

# RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPOP COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly news

A community service since 2016

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## WHAT IS ON THIS WEEKEND?

- \*\* 17 April: Marty Hunt MP, Mapleton Conversation Station, Mapleton Library Community Centre
- \*\* 17-26 April: Tiny Beautiful Things, Maleny Players
- \*\* 18 April: Trilogy Presentation, 2pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre
- \*\* 19 April: Book Fair and Mini Market, Mapleton Library Community Centre
- \*\* 19 April: Maleny Car Boot Sale, 7:30am-Noon
- \*\* 19 April: Ida Pelliccioli, Lucas Parklands



Dear Mapleton residents,

I'll be in your neighbourhood this Friday and wanted to let you know I'll be out and about on the ground, listening to locals and hearing directly about any State Government issues or concerns affecting you and our community.

From 9 - 10am, I'll be hosting a Conversation Station outside Mapleton Library Community Centre. This is a simple drop-in opportunity - no appointments, no formalities - just a chance to have a chat and share what matters to you. I encourage you to come along and say hello if you're passing by.

Following this, I'll be door knocking in the area from approximately 10:30am for the remainder of the morning, focusing on Wandoo Ct and The Parkway Place. If you live on these streets, I would really value the opportunity for a brief conversation at your door.

My focus is simply to hear directly from residents about the issues that matter most to you.

If you see me on the day, please feel free to stop for a chat.

Kind regards,  
Marty Hunt

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## Would you like to know more about your in-home care options?

### Join us for a FREE event at Mapleton

Hear the the Founder of Trilogy Care, James Whitelaw explain:

- How to stay at home, independently, for longer using government funded in-home care options
- How Support at Home funding recipients can access care in regional and rural communities
- My Aged Care and how to apply for Support at Home funding
- How our Community Managed model benefits both you, and the local community – locals caring for locals

Register to secure your spot  
Walk-ins also welcome.



FREE Event



James Whitelaw  
Founder of Trilogy Care

#### WHERE:

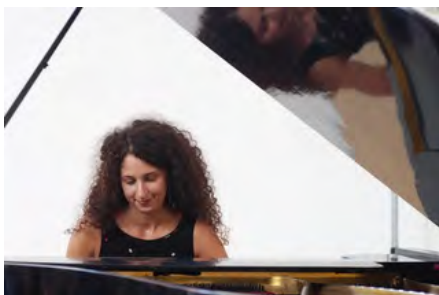
Mapleton Library  
Community Centre,  
10 Obi Obi Road,  
Mapleton

#### WHEN:

18 April, 2pm

#### GUEST SPEAKER:

James Whitelaw, Founder  
and Chair of Trilogy Care



## A BRILLIANT CLASSICAL PIANIST PLAYING IN A PRIVATE AUDITORIUM

Lucas Parklands has a private auditorium in the rainforest at 126 Narrows Roads Montville, Sunshine Coast.

Ida Pelliccioli is an international renowned pianist.  
Sunday, April 19, 2026

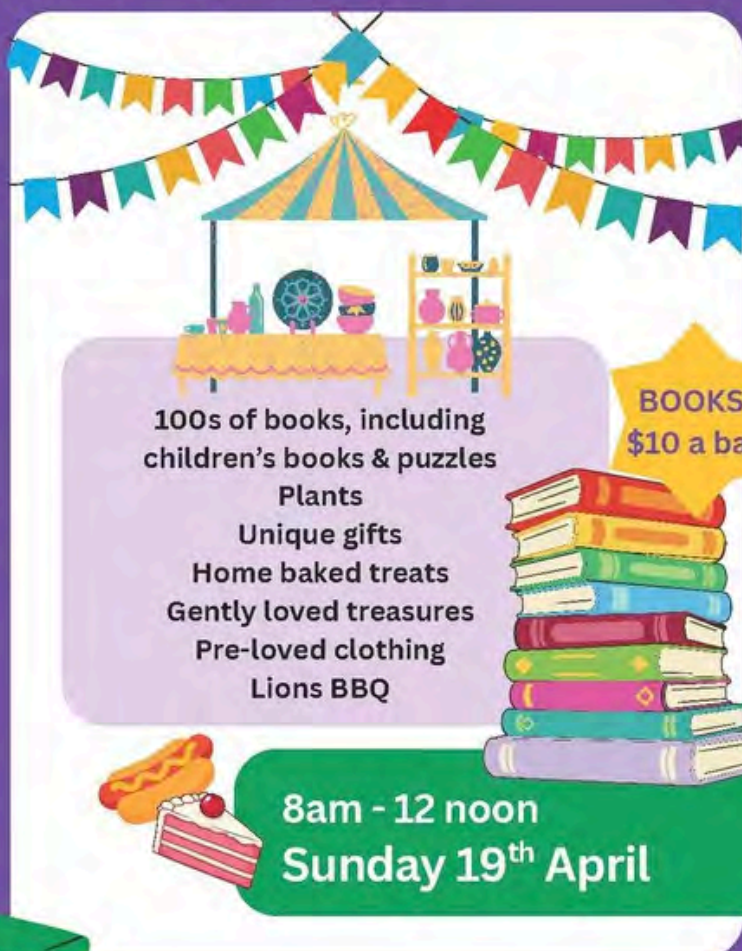
Limited attendance – bookings essential  
Costs range from \$20.00 to \$80.00 front row seats. Parking available.  
For performance and ticketing enquiries, phone 5478 5667 or 0409 623228.

# Book Fair & Mini Market

Stop by and grab a bargain!



Mapleton Library Community Centre



100s of books, including  
children's books & puzzles

Plants

Unique gifts

Home baked treats

Gently loved treasures

Pre-loved clothing

Lions BBQ

8am - 12 noon

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April



10 Obi Obi Rd, Mapleton

☎ 5445 7011

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



# Maleny's Epic Car Boot Sale again!!

Trash or Treasure  
you decide!!!

Sun 19th of April 2026

7.30am - 12pm est.

926 Maleny Montville Rd,  
Balmoral Ridge

2nd hand goods galore, hand  
crafted items, plants, vego  
food & more.



Ph: 0414 455 001



Maleny Seventh Day Adventist Church initiative

# Quarry Services Notification



## **BLAST NOTIFICATION – IMAGE FLAT QUARRY**

Date: Monday 20 April 2026

Timeframe: Blast will occur between 9am and 3pm (weather and site conditions permitting)

Location: 178 Image Flat Road, Image Flat

On the scheduled day of the blast, please ensure adequate measures are in place for household occupants, animals and livestock.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure the safe and efficient operation of Image Flat Quarry.

Ground vibration and air overpressure (noise) may occur from blasting activities. We apply best practice blasting techniques to minimise disturbance where possible.

Noise limitations are specified by the Environmentally Relevant Authority (ERA) Permit EPPR00777413 issued by the Department of Environment and Science.

Council's qualified blasting contractors operate within compliance guidelines set by the Department of Environment and Science for conditions of environmental authorities issued under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Blasting is undertaken by qualified service providers to extract rock product for supply to Council projects, road maintenance and external commercial contractors.



## ***Mapleton Hall & Sportsground Trust***

### **MAPLETON HALL BOOKINGS**

**Monday** – 'Cultivate Movement & Mindfulness' Dance fitness, 6–7pm  
Contact Karen at [cultivatesunshinecoast@gmail.com](mailto:cultivatesunshinecoast@gmail.com)

**Tuesday** – 'Qi Jong', 7–9am Contact Joey at [joanne.kohnke@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.kohnke@gmail.com)  
'Barre fitness' combination of yoga, pilates, ballet blend, 5.45–6.45pm Contact Hannah 0473 972018

**Wednesday** – 'Cultivate', 7.30–8.15am Contact Karen (above Mondays)

**Thursday** – 'Cultivate Fitness'. 5.30–6.30pm Contact Karen (above)  
'MEDITATION & Sound Healing', 9.30–11.30 am with Suzette commencing April 30th Contact – Suzette 0400 552895

**Friday** – 'Pilates', 8.30–9.30am Contact B.R.C.G. – Terina 5445 7044  
'Qi Jong', 10–12pm Contact Joey (above Tuesdays)

**'Women's Circle'** 7.30pm Thursday 16th April and 17th May – contact Bec Wildflowers – [bec.wild81@gmail.com](mailto:bec.wild81@gmail.com)

Hall is also available for general bookings such as weddings, funerals, parties, music events and so much more.

**Bookings:** [mapletonhall@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonhall@gmail.com)

## LOCAL VENUES FOR HIRE

### KUREELPA DULONG COMMUNITY HALL

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

Contact: Dianne Fitzgerald E: [fitzies56@gmail.com](mailto:fitzies56@gmail.com)

### MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB

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

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

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

Contact: The Club Secretary, Martin Lambe

E: [mapletonbowlsclub350@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonbowlsclub350@gmail.com) T: 0428 898734

### MAPLETON COMMUNITY HALL and SPORTSGROUND

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

To enquire email [mapletonhall@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonhall@gmail.com)

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

### MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Obi Obi Road, Mapleton T: 5445 7011

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

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

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

### MONTVILLE VILLAGE HALL

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

Contact us today to make a reservation.

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

### OBI OBI HALL

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

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

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

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

### ST MARY'S HALL MONTVILLE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Perfect for workshops, small events, yoga/pilates classes, cosy concerts, art shows, club meetings, baby showers, family events. This space is fully accessible, now air-conditioned (warm in winter and cool in summer), low cost with a free to use kitchenette. Maximum capacity 50 seated, or 12 yoga mats.

For bookings and enquiries:

E: [stmaryshallmontville@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryshallmontville@gmail.com) or T: 0475 773810



## Applications open for the Queensland Biosecurity Ambassador Programme

Do you have a passion for protecting Queensland from pests and diseases? Apply now to become one of the next Biosecurity Ambassadors!

As a Biosecurity Ambassador you will:

- grow your skills and expertise in biosecurity
- expand your networks
- grow your leadership, communication and advocacy skills
- connect with members of your industry and community groups to raise awareness of the importance of biosecurity at a local level.

If you're eager to make a difference, apply now to join this growing network of advocates.

Applications close midday, **Monday 20 April 2026**

To find out more visit

<https://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/news-media/campaigns/biosecurity-ambassador>



### LANDSBOROUGH MUSEUM 10 APRIL TO 30 AUGUST

Grassroots to Glory: Around the Track celebrates the energy, evolution and community spirit that drive athletics on the Sunshine Coast. This exhibition explores how local passion, innovation and support networks have helped homegrown athletes develop their skills and chase their dreams.

Journey through the changing world of athletics and discover the clubs, coaches, volunteers and families who strengthen the region's sporting culture. Through personal stories, historic objects, interactive activities and insights into emerging talent, Around the Track highlights the determination, teamwork and triumphs that shape athletic success, from grassroots beginnings to glory on the national and global stage.

<https://heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/about/programs-and-events/grassroots-to-glory-exhibition?>

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### ANZAC DAY SERVICES AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE BLACKALL RANGE

#### Montville

5:30am Montville Memorial Gates, followed by tea/coffee and Anzac biscuits

#### Mapleton

9:30am Assemble for the parade at Wilga Street and Flaxton Drive

10am Service in the RSL Park.

All wreaths are welcome

Morning tea in the park provided by Lions



## ART EXHIBITION BY NARDA SALM MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

A lovely collection OF small and larger works.

Looking for that unusual gift - drop in and be surprised ...



### SIBLING AGGRESSION AND ABUSE

Aggressive and abusive behaviours like kicking, punching, threatening, humiliating, or purposefully destroying cherished items sometimes happen between siblings. Unfortunately, these behaviours are often mislabelled and dismissed as harmless rivalry and a normal experience of growing up with a sibling. The research evidence is clear, however, that these behaviours can have harmful and potentially long-lasting impacts on mental, physical, and relationship health—and should not be ignored.

Certain family dynamics are associated with sibling aggression and abuse. Parents may unknowingly model negative behaviours that children then repeat. Parental conflicts, intimate partner violence, and child maltreatment are all associated with a sibling being harmed. Family adversity—such as job loss, illness and death—is also linked to sibling aggression and abuse.

## What is Sibling Aggression?

Sibling aggression includes psychological, physical, and property aggression. It can be one-sided but is often mutual. Sometimes, mutual sibling aggression is minimized as "fair" or "just a fight," but mutual sibling aggression does not mean the exchange is harmless. Sibling aggression can be mild or severe.

Mild aggression includes pushing, grabbing, insulting, and taking personal items. While mild aggression does not cause a physical injury, it may cause emotional and relationship harm, especially if it persists or escalates over time.

Severe aggression leaves a physical or emotional injury and can involve the use of a weapon or weapon-like object. Examples of severe aggression include kicking, punching, beating, repeatedly calling a sibling dumb, ugly, unloved, or threatening significant harm. Such behaviours usually peak during adolescence.

Sibling aggression may happen for a number of reasons, including a lack of emotion regulation and problem-solving skills. At toddler and preschool ages, aggression between siblings can be developmentally appropriate as children are learning how to deal with frustration and anger. Still, it should not be ignored. Parents and professionals should stop aggressive behaviours immediately and consistently, increase supervision, and guide siblings on socio-emotional skills, like listening and conflict management.

### Read more:

<https://www.unh.edu/saara/our-work/sibling-aggression-abuse>



**NAMBOUR**  
C I N E M A  
& E V E N T S C E N T R E

## The Magic Faraway Tree

G|104 minutes

A modern family relocates to the countryside where the children discover a magical tree with eccentric residents. They're transported to fantastical lands, rekindling their family bond through adventures.

## Michael

PG|127 minutes

The story of the famous musician Michael Jackson, known as the King of Pop.



## MAPLETON HALL

Looking for more Mapleton history - the Hall has an important collection of historical images and records.

Below is the honour board of World War I residents who served.

There are three of the four trees still surviving.



### MEMORIAL TREES planted at MAPLETON HALL GROUNDS.

*Trees planted in 1918 in Memory of Mapleton's fallen soldiers W. W. 1.*

- |                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. T. Waller.                | 3. J. Logan. |
| 2. J. M <sup>c</sup> Kinnon. | 4. R. Logan. |



## 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: 02/04/2026 DA#: OPW26/0128

2-18 Wappa Falls Road & 1-47 Bracken Fern Road YANDINA - Electrical & Street Lighting - Robin Russell & Associates Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL20/0072 - split of 3 lots into 246 lots.*

Lodged: 13/04/2026 DA#: MCU26/0069

1573 Obi Obi Road Kenilworth - Secondary Dwelling - Simon Thomas - Mallee Group. *2 bed, 1 bath, office and sunroom using an existing building, plus a proposed new building envelope.*

Lodged: 10/04/2026 DA#: POS26/0055

10 Laurel Ave NAMBOUR - BFP For Duplex - Lots 1 & 2 on SP359424 - Murray & Associates. *Administrative - Approving Plans*

Lodged: 08/04/2026 DA#: RAL24/0021.01

300 Belli Oak Tree Rd BELLI PARK - Minor Change to Development Approval - 1 Lot into 2 Lots - David and Tracy Henderson - Danya Cook Town Planning. *Request to reduce the scope of upgrade to Belli Park Rd as specified in the original approval.*

Lodged: 08/04/2026 DA#: RAL24/0021.02

300 Belli Oak Tree Rd BELLI PARK - Change to Concurrence Agency Response Under S80 - 1 Lot into 2 Lots - David and Tracy Henderson - Danya Cook Town Planning. *Above application as sent to SARA.*

Lodged: 14/04/2026 DA#: OPW26/0134

35-53, 55-75 & 75-93 Brandons Road and 47-69 Steggalls Road, Yandina - Landscaping Works - Stockland Land Lease Management Pty Ltd - Arcadia Landscape Architecture Pty Ltd. *In relation to the establishment of a Retirement Village.*

Lodged: 10/04/2026 DA#: MCU25/0180.01

32 & 36 Coronation Avenue and 42 Carroll Street NAMBOUR - Minor Change to Existing Approval - Educational Establishment - Community Youth Education Options Ltd - Gaskell Planning Consultants. *Request to change the conditions and requirements surround storm water.*

### DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 07/04/2026 DA#: POS26/0046

17 Northview PI WOOMBYE - BFP for Duplex - SP358715 - Lots 1 & 2 - Sunrise Surveying - Mark Troyahn. *Administrative, Approving Plans*

Lodged: 08/04/2026 DA#: RAL22/0132.01

Tallowood St MALENY - Minor Change to Development Approval - Reconfiguration 1 Lot into 4 Rural Residential Lots - Michael and Victoria Van Rooyen - Pinnacle Certification. *Change to building envelope dictated by topography.*

Lodged: 10/04/2026 DA#: MCU24/0019.01 & opw24/0023

37 Hill Street WOOMBYE - Minor Change to Development Approval - Dual Occupancy - Stormwater, Earthworks, Driveway & Landscape Works - Frederic Tober - Danya Cook Town Planning. *Proposed double carport is replaced by a steel shed.*



## **NEW RESEARCH REVEALS YOUNG WESTERN MAGPIES LEARN 'SENTENCES' LIKE HUMAN TODDLERS**

New research from the University of Western Australia shows young Western Magpies combine sounds into structured call sequences through social learning – the first evidence of learned syntax outside of humans.

In the centre of the frame, a black and white adult Australian Magpie (left) is perched on a wooden fence post and feeding a hungry grey and white chick (right) with its beak wide open, in front of a metal gate and a pale green background.

New research reveals magpies are even smarter than we thought, with young birds able to learn complex 'sentences' just like humans. Photo by Keith Ward

A new study suggests that when young magpies in Western Australia begin calling from the treetops, they may be doing something surprisingly similar to a human toddler forming their first sentences.

We've long known magpies are clever. They recognise faces, remember friendly people and, in one remarkable case, even cooperated to remove tracking harnesses from one another. Now research from The University of Western Australia shows that their vocal development may also echo the way children learn language.

In a study published in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, Dr Stephanie Mason and colleagues followed 11 fledgling magpies for 200 days after they left the nest. By recording their calls week after week, the team captured something never before documented in a non-human animal: the developmental emergence of learned call sequences built across multiple levels.

"We did some research a few years ago... and basically discovered for the first time call combining at multiple levels," Dr Mason explains.

"In human language, we combine sounds into words and then those words into sentences. And that's really crucial for the level of complexity that language is capable of."

In most other animals, evidence of combination has stopped at one layer – either sounds forming calls, or calls forming sequences. "There's not that kind of lower level of combining distinct sounds," Dr Mason says. Magpies, it turns out, appear to do both.

The researchers identified four basic sound elements (with nicknames like 'noisy line' and 'down sweep,' based on their shapes on a spectrogram). These sounds are combined into multi-element calls, which are then assembled into longer sequences. It's that layered structure – sounds into calls, calls into sequences – that makes the comparison with syntax possible.

But how do the young birds acquire it? Read more:

[https://birdlife.org.au/news/young-western-magpies-learn-sentences-like-human-toddlers/?utm\\_campaign=enews-2026-april&utm\\_medium=Pardot&utm\\_source=email](https://birdlife.org.au/news/young-western-magpies-learn-sentences-like-human-toddlers/?utm_campaign=enews-2026-april&utm_medium=Pardot&utm_source=email)

# Grow Australian Plants

## *PLEIOGYNIUM TIMORIENSE*

### **BURDEKIN PLUM**

**APPEARANCE:** Queensland native tropical rainforest tree growing to 12metres in garden settings, and up to 20metres in its natural habitat. Large dark leaves; and a gently weeping habit on branches. Produces plum coloured plum sized edible fruit.

**USE:** Plant as a shade creating feature or screen. Attracts native wildlife. Fruits can be eaten raw or when ripe used to make jam, wine and chutney.

**CLIMATE:** Prefers a frost free humid climate; will tolerate dry conditions and light frost once established.

**PLANTING:** Plant in full sun for longest flowering and fruiting. Mulch and water regularly until the plant is established, usually around 12 weeks.

**CARE:** Prune after fruit has finished, if needed, to encourage dense growth habit and a bumper crop of berries next season. Apply a native slow release fertiliser during spring.



LOCAL

## GREY GOSHAWK

### *Accipiter novaehollandiae*

The Grey Goshawk is a medium-sized, 35–54 cm long, bird of prey with two colour forms (morphs). The grey form is grey above and white below with fine grey bars on the chest. The white form is pure white all over and is often called the White Goshawk. Both forms have a dark red eye and yellow legs and feet. The sexes are similar although the female is larger.

They occur in northern Australia from Derby in WA down eastern Australia around the coast to South Australia, and in Tas. Also found in Indonesia, New Guinea and Solomon Is. They can be found in most forest types especially closed tall eucalypt forests and rainforest. It is not a common bird on the range but is part of our birdlife.

On occasions they may be seen soaring to great heights reached by deep wingbeats, interspersed with glides. When feeding they pursue their prey at speed striking with their powerful toes. They attack their victims in the air and on the ground. Their prey includes small birds, mammals, snakes and other reptiles, grasshoppers, cicadas, beetles and other insects.

Breeding is in Aug–Dec in a large shallow saucer of sticks, lined with green leaves, placed 9–30 m high in a tree. The female is the principal incubator and the male relieves her, but he mostly hunts for both of them.

Thank you Eric Anderson

Images: Adult Grey Goshawk - top

Adult 'White' Goshawk - second

Grey Goshawk stick nest with young - third

Gliding Grey Goshawk - lower



**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: Braford 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 on 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

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

**24 April** Friday Night Dinner, 6pm, Mapleton Bowls Club.

**25 April** ANZAC Day

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

**2-3 May** Woodies, Montville Sport Ground

**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.

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**DO NOT FORGET THE BOOK FAIR AND MINI MARKET  
THIS SUNDAY 8AM-NOON**

**RAW LOCAL HONEY  
\$15  
Mapleton  
Library Community Centre  
Available at the Book Fair**





**SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS  
MAPLETON COMMUNITY SURVEY  
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON OBI OBI ROAD**

I want to better understand community concerns about pedestrian safety in Mapleton to advocate for practical improvements.

Pedestrian safety in Mapleton is in the spotlight, with a new community survey launched to better understand local concerns and potential improvements along Obi Obi Road.

Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt MP is running a community feedback survey to give residents the opportunity to shape future advocacy and ensure decisions reflect the needs of the community.

‘This survey is about listening to locals,’ Mr Hunt MP said.

‘My office has had a number of enquiries about pedestrian safety in Mapleton, and it’s important we understand whether this is a broader community concern and what solutions people want to see.’

The survey invites feedback from anyone who lives, works, or spends time in Mapleton. It covers key issues such as pedestrian crossings, traffic flow, and overall safety priorities.

Mr Hunt said community input would play a critical role in building a clear and accurate picture of the situation on the ground.

‘Every response helps us better understand how people are using Obi Obi Rd in Mapleton and where improvements may be needed,’ he said.

‘It’s important that we hear from a wide cross-section of the community so I can advocate for what may be needed.’

The survey will remain open over the coming months, giving residents ample opportunity to participate.

**Community members can complete the survey online at**  
<https://martyhunt.com.au/stay-updated/community-feedback-survey>

**Marty will be holding his regular Mapleton  
Conversation Station on Friday, April 17, outside the  
Mapleton Library Community Centre.**

Facebook page for more information or contact his office at [nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:nicklin@parliament.qld.gov.au).





## Celebrating 30 years

- Woodworking
- Educating
- Training
- Demonstrating
- Upskilling
- Milling
- Displays of woodwork
- Open days
- Community support
- Community donations

30th Anniversary: 1996 – 2026

The Blackall Range Woodies are supporting this year's Montville timber trail on 2 & 3 May.

Come to our open day at the Montville Sportsground, three kilometres south of Montville, on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 (May long weekend) from 9am to 3pm.

Montville the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc (the Woodies) will throw open their doors to visitors to view woodworking at its finest!

Woodies have been making wooden bowls, stools, boxes, carvings, coffee tables, toys, and an array of interesting and useful woodcraft for many years. Now visitors can see and buy some of the handiwork handmade by members:

- Bargain prices
- Demonstrations of woodworking equipment at set times
- Wood sales – Slabs of timber for sale to members of the public
- Raffles of quality woodcraft handmade by members
- FREE ENTRY
- Members available to answer any questions potential woodworkers may have

### **Renovation of Montville's Iconic Red Telephone Box**

Renovation work has been steadily progressing on this exciting and rewarding project. Much blood, sweat and tears by many Woodies members have contributed to this project and have increased their woodworking knowledge and skills. When it first arrived at our shed, it was discovered that a lot of the timberwork on the telephone box had deteriorated and rotted with the result that parts had to be replaced, increasing the complexity and duration of the restoration work. It is estimated that the value of the renovation would exceed \$15,000. MVA members are welcome to inspect the almost completed work.

The first photo shows deteriorated paintwork and timberwork upon arrival.

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The second photo shows the telephone box freshly painted following replacement of rotted timberwork on the partly renovated project.



**MOMA Exhibition** has temporarily moved to Mapleton Library from 13th April to 11th May. MOMA Warruga Street Gallery, Closed for Cleaning.

Check out the Library Community Centre display of miniature art during these dates.

### BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP

weaving along the middle path



**Wednesday  
22 April  
9am - 1pm**

**Mapleton Library  
Community  
Centre**

**Obi Obi Road**

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Limited space available

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## SUPPORTING SAFE BIRTHS WORLDWIDE

2026 marks the 20th anniversary of the vital work of the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia).

Every year, around 300,000 women and newborns still die during childbirth—many from preventable causes linked to poor hygiene and lack of medical resources. The Birthing Kit Foundation works to change that by providing clean birthing kits and education to women in remote, low-resource regions around the world.

Locally, the Zonta Club of Blackall Range plays a crucial role in this global mission by assembling over 600 birthing kits each year for BKFA to distribute. Volunteers come together to pack the kits, which can be funded for just \$5 each.

These simple yet essential kits are distributed through health facilities, traditional birth attendants, and community outreach programs, helping ensure safer births where medical care is limited. Each kit contains essential items to reduce infection and improve hygiene during labour, birth, and immediately after delivery.

You can support this life-saving work by donating as little as \$5 or joining the next **Birthing Kit Assembly Day on 2 May** at the Maleny RSL.

For more information call Ally on 0405 128 434 or email: [service@zontablackallrange.org.au](mailto:service@zontablackallrange.org.au).





## WELCOME TO THE BIRDLIFE AUSTRALIA PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

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We're thrilled to announce that the 2026 BirdLife Australia Photography Awards are officially open.

Entries will close Monday July 13 but get in quick! If you enter before Saturday April 25, you'll receive our special early bird discount.

We're excited to reveal this year's Grand Prize, awarded to the overall BirdLife Australia Photographer of the Year. By entering any category, you'll be in the running to win this prestigious award and take home a Nikon Z 8 camera valued at \$7,449 RRP.

We're also back with another Special Theme: Australian Finches – a celebration of some of our smallest, most striking birds.

Whether you're a seasoned professional or picking up a camera for the first time, there's a category for you:

- Backyard Birds
- Bird Behaviour
- Bird Portrait
- Birds in Flight
- Birds in the Landscape
- Youth
- Human Impact
- Portfolio Prize

[https://www.birdlifephotaward.org.au/?](https://www.birdlifephotaward.org.au/?utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Pardot&utm_campaign=bapa-2026&utm_content=link)

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## MAPLETON COUNTRY MARKET MESSAGE

Please be advised that the April 25th market is not on as it is Anzac Day. Our next market is on the 23rd May and will be a Best Dressed Dog Event for Small and Large Dogs. All entries will receive a token gift.

Our Federal Member for Fairfax MP Ted O'Brien kindly supplied a free gazebo for our Country Market, which is very welcome to support our local stall holders.

Nicklin MP Marty Hunt will have a Conversation Station at our May market to answer any questions/requests you may have. See you there!



# Thermometers a 'rising' industry

By LOUISE HANDRAN

ELEVEN years ago, one of the few thermometer making companies in Australia made the move from Melbourne to Mapleton, and it is still one of the area's best kept secrets.

When Eric Mitchell, owner/manager of Technitherm Thermometers moved to the hinterland town to get away from heavy industry, but didn't want to establish an ugly factory, he established the Mapleton operations in a building which suits its environment and is surrounded by trees and scrub.

Technitherm has been in operation since 1945 and specialises in glass stemmed domestic thermometers.

They make thermometers for meat, poultry, microwaves and ordinary ovens, as well as wall, gift and trophy thermometers.

They even make a floating thermometer to use in a baby's bath.

Every detail of the thermometers, from the stem to the scales and woodwork is all done on the premises and mostly by hand.

About three years ago, the business expanded into making souvenir thermometers which are proving popular, not just with tourists, but shopkeepers who are now approaching the company for more.

These souvenir thermometers are displayed in a showroom, attached to the factory and the artwork and their bases are done by hand.

The company plans to extend this showroom in the future.

Some of the bigger thermometers are almost totally made by hand.

The glass used in the stems is imported from overseas.

"I only know of two firms that make the glass we use," Mr Mitchell said.

Glass for the smaller thermometers is cut by a machine, while that used for the bigger ones is cut by hand, and as far as Mr Mitchell knows, Technitherm is the only company in the world that still makes thick tubed thermometers.

The company also has the only thermometer built making machine in Australia, which has helped



ERIC Mitchell at work in his unique thermometer factory at Mapleton.

increase production in the six months it has been in operation.

Production averages at about 10,000 thermometers a month.

Technitherm has been making mercury and spirit thermometers since it was first established.

"Mercury has a higher boiling point than spirit and we use it in our oven thermometers," Mr Mitchell said.

"We are very careful with the mercury and our staff have been tested for mercury poisoning and there have not been any health problems caused by working with it," he said.

The spirit the company uses in its other thermometers is one that they themselves developed, and is guaranteed not to affect any meat if the thermometer bursts.

The last 12 months have been extremely busy for the factory's seven staff, with the company now exporting to New Zealand and with orders for another export to Hong Kong.

Mr Mitchell started out with a firm that imported thermometers.

During his 18 months there the company was experimenting with making them.



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Thank you to Lindsey Wareham and other community members for this information.

**If you have additional information, please forward it to email: [mapletonqueensland@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonqueensland@gmail.com)**



Two beautiful images taken by Eric Mitchell



## 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: 01/04/2026 DA#: MCU26/0061

1 Biggs Road DULONG - Secondary Dwelling - Sam Mawhinney - Coastal Building Certifications Pty Ltd. 2 bed, 1 bath, hip roof, on stumps, 107m from primary dwelling on large lot. The dwelling was reclassified from Class 1 to Class 10A, to allow another primary dwelling to be constructed. This application is to have the "dwelling" reclassified once again to a "dwelling".

Lodged: 02/04/2026 DA#: MCU26/0065

55 Yvonne St HIGHWORTH - Secondary Dwelling - James and Amanda Lowery - Pinnacle Certification. 1 bed, 2 bath, with store (3400X3610) and workshop (3400X3950), hip and gable roof, on 55479m2 lot.

Lodged: 01/04/2026 DA#: OPW26/0121

35-53, 55-73 & 75-93 Brandons Rd and 47-69 Steggals Rd YANDINA - Roadworks & Stormwater - Stockland Land Lease Management Pty Ltd - Colliers International Engineering & Design Pty Ltd. Relates to establishing a retirement facility.

Lodged: 07/04/2026 DA#: OPW24/0259.01

9-15 & 17-23 Albert St EUMUNDI - Prestart Inspection - Civil - Tipbrush Pty Ltd - Covey Associates Pty Ltd. Relates to the establishment of a 19 lot subdivision.

Lodged: 02/04/2026 DA#: REC13/0062.02

3 Bowerbird Avenue BURNSIDE - Minor Change to Development Approval - Reconfiguration of 1 Lot into 16 Lots & Park - A Matthews - Murray & Associates (Qld) Pty Ltd. Application is to decrease the land size of lot 7 to 600m2, and to provide an easement for access and services to lot 7.

### DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 31/03/2026 DA#: POS26/0035

189 Neill Road Mooloolah Valley - Survey Plan SP352266 (4 Lots - Lots 1 to 4) - Land Development Strategies. Administrative, Approving Plans.

Lodged: 02/04/2026 DA#: MCU26/0063

148 Old Gympie Rd MOOLOOLAH VALLEY - Dwelling house - Ultra Living Homes - Suncoast Building Approvals Pty Ltd. 4 bed, 2 bath plus powder, media, study, pool room, home gym, 2 garage, gables and hip roof.

Lodged: 07/04/2026 DA#: OPW26/0125

7 Outlook Rise MOOLOOLAH VALLEY - Vehicle Crossover - TCERT Pty Ltd. Application for a second cross over to a shed.

Lodged: 02/04/2026 DA#: RAL26/0022 & OPW26/0127

92 Countryview Street WOOMBYE - Reconfiguration of 1 Lot into 2 Lots - Earthworks, Access & Services - Robyn Jeffers - Murray & Associates (Qld) Pty Ltd. 12,355m2 into 2 lots, first 2,385m2 and second, 9,970m2.

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

**Blackall Range Lions Club** blackallrangelionsclub@outlook.com;  
facebook.com/blackallrangelionsclub/ http://www.brhc.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 Warden** T: 0493 044052

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Schools

**Blackall Range Independent School** officel@brschool.com.au T: 5476 4301

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

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

### Facebooks

Mapleton Community Facebook page

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

Montville Community Facebook page

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

Flaxton Community Facebook page

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

Mapleton Library Community Centre Facebook page

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

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

**Many thanks, nita**

**mapletonqueensland@gmail.com**



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

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

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



### Helping Children Walk with Pride

Together we empower children to reach their potential.

**RING PULLS**



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

Drop off at the  
Mapleton Bowls Club  
Mapleton Library Community Centre





## RECYCLING IN MAPLETON

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BLISTER PACKS** Mapleton Library Community Centre verandah

**USED PENS** Mapleton Library Community Centre verandah

### **RING PULLS from aluminium cans**

Lions will forward these for a mobility device for children. Container on the Library Community Centre verandah



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

**PLANTS** There are stands outside the Mapleton Library Community Centre where you can leave plants for someone else who might like them.



## **PROCEDURES FOR RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPUP COMMUNITY NEWS MANAGEMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

Email [mapletonqueensland@gmail.com](mailto:mapletonqueensland@gmail.com) requesting guidelines.

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