

Mapleton Library Community Centre News

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The Centre is operated by volunteers and proudly supported by the Sunshine Coast Council's grants programme as well as local businesses and organisations.

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mapleton.intersearch.com.au

Library Hours
Mon - Fri 1pm-4pm
Sat 9am-12pm
Closed Public
Holidays

Thank you for
supporting our
Library Community
Centre.

**Your annual
membership fee is
due by 30 June
2026—pay now and
you are financial
until 30 June 2027.**

**Please pop in to
pay your \$12 and
stay financial.**

Thank you

What's Happening

We have been nominated for the Queensland Volunteer Organisations Awards—thank you to the community members who nominated us.

Thank you for your continued support of our community through our organisation.

Bingo, Trivia Fun and Games—10 April at 9:30am

Basket Weaving was so popular, another workshop will be held 8 April—Book now so you do not miss out.

Book Fair and Mini Market—19th April

Please come and join the fun. Poster near the end of the edition.

Art classes are popular—next one will focus on 'Introduction to Watercolour' which will be held on 21st April. **FULLY BOOKED**

A **Bunnings Sizzle Fundraiser** is organised for 28th April.

JP services continue to be well utilised. Poster at the end of this edition with all times and details. We need the extension to accommodate services such as these.

New blinds to keep the UV rays to a min.

Building the next Chapter held on the 29th March was very successful - a large crowd, including Mayor Natoli, a past Qld Governor [who is a member of our Centre] and the editor of the Sunshine Valley Gazette attended. Wonderful to see many volunteers plus community members. Apologies were to hand from Marty Hunt MP and Ted O'Brien MP who have been on site in the last three weeks, Councillor David Law and many community members.

A number of generous donations were received so more red paint for the thermometer, that is now hanging on the front of the building. Thank you Gavin, Sue, Phillip and Mapleton Art. **The information sheet** that we are circulating is included near the end of this It edition - please read and also send on to neighbours and friends. **It would be lovely to record more of the family names of Mapleton.**

The projected cost is \$160,000 and when all the grants arrive, we will still be short of around \$40,000 so every dollar will count. The builder is waiting in the wings and ready to build once funds are in the bank.

Thank you to Karen for the lovely images and also to Cameron, the Valley Gazette editor. As usual, it was a happy event, with everyone contributing to the conversation, helping others, etc. The catering team of Sue, Andrea, Sharn and Jann did a brilliant job. There were beautiful flowers everywhere, so overall overall a memorable event.

Thank you to the preparation team for the paperwork, promotional material and set up and pull down. This team included Alison Hardy, Gavin, Joe, Jann, Sue, Andrea and numerous community members who just pitched in. *[More images near the end of the edition]*



Mayor Rosanna Natoli with nita and some attendees in the background.



Fiction Additions

A strong brown God Lang, Steven
The masterpiece Alexandra, Belinda
Grandpa's garage Antonishak, Tom
Three's company Applejack, Kevin Daniel
End game Archer, Jeffrey
The collaborator Armstrong, Diane
Bluey: Hammerbarn Brumn, Joe
Hour game Baldacci, David
King and Maxwell Baldacci, David
Daylight Baldacci, David
A minute to midnight Baldacci, David
First family Baldacci, David
Under Silkwood Bourke, Greg
All the broken places Boyne, John
The darkest shore Brooks, Karen
Tom Clancy: Red winter Clancy, Tom & Cameron, Marc
The killing stones Cleeves, Ann
Spasm Cook, Robin
Not all men are bastards...Maureen Coe, Carole
The ark, the reed, & the fire cloud Cote, Jenny L
American Dirt Cummins, Jeanie
Clear Davies, Carys
Finding joy in Oyster Bay Duncan, Susan
Suri's wall Estela, Lucy & Ottley, Matt
Heart strings Fairbanks, Ivy
What happened that night French, Nicci
Boleyn traitor Gregory, Philippa
Art hour at the Duchess Hotel Green, Sophie
The killing time Griffiths, Elly
Antihero Hurwitz, Gregg
Martyr Akbar, Kaveh
Jigsaw Kellerman, Jonathan
The path through the Coojong trees Kelsall, Leonie
Blindman's bluff Kellerman, Faye
The lost boys Kellerman, Faye
The island retreat Kelly, Cathy
The way to impossible island Kirtley, Sophie
Heartsease Kruimink, Kate
Appeal La Plante, Lynda
Sacrifice La Plante, Lynda
The three lives of Alix St Pierre Lester, Natasha
Robert Ludlum's The Bourne defiance Freeman, Brian
Paper names Luo, Susie
Shadows of Wildstone Magro, Mandy
Melaleuca Martin, Angie Faye
Nowhere else Mc Callum, Fiona
The rich man's house McGahan, Andrew
The silent patient Michaelides, Alex
The perfect mother Molloy, Aimee
Frankie Norton, Graham
The Queen's rival O'Brien, Anne
Lies he told me Patterson, James & Ellis, David
Never say die Patterson, James and Lupica, Mike
Alex Cross must die Patterson, James
The view from the balcony Paul, Janette
How to solve your own murder Perrin, Kristen
The unbelieved Petraitis, Vikki



Fiction Additions cond.

Flower Show Pitt, Gale
17 Years later Pomare, J . P.
Dawn of the firebird Rana, Sarah Mughal
The stalker Rhodes, Kate
The German wife Rimmer, Kelly
An echo in the darkness Rivers, Francine
As sure as the dawn Rivers, Francine
A voice in the wind Rivers, Francine
Stolen in death Robb, J.D.
A fox in the fold Robb, Candace
A lion's ransom Robb, Candace
The riverwoman's dragon Robb, Candace
A snake in the barley Robb, Candace
Lady's well Ross, L.J.
Belsay Ross, L.J.
Death rocks Ross, L.J.
Poison garden Ross, L.J.
Imposter Ross, L.J.
The irregular Seymour, Gerald
The lost story Shaffer, Meg
The new girl Silva, Daniel
Willowman Simpson, Inga
The devil's daughter Steel, Danielle
Felicia's favourites Steel, Danielle
Two for joy Sugg, Zoe
Long Island Toibin, Colm
The honeyeater Tu, Jessie
Montmartre, Paris Walsh, Kevin
The albatross Wan, Nina



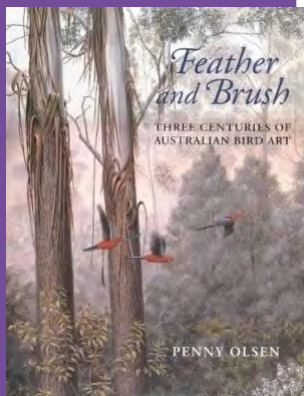
New blinds on the school side to help reduce the damage caused by UV rays. Over time, some of our book covers have faded. Now with the blinds—all will be protected.

Thank you to Andrea and Tony for assembly and placement.

Member's Book Review

Feather and Brush: A History of Australian Bird Art

by Penny Olsen



Feather and Brush traces the history of bird art in Australia - from the simple engravings illustrating accounts of the earliest European voyages of discovery to the diversity of artwork available today.

It explores the early European approach, in which naval draughtsmen, officers, convicts, settlers, naturalists, artists and scientists alike contributed both to the art and the science of ornithology, through to a diversity of contemporary artists featuring birds in their works.

This book contains more than 400 images, representing the work of 156 artists; some well-known, others published for the first time. All have been selected for their merit, whether ornithological, historical or artistic. They range from classical to quirky, decorative to functional, monumental to intimate.

Together they demonstrate the rich history of Australian bird art, as it evolved in both Europe and Australia, along with the interests and technologies of the times.

An excellent title. Thank you to the generous community members for this donation.

Check out our catalogue online from home and reserve a book / magazine, DVD, audiobook.

Remember, you cannot extend a loan, but you can reserve.

Recent Magazine Editions

ABC Gardening Australia
Inspirations
The Australian Women's Weekly
National Geographic Kids
Australian Country
Good Organic Gardening

Mindfood
ABC Organic Gardener
Country Style
Australian Home Beautiful
Better Homes and Gardens

Non Fiction Additions

Bright shining	Baird, Julia
The troubles with us	O'Neill, Alix
The boxing butterfly	Cunneen, Margaret
Reflecting on practice: Entitled	Bain, J.D., Ballantyne, R., Mills, C., Lester, Nita C.
images of nature, The Bauer Brothers	Lownie, Andrew
Barks and Trunks Volume 2	Cooper, Paul Martyn
Feather and brush	Poropat, Peter
Muster dogs	Olsen, Penny
Australian native fishes for aquariums	Millar, Lisa
Learn to draw horses	Leggett, Ray & Merrick, John
The penguin book of puzzles	Brown, David
The impossible climb	Moore, Gareth
The riders	Synnott, Mark
Just what the doctor ordered!	Beretta, Mark
	Nicholson, Peter James

Children Additions

Rowan of Rin	Rodda, Emily
The lion sleeps tonight	Creatore, Luigi
One ted falls out of bed	Donaldson, Julia & Currey, Anna
Frozen first look and find	Grupcznski, Kelly
The zoo's annual piggyback race	Harrigan, Matt
The beast beneath the bed	Pearce, Clemency

Puzzles

Animals out walking
Jungle
Zoo
Small houses
My zoo
Fire engine
Australia map
All paws on deck

EASTER RAFFLE WINNER Garry Sommer

Garry has been a wonderful supporter of our Library Community Centre. Pictured is Debra who kindly collected his winnings.

Thank you to everyone for your support—well over \$200 raised—this will keep our services to the community on track.



Art Display

Extension drawings and visitations



Have you tried this author?

L. J. Ross

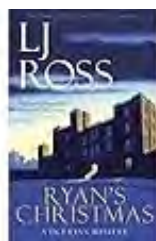
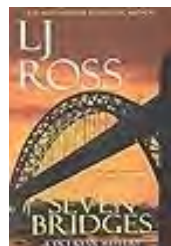
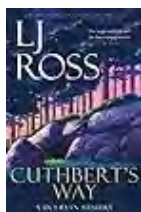
LJ Ross is an international bestselling author, best known for creating atmospheric mystery and thriller novels, including the DCI Ryan series of Northumbrian murder mysteries which have sold over 12 million copies worldwide.

Her debut, *Holy Island*, was released in January 2015 and reached number one in the Amazon UK and Australian charts. Since then, she has released more than thirty further novels, all of which have been top three global bestsellers and most of which have been UK #1 bestsellers. Louise has garnered an army of loyal readers through her storytelling and, thanks to them, most of her books reached the coveted #1 spot whilst only available to pre-order ahead of release. Her eleventh novel, *The Infirmary*, is a prequel story and is also available as a major Audible Originals audio-drama starring Tom Bateman, Kevin Whatley, Bertie Carvel, Hermione Norris and Alun Armstrong.

Her first hardback edition *"Berwick"* (DCI Ryan #24) was released by Cornerstone in February 2026 and was an instant Sunday Times Bestseller.

In addition to her DCI Ryan series, Louise has created a new series of thriller novels based around the central character of 'Dr Alexander Gregory', whose work as a psychological profiler takes him around the world.

Louise is a keen philanthropist, and is pleased to have supported numerous non-profit programmes in addition to founding several of her own, including the Lindisfarne Reading Challenge and the Lindisfarne Prize for Debut Crime Fiction.





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- Ten books and magazines may be borrowed per membership
- Reserve a book or magazine over the telephone (during Library hours), use our online catalogue, or send us an email
- Renew a book by sending us an email
- Nominate a new book for purchase and be the first to read it
- Purchase pre-read, discounted books at bargain prices at our in-house Book Shop
- Provide a review on a book you have read for other members of the community
- Consider an opportunity to volunteer and be part of a fun team who help organise and run the Library Community Centre.

Member Information

Annual Membership: Running the Library Community Centre is a costly exercise, so borrowing books, DVDs and audio books requires a small annual membership fee of \$12.

Membership renewals are due in June each year.

Library Borrowing Hours:

Monday to Friday 1pm—4pm
Saturday 9am—12noon

JP Bookings Monday morning from 8:30am to 11:30am and Thursday 9am to 11am. Other times can be arranged—telephone 5445 7182

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

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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

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.



**You may also book in person or
email mapletonlibrary@gmail.com**



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

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!



Mapleton Library Community Centre



9.30 - 11.30am

Friday 10th April

\$12 (includes morning tea)

Email, call or drop in to book



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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. 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 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

BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP

weaving along the middle path

REPEAT BY POPULAR DEMAND



Wednesday
8 April
9am - 1pm

**Mapleton Library
Community
Centre**

Obi Obi Road

Limited space available

BOOK NOW

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More images from the 29th March:
revealing our extension plans.



Building the next chapter



A growing centre for a growing community

The Mapleton Library Community Centre has been at the heart of our village for 40 years.

What began as a small, community-led initiative has become a vital resource, run solely by volunteers and serving students, families, seniors, and lifelong learners across the region.

Today, the Centre not only offers a collection of more than 11,000 titles; it provides workshops and community programmes, study and learning spaces, digital access, a busy Justice of the Peace (JP) service and a welcoming place for people to connect.

This extraordinary growth reflects a strong, engaged community — but it has also brought us to a turning point.

Demand for our services has outgrown our existing space. With increasing membership and programme participation, we are struggling to meet community needs without compromising core library services.

Help us create room for the future

To meet this challenge, we have designed a multi-purpose extension that will provide much-needed space for digital literacy workshops, quiet meetings and programmes that support our community's evolving needs. This isn't just about adding square metres; it's about ensuring no one is turned away from support or learning due to lack of space.

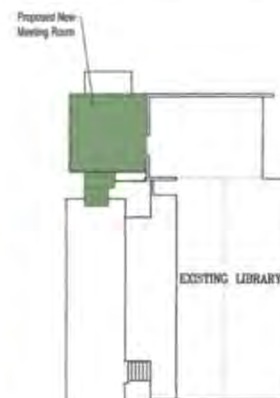
Our history is built on our incredible community. Now, we invite you to help us lay the next cornerstone.

Join us in raising \$150,000 to fund the construction and fit-out of the new space.

Building work is expected to commence in late 2026 and be completed in six weeks.



Artist impressions of the proposed extension





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Be part of the next chapter

Please consider supporting the extension. **Every contribution, large or small, will make a difference.**

Gifts as noted below will be acknowledged on a permanent display at the building, recognising you, your family's or your business's contribution to the community. Prospective donors who wish to play a leading role in this project are invited to contact Nita Lester on 5445 7182.

Level	Number available	Donation	Recognition
Platinum	1 (reserved)	\$10k	Name on a sign at the building extension
Gold	4	\$5k	Name on a donor recognition plaque inside the building
Silver	10	\$1k	
Bronze	15	\$500	

An opportunity to symbolically 'Buy a Brick' for \$100 is also available and will be separately recorded and acknowledged.

Ways to give:

- **Online donation:** Visit <https://mapletonlibrary.au/product/donation/>. Use the reference 'extension' in the message field.
- **Direct bank transfer (EFT):** Account name: Mapleton Community Library Inc. BSB: 484799. Account #: 165959608. Reference the deposit as 'extension'.
- **At the library:** Donate by card or cash during lending hours (weekdays 1–4pm, Saturday 9am–12 noon).
- **The Community Stall:** Visit the Mapleton Country Market (4th Saturday of each month).

The Centre has **Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status**. Donations are tax deductible, and receipts are available upon request.

Together, we can empower minds, inspire learning, and transform our Centre for the future.

Thank you



JPs in the Community

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

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

Hours of operation

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

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

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FOR QUEENSLAND



Queensland
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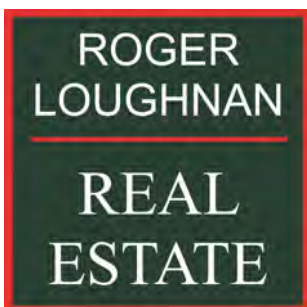
**Beautiful gift cards
with envelopes**

Many designs

\$5



**Recent sponsors:
thank you**



**BELLA VISTA ITALIAN RESTAURANT
MAPLETON**



Mapleton Public House



MAPLETON FUN AND GAMES

Friday 10 April

9:30am – 11:30am

\$12 per person
(includes morning tea)

Win cash and other prizes

A fun morning
Not just 'heads down' the whole time

Bookings essential
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