RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPUP COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly news
A community service since 2016

26 March 2026 **Issue 483**

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** 28 March: Maleny Film Society, 3pm and 7pm, Maleny Community Centre
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** 29 March: International Piano Day, 3pm, Lucas Park

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Are you a senior looking for unique travel and hosting experiences? Have you heard of Friendship Force?

Friendship Force isn't just about ticking off tourist spots. When we travel, we see places through a local's eyes. Whether in Australia or overseas, we are home-hosted with members who act as local guides, transporting us to iconic, popular and heritage-listed places.

If you love travel, would enjoy hosting international members, and love to be a tourist in your own town, join us for a one-hour information session at the Mudjimba Community Hall on Wednesday, 29th April at 2.30pm. For more information, contact Jenny on 0448 866141 or info@ffsunshinecoast.org.au.

DINNER NIGHT
MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB

FRIDAY 26 March

Orders taken on arrival. Serving begins at 6pm

TONIGHT'S SPECIALS

Creamy honey chicken with chips and salad
Honey soy chicken and special fried rice
NZ savoury scrolls with chips and salad

DESSERTS

Baked apples with ice cream
Berry crumble with ice cream
Mini pavlovas with berry coulis and fresh fruit

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

MAPLETON'S PARKINSON'S SELF HELP GROUP

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.

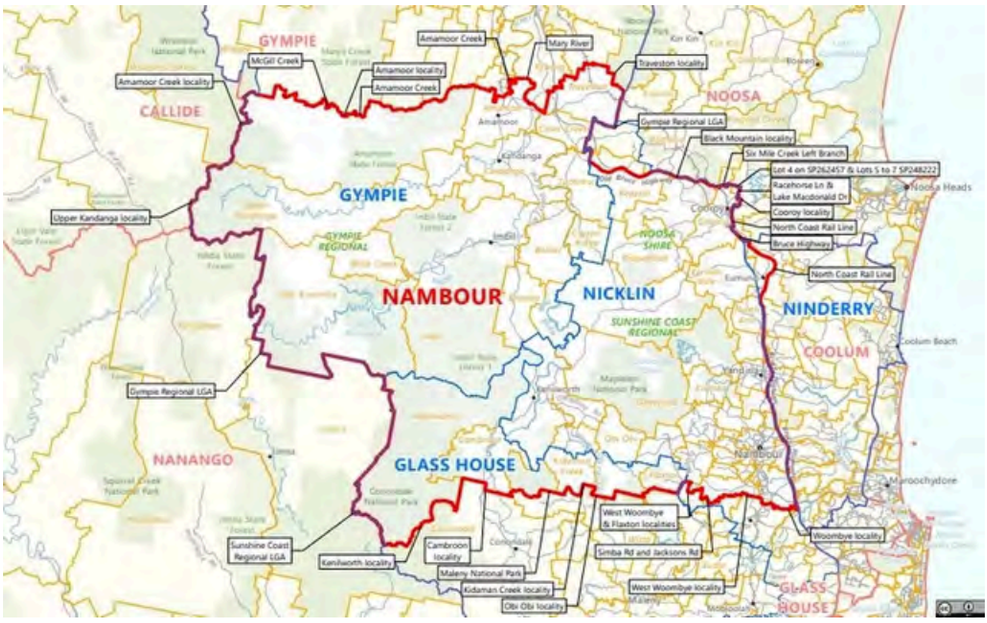
Mapleton has a Self Help Support group established to support people who have been diagnosed as living with Parkinson's and their carers and/or support persons.

The next meeting is to be held on **Thursday 9 April 2026 at 1.30pm**. The group's meeting lasts about 2 hours depending on the enthusiasm of those attending!

This sixth meeting will be held at the Mapleton Men's Shed, 52 Delicia Rd, Mapleton. Tea and coffee will be provided. As discussed at the last meeting, Kristine Cook from Parkinsons Queensland will be available to assist us with our discussion.

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.



Sunshine Coast electorates are in line for some significant changes for the next state election.

The Queensland Redistribution Commission has revealed a proposed redistribution, including alterations to names and boundaries, for 2028. The QRC stated that Nicklin and Ninderry would be renamed Nambour and Coolum respectively, due to the "large and recognisable" towns in those areas.

The proposal also outlines why changes should be made to boundaries and provides further details on the areas.

"The Sunshine Coast is a region that has grown significantly since 2017, with the district of Caloundra being significantly above the state average enrolment (47,391, which is almost 18 per cent above 40,188)."
"The Commission decided to transfer the portions of Caloundra, situated west of the Bruce Highway, to the revised Glass House district, and the southern locality of Coochin Creek to Pumicestone, resulting in a more compact district.

"The Commission notes significant development is ongoing in this district, and Caloundra is projected to (significantly) exceed the average state enrolment by 2032.

"The districts of Glass House and Nambour (formerly Nicklin) have shifted north to accommodate the new district of Caboolture in the Moreton Bay region and absorbed some enrolment pressure from the over-quota Caloundra and Gympie as part of this change.
"The Commission considered including Cooroy in Noosa (electorate), but ultimately decided it should remain with Nambour (formerly Nicklin) to better balance the number of electors in both districts.

"The town of Eumundi has also been transferred from Coolum (formerly Ninderry) to Nambour to balance current and projected population in these districts."

There would be eight districts in the Sunshine Coast area: Glass House, Maroochydore, Caloundra, Coolum (formerly Ninderry), Kawana, Nambour, Blackall Range (formerly Nicklin), Buderim and Noosa.

Notable changes proposed for towns and suburbs include: Beerwah and Landsborough becoming a part of Glass House instead of Caloundra; a large area around Woodford being within Caboolture instead of Glass House, large hinterland areas being within Nambour instead of Gympie and Glass House, and Coochin Creek and surrounds being in Pumicestone instead of Caloundra. Some parts of Mountain Creek would be within Maroochydore instead of Buderim.
There is more information:

https://www.sunshinecoastnews.com.au/2026/03/19/coast-electorates-in-line-to-be-renamed-and-reshaped/

GARAGE SALE

SAT – SUN

28TH – 29TH MARCH

7.00 AM – 3.00 PM

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11 POST OFFICE ROAD

MAPLETON

POSTPONED

BOOKS, GAMES, TOYS, CLOTHING

JEWELLERY, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

AND MUCH MORE

RAIN OR SHINE.

FREE LUCKY DIP FOR KIDS

SUNDAY FREE FACE PAINTING

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Building the next chapter

A growing centre for a growing community

Mapleton Library Community Centre

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Join us for afternoon tea as we reveal the growth plans for the Centre, and discover how you can be part of it

2pm Sunday 29th March

RSVP essential

Email, call or drop in to reserve your seat

8 Obi Obi Rd, Mapleton

5445 7011

mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

Honouring the past 1985 2025 Building the future

COMMUNITY STALL AT MAPLETON MARKET THIS SATURDAY

Collect community information and brochures.

Meet wonderful community volunteers.

Supports non-profit community organisations.

HONEY

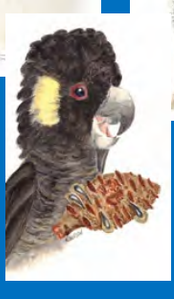
LOCAL RAW HONEY

ONLY $15

ARE YOU NEW TO THE COMMUNITY? COLLECT YOUR WELCOME PACK - FULL OF COMMUNITY BROCHURES, GROUPS TO JOINS AND MUCH MORE

AS NEW SECOND-HAND BOOKS - COME AND BROWSE

ALL ONLY $4



BLANK GIFT CARD WITH ENVELOPES - ALL CREATED BY LOCAL ARTISTS ALL ONLY $5

David Shanhun & Mark Moroney @ Kureelpa Hall
Sunday, 24 May, 7pm - 8:45pm AEST
Kureelpa Dulong Community Hall

Experience an unforgettable evening as these two magnetic performers weave honeyed vocals, masterful guitar work, and deeply felt stories into song.

For the first time since celebrated New Zealand tours, acclaimed guitarists and singer-songwriters David Shanhun and Mark Moroney are joining forces again for a rare series of intimate shows in Australia.

Cheaper $15 tickets for under 18s

Doors open from 6:30pm / show starts at 7pm (8:45pm finish).
Tickets are VERY limited - don't miss out!

https://events.humanitix.com/david-shanhun-and-mark-moroney-kureelpa-hall

EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert

PG|100 minutes

EPiC features long-lost footage from Presely's legendary Las Vegas residency in the 1970s, woven together with rare 16mm footage from Elvis on Tour, and precious 8mm from the Graceland archive, plus recordings of Elvis telling "his side of the story" rediscovered during Luhrmann's research for his Best Picture Oscar-nominated 2022 film Elvis.

NAMBOUR CINEMA & EVENTS CENTRE

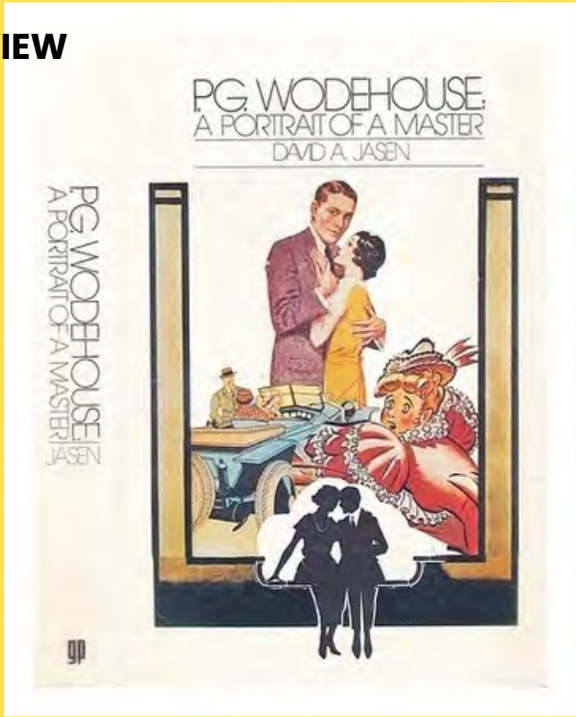
Holiday Programme: Butterfly Wings
Saturday 4 April 2026, 10:30am - 12:30 pm
Palm Creek Rd, Tanawha

Butterfly Wings is a creative, nature craft session where children will design and make their own butterfly wings using fleece, fibre, paper and pegs. Inspired by the colours and patterns of real butterflies, children will create beautiful wings to wear, flutter and play in as they explore the magic of transformation. All materials provided.

Facilitator: Carly Garner, Natureweavers
Suitable ages: 7 - 12 years old
Location: Kurrajong Shelter
Image above: Four-barred swallowtail, by Phil Bender
Proudly supported by Sunshine Coast Council's Environmental Visitor Centres.

Bookings:
https://events.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/event/34795320-a/holiday-program-butterfly-wings

BOOK REVIEW



P.G. WODEHOUSE: A PORTRAIT OF A MASTER
DAVID A. JASEN

For more than a century, readers around the world would have been delighted by the novels, short stories, plays, lyrics and essays of Pelham Grenville Wodehouse, best known as the creator of the dimwitter English gentleman Bertie Wooster and his indispensable valet, Jeeves. The definitive authorised biography of one of the greatest literary humourists of all time, first published in 1974 and now appearing in a revised, updated edition.

Comprehensively illustrated, with many unique family portraits, this is the first book to trace Wodehouse's career from his first magazine contribution in 1901 through his show-business years with Jerome Kern and George Gershwin to his one hundred books that have brought so much pleasure to readers over the years.

This text is available at the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Reports of an increased number of email spam.

Double-think before you open and act.

MAPLETON STATE SCHOOL – HEADTEACHERS' RESIDENCE

The Mapleton School opened on land in Rosser's selection with 15 children in attendance under the watchful eye of their teacher, Lizzie Fitzgerald.

The first school building and its furniture were made and paid for by the community.

Mr Francis Watt was the first male and married teacher with a young family who taught from 1912 to 1926.

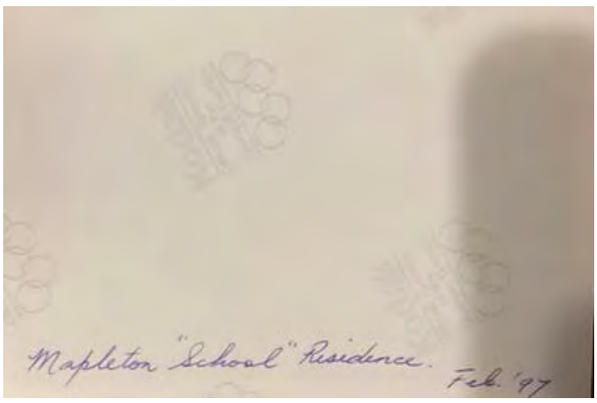
As Mr Watt wanted to remain in the area until all his children were grown, he advised the Mapleton School Committee, who in turn applied to the Department of Public Instruction (Department of Education) to have a school residence built. The family took up residence on April 30, 1917.

Mr. Shields was head teacher during World War II for two years.

During the 1950's, Mr. Alexander, Mr Martin, and Mr. Wagner were all head teachers and resided in the Head Teacher's cottage.

With changes to the Department's housing in the 1990's and the residence being vacant for several years, the community requested that Maroochy Shire Council move the building from Flaxton Drive to its current site at 17 Obi Obi Road. The relocation took place in 1997, with the building becoming known as 'The Old School House'.

The Old School House is a part of Mapleton's heritage and has been preserved for the community by Sunshine Coast Council. Since 1987, the Mapleton and District Community Association has leased the building from the Maroochy Shire and Sunshine Coast Regional Councils. During this time, it has been a meeting venue, housed the art and craft gallery 'Enigmas', acted as the Op Shop 'Katie Rose' for the Sunshine Coast Hospice and lately as the 'Op Shop' for RangeCare.



Thank you, Lindsey Wareham, and all other residents who have contributed to the record.

To Everyone: if you have additional information and/or images, please forward to: mapletonqueensland@gmail.com Thank you

QCCC Weekly Activity

Over the weekend we are hosting a large Youth Camp, bringing plenty of life and energy to the site. Expect the usual mix of fun, fellowship and activity, as a cohort of young people make the most of the beautiful early autumn weather, enjoying the grounds, recreation areas and time together.

Next week marks the final week of Term One — and it's a fittingly busy finish.

From Monday, we welcome two Grade 5 camps:
- One from the Fraser Coast, staying for two nights; and
- One from Brisbane, in for a one-night experience.

On Tuesday, a large Grade 8 cohort from the Caboolture area arrives for a two-night camp, adding to the energy and activity across the site. Our interns will be doing their annual pilgrimage walk on the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk with Aboriginal elders – a walk which also includes a solo experience for personal formation and reflection. It's a great way to round out what has been a very full and productive Term One, with thousands of students having passed through Mapleton to build friendships, confidence and resilience through their camp experience.

Jade & Bilko's School Camp – Cobb and Co Nine Mile

On 16–17 March, Cobb and Co Nine Mile Campgrounds hosted Jade & Bilko's School Camp, a fun and nostalgic concept brought to life by Zinc 96. The camp recreated the classic school camp experience — from packing bags and jumping on the bus, to shared meals, activities and plenty of laughter. A group of lucky participants joined Jade and Bilko for an overnight stay, enjoying the best of outdoor camp life while creating content and reliving the excitement that makes school camps so memorable. It was a great showcase of Cobb and Co's unique atmosphere — relaxed, engaging, and perfect for connection and shared experience.

rary Community Centre.

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: 17/03/2026 DA#" OPW26/0099
64 Burnside Rd PERWILLOWEN - Earthworks - Coordinated Development Solutions. Application to create a tennis court on a large lot. *Application processing delayed because Council is expecting a Geotech Assessment as the land is subject to a medium landslide hazard overlay.*

Lodged: 16/03/2026 DA#: REC05/0086.07
10 Warner Cres YANDINA - Generally in Accordance - Major Urban Subdivision x 141 lots - Building Approvals United Qld. *No supporting documents published.*

Lodged: 18/03/2026 DA#: RAL26/0021
90A Petrie Creek Rd ROSEMOUNT - 1 Lot into 4 Lots - Eagle Surveys Pty Ltd. *Creation of 4 lots serviced by an easement, odd sizes: 600m2, 1864m2, 1091m2 and 1091m2.*

Lodged: 18/03/2026 DA#: OPW26/0104
6 Ivory Ct BURNSIDE - Non-Standard Vehicle Crossover - Ausmar Homes - Suncoast Building Approvals. *Request for a non-standard driveway and cross over because of the slope of the land.*

Lodged: 13/03/2026 DA#: POS26/0040
48 Central Park Dr YANDINA - Survey Plan SP345051 (2 Lots) - Bennett & Bennett. Administrative, *Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 19/03/2026 DA#: OPW26/0107
8 Leigha Pl KUREELPA - Vegetation Clearing - Douglas Tilley. Removal of one tree that poses risk to people and structures. *(Gum tree dropping branches.)*

Lodged: 17/03/2026 DA#: OPW26/0105
41 Glenbrook Drive NAMBOUR - Electrical Reticulation - Millwood Rise Developments Pty Ltd - Electro Technical Consultants. *Relates to RAL24/0075, 1 lot into 11.*

Lodged: 18/03/2026 DA#: POS26/0048
112 Cash Road EUMUNDI - Reconfiguration of 1 Lot into 2 Lots - SP355676 - Lots 1 & 2 - Murray & Associates. *Administrative, Approving Plans.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 17/03/2026 DA#: REC14/0159.04
34 Citron Pl PALMWOODS - Minor Change to Approval - Reconfiguring of a Lot into 117 Lots - Sofie Wilkinson & Joel Turnbull. *Request to reduce the width of the Council Easement at the rear of the lot from 5m to 2m in width.*

Lodged: 16/03/2026 DA#: MCU26/0051
70 Mooloolah Meadows Dr MOOLOOLAH VALLEY - Dwelling House & Secondary Dwelling - Timothy David Robinson & Phoebe Bernice Rutherford – Plan. *No supporting documents published at time of writing.*

Lodged: 16/03/2026 DA#: RAL26/0020
PRAS - 2 Bagnall Rd & 62 Carruthers Rd WEST WOOMBYE - 2 Lots into 2 Lots - David Kruger - URBN Town Planning Pty Ltd. *Application to transfer 2.288ha from a lot currently 4.69ha to a lot currently 3.405ha.*

Senna pendula var. *glabrata*

WEED

Easter cassia

An erect or sprawling shrub usually growing 2-4m tall. Its stems are much-branched and its once-compound leaves have three to six pairs of leaflets. These broad leaflets (1-5cm long and 5-20mm wide) have rounded tips and prominent yellow margins.

Its bright yellow flowers (about 3cm across) have five large petals and are borne in leafy clusters at the tips of the branches. Its fruit are cylindrical pods (10-20cm long and 6-12mm wide) that hang downwards.

Easter cassia is regarded as a significant environmental weed in New South Wales and Queensland. It was recently listed as a priority environmental weed in two Natural Resource Management regions, and is actively managed by community groups in Queensland. Typically this species outcompetes native species through it's prolific fruit production and rapid growth rate.

Native to tropical South America (i.e. Brazil and Paraguay).

Grow Australian Plants

Banksia spinulosa* var. *collina

Golden candle sticks

Multi-stemmed, slow-growth shrub to 3m with narrow leaves with toothed edges.

The flower spikes are all golden or golden with red or purple styles. Sometimes it takes up to eight years to flower.

Prefers full sun. Will grow in a wide variety of soil types.

Frost hardy.

Attracts insects, butterflies and nectar-eating birds.

Local species

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Eastern Whipbird

Psophodes olivaceus

Having mostly green plumage and living in the dense undergrowth, the eastern whipbird is seen far less often than it is heard. Its whip crack call is a characteristic of many of the moist forests in eastern Australia.

The unusual feature of this call is that it is often performed by two birds calling in unison, with one bird contributing the first part of the call and another giving the second part. This so called 'antiphonal' calling involved great co-ordination between the two birds to give the call its familiar whip crack sound.

Adult Eastern Whipbirds are mostly dark olive green above, with a long tail, and a grey white belly. The head and breast are black, with a broad white patch on the side of the face and a black crest. The eye is pale cream and the bill is black. Young whip birds are generally duller, with a smaller crest. The white cheek patch is absent in very young birds, and increases in size as the birds mature.

Eastern Whipbirds live in wet habitats, including rainforest, eucalypt forest and dense scrub near watercourses, in dense vegetation near the ground.

Call https://ebird.org/species/easwhi1

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

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

Date Claims

Now until 2 April Easter Raffle fundraiser, to purchase more books for beginning readers, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

28 March Mapleton Country Market, car park outside the Mapleton State School.

28 March Maleny Film Society, 3pm and 7pm, Maleny Community Centre.

29 March Building a New Chapter, 2pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

29 March Piano Day, 3pm, Lucas Parkland, Montville.

4 April, Tea and Tarot, 10am-4pm, The Shambles, Montville.

2-7 April Easter Art Exhibition, St Mary's Hall, Montville.

3-6 April Easter

8 April Basket Weaving, 9am-1pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

10 April Fun and Games, 9:30am, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

17-26 April Tiny Beautiful Things, Maleny Players.

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

25 April ANZAC Day

26 April Community Logo Night, 5pm, Montville Hall.

2-4 May Sunshine Coast Hinterland Writers Festival.

4 May Memior Writing, 3pm, Rosetta Books, Maleny.

24 May Family Fun Day 9am-2pm Kenilworth Showground.

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

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SCAN ME

REPEATS

Vermiglio (the Mountain Bride)

28 MARCH 3pm and 7pm
120 mins – Italy/Belgium (Subtitles) – Drama
VENUE: MALENY COMMUNITY CENTRE
23 MAPLE STREET MALENY

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the 2024 Venice Film Festival, The Mountain Bride – Vermiglio provides an insight into family and community life. Set in the remote alpine village of Vermiglio in 1944, it reflects the zeitgeist during the final year of WWII. It is loosely based on the collective family recollections of Writer/ Director, Maura Delpero.

Visually stunning and austere, this moody and meandering drama explores action and consequence, tradition and change through the transformative impact of war on the family of Cesare (Tommaso Ragno), a local schoolteacher and rigid patriarch. Ostensibly a love story between Pietro (Giuseppe De Domenico), a Sicilian deserter sheltering in the village, and Cesare's eldest daughter Lucia (Martina Scrinzi), this raw and sublime film reflects on how life endures through hardship and loss.

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)

THIS EVENT GOES ON SALE 15 MAR
https://malenyfilmsociety.au/project/vermiglio-the-mountain-bride/

REPEATS

PIANO DAY CELEBRATED IN MONTVILLE

Reuben Tsang in action

Montville's Lucas Parklands will celebrate International Piano Day by presenting a recital by Queensland's brilliant young pianist Rueben Tsang on Sunday, 29 March at 3pm in his debut concert on the Sunshine Coast.

March 29 is International Piano Day – it's the 88th day of the year, and pianos have 88 keys.

Reuben has been turning musical heads since his very early years in Queensland's far north, and now, while studying in Brisbane, learning the piano from age five, attracting rave reviews as a teen and notably performing for the then Prince Charles during a royal visit.

"Reuben is a wonderful young man, down to earth, very committed to pianistic artistry, and is already showcasing his brilliant talent on stages around Australia and internationally. It's a great privilege to bring him to Lucas Parklands to local audiences," Ian Lucas, of Lucas Parklands, said.

Reuben's repertoire will include pieces from Mozart, Chopin and Liszt. The performance follows years of events that bring the world's leading classical musicians to perform in the hinterland, also providing an opportunity for young musicians to perform professionally in encouraging surroundings for appreciative local audiences.

For enquiries, phone 0409 623228. For more information: lucasparklands.com.au/

REPEATS

SMART WAYS TO SAVE FUEL IN OUR COMMUNITY

Recent interruptions at our local IGA/BP fuel pumps—whether due to delayed deliveries or low tank levels—have highlighted how vulnerable regional areas like ours can be when it comes to fuel supply. With larger shopping centres around a 20-minute drive away, many of us rely heavily on our vehicles.

While no one knows how long supply pressures may last, one thing is clear: panic buying and hoarding only make the situation worse, potentially impacting essential services such as farming, emergency response, and energy supply in general.

A more constructive approach is for all of us to make small, practical changes that collectively stretch available fuel while maintaining a reasonable quality of life.

Plan Trips More Efficiently
Think ahead before heading out. Combine multiple errands into a single trip rather than making several short journeys. A weekly "major shop" can significantly reduce unnecessary driving. If you run out of a small item, consider borrowing from a neighbour instead of making a special trip.

Share the Load
Carpooling is one of the simplest and most effective ways to cut fuel use. Whether it's school runs, shopping, or quick trips to the local IGA, sharing transport reduces both fuel consumption and costs. Setting up informal rosters with neighbours or friends can make this easy and consistent.

Choose the Right Vehicle
When possible, use your most fuel-efficient vehicle for everyday trips. Also, avoid idling—sitting in a parked car with the engine running (especially for air conditioning) wastes fuel unnecessarily.

Drive Smarter
A few small driving habits can make a noticeable difference:
Plan routes to avoid backtracking
Park once and walk between stops where possible
Use downhill momentum to assist with the next incline
Accelerate gently rather than aggressively after slowing
These simple techniques improve fuel efficiency without adding time to your journey.

Go Digital Where You Can
Consider whether travel is necessary at all. Phone calls or online meetings can often replace in-person visits. Many medical providers now offer telehealth consultations, saving both time and fuel.

Shop Online and Use Delivery
Home delivery can be surprisingly efficient. One delivery vehicle servicing many households uses far less fuel overall than multiple individual trips into town.

Rethink Home Fuel Use
Fuel savings aren't limited to driving. Around the home:
Mow less frequently on a higher setting
Trim hedges and edges less often
If you have a push mower, use it instead of a ride-on where practical
Let grass grow slightly longer, especially as cooler months approach
These small adjustments can significantly reduce fuel use over time.

Stay Connected Locally
For activities like community or religious gatherings, check whether online options are available. If attending in person is important, try to combine the trip with other errands or share transport with others.

A Collective Effort
None of these steps is difficult on its own, but together they can make a meaningful difference. By being mindful of how and when we use fuel, we not only save money but also help ensure supply remains available for essential needs across our community.

REPEATS

Evening shows: 17, 22, 24 & 25 April at 7:00pm
Matinees: 18, 19 & 26 April at 2:00pm

Tickets $25.00, Concessions $20.00
https://www.trybooking.com/DJGJH Cash Sales at Rosetta Books, Maleny.

Rating 16+ contains strong language, adult and challenging themes including trauma.

MEMOIR WRITING

Join Mary Garden and Gay Liddington, recent speakers at the Mapleton Library Community Centre's Lovers of Books Event as they discuss the memoir subject Who Owns the Story? This is being held at The Red Room situated at Rosetta Books in Maleny, as part of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Writers Festival in early May.

This talk looks at writing family memoirs with care, courage and consequence. Family memoir sits at the most volatile intersection of truth, memory, and ethics. It involves real people, contested histories, emotional fallout, and increasing anxiety within the publishing industry.

This 90-minute conversational seminar explores the ethical, emotional, and practical challenges of writing a family memoir when truth is both demanded and disputed. It also examines the human realities of memory, how family stories affect those in them, and the responsibilities writers face when telling these stories.

Topics include: What is a memoir? Truth and honesty, legal risks, emotional and familial risks, as well as the gifts of writing a memoir.

Where: The Red Room, Rosetta Books
When: May 4, 3pm – 4.30pm
Tickets: https://schwritersfestival.com.au/

Mary Garden

Gay Liddington

ROSETTA BOOKS

REPEATS

Thank you Ted O'Brien MP for the new gazebo for the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Image: From left - Andrea Walker [Treasurer], Sue Bennink [Secretary], Ted, Nita C Lester [President], Marian Bull [Welcome Desk volunteer]

OFF STREET PARKING

The car park outside the Mapleton State School
is public
so
you can park here while visiting
the IGA and the Mapleton Post Office

Hidden behind vegetation in Mapleton is a high-set timber residence which was once the centre of the local citrus industry. The house has been known variously as Seaview House, The College, St Isidore's and Mapleton Homestead.

William James Smith and his brother David came to the district in 1889, initially growing bananas, but began citrus cultivation in 1892. The first section of Seaview House was likely built by October 1906, when the Smiths hosted a luncheon for the Governor of Queensland, Lord Chelmsford.

WJ Smith subdivided the property in 1910 leaving the house and orchard on 14ha. The house was extended in 1913 and sold in 1919. In 1923 it was purchased by the Archbishop of Brisbane, James Duhig, who acquired further land at Mapleton with the intention of establishing St Isidore's Agricultural College. However, Duhig's vision was not supported by the Brisbane diocese which refused to finance the venture, and the property fell into disrepair. The concept was resurrected in 1947 as St Isidore's Farm College. In 1951 it again became a private farm. During the 1980s and 1990s it operated as a guesthouse. Today St Isidore's is a private residence and not publicly accessible.

NAME: St Isidore is the patron saint of farmers. Although the farm school (for which the house was purchased in 1923 and was to be called St Isodore's Farm College) was never fully realised, the name "St Isidore" remains associated with the site.

Thank you to the residents for this information.

TThese photographs are from Glenda Tirrell's collection — looking from the top of now named Post Office Rd near 'The College — St. Isidore's'. Looking south. Thank you, Lindsey Wareham.

REPEATS

WHAT IS THE INCOGNITO ART SHOW?

The Incognito Art Show is a not-for-profit organisation supporting Australian artists. We run Australia's biggest and most inclusive art show.

The Incognito Art Show isn't an ordinary art sale. Every A5 artwork, regardless of artist, is sold for just $100.
The twist?

The identity of an artwork's artist will remain anonymous at all times. Only once an artwork is bought, will the artist's name be revealed to the buyer on the back of the artwork.

Profits raised will go towards funding programmes that support artists living with disability.

The show's unique model provides greater access to art-buying for those without the usual means to do so, as well as democratises art selection; buyers buy what they truly love, not a big name.
Why we started the Incognito Art Show back in 2021.

Because art matters.

When asked why he didn't cut funding to the arts in order to support the war effort in World War II, Churchill responded:
"Then what would we be fighting for?"
(With proper research we now realise this quote has many times been misattributed to Winston Churchill, but we still like it).

I**ncognito's three key impact goals are**:

- To financially support arts organisations with the donation of profits
- To provide emerging artists with the opportunity to become professional artists
- To inspire and develop a new generation of art collectors and supporters

Live outside of Australia and interested in bringing Incognito Art Show to your city?

Contact: david@incognitoartshow.com
For all customer/artist/buyer related enquiries, please contact: info@incognitoartshow.com

https://www.incognitoartshow.com/pages/about-us

TICKED OFF: HOW A BITE CAN TURN MEAT AGAINST YOU - CSIRO

CSIRO research has identified the Blackall Range -Maleny-Kenilworth region as a significant national hotspot for Mammalian Meat Allergy (MMA), also known as Alpha-gal syndrome.

This condition is triggered by the bite of the Australian paralysis tick (Ixodes holocyclus), which is highly prevalent in the humid bushland of the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Key Research Findings
Rapid Increase: Nationally, case numbers for MMA have risen by approx. 40% annually since 2020.

Regional Hotspot: Maleny has emerged as a high-burden area, with local residents reporting multiple affected households in single neighbourhoods.

Cardiovascular Link: Beyond the meat allergy, CSIRO is investigating a potential link between tick-induced antibodies and an increased risk of coronary artery disease.

Fatality Warning: The urgency of this research increased following the first confirmed Australian fatality from MMA in early 2026.

Symptoms and Diagnosis
Delayed Reaction: Unlike most food allergies, MMA symptoms (hives, stomach pain, anaphylaxis) typically appear 3 to 8 hours after consuming red meat or mammalian products like dairy.

Mechanism: The tick's saliva "reprograms" the immune system to react to a sugar molecule found in most mammals.

Management: There is currently no cure; management involves strictly avoiding mammalian products and preventing further tick bites.

Prevention Tips for Residents
Health experts and TIARA (Tick Induced Allergies Research and Awareness) recommend the following to reduce risk:
Dress Appropriately: Wear long sleeves and light-coloured clothing to spot ticks more easily.
Use Repellents: Apply insect repellent when entering bushy or grassy areas.
Safe Removal: Use specialized techniques (like freezing) rather than household tweezers, which can squeeze more allergen into the bloodstream.
This is for informational purposes only. For medical advice or diagnosis, consult a professional.

https://www.csiro.au/en/news/All/Articles/2025/December/Mammalian-meat-allergy#:~:text=Exploring%20the%20rise%20of%20tick,between%20MMA%20and%20cardiovascular%20disease.

BOWLS NEWS MARCH 2026

St. Patrick's Day
March 17th 2026

For the first time in many years, we had St. Patrick's Day fall on a Tuesday Social Bowls day. This meant our bowlers could capture the spirit of the Emerald Isle and get green on the green! Best dressed went to Ursula Doohan, and Martin Lambe.

Inside, the Darts players were also enjoying an afternoon of high-calibre competition.

Jimmy entertained us with some great live music, and many a Guinness was enjoyed while listening to the beats. A great afternoon was had by all.

In other news

Men's Fours Championships have been completed. Congratulations go to Barry Langton, Ray Burge, Mike Linfoot and Alan Sawtell. (Pictured)
The Men's pairs are currently being finalised, and the women's fours and pairs will commence shortly.

On the 15th March, we held the first Mapleton Day of the year with a full green of bowlers from across the Hinterland and Sunshine Coast.

On Sunday, 22nd March, we will be welcoming bowlers from the Bellflower Hibiscus village for a friendly game.

LOCAL ARTISTS ARE NEEDED

TO DISPLAY THEIR ARTWORKS

For a period of one month

20% commission on sales

MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

E: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

ALMOST ALL THE PLANTS HAVE SOLD - WE NEED MORE PLEASE

The Plant Library at the Mapleton Library Community Centre .

If you have any unwanted potted plants, please donate.

Every dollar raised helps to ensure all the services offered by the Centre will continue.

BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP

weaving along the middle path

REPEAT BY POPULAR DEMAND

Wednesday
8 April
9am - 1pm

Mapleton Library Community Centre

Obi Obi Road

Limited space available

BOOK NOW

T: 5445 7011

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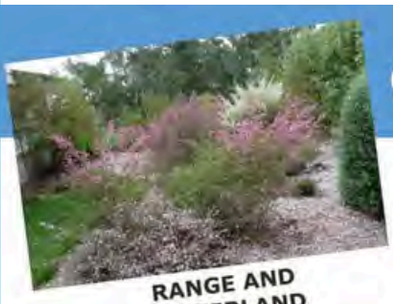
Mapleton Library Community Centre



RANGE AND HINTERLAND GARDENING

Nita C Lester and Joan Dillon

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 Botiga, Mapleton Post Office, Mapleton Library Community Centre, Rosetta Books Maleny, Maleny Hardware and Rural Supplies

Lester Publishing

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

Features all easy to grow species.

Special chapters about how to include natives in your garden to increase biodiversity and attracting wildlife to your yard.

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: 10/03/2026 DA#: OPW26/0088
47-69 Steggalls Rd YANDINA - Electrical Reticulation - Stockland Land Lease Management Pty Ltd – PECE. *Relates to MCU22/0394 – Stockland, creation of a Retirement Village.*

Lodged: 09/03/2026 DA#: OPW19/0320.03
52 Henebery Road BURNSIDE - Minor Change to Development Approval - Changes to Earthworks, Stormwater, & Landscaping - Road work, Drainage work, Landscaping, Stormwater & Earthworks - Warilda Estates Pty Ltd - Covey & Associates. *Update the OPW approval design to reflect the REC (main development application) minor change to increase the number of lots, changes to earthworks, stormwater design and landscaping.*

Lodged: 16/03/2026 DA#: RAL25/0027.01
149 Ninderry Rd NINDERRY - Minor Change to Approval - Reconfiguration of a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots) - Chris Nasr - VMS Town Planning & Development Consultants Pty Ltd. *Change relates to cross overs for the lots, and a redesign that avoids the previous Council stipulation to upgrade Ninderry Rd.*

Lodged: 13/03/2026 DA#: MCU26/0050 & OPW26/0097
20 Lamington Tce NAMBOUR - Dual Occupancy - Stormwater, Earthworks, Landscaping & Streetscape Works - KF CD Pty Ltd - ADAMS + SPARKES Town Planning. *2 Level, 3 bed, 2 bath, plus powder, skillion roof, 5820mm wide garage on 809m2 with existing dwelling.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 10/03/2026 DA#: RAL18/0125.09
2 Ridgeline Pl MOOLOOLAH VALLEY - Dwelling House - 4 Lots into 78 Lots plus Reserve and New Road - Plantation Homes - Professional Certification Group Pty Ltd. Non-compliant setbacks for dwelling house

Lodged: 09/03/2026 DA#: MCU23/0279.01 & OPW23/0454
3293 Old Gympie Road LANDSBOROUGH - Minor Change to Development Approval - Dwelling House - Earthworks & Vegetation Clearing - Pace Planning. *Change to approved plans and associated conditions.*

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 Thursdays, Mapleton Bowls Club

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 Wardon 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

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Sunshine Coast U3A u3aoffice@u3asunshine.org.au

The Flaxton Craft Group lkathypatterson@gmail.com

The Range Community Kindergarten www.rangekindy.qld.edu.au
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Wildlife Volunteers Association Inc (WILVOS) Hotline 5441 6200
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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/
Montville Community Facebook page
www.facebook.com/groups/780987252874906/
Flaxton Community Facebook page
www.facebook.com/groups/388815358233538
Mapleton Library Community Centre Facebook page
www.facebook.com/p/Mapleton-Community-Library-100064769136195/

Happenings – Montville and surrounds email newsletter
Subscribe: www.montvillevillageassociation.org.au/subscribe-to-happenings/ Editor.mvahappenings@gmail.com

If your organisation is not listed, please let us know.
Many thanks, nita
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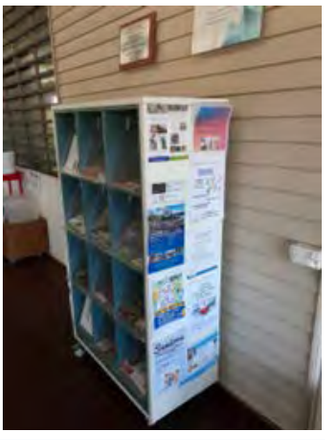
Community brochure and poster display on the verandah of the Mapleton Library Community Centre is a convenient place to promote your organisation.

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.

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
· 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.

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