

RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPOP COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly news

A community service since 2016

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WHAT IS ON THIS WEEKEND?

** 11-12 April: Garage Sale, Old Mapleton Post Office

** 11 April: Montville Markets



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 2nd and 3rd 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.



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



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GARAGE SALE

SAT – SUN

11 & 12 APRIL

8.00 AM – 4.00 PM

AT

YE OLDE POST OFFICE

11 POST OFFICE ROAD

MAPLETON

BOOKS, GAMES, TOYS, CLOTHING

JEWELLERY, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

AND MUCH MORE

FREE LUCKY DIP FOR KIDS

SUNDAY FREE FACE PAINTING

COME & JOIN US FOR A CUPPA & CAKE

Saturday 7:30am-12Noon



**Montville
MARKET**



DINNER NIGHT

MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB

FRIDAY 10 April

Orders taken on arrival. Serving begins at 6pm

TONIGHT'S SPECIALS

Beef stroganoff with pasta, chips and salad
Beef bolognese with GF pasta, chips and salad

DESSERTS

Creamy coffee cheesecake with whipped cream

Everyone is welcome

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

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

To help raise funds to keep this community service going, many of the local businesses have donated vouchers. Be a winner in the 10 multi-draw raffle



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

WHERE:

Mapleton Library Community Centre,
10 Obi Obi Road,
Mapleton

WHEN:

18 April, 2pm

GUEST SPEAKER:

James Whitelaw, Founder and Chair of Trilogy Care

Register to secure your spot
Walk-ins also welcome.





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

REPEAT BY POPULAR DEMAND





Wednesday
22 April
9am - 1pm

Mapleton Library
Community
Centre

Obi Obi Road

Limited space available

BOOK NOW

T: 5445 7011
E: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com



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



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.





WELCOME TO THE BIRDLIFE AUSTRALIA PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

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.birdlifephotoaward.org.au/?](https://www.birdlifephotoaward.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.



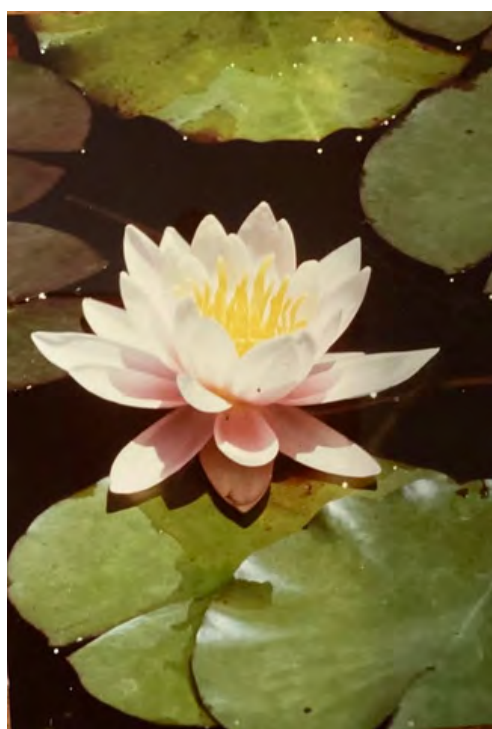
LOCAL HISTORY





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



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.*



Lilac Mushrooms

LOCAL

Lepista sublilacina

Commonly known as the Australian Lilac Blewit, is a native, edible mushroom found in Qld, NSW, Vic, and SA, often in Autumn.

It grows in grass, gardens, and mulch, featuring a lilac to violet cap, pale pink violet gills, and a fragrant scent.

Currently growing happily in a Sunshine Coast garden.

Thank you Donna Brook



Phallus multicolor

Grows in mulch and leaf litter.

A macro-fungi referred to as true 'Stinkhorns', so named because the spore bearing mass, the gleba, is a brown slime with a 'rotting meat' smell.

Flies and insects are drawn to the smell of the gleba and very rapidly remove all traces of it, so spreading the spores.

Stinkhorns are usually quite colourful and can be phallic shaped, have arms or even form a net-like structure.

The image above was taken in a Mapleton garden.
Thank you nita

Grow Australian Plants

Banksia robur **Swamp banksia**

An open plant to 2m or larger with large leather leaves. The new growth has a felty coating of brown hairs.

The flowers are blue green, and turn yellow green as the flowers age.

Prefers full sun for good flowering but will grow in part shade. Sandy well drained soils are the best and can handle short periods of boggy conditions. Frost-tolerant once established.

Attracts bees, nectar eating birds, butterflies, other insects.



LOCAL SPECIES



All images: nita



LOCAL

White-headed pigeon *Columba leucomela*

They are found throughout the coastal regions of eastern Australia. They prefer to inhabit dense tropical and sub-tropical rainforests, although they are also frequently spotted in suburban environments.

These gorgeous pigeons can be identified by their dark wings and back with a prominent white head and breast.

These pigeons are often observed in large groups foraging for seeds, rainforest fruits and plant matter, including the camphor laurel tree.

Call: https://ebird.org/species/whhpig1?siteLanguage=en_AU

During the 1950s, the white-headed pigeon population sadly experienced a dramatic decline due to habitat destruction and hunting for meat and sport.

Today, they are a protected species, and their population is less fragmented and on the incline.

They are currently observed across the region.

Thank you Feather Cap

Top image: Adult

Lower image: Juvenile



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

Date Claims

- 10 April** Fun and Games, 9:30am, Mapleton Library Community Centre.
- 10 April** Friday Night Dinner, 6pm, Mapleton Bowls Club.
- 11 April** Montville Markets, 7:30am-12Noon.
- 11-12 April** Garage Sale, Olde Mapleton Post Office
- 17 April** Marty Hunt MP, Mapleton Conversation Station, Mapleton Library Community Centre.
- 17-26 April** Tiny Beautiful Things, Maleny Players.
- 19 April** Book Fair and Mini Market, Mapleton Library Community Centre.
- 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.
- 26 May** Family Fun Day, 9am-2pm, Kenilworth Arts Council.

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

Join us for a fun and friendly morning of games and a chance to win a prize!

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9.30 - 11.30am
Friday 10th April
\$12 (includes morning tea)
Email, call or drop in to book

Mapleton Library Community Centre

10 Obi Obi Rd, Mapleton
5445 7011
mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

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**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.



PROTECT WHAT MATTERS THIS FLU SEASON

Hi everyone,

As Queensland heads into flu season, now is the time to protect yourself, your family, and the community.

Getting your flu vaccination is the best way to reduce your risk of serious illness. Last year, 73% of people hospitalised with the flu had not been vaccinated—a strong reminder of how important it is to stay protected.

Free Flu Vaccines Available

This year, all Queenslanders aged 6 months and older can receive a free flu vaccination.

There's also a needle-free nasal spray vaccine available for children aged 2 to 5, making it easier for young families.

Simple Steps to Stay Healthy

- Wash your hands regularly
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Stay home if you're unwell

Book Your Vaccination

Getting vaccinated early—ideally in April—helps ensure you're protected before flu season peaks.

Appointments available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays starting April 8th.

Book your flu vaccination online @

www.medadvisor.com.au/network/lindnerfamilypharmacy or call 5445 7459 or visit us in-store at 9 Obi Obi Rd, Mapleton and allow our friendly team to assist.

Your Local Pharmacy

At Lindner Family Pharmacy, our dedicated and professional team is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of you and your family. We are proud to care for the Range communities and provide trusted, accessible healthcare services throughout the flu season and beyond.

By Natalie Lindner, your local Pharmacist



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

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

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

REPEATS

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

BOOKS!
\$10 a bag



8am - 12 noon
Sunday 19th April



10 Obi Obi Rd, Mapleton
 ☎ 5445 7011
 ✉ mapletonlibrary@gmail.com



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

FULLY BOOKED

Intro to Watercolours
 Tips and techniques for beginners

Date: Tuesday, 21 April

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 Watercolour 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



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

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

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

Cheaper \$15 tickets for under 18s

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

<https://events.humanitix.com/david-shanhun-and-mark-moroney-kureelipa-hall>

RAW LOCAL HONEY
\$15
Mapleton
Library Community Centre



NEW DANCE FITNESS CLASS
MAPLETON HALL
Starting April 15th

WEDNESDAY
7:30-8:15 AM

With new Dance Instructor Laura!

A founding member of Cultivate, dancing with us for over 7 years!!

A true Mapleton local!! Come join the fun before work or school!!

Cultivate
Movement & Mindfulness

DECLUTTERING FOR A GOOD CAUSE? WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!

We are looking for 'Gently Loved' items for a stall at our upcoming Book Fair and Mini Market, 19th April.

Every cent raised goes directly to supporting our Centre.

If you have high-quality items sitting in your cupboards waiting for a new home, please consider donating them.

We're looking for:

- Treasures & Collectibles
- Kitchen & Homewares
- Electrical goods

Please, only items in very good, giftable, or working condition (no clothing).

Drop-off details: All donations should be delivered to Mapleton Library Community Centre on either Saturday 18th April between 9am and 12 noon, or Sunday 19th April at 7am.

Thank you for your generosity

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Building the Next Chapter: Meeting the Needs of the Changing Community

The community information meeting held on the 29th March was very successful - a large crowd, including the Mayor, a past Qld governor [who is a member of our Centre] and the editor of the Sunshine Valley Gazette.

Wonderful to see many volunteers plus community members. Apologies were to hand from many volunteers and community members including Councillor David Law, Marty Hunt MP and Ted O'Brien MP who have been on site in the last three weeks.

The extension is needed for the increased number of workshops, classes, community meetings, plant library, yarn library, one-to-one mental health meetings, art groups, Intergenerational Play group, growing demands for JP Services, examination supervision and so much more.

A few generous donations were received so more red paint for the thermometer, that is now hanging on the front of the building. The projected cost is \$160,000 and when all the grants arrive, we will still be short of around \$32,000 so every dollar will count. The builder is waiting in the wings so ready to build once funds are in the bank.

All donations will be acknowledged. Tax-deductible receipts are available.

For more information: <https://mapletonlibrary.au/community-news/range-and-hinterland-popup-community-news-mapleton-library-community-centre-extension-information-sheet/>

Would be lovely to record some of the family names of Mapleton.



Thank you Karen Hardy and Cameron Outridge for the images.

REPEATS

**OPEN STUDIOS SUNSHINE COAST
ARTIST REGISTRATIONS
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 17 APRIL**



If you are an artist with a studio, gallery or collective space, we warmly invite you to register and be part of this inspiring event. Come along, celebrate local creativity, and take the first step toward Open Studios 2026.

REPEATS



BLACKALL RANGE LAND USE PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC.

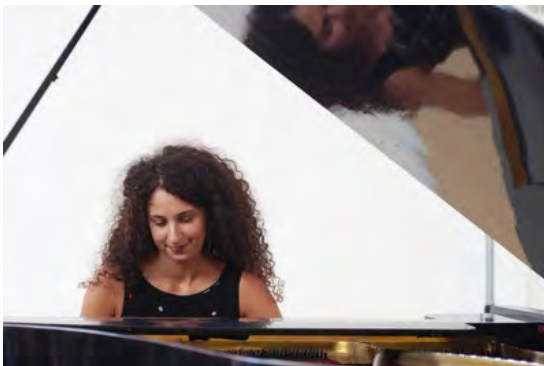
A submission we lodged for the Chenrezig Temple development proposal has been submitted.

You may have seen it in the news.

It s a very large building that can accommodate up to 170 people overnight. We have been contacted by a neighbour and, after looking at the proposal, decided to make a submission as it is generally inconsistent with the objectives for the rural zone and other landscape and ecological matters.

To find out more:

<https://mapletonlibrary.au/community-news/range-and-hinterland-popup-community-news-chenzrieg-temple-development-proposal/>



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 54785667 or 0409 623228.

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY

Space to rest and reflect 10 am to 3 pm most days of the year!
Montville Uniting Church, 152 Main Street, Montville

Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock! **An Exhibition by Kimberley Oehlman**



On now until 23 May

Faith sits at the heart of my work, and this collection is shaped by the story of Easter. The gospel is the foundation - not as a fixed narrative, but as a living story expressed through multiple perspectives and mediums.

My name is Kimberley Oehlman, and I have been walking with the Lord since I was fourteen. At that age, I encountered a love that completely transformed my life, like a warm blanket surrounding my very soul. What began as a moment of surrender became a lifelong relationship that continues to shape who I am. I have been forever changed by what He has done for me, and creating has become one of the ways I express that gratitude.

Traditionally working in digital art, I have expanded into acrylic and charcoal for this collection, embracing texture, contrast, and physical mark-making as metaphors for the message itself. To help inspire this work, I asked my church, Maleny Baptist Church, a simple question: "If you had one picture and a paragraph, how would you explain the gospel?" Their generous responses gave me ideas that shaped this year's 2026 series, 'Behold I stand at the door and knock'.

Rather than presenting one fixed interpretation, this collection explores the gospel in layered and accessible ways with mixed media. Each piece reflects on different aspects of love, sacrifice, grief, restoration, and hope. Through this work, I invite viewers to engage with a story that continues to speak across time -one that has profoundly shaped my life.

My hope is that when people walk into the church, they encounter the reality of God's love. As Revelation 3:20 says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." I hope viewers recognise that He is at the door of every heart, inviting each one to open it to Him.

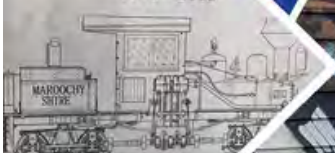
Please come along enjoy the art, bring someone special with you and maybe they might be touched by God's message and be (like me) forever changed.

REPEATS

Mapleton Art and History Trail

Discover our heritage
throughout the
Mapleton village

1915 - 2015





ZONTA SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN FOR LOCAL WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Zonta Club of Blackall Range is now accepting applications for its 2026 Tertiary Scholarships. Two scholarships of \$2,000 are available for women in their second year or beyond of higher education, who live in or are originally from the Sunshine Coast hinterland (from Maleny to Kureelpa).

Past recipient Taylor Fishlock is now a busy medical sonographer, based on the Sunshine Coast but also travelling to Emerald and Rockhampton. The Zonta Club of Blackall Range is committed to empowering women through education and particularly women across the region. Club President, Margy Henderson said "Australia has a workforce shortage of sonographers, particularly in regional and remote communities, and we are proud to have supported Taylor in her aspirations in this important profession."

Applications for the Zonta Tertiary Scholarships close 30 April 2026. For more information or an application form, email Linda McElrea scholarship@zontablackallrange.org.au

Image above: Taylor Fishlock

Help Reduce Mum & Bub Mortality

Every year we pack 600 birthing kits for women in remote regions of the world, who do not have these essentials

Help us fund this lifesaving activity by buying one or more birthing kits at just \$5 each

Click on the QR code for our campaign on MyCause

Thank you for your support!

Contact: service@zontablackallrange.org.au for more information

Birthing Kit Foundation Australia

ZONTA CLUB OF BLACKALL RANGE INC BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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: 25/03/2026 DA#: OPW26/0113

1-3 Henebery Rd North Burnside / 251326 / Electrical / Rate 3
Streetlighting Reticulation - Ampflo Pty Ltd. *Relates to REC03/0067 major 87 lot subdivision.*

Lodged: 24/03/2026 DA#: POS26/0015

81, 83 & 85 Mineshaft Road Eerwah Vale - Survey Plan SP355670 (3 Lots into 3 Lots) - Murray & Associates. *Administrative. Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 26/03/2026 DA#: OPW26/0114

199 Yandina Bli Bli Rd MAROOCHY RIVER - 199 & 269 Yandina Bli Bli Rd MAROOCHY RIVER - Roadworks, Stormwater & Earthworks - Berries Galore Pty Ltd - Alta Projects - Berries Galore Pty Ltd C/- Alta Projects. *Relates to MCU18/0238 - Large scale horticulture, workers cottage and dwelling.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 23/03/2026 DA#: MCU26/0056 Impact Assessable

180 Landershute Rd LANDERS SHOOT - Place of Worship - Wat Pah Abhipunno Inc - Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd. *Impact Assessable. Cold Store area converted to temple, and modifications to dwelling, plus some other out buildings appear to be dismantled.*

Lodged: 23/03/2026 DA#: MCU25/0319.01

664 Glenview Rd GLENVIEW - Minor Change to Approval - Secondary Dwelling - Project BA. *Application to change the secondary dwelling set back from 14.98m as per the approved plans to 8.9m.*

Lodged: 20/03/2026 DA#: OPW26/0110

Cudgerie St MALENY - Electrical and Street Lighting - Robin Russell & Associates Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL21/0023, 5 lots into 80 lots.*

Lodged: 20/03/2026 DA#: MCU26/0055

132 Lower Landershute Rd LANDERS SHOOT - Secondary Dwelling - CHARMAINE RAWLINGS - Gateway Survey & Planning. *Conversion of existing shed into a 2 level, 1 bed, 1 bath dwelling. Gable roof, no eaves as per standard shed construction.*

Lodged: 27/03/2026 DA#: POS26/0053

47 & 55 Ratcliffe Road DIAMOND VALLEY - Standard Format Plan Lots 2 & 4 on SP349138 - Santoshi Development Consultants. *Administrative. Approving Plans.*



Weekly Activity Update

The Easter Long Weekend is one of the most sought-after times of the year for church camps, and this weekend is no exception. We are hosting a church group across the full weekend, making the most of the extended break with time together, activities, and shared meals in what is always a special time in the calendar.

Next week sees a slightly quieter rhythm onsite as we take the opportunity to catch our breath after a busy start to the year. Our team will be focusing on maintenance and preparation, along with sea kayak training for our instructors and interns - continuing to build skills ahead of upcoming expedition programs. Some of our staff will also be supporting operations at Cobb and Co Nine Mile Campgrounds, which is enjoying a very strong school holiday period with consistent bookings across the break.

A LOOK BACK – MAPLETON THEN AND NOW

We recently came across a helicopter photograph from 1984, taken at QCCC Mapleton's first birthday celebration.

It's a fascinating snapshot of the area - showing the centre already well established, with much of the surrounding residential development yet to take shape, including areas such as Karri Court and Billabong Court, and only early stages of Wandoo and Wilga Courts.

It's remarkable to reflect on how much our village has expanded in the decades since.

QCCC Mapleton has been part of the fabric of this community for nearly 50 years - operating as a purpose-built campsite and Outdoor Education centre and continuing in that role today.

Over that time, we've contributed to local employment, supported the regional economy, and welcomed tens of thousands of guests each year. It's a legacy we're proud to continue, as both the centre and the surrounding community grow together.



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

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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/

Montville Community Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/780987252874906/

Flaxton Community Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/388815358233538

Mapleton Library Community Centre Facebook page

www.facebook.com/p/Mapleton-Community-Library-100064769136195/

Happenings – Montville and surrounds email newsletter

Subscribe: www.montvillevillageassociation.org.au/subscribe-to-happenings/ Editor.mvahappenings@gmail.com

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

Many thanks, nita

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
- 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.

Anyone wishing to receive the Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News, send your email address to mapletonqueensland@gmail.com

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