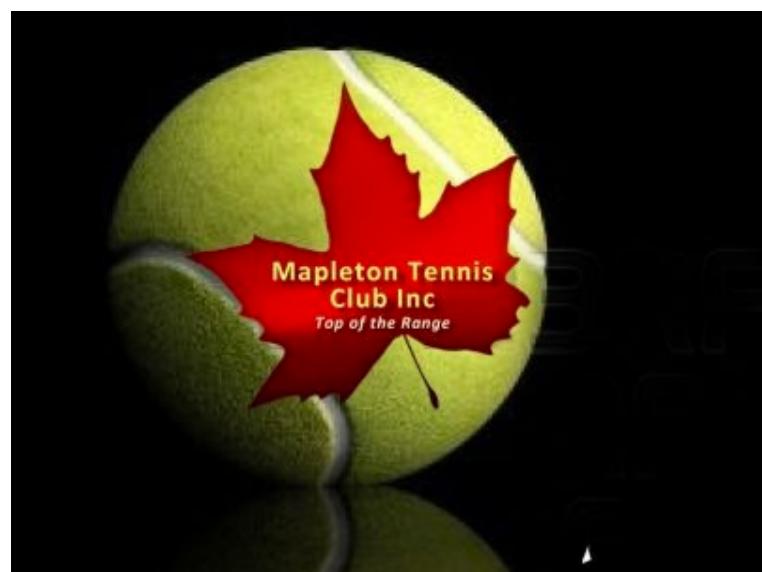
July 25th - Christmas in July

August 22nd - Normal Market

September - 26th Normal Market

October 24th - Halloween Event

November 28th - Pre Christmas Event  
(Last for the Year)



## MAPLETON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

Riparian rainforest and open eucalypt forest communities are protected here.



Pencil Creek forms Mapleton Falls, plunging 120m into the valley below. The peregrine falcon often soars and roosts near the waterfall.

During warmer months, listen for frogs in the pool beside the causeway. Take a close look at the rocks around the pool, and you'll see distinctive hexagonal shapes formed by volcanic activity 25 million years ago.

Help protect natural resources by being a minimal impact visitor.

Take all your rubbish out of the park.  
Leave your domestic animals at home.  
Never feed wildlife.

15 months ago, the toilet block was destroyed. A **new toilet block** may open mid-2026. Visitors to Mapleton Falls National Park may soon see the end of a 15-month reliance on portable toilets, with construction of a new permanent amenities block scheduled to begin in early February.

## MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

*pit your wits  
against the odds*

**Friday 6th February**

**9:30 - 11:30am**

**\$12 pp**

**includes delicious morning tea**



**Trivia**

**Fun &  
games**

**Bingo**



## LOVERS OF BOOKS!

### MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2026

On Saturday 14 February 2026, the Mapleton Library Community Centre will be holding its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Lovers of Books event and this promises to be a lovely evening. We have six local authors, five of whom were highly recommended by Rosetta Books in Maleny. They have their books on display in the book shop and copies will be available also at Lovers of Books.

These authors will give insight into why they write, who they write for, genres and their particular journey going from dreaming to publishing.

The event runs from 5.30 – 7.30pm and costs only \$10 per person which includes a glass of wine, finger food curated by our wonderful volunteers, and a lucky door prize.

Our authors are:



Mary Garden



Marg Gibbs



Gay Liddington



Brendan O'Shea



Tammy Pemper



Si Turner

You can book via the QR code below or via [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1505140](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1505140) or drop into the Mapleton Library Community Centre and book through the lovely volunteers or call them on 07 5445 7011.



### Drawing Class for Beginners: Creating 3D Drawings

#### **STAGE 2 – continue to develop your skills**

Date: Tuesday, 17 February

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Verandah of the Mapleton Library Community Centre

Join us for a fun and relaxed beginner-friendly drawing class where you'll learn how to create stunning 3D drawings step by step. No experience needed – just bring your creativity!

All equipment and supplies are provided, so all you need to do is show up and enjoy. Notes will be provided.

Perfect for anyone wanting to explore new techniques, improve their sketching skills, or simply try something creative!

Reserve your spot today – spaces are limited

Cost: \$20

Email: [mapletonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonlibrary@gmail.com)



## BOOK LAUNCH - KIDS, pre-teens

FAMILIES SUPPORT

*The Glow in Her Hands* by local Mapleton author Marg Gibbs

WHEN. Saturday 21 February, 10.30am - noon

WHERE Nambour Historical Museum, Mitchell Street, Nambour

Meet MC award-winning author Aleesah Darlison as she discusses the inspiration behind the story, a coming-of-age journey, a museum theft, a mystical stone, and friendship/family themes.

The morning includes activities suitable for ages 7-14 years. Museum entry for adults \$5.

Discover fascinating displays and memorabilia from the past.

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**The Bunya pines (*Araucaria bidwillii*) are native to south east Queensland, with the Bunya Mountains being a major, iconic site for the harvest.**

Late 2025/early 2026, many regions in Australia, including the Blackall Range are experiencing a bumper crop of bunya nuts, with reports indicating some of the largest harvests in years.

- **Massive Harvest Numbers:** Arborists and locals have reported trees producing 'more fruit than ever' this season, with individual cones weighing between 2 and 15 kg. Large, mature trees can drop over 300 cones in a single bumper season.
- **A 'Great Bunya Year':** Bunya pines typically follow a cycle, producing a small annual crop but a massive "bumper" harvest every three to four years. The 2026 season aligns with this cycle, following favourable growing conditions and winter rains in 2025.
- **Safety Warning:** Due to the 'huge crop' this year, authorities and arborists have issued warnings about the risk of falling cones, which can reach the size of watermelons and cause significant injury or property damage.
- **Cultural Significance:** Historically, these bumper years were the catalyst for great gatherings of indigenous people, who would travel from across the region to feast on the abundant nuts.

### **Nut Characteristics**

**Nutrition:** Bunya nuts are low in fat and high in complex carbohydrates (approx. 40% starch), protein (9%), and minerals like potassium and magnesium.



## 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: 15/01/2026 DA#: POS25/0232

33 Hilltop Dr BURNSIDE - BFP For Duplex - Lot 1 & 2 on SP356670 - Max Watterson & Associates. Administrative, Approving Plans.

Lodged: 15/01/2026 DA#: RAL26/0002

2 Swift Lane BURNSIDE - Reconfiguration of 2 Lots into 103 Residential Allotments plus 3 Drainage Reserves and Preliminary Approval for MCU (Variation Request) -Subdivisions (Qld) Pty Ltd. Supporting documentation supplied subsequent to a pre lodgement meeting.

Lodged: 14/01/2026 DA#: OPW26/0010

47-69 Steggalls Rd, 35-53, 55-73 & 75-93 Brandons Rd YANDINA - Landscaping - Stockland Land Lease Management Pty Ltd - Arcadia Landscape Architecture Pty Ltd. Relates to a retirement village development.

Lodged: 14/01/2026 DA#: OPW26/0008

469 Dulong Rd DULONG - Earthworks, Landscaping, Stormwater, Road works & Carparking - Infinity CE Pty Ltd. Relates to MCU21/0462, Function Facility and Short Term accommodation.

Lodged: 12/01/2026 DA#: OPW26/0006

41 Hilltop Dr BURNSIDE - Earthworks - Harrison Mavin and Elise Pritchett - Place 360. Earthworks for a dwelling house.

Lodged: 12/01/2026 DA#: OPW26/0007

41 Colemans Rd YANDINA - Electrical Reticulation & Street Lighting - Robin Russell & Associates Pty Ltd. Relates to RAL21/0156, 1 lot into 19.

### **DIVISION 5:**

Lodged: 14/01/2026 DA#: OPW26/0009

201 Western Ave MONTVILLE - Vegetation Clearing - Michael McGrath. Application results from a Council advisory letter, which indicates that unlawful clearing and earthworks has occurred on the property.

Lodged: 14/01/2026 DA#: RAL22/0111.01

492 River Rd PEACHESTER - Minor Change to Development Approval - Reconfiguring 1 Lot into 2 Lots - Metricon Homes Pty Ltd - Suncoast Building Approvals. Application requests front boundary set back relaxation of 6m instead of the standard required 10m.

Lodged: 09/01/2026 DA#: MCU26/0003 & CAR26/0007

4 Wattle St MALENY - Secondary Dwelling - Rosalind FitzGerald, Andrew Jones, and Cody Jones - Danya Cook Town Planning. 2 bed, 2 ens, carport under, flat roof, on stilts on steep 1070m2 lot.

Lodged: 08/01/2026 DA#: OPW26/0004

Nambour Christian College 2 McKenzie Rd WOOMBYE - Landscaping - Nambour Christian College Ltd - Covey Associates Pty Ltd. Relates to Carpark Development.

Lodged: 09/01/2026 DA#: RAL17/2023.13 & CAR26/0014  
6 Eagles Lane WOOMBYE – Minor Change to Development Approval –  
Reconfiguring of 1 Lot into 8 Lots - Jessica Incledon - CadCon Surveying  
& Town Planning. Applicant states minor change, which in fact is a  
change to development approval to confirm structure as built, which is  
370mm west of and 60mm south of the approved building envelope. As  
a result, the height above Normal Ground Level is now 7.88m and not  
7.5m, so a relaxation of the 2m boundary set back is sought.

REPEATS

with TRIVIA TIME's Quiz Master GERRY

# Always Valentine TRIVIA Fundraiser NIGHT

**SATURDAY**  
21 FEBRUARY 26

5:30PM FOR 6:15PM START  
MALENY  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Silent Auction  
Trivia Winners Prizes  
Prizes for Best Dressed  
Player & Team

BYO snacks  
Drinks at Bar  
Tea, Coffee & Treats

Bring gold coins  
for games

  
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RANGE INC

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## Footprints

Walking on Country

### FREE FOOT HEALTH CHECKS

When: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

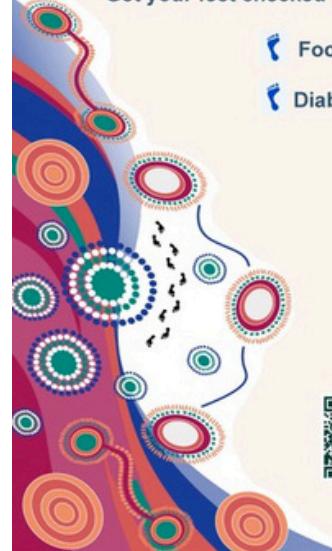
Where: Mapleton Community Hall

Time: 9am – 1:30pm

Available for everyone! No appointment necessary.

Get your feet checked and have a chat with our team of:

-  Foot Care Nurses
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 Sunshine Coast Health

 Queensland Government

## **LIST OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS for Flaxton, Kureelpa, Mapleton and Montville**

**Blackall Range Lions Club** blackallrangelionsclub@outlook.com; facebook.com/blackallrangelionsclub/ http://www.brlc.org.au

**Blackall Range Visual Artists** www.blackallrangevisualartists.com.au

**Blackall Range Woodcrafter's Guild** secretary.brwg@gmail.com

**Blackall Range Zonta Club** membership@zontablackallrange.org.au. www.zontablackallrange.org.au

**Bush and Beach Walking Group** bushbeachwalkers@gmail.com

**Hinterland Quarry Action Group** T: 0416 155116 aveivers@iprimus.com.au

**History Group** montvillehistorygroup@gmail.com

**Kureelpa & Dulong Community Hall** kureelpahall@gmail.com

**Mah-jong** Wednesday weekly at Mapleton Bowls Club

**Maleny Golf Club** T: 5499 9960 gm@malenygolfclub.com.au  
www.malenygolfclub.com.au

**Maleny Scottish Country Dancing** Monday nights, Maleny RSL Hall: 0429 654033: eshjay2010@gmail.com

**Mapleton and District Community Association** madca@gmail.com

**Mapleton Art** Thursdays Mapleton Library Community Centre. Contact: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

**Mapleton Bowls Club** T: 5445 7913 www.mapletonbowlsclub.com.au

**Mapleton Bridge Club** bridgeaustralia.org  
mapletoncontractbridgeclub@gmail.com

**Mapleton Choir** Kureelpa Hall themapletonchoir@outlook.com

**Mapleton Country Market** countrymarket.mapleton@gmail.com

**Mapleton Craft Group** Wednesdays 9-12noon, Mapleton Bowls Club

**Mapleton Fire Warden** T: 0493 044052

**Mapleton Library Community Centre** mapletonlibrary@gmail.com  
www.mapletonlibrary.au T 5445 7011

**Mapleton Hall and Sportsground Trustees** mapletonhall@gmail.com

**Mapleton Men's Shed** www.mapletonmenshed.org.au

**Mapleton Movers Heart Foundation Walking Group** T: 0417 476768

**Mapleton State School Parents and Carers Association:**  
mapletonpandc@gmail.com

**Mapleton Quilters** Mondays 9-12 noon, Mapleton Bowls Club

**Mapleton RSL Sub Branch** Matt Dykes 0427263595 mdykes7@gmail.com

**Mapleton Rural Fire Brigade** First Officer T: 0428 137927, Secretary: 0499 883019

**Mapleton Tennis Club** mapletontennis@gmail.com  
www.tennis.com.au/mapleton-tennis-club

**Montville Anglican Church** huesong2@gmail.com

**Montville Chamber of Commerce** info@montvillecommerce.com.au

**Montville Masonic Lodge** montville260@outlook.com

**Montville Rural Fire Brigade** montville.rfb@bigpond.com

**Montville School P&C** msspandcpresident@gmail.com

**Montville St Mary's Hall** stmaryshallmontville@gmail.com

**Montville Tennis Club** montvilletennisclub1925@gmail.com

**Montville Uniting Church** minister@ourcommonlife.org.au

**Montville Village Association** secretary.mva@gmail.com  
www.montvillevillageassociation.org.au

**Probus Club of North Blackall Range** Secretary 0493 632703  
nbrprobus@gmail.com

**Range Community Gym and Fitness Centre** mapletongym@gmail.com  
www.rangecommunitygym.com.au

**Range United Soccer Club** info.rangeunited@gmail.com

**St Mary's Anglican Church Montville** stmarysmontville@gmail.com

**Sunshine Coast U3A** u3aoffice@u3asunshine.org.au

**The Flaxton Craft Group** lkathypatterson@gmail.com

**The Range Community Kindergarten** www.rangekindy.qld.edu.au  
rangekindergarten@bigpond.com

**Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc (WILVOS)** Hotline 5441 6200  
www.wilvos.org.au

### **Schools**

**Blackall Range Independent School** office1@brischool.com.au T: 5476 4301

**Mapleton State School** principal@mapletonss.eq.edu.au T: 5456 3333

**Montville State School** admin@montvilless.eq.edu.au T: 5452 1333

### **Facebooks**

Mapleton Community Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/groups/mapletonqueensland/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mapletonqueensland/)

Montville Community Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/groups/780987252874906/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/780987252874906/)

Flaxton Community Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/groups/388815358233538](http://www.facebook.com/groups/388815358233538)

Mapleton Library Community Centre Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/p/Mapleton-Community-Library-100064769136195/](http://www.facebook.com/p/Mapleton-Community-Library-100064769136195/)

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**If your organisation is not listed, please let us know.**

**Many thanks, nita**

**mapletonqueensland@gmail.com**



**Community brochure and poster display on the verandah of the Mapleton Library Community Centre is a convenient place to promote your organisation.**



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

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

### **Helping Children Walk with Pride**

Together we empower children to reach their potential.

### **RING PULLS**

Alone we can do little,  
Together we can make a huge difference to someone's quality of life.

Drop off at the  
Mapleton Bowls Club  
Mapleton Library Community Centre





## 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.

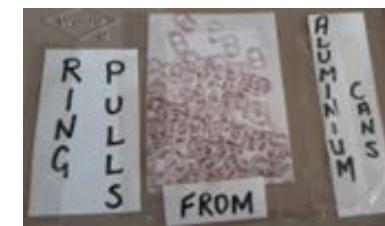
Also place in any Lion's spectacle box at the Mapleton Bowls Club and the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

**BLISTER PACKS** Mapleton Library Community Centre verandah

**USED PENS** Mapleton Library Community Centre verandah

**RING PULLS from aluminium cans**

Lions will forward these for a mobility device 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 the Mapleton Library Community Centre where you can leave plants for someone else who might like them.



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:mapletonqueensland@gmail.com) requesting guidelines.

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

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