

RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPOP COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly news

A community service since 2016

5 March 2026

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WHAT IS ON THIS WEEKEND?

- ** 7 March: Barung Identifying Rainforest Plants, Sedges and Grasses, 9-11am, Maleny
- ** 8 March: International Women's Day
- ** Month of March: Museum of Miniature Art, Mapleton



LOVE NATIVE PLANTS AND WILDLIFE GARDENING? WANT TO CREATE A GARDEN THAT HUMS, HOPS, AND BUZZES WITH LIFE?

Join us for Design Club — a relaxed, hands-on gathering for Barung's Garden for Wildlife members who want to explore the art and science of wildlife-friendly garden design.

The session will be hosted by Cam Burton, who brings years of experience in native garden design and ecological restoration. Together, we'll unpack the principles of creating functional and beautiful gardens that support local biodiversity — from birds and butterflies to frogs and small mammals.

Design Club isn't a lecture; it's a conversation. Bring your sketches, photos, ideas (and questions!) about your own garden. Cam will guide discussion and offer practical advice, while members share their own experiences and inspiration.

Free for Garden for Wildlife members. We'll meet in the Barung nursery garden, surrounded by living examples of design techniques and plant combinations. If the weather turns wet, we'll move into the Education Zone nearby.

Design Club is an easy way to learn, share ideas, and connect with other passionate gardeners — all while helping grow a network of wildlife-friendly gardens across the Sunshine Coast hinterland. Bring your garden dreams, curiosity, and an open notebook — and let's design for wildlife together.

18th March, 9:45am - 11:45pm

BOOKINGS:

<https://events.humanitix.com/garden-design-club-march-2026>

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FREE INFORMATION SESSION FOR SENIORS

17th March - 9:30am
Mapleton Bowls Club
Morning tea provided

GUEST SPEAKERS & TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Services available
- Health Benefits
- Government assistance
- Funeral planning
- My aged care
- Rental & Housing



A Lions Community Initiative



Pop-Up Artisan: Mieke van den Berg Now - 22 March Wall Stories (2020)

Born from the remnants of a place now gone, Wall Stories brings together small sculptures, limited edition prints, folded cards, and jewellery. Each holding traces of Superbee's layered history. Each sculpture is accompanied by its first signed print, along with carefully curated keepsakes that honour moments once held within the walls. This Artisan pop-up invites you to linger, reflect, and carry forward a fragment of memory.

Location: Caloundra Regional Gallery



Australian Government mobile service centres

Serving regional Australia

Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Wednesday, 18 March 2026

9 am to 4 pm

Maleny Neighbourhood Centre car park, Bicentenary Ln

MALENY



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Thursday, 19 March 2026

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Near Peter Dobson Park, Maleny-Kenilworth Road

KENILWORTH





**BASKET WEAVING
MAPETION LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A very enjoyable and relaxing morning was conducted by Vicki Morgan, basket-weaving tutor.

Slow to begin with to ensure the centre is woven correctly, but after that full speed ahead to complete a basket.

The class was fully booked with a waiting list so keep an eye out for an opportunity in April.

Thank you Andrea Campbell and nita for the images above.

MONTVILLE MEMORIAL PROJECT

Possible features: Yarning Circle, Paths, standing trunks, cedar stump

Rock wall separating driveway and Peace Place, Inclusive viewscape from St Marys Hall

Prepared by Cate Patterson
Feb. 2026 for MVA

Creating a memorial space
that is peaceful, unifying
and inspirational

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

- What would you like to see?
- Draw a sketch
- Describe in words
- Send a photo
- Come and Talk
- Let's have your ideas by 25 March next General Meeting
- Email Cate Patterson cate.patterson@jayb.com.au
- Or Phone 0427790472



The above are two slides being part of a presentation which Cate Patterson so ably developed for the recent Montville Village meeting.

We invite your feedback on the interesting concepts outlined for the Memorial Garden Project.

Full presentation:

<https://mapletonlibrary.au/community-news/range-and-hinterland-popup-community-news-montville-memorial-project/>

MVA PRESENTS

Trivia Night

IT'S THE TRIVIA YOU KNOW AND LOVE!

Once again, our fabulous team will challenge and quiz you.

Let's see who our 2026 winning team will be!

- Family friendly
- Bar available
- tables of 8 (Build your own team or join some new friends)

get your TICKETS

21 MAR 2026
7.00--09.30PM | MONTVILLE VILLAGE HALL

MORE INFORMATION AT EVENTS.MVA2021@GMAIL.COM MONTVILLE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



Rewilding Your Garden

Bringing Nature Back to Your Yard

Talk by Joe Kielniacz (Dip. Conservation & Land Management)

Learn how to create a low maintenance, wildlife friendly garden using local native plants and natural processes

Suitable for all garden sizes

2pm, Saturday 21st March
Mapleton Library Community Centre
\$5 includes tea/coffee

Bookings essential
Email mapletonlibrary@gmail.com or
call 5445 7011 to reserve your seat

“Let nature do the work!”



Sunday 22 March 2026

BACH

MARGARET BLADES
SOLO VIOLIN

LOUISE KING
SOLO CELLO

UNWRAPPED

Woombye School of Arts 3pm \$15-\$45+bf


BACH UNWRAPPED
20–30 MARCH 2026
22 MARCH AT WOOMBYE

A bold 10-day mini-festival celebrating the music of Johann Sebastian Bach arrives across Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast this March. Featuring acclaimed violinist Margaret Blades and cellist Louise King, Bach Unwrapped presents intimate solo and duo performances, emerging artist masterclasses, outdoor concerts and daily Instagram LIVE sessions.

Experience Bach up close in small halls, studios and hinterland spaces in this immersive microtour designed for music lovers of all ages.

Limited seating. 10 events. 10 days. One extraordinary composer.
<https://events.humanitix.com/woombye-bach-unwrapped-2026/>





EASY PERSPECTIVE DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS

Date: Tuesday, 24 March

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 Perspective Drawing step by step. No experience needed.

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

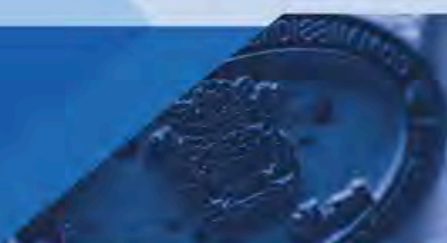
Perfect for anyone wanting to explore new techniques, improve their sketching skills, or simply try something creative!

Reserve your spot today — spaces are limited

Cost: \$20

Email: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

JPs in the Community



 13 QGOV (13 74 68)  www.qld.gov.au/jps

This site's volunteers are supported by the Justices of the Peace Branch, the Department of Justice and Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Hours of operation

Monday	9.00am–11.30am	*Phone 07 5445 7182
Tuesday	By appointment*	
Wednesday	By appointment*	
Thursday	9.00am–11.00am	
Friday	By appointment*	
Saturday	By appointment*	
Sunday	Closed	

If this signing site is closed, visit www.qld.gov.au/findjp to locate the nearest signing site currently open.



HORIZON FESTIVAL MAY 1-10

Celebrating its tenth anniversary, Horizon Festival invites you to explore a vibrant programme of over 35 creative events. From live music to visual arts and family adventures, the festival transforms the Sunshine Coast into a playground of wonder and connection. By bringing together makers, dreamers, and audiences, Horizon sparks meaningful conversations that celebrate the limitless possibilities of our creative community.

Horizon Festival Opening Night Friday 01 May 2026, 4:00pm – 9:00pm Edmund St & Ormonde Terrace, Kings Beach

We're kicking off Horizon Festival 2026 with a big, bold, all-in celebration by the beach – and this year, it's extra special. Why? Because we're turning 10!

Join us at Kings Beach in Caloundra for our version of an opening ceremony to celebrate 10 years of the Horizon community. Expect live music from some of the region's most talented musicians, family fun with games and activities for all ages, tasty food and refreshing drinks, and a vibe that gives creativity, connection and play.

Arrive early. Bring your crew – friends, lovers, sisters, brothers – and settle in for a day that rolls into night, packed with program highlights and pure joy.

Horizon Festival returns. Celebrating its tenth year, the Festival shines a light on diverse voices, shared experiences, and the power of belonging. 30+ programmed events span visual and performing arts, live music, community engagement, and families.

**Hello Art lovers of Mapleton. If you haven't discovered....
(MOMA) Museum of Miniature Art on the sidewalk at 10 Warruga St, Mapleton, now is a great time to check it out.**

This month's street art exhibition is titled 'Miniature creatures of Mapleton'. MOMA, Museum of Miniature Art is a little street gallery, just like a real art gallery! It's part of the Mapleton Art and History trail.



BRWG WOODIES ARE 30 YEARS OLD

On 4th March 1996 a small group of Hinterland residents interested in woodworking agreed to 'have a go' at forming a woodworking group.

The rest is history. Now, 30 years later, Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc (BRWG) has gone from strength to strength; over 1000 residents have become members during that time and there are currently over 200 financial members. In celebrating its 30th anniversary, BRWG now boasts two large fully equipped woodworking sheds on its permanent home on part of the Montville Sportsground, which is leased from the Montville Village Association. Members can pursue their woodworking hobbies on six days a week.

Members have earned an enviable reputation for quality woodcraft, but also for donations of practical woodcraft to hundreds of community non-profit organisations across the Sunshine Coast hinterland and beyond.

For example, every year since 1996, BRWG Woodies have handmade hundreds of wooden toys which have been donated to the Salvation Army for its annual Children's Christmas Toy Appeal. Montville Village Association, Montville Primary School, St Mary's Church, Wishlist, Maleny Community Centre, Mary Cairncross Discovery Centre, Maleny Police, Nambour Police, Mapleton Library, hospitals, schools and kindergartens (to name a few) have also received donations.

COME ALONG TO OUR OPEN DAY ON 2ND AND 3RD MAY

See our excellent woodworking facilities as well as displays of woodcraft made by members for sale at very reasonable prices. Entry is FREE. Some lucky visitors will go home with one of four raffle prizes; in the past a beautiful Scandinavian style coffee table worth thousands of dollars has been one of the prizes.

Our Open Day will be shared with other wood-inspired activities in Montville, called the Montville Wood Trail.

See the beautiful carving below, by Kaz, one of Woodies' Master Carvers.



WHAT HAPPENED TO MONTVILLE'S ICONIC RED TELEPHONE BOX?

Montville's historic telephone box is currently being repaired and renovated by Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild (Woodies) as a service and donation to the Montville community.

The Woodies renovated it fifteen years ago, but the ravages of time and the weather have caused significant deterioration. Members are painstakingly working on this important project; most of the repair work has been completed; glass panels have been removed, cleaned and re-installed; and it will shortly be ready for painting.

This project is being carried out by experienced BRWG members voluntarily, and the phone box will be returned to its pride of place in Montville as soon as the project has been completed.

Any community members interested in being part of the restoration are welcome to come to the Sports Ground and join the Woodies.

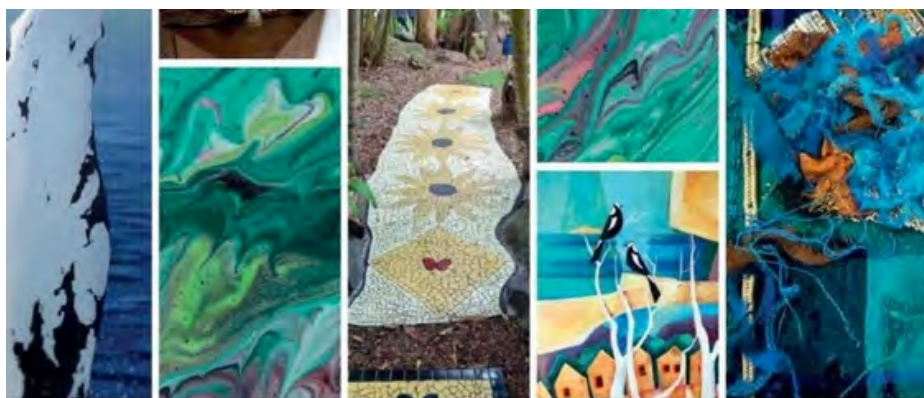


BRWG Woodies repairing Montville's iconic red Telephone Box



OPEN STUDIOS

SUNSHINE COAST



WE'VE MOVED TO JULY 17-26 JULY 2026

To ensure the smooth running of this year's Open Studios event - we need to fill a number of the volunteer roles:

- Working Group Resource Co-ordinator
- Working Group Area Co-ordinator (Hinterland Maleny)
- Working Group Area Co-ordinator (Hinterland Foothills)
- Working Group Area Co-ordinator (Coastal Caloundra)

To learn more about what the roles involve head to the Open Studios Website

Registrations for Open Studios 2026

OPEN on Friday 13th March and

CLOSE Friday 17th April 2026.

Sculpture ON THE EDGE



Saturday 28 November – Sunday 6
December
Entries will be opening soon.



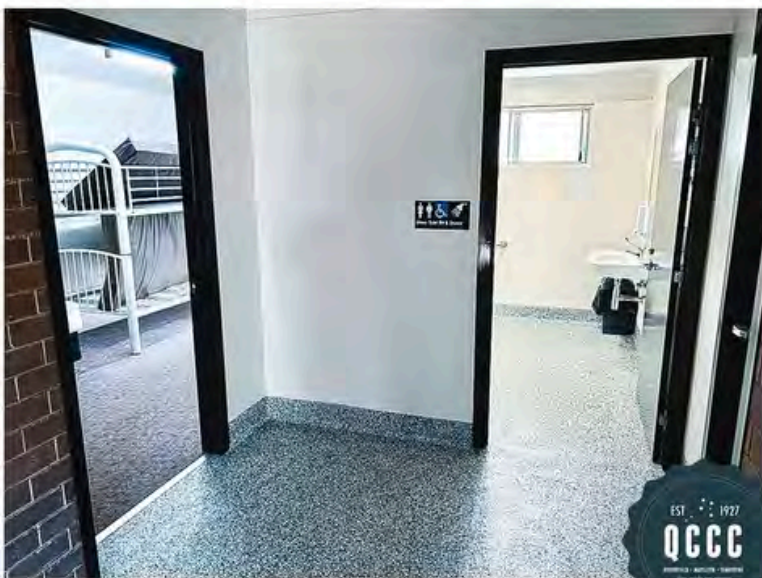
WEEKLY ACTIVITY UPDATE

Another big week of school camps is ahead at QCCC Mapleton. From Monday to Wednesday, we will host a large Gold Coast secondary school bringing their Grade 8 cohort. These middle secondary camps are always full of energy – plenty of activity, laughter and healthy competition as students build friendships and strengthen year-level culture.

On Wednesday, a busy changeover sees two new schools arrive, both with Grade 6 cohorts – one from the Moreton Bay region and the other from the Sunshine Coast. For many of these students, camp represents a key milestone in their primary school years, building confidence and independence as they prepare for the transition to high school. It's shaping up to be another lively and purposeful week, with our Outdoor Education instructors and hospitality team working hard to ensure every group experiences the very best of Mapleton.

Did you know? QCCC Mapleton works hard to make Outdoor Education accessible for all campers. We provide accessible accommodation and meeting spaces, wheelchair-friendly paths, and detailed pre-visit accessibility guides and virtual tours so groups can plan ahead. The Cérge digital concierge tools help support communication needs, while staff are trained to assist with adaptive equipment and inclusive support so everyone – including those in wheelchairs – can participate as fully as possible in activities and enjoy camp life together.

*will make a huge difference for
guests with accessibility needs*



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: 25/02/2026 DA#: RAL26/0011

36 & 38 Sterling Dr EUMUNDI – Access Easement – Mario Calderari – Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd. *Creation of a 1051m2 access easement.*

Lodged: 24/02/2026 DA#: OPW25/0226.01

31 Carter Rd NAMBOUR – Minor Change to Development Approval – Landscaping, Stormwater, Earthworks & Carparking – Coast2Bay Housing Group – RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd. *Relates to MCU24/0281, 8 unit development.*

Lodged: 27/02/2026 DA#: OPW26/0063

1-3 Henebery Rd North BURNSIDE – Electrical Reticulation – Ampflo Pty Ltd. *For large lot subdivision.*

Lodged: 27/02/2026 DA#: : MCU26/0034

39 Memorial Dr EUMUNDI – Veterinary Services – Holistic Living QLD Pty Ltd – ADAMS + SPARKES Town Planning. *Application to establish a veterinary practice.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 23/02/2026 DA#: RAL18/0089.02

Tallowood St MALENY – Pre-Request Response – Scott Mair – Innovative Planning Solutions. *Relates to Lot 114 of a 4 stage 43 lot subdivision. The change is to the building envelope on the lot, which was specified to retain mature trees, however, it appears the trees cannot be identified, hence the requested change.*

Lodged: 25/02/2025 DA#: OPW26/0062

50-52 Chevallum Rd PALMWOODS – Electrical Reticulation – Millwell Services Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL24/0107, 1 lot into 3 lots.*

Lodged: 27/02/2026 DA#: OPW21/0740.02

Sundale Palmwoods 61 Jubilee Dr PALMWOODS – Generally in Accordance – Sundale Ptd – Covey Associates Pty Ltd. *Related to Sundale Retirement Village, no documents published.*

Mapleton Library Community Centre

Easter Raffle

Pop in and buy 6 tickets for \$10
3 for \$5, or 1 for \$2



Prize includes wine, chocolates, a beautiful china boiled egg set and more goodies!



Drawn 2pm, Thursday 2nd **APRIL**

LAWNS ARE POOR FOR BIODIVERSITY

Traditional manicured lawns are often referred to as 'ecological deserts' because they offer very little support for the complex web of life typically found in natural landscapes.

Key Reasons for Low Biodiversity

Monocultures: Most lawns consist of only one or two non-native grass species. This lacks the plant diversity required to support a variety of insects and other wildlife.

Frequent Mowing: Regular cutting prevents flowers (like clover or daisies) from blooming. This removes vital nectar and pollen sources for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

Chemical Use: The intensive use of pesticides and herbicides to maintain a 'perfect' look kills beneficial insects, soil microorganisms, and even earthworms. Fertiliser runoff can also pollute local waterways.

Lack of Habitat: Short, uniform grass provides no shelter or nesting sites for small mammals, birds, or amphibians. Deep-rooted native plants, which lawns lack, are better at managing soil health and water.

Non-Native Species: Many common turf grasses are exotic species that local insects have not evolved to eat, breaking the bottom of the local food chain.

How to Improve Your Lawn's Biodiversity

If you want to support more life in your garden, consider these steps:

Reduce Mowing: Participating in initiatives like No Mow May or simply mowing less frequently allows 'weeds' to flower and feed pollinators.

Plant Native: Replace portions of your lawn with native wildflowers, shrubs, or trees. Tools like the National Wildlife Federation's Native Plant Finder can help you choose the right species.

Go Chemical-Free: Avoid synthetic fertilisers and pesticides to protect soil life and prevent toxic runoff.

Create 'Messy' Zones: Leave a corner of the garden to grow 'natural'. Consider adding a log pile or a heap of rocks to provide essential shelter for invertebrates.



Grow Australian Plants

Melaleuca pearsonii

LOCAL SPECIES

Rocky Rambler

A low ground cover to a small bush only 1.5m spread by .5m tall.

The leaves are green and narrow and quite sharp at the ends.

The flowers are bright red with gold tips and will last in a vase for a few days.

Prefers sun to part shade locations and will grow on a wide variety of soil types. Will tolerate dry spells, frost and even short periods of wet feet.

Very good for a playground-friendly space.

Attracts birds and butterflies.

The dense habit gives shelter to small wildlife such as lizards.



LOCAL

BROWN THORNBILL

Acanthiza pusilla

The Brown Thornbill is a tiny 9.5–10.5 cm long bird found from the coast up to 1,200 m only in eastern and south-eastern Australia, including Tasmania. They are most common in habitats with a dense shrub layer from rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest to woodland, and mangroves. They are found regularly in parks and gardens, especially close to large patches of remnant vegetation. On the Range they have been recorded along the Kureelipa Falls track, Mapleton Lilyponds, Mapleton Falls NP and Flaxton.

They are easy to identify from other little brown birds by the rufous forehead and dark streaking on the throat and upper chest. They have deep red eyes and a black bill. The upperparts are brown washed with dull olive-green. The underparts are dull white with yellowish flanks. The tail has a cinnamon base and black bar near a pale brown tip. The legs and feet are dark brown.

The sexes are similar and immature birds are only slightly different to adults being less streaked and having brown eyes.

The Brown Thornbill feeds amongst foliage and shrubs close to the ground, mainly taking small insects, but may sometimes eat seeds, nectar and fruit. They have a distinct pee-orr call that is often repeated while foraging amongst understory foliage. They are also able to mimic the alarm calls of other birds such as the New Holland Honeyeater that warn of a raptor approaching, which deters other predators such as pied currawongs from attacking their nests.

Breeding is in June–Dec in dome-shaped nests hung low in dense vegetation. The nest, with a hooded side-entrance, is built out of grasses, bark shreds, moss and feathers, lightly bound with spider webs. Cuckoos often use the Brown Thornbill as a host.

Thank you Eric Anderson

Images – Top: Adult Brown Thornbill

Middle: Brown Thornbill having a spider for breakfast

Lower: Brown Thornbill nest



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
- 6 March** World Day of Prayer, 9am, Montville Unity Church.
- 7 March** Barung Identifying Rainforest Plants: Grasses and Sedges.
- 8 March** International Women's Day.
- 13-15 March** Maleny Film Festival, Maleny Community Hall.
- 17 March** Lions Health Information morning for Seniors, 9:30am-noon, Mapleton Bowls Club.
- 18 March** Barung Garden Design Club, 9:45am-11:45am.
- 18 March** Australian Government Mobile Service Centre, Maleny.
- 19 March** Australian Government Mobile Service Centre, Kenilworth.
- 19 March** Annual General Meeting, Obi Obi Community Hall, 7.30pm.
- 21 March** Trivia Night, Montville Hall.
- 21 March** 'Rewilding your Garden', 2pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.
- 22 March** Bach Unwrapped, 3pm, Woombye.
- 24 March** Easy Perspective Drawing for Beginners, 2pm-4pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.
- 3-6 April** Easter
- 19 April** Book Fair and Mini Market, Mapleton Library Community Centre.
- 2-4 May** Sunshine Coast Hinterland Writers Festival.
- 24 May** Family Fun Day 9am-2pm Kenilworth Showground.
- 26 May** Family Fun Day, 9am-2pm, Kenilworth Arts Council.

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REPEATS



Identifying Rainforest Plants

meadow grasses and sedges

There is a turning point in revegetation patches – have you noticed it? Meadows start to appear, shaded by the growing tree. Suddenly, the patch seems to become more resilient against weeds. Graceful and delicate rainforest grasses and structural sedges start to spread and abound – and right now, they are flowering! But which of these are native, which are weeds?

Join Hilary Pearl and Rowena Thomas at the Barung Nursery for a two-hour workshop learning the differences between grasses and sedges.

We will pull apart plants to see their differences. We will learn seven of our native rainforest grasses and four sedges, all from our local Mackall Range forests. We recommend you bring a pen, a torch (or a phone with a torch), and your own hand lens if you have one.

Magnifying lenses and hand lenses will be available to use, and worksheets will be supplied as we delve deep into this group of plants. We will finish with a walk in the Barung Seed Forest.

Participation is limited to 15 places so please book in to attend. <https://events.humanitix.com/identifying-rainforest-plants-of-the-mackall-range-the-meadow-grasses-and-sedges>

Date: Saturday 7th March, 2026

Time: 9am to 11am

Location: Barung Landcare Native Plant Nursery, Parkland Drive, Maleny 4552



International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally each year on 8 March.

An important day to recognise the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and girls. Across our schools, workplaces and wider education community, we strive to achieve gender equality, creating positive environments where everyone can succeed and realise their own individual potential.

is celebrated during Queensland Women's



World Day of Prayer 2026
Join our local prayer service focused on Nigeria



Date and time of service	Friday 6th March, 9:00am
Venue	Montville Uniting Church
Address	152 Main St
Contact	Rev Nathan Barton minister@ourcommonlife.org

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL'S REPLY TO SAFETY MATTERS RAISED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Dear Community Members

Thank you for your recent enquiries to Council and Cr Law regarding the safety of the footpaths around Mapleton, particularly the section from the BP service station around to Mapleton State School.

Our Footpath Supervisor has attended the site and completed a full inspection of this area. No maintenance-related hazards were identified. However, the steep gradient of the footpath – which reflects the natural slope of the hill – was noted.

To explore possible improvements, this matter has been forward onto the Transport Infrastructure Branch to assess design options that may help reduce the footpath grade where feasible. We will also ask them to investigate the possibility of installing a new pedestrian crossing at the Delicia Road and Obi Obi Road intersection. A crossing at this location may assist residents to cross safely without needing to traverse the steep grassed embankment.

While the grade of the natural embankment cannot be altered, we are committed to exploring practical design solutions that can improve safety and accessibility for all community members.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council

REPEATS



Easter Art Exhibition

FREE ENTRY!



The Blackall Range Visual Artists proudly present their annual Easter exhibition which showcases both their individual works and a feature wall exploring 'Life on the Range'.

Date & Time

April 2 to April 7

Open from 10.00 AM - 3.30 PM

Location

St Mary's Hall

141 Main Street, Montville

Commissions and donations go towards maintaining this historic hall

EFTPOS facilities available



@blackallrangevisualartists

SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL GRANT IMPROVES COMFORT AT KUREELPA DULONG COMMUNITY HALL

Hirers and Community Groups which use the Kureelpa /Dulong Community Hall in Jewett Road Kureelpa , are enjoying the recent upgrades due to our successful application of a Sunshine Coast Council Grant.

We were able to replace all of the 20-year-old curtains and blinds inside the hall and they glide beautifully!

We also added some pull-down blinds to the verandah to make this space more comfortable on a hot day or on a showery day.



The hall is a very welcoming space to gather, and we thank the Sunshine Coast Council and Custom Blinds and Curtains of Nambour for their expertise and excellent service.

Presently the hall is a gathering space for Crop Swap, Kureelpa Quilters, Sunshine Coast Gospel Fellowship, Mapleton Community Choir, Spinners, Weavers and Fabric Artists, Yoga, Pilates, Mapleton Bridge Club, Kureelpa Natterers. The Kureelpa Hall is also converted to a very suitable place for Family Celebrations, School Disco, Garden Club Lunches, and Council workshops. It is also a designated emergency gathering place for travelers in case of emergencies in the area and a Polling Booth for election.

There is a FACEBOOK PAGE- Kureelpa Dulong Community Hall. Bookings are best done by email: kureelpahall@gmail.com

We do have a Website but it is presently under improvement. www.kureelpadulongcommunityhall.org

Play games, win prizes!
 A morning of bingo, trivia, tea & prizes!

Friday 13th March 2026
 9:00 am - 11:30am
 Mapleton Library Community Centre, Obi Obi Rd
 Fun & games for just \$12 per person



This plaque is located across the road from the Mapleton Men's Shed, Delicia Road.

The 2/7th Australian Cavalry (Commando) Regiment was a prominent Australian Army unit that served during World War II, initially formed as an armoured unit before transitioning to a commando role. The regiment had a strong connection to Queensland, with training periods in Mapleton.

Connection to Mapleton:

Information indicates that the 2/7th Australian Cavalry Regiment (and related units) had training and staging areas in the northern Queensland region, including in the vicinity of the Atherton Tableland and, in 1942, areas near Landsborough/Caloundra/Mapleton before their deployment to Papua.

Key details about the 2/7th Australian Cavalry Regiment during WWII:

Formation and Evolution: The regiment was formed in April 1940 as the 7th Division Cavalry Regiment, drawing personnel from New South Wales and Queensland. In 1943–1944, as part of a restructuring of Australian divisional cavalry, it was reorganised into the 2/7th Cavalry (Commando) Regiment.

Middle East Service (1941–1942): The regiment sailed to the Middle East in December 1940, arriving in Egypt in February 1941. They served in Palestine and were sent to Cyprus in May 1941 to support British forces, acting as a reconnaissance force. They later served in Syria before returning to Australia in March 1942.

New Guinea Campaign (1942–1943): Following their return, the unit was sent to New Guinea in September 1942 to defend Port Moresby. They served in a dismounted role, participating in the brutal fighting around Huggins Roadblock and the Sanananda Track. During this campaign, they suffered heavy casualties, with 54 men killed and over 200 contracting malaria. The commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Edgar Logan, was among those killed.

Reorganisation and Borneo (1943–1945): After returning to Australia, the unit reformed on the Atherton Tableland in Queensland. Reorganised as a commando regiment, it became the administrative headquarters for the 2/3rd, 2/5th, and 2/6th Commando Squadrons. The 2/7th later participated in the Borneo campaign, specifically the landing at Tarakan in May 1945.

Disbandment: Following the Japanese surrender, the regiment returned to Australia and was disbanded in January 1946.

MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB



REPEATS

On Sunday 22nd February, Mapleton's Lorraine Wilmott and Miles Allen were victorious in the Sunshine Coast Bowls District Mixed Pairs championship. They defeated Coolum 24-17 to take out the title. Congratulations to Lorraine and Miles. All the best in the next level of the competition.



Board members for 2026 were elected on Sunday, 22nd at the Annual General Meeting: Front row from the left: Martin Lambe, Secretary; Nita C Lester, Assistant Treasurer; Helen Mallet, Kitchen Providore; David Stephenson, President.

Back Row from left: Mark Paine, Bowling Section President; Kathy Lambe, Kitchen Providore; Graham Patterson, Treasurer; Robert Shoyer, Bar Providore

The Board is the leadership group of the Mapleton Bowls Club Complex.

MORE PLANTS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE

The Plant Library at the Mapleton Library Community Centre is very bare.

If you have any unwanted potted plants, please donate.

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

For example: Just this morning, the Centre provided JP services, hosted an art group and provided space so a community member could sit for an on-line business examination.

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: 20/02/2026 DA#: POS26/0029

89 & 91 Blackall Terrace Nambour - Survey Plan SP359291 (2 Lots) - Sunshine Coast Regional Council (Property Branch). *Administrative, Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 18/02/2026 DA#: OPW26/0055

8 Stevens St YANDINA - Advertising Device - Pearl Pacific Properties Pty Ltd - Urban Planet Town Planning Consultants. *Branding signs for Mobile Service Station.*

Lodged: 23/02/2026 DA#: OPW26/0059

25-31 Lowe St NAMBOUR - Advertising Device - Reject Shop Nambour - Locality Planning & Consulting. *Branding signs for The Reject Shop.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 18/02/2026 DA#: OPW26/0053

Valeview 56 Pine Grove Rd WOOMBYE - Stormwater, drainage work, clearing vegetation and driveway access - Bianca Mister Colmenares - Subdivisions (Qld) Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL17/2063, 1 lot into 3.*

Lodged: 16/02/2026 DA#: MCU22/0417.01

208 Narrows Rd NORTH MALENY - Minor Change to Development Approval - Dwelling and Secondary Dwelling - George and Aldath Johnston - Adapt Development Management Pty Ltd. *No documents posted at time as at COB 24/02/2026.*

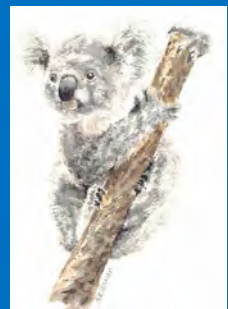
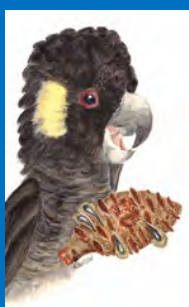
Lodged: 20/02/2026 DA#: MCU26/0030

PRAS - 52 Kondalilla Falls Rd MONTVILLE - Material Change of Use of Premises to Establish a Dwelling House (Secondary Dwelling) - Paul James Origlasso, Linda Ann Halpin, Selena Joy Halpin, Terence Aidan Halpin, Norma Evelyn Halpin - Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd. *Conversion of classification of an existing class 1A studio/Workshop to a secondary dwelling thus allowing independent living, on over 11ha.*

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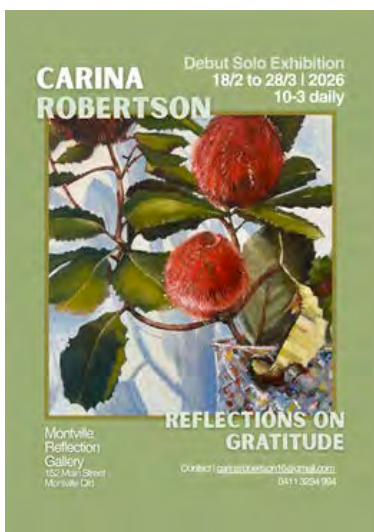



GOAT TRACK THEATRE

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Whether your child wants to build confidence or kick-start a future in the performing arts or the film industry, there will be something in our drama program that is perfect for them.

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 Every Monday 4.00pm to 5.00pm
 (except school holidays)
 Maleny Community Centre Main Hall



MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY

Space to rest and reflect 10am to 3pm most days of the year

Montville Uniting Church, 152 Main Street, Montville

Debut Solo Exhibition
by Carina Robertson

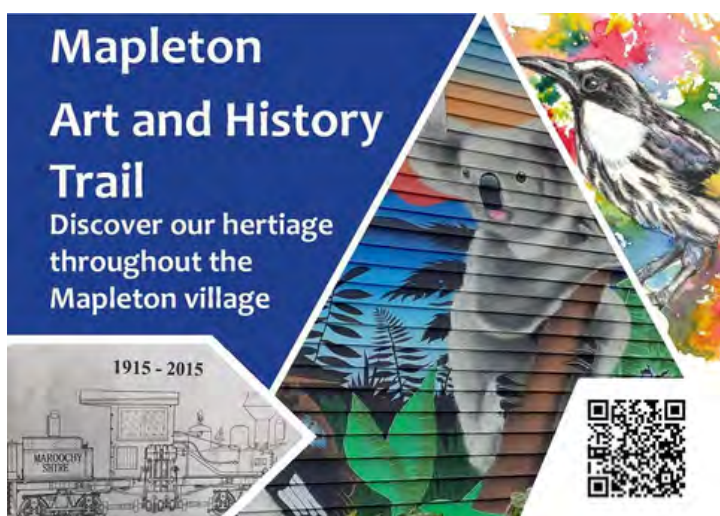
Carina Robertson is a contemporary painter recognised for her expertise in both oil and soft pastel mediums. Her work delves into the dynamic relationships between light, colour, texture, and movement. Robertson’s practice spans a variety of subjects, including intimate still life, contemplative portraits, gentle landscapes, emotive seascapes and abstract explorations.

Utilising two distinct mediums Carina paints with notable versatility. Her oil paintings feature richly layered impasto and a luminosity achieved through traditional methods, imparting depth and permanence to her pieces. Conversely, her pastel works are distinguished by immediacy and vibrancy, leveraging pure pigment and velvety textures to convey atmospheric transitions and fleeting moments with precision and energy.

A self-taught artist, Carina has pursued an intensive creative journey over the past decade, focussing on expressionism within her painting practice. Her early development was shaped by mentorship from Australian artists John Wilson and, more recently, Todd Whisson. Tutelage under Maltese artist Julian Hyzler during a residency in Italy inspired her to recreate what she sees to how it feels.

Currently, she resides and maintains a studio on her farm near Maleny in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, where the natural surroundings continually inform her artistic vision—both within the farmhouse and beyond. Her distinctive approach emphasises the emotional impact of colour and the subtle geometric structures present in her environment, seeking to capture the “beauty around in everyday life”.

Exhibition on now until 28 March 2026.



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

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



Mapleton Bowls Club

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mapletonbowlsclub350@gmail.com
5 Post Office Road, Mapleton, Queensland,
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- qualified instructors
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Contact: Paul 0439 670 629

Tina 0493 101 730

Or drop into the gym – we are located behind the Mapleton Bowls Club overlooking the Lilyponds (5 Post Office Rd, Mapleton) www.rangecommunitygym.com.au

MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Owned and staffed by volunteers

DGR status, so all donations are tax-deductible



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

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Workshops, events, public notice board, and community brochures.
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A quiet place to relax and meet friends.

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W: mapletonlibrary.au



MAPLETON CRAFT GROUP

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

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



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

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

president@zontablackallrange.org.au

Promotional space in 2024 Business Directory is now available

MAPLETON ART

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

They investigate techniques and materials for continued professional artistic development.

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

Currently working on the 2027 calendar to raise money for more Art in Public Spaces.



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

Mapleton 3rd Wednesday every month at 9am [in the grounds of the RangeCare Op Shop].



PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BLACKALL RANGE INC

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

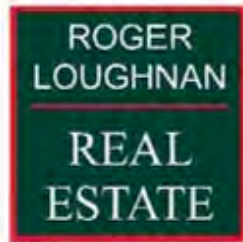
The Probus Club of North Blackall Range Inc meets on the second Friday of the month from February to November at the Mapleton Bowls Club for fun, fellowship and friendship between 10am and 12noon.

We have interesting guest speakers, fun outings and several special interest groups.

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

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

Supporting local businesses that support the community



Mapleton



ROSETTA BOOKS



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.

Email mapletonqueensland@gmail.com requesting guidelines.

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