

RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPOP COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly news

A community service since 2016

30 July 2026

Issue 500

Down Memory Lane

The very first edition – over 10 years ago One A5 sheet

Printed 20 copies and distributed in Mapleton Village at the cafe shop and the bakery. Added to the website which, in those days, was a community website.

The Range News, a free newspaper, had discontinued and the Pop Up was a local reaction to the lack of news coverage.

POP UP NEWS

Mapleton Queensland

www.mapletonqueensland.com

13 October 2016

- **Mapleton Rural Fire Brigade:** Monthly Equipment Maintenance and Training: 2nd Wednesday of Month @ 7:00pm.
- **What is the Mapleton Bowls Club up to?** See the fence sign – Melbourne Cup Day
- **Men's Shed:** The shed is operating each Tuesday and Wednesday – become involved.
- **Lions Mapleton to Montville 2017 Calendar** - \$5 – available at the Mapleton Community Library – profits distributed to local organisations
- New traffic signs for Mapleton
- Is it time to have another discussion about a dog off-leash area in Mapleton?
- Do we need more playground equipment at the Lilyponds?
- New exercise equipment for all community members
- **Mapleton Community Library** book sale and mini market – 19 November
- **Zonta Business Directory 2017** – add your business and organisation
- **Birdwatchers** – more details
- **Mapleton Tennis Club:** Social, competition and private hire

Further information about all of the above: www.mapletonqueensland.com

Send news weekly by Tuesday 5pm to:

mapletonqueensland@gmail.com

**By the 100th Edition, the Pop Up was 5 pages long,
distribution was via emails and on the community website. Only two copies were printed – one displayed in the Mapleton Community Library and one pinned on the verandah at the Mapleton Post Office.**

****By the 200th edition it was 11 pages long and emailed to over 1,500 addresses**

****By the 300th edition it was 14 pages long and emailed to over 2,500 addresses**

****By the 400th edition it was 27 pages long and emailed to over 4,250 addresses**

The Pop Up has undergone several name changes, mainly:

‘PopUp Community News For the Range and Hinterland Communities’

to the current name

‘Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News’

At all times, the News has supported local not-for-profit organisations featuring only positive information.

During COVID, each edition included mind activities to keep community members engaged

Some of the issues covered by the Pop Up included:

- Mapleton Dog Park
- 150 years Mapleton State School
- Walking Path, the exercise and the play equipment at the Lilyponds
- ‘Funds for Farmers’, Mapleton Bowls Club
- ANZAC and Remembrance Day celebrations
- ‘Lovers of Books’ annually celebrating local writers and illustrators
- QCCC activities
- Change of ownership at the Pub, Pharmacy, La Botiga
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Footprints Wednesday, 5th August 9:00am to 1:30pm Mapleton Hall

Footprints – Walking on Country is a mobile Clinic that focuses on chronic foot disease prevention, diabetes prevention and education. We travel around Sunshine Coast from Tin Can Bay to Maleny and everywhere in between spreading the word about Chronic Foot Disease and Diabetes.

Our nurses Christine, Diabetes Educator and Tegan Identified Community Enrolled Nurse offer foot screenings focusing on chronic foot disease and diabetes complications. We offer foot screening, checking both safety sensation and blood flow at the feet and able to assist with toenail care for those who are low risk. We welcome all to come aboard, have your feet checked and ask any diabetes questions and have a yarn with Christine.



Sculpture on the Edge 2026 Sculptors – start thinking about your entry

Our focus now turns to Sculpture on the Edge, returning to Flaxton Gardens from Saturday 28 November to Sunday 6 December 2026.

Planning is underway, with feedback from our recent Open Conversation helping shape this year's exhibition and improve the experience for artists and visitors.

Registrations will open soon. We invite sculptors to start considering what they would like to enter—whether developing a new work, revisiting an existing piece or exploring an idea for one of the award categories.

Registrations open: 9.00am, 1 August 2026

Registrations close: 11.59pm, 31 August 2026

Entry information: <https://sculptureontheedge.com.au/>

Further information about award categories, entry requirements and key dates will be shared when registrations open.

Businesses and organisations are also invited to explore sponsorship, partnership and advertising opportunities supporting participating artists and this significant Sunshine Coast cultural event.



Mapleton Community Survey – Pedestrian Safety on Obi Obi Road

Marty Hunt MP has opened a very short survey opportunity for you to have your say: ‘I want to better understand community concerns about pedestrian safety in Mapleton to advocate for practical improvements.’

HAVE YOUR SAY

<https://martyhunt.com.au/stay-updated/community-feedback-survey/>

Do you want this high-density residential structure in the Mapleton commercial centre at the entrance to Post Office Road?

See details after the date claims in this edition.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Contact the Sunshine Coast Council and have your say – imagine the water trucks, the pump-out trucks, the rubbish trucks right on the corner while residents are trying to enter Post Office Road, going to the gym, going to the bowls club and going home

THE ARTISANS CLUB

Our first two meetings of The Artisans Club have been so wonderfully successful! Thanks to all who have come along, it's been so lovely to spend time with you and connect over a shared love of creativity!

The Artisans Club meets from 3-5pm at La Galette on Post Office Rd, Mapleton on the first Sunday of each month. Artisans BYO resources and skills (and sometimes homemade snacks to share – certainly not a requisite but always delightfully received). So far, crafts enjoyed at our meetings have included crochet, knitting, watercolour painting, hand sewing, mending, rock painting, macrame and piece work. A huge array of creative pursuits and some wonderful chats and friendships formed too!

If you'd like to expand your circle of friends in our local area and you're a keen crafter or maker then please join us. There is no cost. **Our next meeting is this Sunday 2nd August.**

Feel free to contact Laura via email: the.artisans.club@outlook.com if you have any questions, otherwise we'll see you there!





DINNER NIGHT

MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB

FRIDAY 31 July

Orders taken on arrival. Serving begins at 6pm

TONIGHT'S SPECIALS

Sweet and Sour Pork with Rice (G F)

Steak and Kidney Pie Chips and Salad

3NZ Savoury Scrolls (Rissoles) Chips and Salad

DESSERTS

Chocolate Caramel and Malt Cheesecake with Cream

Sour Cream and Passionfruit Cheesecake with Cream

Chocolate Orange Cake with Cream

French Vanilla Cheesecake with 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.



GOODFEST

Gathering Of Oral Delights Festival

Friday, 31 July, 6pm – Sunday, 2 August, 6.45pm
Maleny Lane, Maleny Community Centre

A festival where voices become atmosphere.

Three days of spoken word, slam poetry, live music and storytelling in the heart of the Maleny hinterland. GOODFEST brings together poets, performers and audiences from across the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and beyond – a convergence of expression, connection and raw human truth.

At the centre of the festival is the Joe Lynch Memorial Cup, a major spoken word competition honouring one of Maleny's most beloved poets. Across the weekend, voices rise through the ranks – from the opening slam to the final showdown – culminating in a powerful celebration of story, courage and craft.

With a total prize pool of \$7,000, the stage is set for something special.

Friday – Opening Night Slam: 6pm–9.30pm. Maleny Lane
Poets step up, words hit deep, and the festival begins in a room alive with energy, connection and the unexpected.

Cash prizes up for grabs.

Saturday – Joe Lynch Memorial Cup Heats 10am–5.30pm, Maleny Community Centre

The competition ignites!
32 poets take the stage across four heats, each bringing their truth, their fire, their moment. Only the strongest voices move forward.

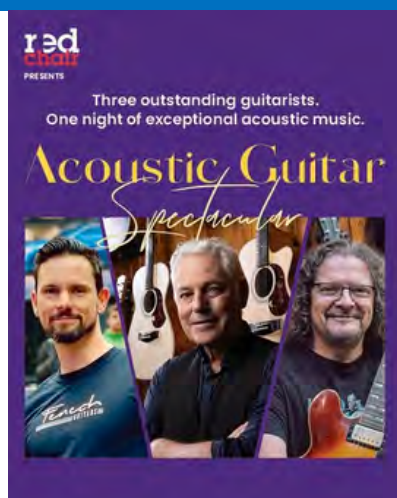
Saturday Night — Charity Gala Showcase 6.45pm–10pm

Maleny Community Centre

A night of live music, feature performances and celebration.

A carefully curated lineup of guest poets and musicians coming together in a space where art meets purpose, with all profits supporting the Maleny Hospital.

<https://events.humanitix.com/goodfest-gathering-of-oral-delights>



Acoustic Guitar Spectacular

Friday, 21 August, 7pm - 9pm

Maleny Community Centre

The Acoustic Guitar Spectacular returns in 2026, bringing three outstanding Australian guitarists together for one night of exceptional acoustic music. Hosted by internationally recognised guitarist Michael Fix, the concert highlights the skill, precision and creativity that have made this series a favourite with Queensland audiences.

Joining him are Jason McGregor and Craig Claxton, two highly respected musicians with distinct styles. McGregor is a national fingerstyle champion known for his versatile musicianship and soulful vocal work. His performances have taken him across Australia and internationally, earning industry awards and a strong following. Claxton brings over 50 years of experience, shaped by blues, rock and jazz influences. He has performed with a long list of celebrated Australian artists and remains a sought-after guitarist, educator and session player.

Together, Fix, McGregor and Claxton present a diverse program that spans multiple styles and influences. The 2026 Acoustic Guitar Spectacular offers audiences a rare opportunity to experience three accomplished players share the stage, each bringing their own voice and musical history to this much-loved annual event.

Bar available. Licenced venue – no BYO alcohol please.
BYO supper.

6.30pm doors for a 7pm start. Please allow time to check in and find your seats.

Red Chair Pty Ltd is focused on responsible and safe management of our Staff, Contractors, Artists and Patrons. Our Work Health & Safety Plan for COVID-19 ensures we manage our obligations to keep people safe within our varied work environments.

This project is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. Supported by the Regional Arts Development Fund – a partnership between Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, and Sunshine Coast Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

<https://events.humanitix.com/acoustic-guitar-spectacular-maleny-2026>

There still is "Something about Mary"

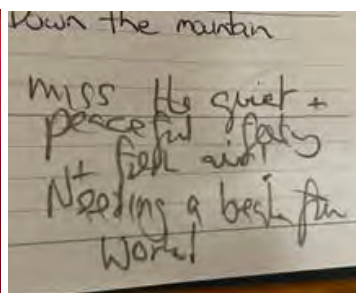
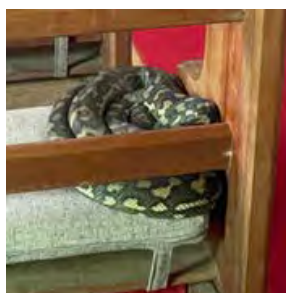
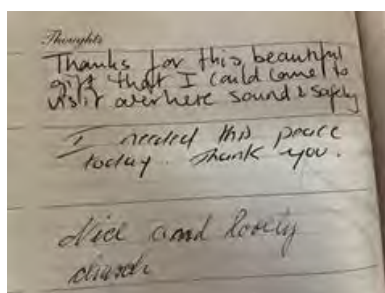
St Mary's Anglican Church in Montville will be celebrating its patronal festival on Sunday, August 16th, starting at 9 am. The speaker will be our new priest, Rev'd Kim Wright and music will be provided by Kim Kirkman.

This iconic church has a rich history of community involvement and has stood witness to many important events in village life. Built in 1914, it was consecrated days before Australia joined "the Great War". A testament to the hope that this small community must have had.



Even today it still provides a much needed spot of peace in our village, appreciated by locals and visitors alike.

We even have the occasional possum, bush turkey and snake visiting and reflecting (or digesting ?) in our pews. Yes, there is something about Mary.



Our patronal festival provides a special moment in the year. Current and former parishioners, locals and visitors are all invited to come and join us to celebrate.

Sunday 16th August, 9 am

You may recall that we have been applying for grants to repair St Mary's Church ramp. Unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful to date for a number of reasons:

- March 2025 Sunshine Coast Council Major Grants Round: shared that we were unsuccessful as they required clearer engineering drawings.
- July 2025 Gambling Grant: indicated that although our project had merit, they focussed that particular round on flood related projects, but invited us to reapply.

- Feb 2026 Gambling Grant: informed us that the Anglican Diocese had not updated their financials before the deadline due to an oversight, so they could not process our application, but have invited us to reapply.

We have the support from various local organisations (Montville Chamber of Commerce, Montville Village Association, Rangebow Festival) as well as Cr Winston, Andrew Powell MP, and Andrew Wallace MP.

Unfortunately, the ramp has now become a safety hazard, slippery and structurally unstable. Given the large number of visitors that pop in on a daily basis, we can't hold off any longer. We are doing the repairs in July, prior to the patronal festival, to ensure the continued safety and accessibility of all who visit Montville and St Mary's.

The total cost for replacing the damaged decking and timber is estimated to be \$5000, with Parish volunteers assisting our local builder to keep the cost manageable. Any donations are greatly appreciated.



Weekly Activity Update

This weekend QCCC Mapleton is hosting a significant Women's Conference, drawing attendees from right across Queensland. It is a wonderful use of our facilities — exactly the kind of statewide gathering that Mapleton is well equipped to host, and a reminder that what happens here goes well beyond school camps.

Next week is a big one. Three groups arrive on Monday — two Grade 4 camps, one from Brisbane and one from Gympie, alongside a Year 11 camp from Burpengary. Three very different cohorts, three very different purposes, all finding what they need here on the Range at the same time.

Wednesday brings a full changeover, with three more Grade 4 groups arriving, all from Brisbane. It is shaping up as a landmark week for Grade 4s on the Blackall Range — and for a good number of these students, it will be their first few nights away from home without Mum and Dad. Term 3 has a way of being prime time for that milestone, and there is something quietly special about being the place where it happens.

Did You Know?

One of the permitted uses formally approved for QCCC Mapleton back in 1981 — before the site even opened — was "Conference Centre." Events like this weekend's Women's Conference are not an afterthought or a departure from what this site was designed to be. They are entirely consistent with what Council recognised and approved more than forty years ago, when the vision for this place was first put on paper.

Image: An example of one of the many amplified concerts held in Mapleton in the mid-1980s



Thank you to the Anderson family - the special extension built to house the Mapleton Private Post Boxes is very much appreciated.



Blue Moon

8 AUGUST: 3 pm and 7 pm

100 min – USA (Captions) – Drama based on ‘true’ story
(Coarse language and sexual references)
VENUE: MALENY COMMUNITY CENTRE
23 MAPLE STREET MALENY

Lorenz Hart was responsible with Richard Rodgers for countless classic songs (including ‘The Lady is a Tramp’, ‘Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered’, and ‘Blue Moon’). However, Rodgers and Hart’s relationship broke down irretrievably in the early 1940s. Rodgers then teamed up with Oscar Hammerstein (resulting in Oklahoma, Carousel, South Pacific and more). Blue Moon takes place in Sardi’s legendary bar on the evening Oklahoma opened to rapturous applause on Broadway. Drowning his sorrows, Hart reflects waspishly to anyone who’ll listen on his long, complex, dynamic relationship with Rodgers including, eventually, Rodgers himself. Perfectly complemented by the National Theatre’s Andrew Scott, who plays Rodgers, Ethan Hawke delivers a career-best performance as Hart, ‘one of the great 20th century writers of popular song’ who had ‘shrunk as a man and an artist’ (Christos Tsiolkas).

MATINEE SCREENING

Doors Open at 2:30 pm for licensed bar, tea/coffee, slices
Movie Starts at 3:00 pm

EVENING SCREENING

Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Movie Starts at 7:00 pm for licensed bar, tea/coffee, slices
BYO nibbles, meals or restaurant takeaway or order Daawat delivery (tables provided)

<https://malenyfilmsociety.au/project/blue-moon/>



QCWA Maleny Branch

We are an active community of women (from all walks of life and all ages) who, together, improve the lives of Queensland women and families... It's about friendship, connection, education & advocacy.

The QCWA Maleny Branch has been a part of our local community **since 1928...** *join us!*



Best contact:
malenybranch@qcwa.org.au



Friendship



Education



Advocacy

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: 27/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0187

17 Princess Cres NAMBOUR – Secondary Dwelling – Doug and Sally Miller – Danya Cook Town Planning. *2 bed, 2 bath, 1 carport that presents as being fully enclosed, 5° and 10° pitch, on 1299m2 with existing high set dwelling.*

Lodged: 24/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0184

North St YANDINA – Place of Worship – Australasian Conference Associated Limited – Gaskell Planning Consultants. *Renovation of existing buildings with a slight increase in footprint, plus a 5m X 3m shed.*

Lodged: 24/07/2026 DA#: MCU11/0231.03

125-131 Howard St NAMBOUR – Generally in Accordance – Aldi Shopping Centre – ALDI Foods Pty Ltd – Project Urban. *No documents published at time of writing.*

Lodged: 23/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0183

1672-1676 Yandina Coolum Rd YANDINA – Dwelling House – Patrick & Emma Powter – Place 360. *Primarily a 6m X 9m Titan shed in the back yard.*

Lodged: 27/07/2026 DA#: OPW26/0335

2-18 Wappa Falls Rd YANDINA – Electricity reticulation and street lighting – Robin Russell & Associates Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL20/0072, 3 lots into 246 lots with access easements.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 24/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0185 & OPW26/0329

595 Chevallum Rd CHEVALLUM – Low Impact Industry – Stormwater, Landscaping, Carparking & Access – Karloo Constructions – Building Suncoast Green. *14 tenancy light industrial development in 2 buildings. Total area 1,964m2 on lot of 3,769m2, 29 car parks.*

The Sunshine Coast International Dark Sky Reserve has officially been designated by DarkSky International, Queensland’s first Dark Sky Reserve.

The designation recognises our collective commitment to preserving the Sunshine Coast hinterland’s natural assets and night sky values and strong government and community partnerships – demonstrating the Sunshine Coast’s leadership in sustainability.

Spanning across 870 km², the Sunshine Coast International Dark Sky Reserve encompasses the Mary River catchment and adjoining State protected areas in the Sunshine Coast local government area. It includes townships such as Maleny, Mapleton, Montville, Witta, Flaxton, Kenilworth and Conondale.

As a valued stakeholder, thank you for your contributions to the project. Further information about the Sunshine Coast International Dark Sky Reserve, including details of the formal designation, is available on :

· Council’s website: <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/environment/dark-sky>

· DarkSky International’s website: <https://darksky.org/places/sunshine-coast/>

Sunshine Coast Active Transport Plan

Council endorsed the Active Transport Plan 2026

The Active Transport Plan (the Plan) aims to create a more connected, safe, healthy and sustainable region where people of all ages, genders and abilities feel supported to use active transport.

Sunshine Coast Council has a vision to be recognised as “Australia’s most sustainable region. Connected. Liveable. Thriving.” It is a place where getting around is easy, and active transport infrastructure provides local connectivity and integrates with efficient public transport systems. Everyone should feel welcome and confident using our transport networks, which are safe, accessible and inclusive.

For the Plan, active transport is defined as moving from place to place using physical effort by:

- walking, including pushing a pram or using a cane for assistance
- riding, including a bicycle, scooter or legal e-bike
- rolling, including a wheelchair or mobility scooter.

The Plan has been informed by our community’s needs. During early engagement, the community identified that:

- increasing connectivity
- removing barriers to inclusivity
- valuing the needs of all path users

are essential to support more people to use active transport.

Many respondents indicated they currently ride for recreation but not yet for transport.

The Plan is also informed by an assessment of the walking and riding networks. This identified that established residential areas have fewer paths, while wider paths and separated cycle tracks are predominantly located in emerging communities.

Global, national, State and local strategies and policies have guided and informed the Plan.

Population growth on the Sunshine Coast, along with major projects and events, highlights the need for an inclusive and accessible active transport network that connects to:

- The Wave and other public transport stations and stops
- Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games venues.

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/council/planning-and-projects/council-plans/sunshine-coast-active-transport-plan>

FREE

THE ARTISANS CLUB

Inviting makers to join us on the
1st Sunday of every month
to craft with other local artisans!

3-5pm at La Galette cafe
Post Office Rd, Mapleton

Follow us on
Instagram

BYO project
Crochet | Knitting |
Drawing | Writing |
Stitching | Mending

Email Laura | the.artisans.club@outlook.com

5 JUL | 2 AUG | 6 SEP | 4 OCT | 1 NOV | 6 DEC

Grow Australian Plants

LOCAL

Hardenbergia violacea

False Sarsaparilla

A local fast-growing twining creeper with dark green leathery leaves.

Purple pea flowers during winter and spring.

Prefers sunny or semi-shaded position and tolerates some frost.

Prefers loamy, acid or neutral, well-drained soils

Regular pruning creates compact growth and will sprout new growth from the roots.

Attracts bees, butterflies, and other insects.

'Edna Walling Snow White' – white flowering cultivar



LAUGHING KOOKABURRA

Dacelo novaeguineae

The Laughing Kookaburra is an Aussie icon in the same family as Kingfishers. In fact, it is the world's largest Kingfisher. According to Aboriginal legend, the Kookaburra's famous chorus of laughter every morning is a signal for the sky people to light the great fire that illuminates and warms the earth by day. The calls are no laughing matter but territorial calls to keep rival groups away.

They can be found on the eastern and western sides of the Great Dividing Ra. in mainland e. Aust from Cape York (Q) to Eyre Peninsula (SA), and south-west WA, Tas, Flinders Is and Kangaroo Is. where they were introduced.

They live in areas with large eucalypts with nest hollows and forest edges, clearings, woodlands, parks and gardens.

They are a largish bird, 40–47 cm long, with a massive bill, black above and horn below. The whitish head is mottled brown on the crown and with a wide, pronounced brown eye stripe. Their back is brown, have mottled blue patches on the wings and a variable blue rump. The tail is rufous brown with black bars and white on outer feathers and tip. Their underparts are whitish.

A breeding male's rump is light blue and becomes mostly brown when not breeding. The adult female is slightly larger, their head is more buff, and is like the non-breeding male but rarely has any blue on the rump. Juveniles are like adult females but initially have an all-black bill.

They are a sit-and-wait predator, perching patiently, scanning for prey, pouncing on large insects, frogs, small mammals, reptiles or birds.

Breeding, Sept-Jan, is in nests in tree hollows and the hollowed-out termite mounds located up in trees.

I thought I would share with you an all-black Kookaburra, simply called a Black Kookaburra, which is a normal Laughing Kookaburra with a rare genetic condition called melanism – a genetic mutation that produces an excess of dark pigmentation in the feathers. Apparently, they are extremely rare, estimated to be a “one in a billion” occurrence. The photo was taken in Woodford in 2011.

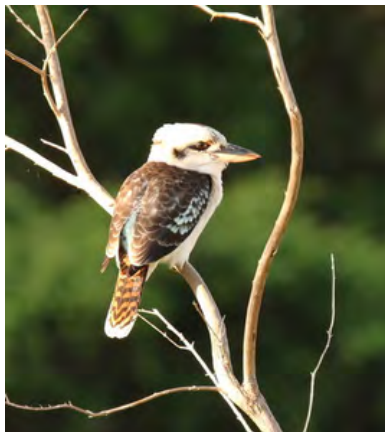
Thank you Eric Anderson

Images: Adult Laughing Kookaburra

Entrance to a nest in a termite mound up in a tree

Adult Laughing Kookaburra with recently caught prey

Black Kookaburra





ELVIS TRIBUTE SHOW

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Like rock 'n' rollin'?

Get ready for one helluvan exciting time!
Mapleton Hall, 31 Obi Obi Rd



Saturday - 1st August

Drinks - BYO - snacks and nibbles - BYO

Show time - 6pm to 8pm

Tickets - Entry Fee - \$10.00 each (payable in cash at door) children under 15 free

Lucky entry door prize

Prizes for dance competition during the show.

Elvis Impersonator to sing approx 80% Elvis songs and 20% songs of Neil Diamond, Dean Martin, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, John Paul Young, Buddy Holly and others.

For more info contact Errol 0418 732457

THE KING IS BACK

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

Kureelipa

First Officer 0429 068090

Fire warden Kureelipa 0477 048616

Fire Warden Dulong 0407 412539

E: kureelparfb@gmail.com

Address: Braford Rd, Kureelipa

Post: Kureelipa 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 8am 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

31 July Friday Night Dinner, Mapleton Bowls Club.

1 August Elvis Tribute Show, 6-8pm, Mapleton Hall.

6 August Meditation and Sound Therapy, 10-11am, Mapleton Hall.

6 August BRLUPA Annual Meeting, everyone welcome, 6pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

7 August Fun and Games, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

8-9 August 'Teechers', 12:30-4:30pm both days, Mapleton Hall.

11 August Annual General Meeting of Kureelpa and Dulong Community Hall, 6:30pm.

15 August Plants and Bake Stall, Mapleton.

16 August 2026 Patronal Festival, St Mary's Church Celebrations.

22-23 August Parrot and Marble, Montville Village Hall.

5 September Songwriter, Mapleton Hall.

3 October Spring Fair, Maleny Garden Club.

16-18 October Blackall 100, Mapleton.

18 October Book Fair and Mini Market, 8am-Noon, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

October Lions Community Dinner, Flaxton Gardens.

28 November - 6 December - Sculpture on the Edge.

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6 AUGUST: BLACKALL RANGE LAND USE PLANNING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, EVERYONE WELCOME, 6pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

The place to have your say about local community planning matters

SEE YOU THERE

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: 13/07/2026 DA#: OPW26/0305
10 Memorial Dr EUMUNDI – Stormwater, Parking & Vehicle Crossover – Altum Property Group – Morgan Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd. *Relates to approved shopping centre, MCU22/0052.*

Lodged: 15/07/2026 DA#: POS26/0116
Stage 5 – 41 Glenbrook Drive NAMBOUR – Reconfiguration of 1 Lot into 11 Lots – (Community Title Subdivision) & Access Easement – DTS. Administration. *Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 15/07/2026 DA#: MCU21/0253.01
3 Post Office Road Mapleton – Other Change to Development Approval – Multiple Dwelling & Health Care Services – Mapleton Enterprises Pty Ltd TTE – Murray and Associates Qld Pty Ltd. “Minor Change?” Original 3 stand alone buildings with 3 dwelling units and a reasonable sized commercial area has become 1 X 3 level building, containing 5 dwelling units, 53m2 commercial space. See images below:



CAR PARKING

1 x 3 BED @1.5 cps	1.5
4 x 2 BED @1.25 cps	5
5 UNITS	6.5

COMMERCIAL RATE	
1 cp + 1x PWD	2.0
TOTAL CAR PARKS REQ'D	8.5
TOTAL CAR PARKS PROVIDED	9.0

BICYCLE SPACES

RESIDENTIAL RATE	
1 RESIDENT SPACE / DWELLING + 1 VISITOR SPACE / 4 DWELLINGS	
TOTAL SPACES REQ'D	6.0

HEALTH CARE SERVICES RATE	
1 EMPLOYEE SPACE / 100m² GFA + 1 CUSTOMER SPACE / 100m² GFA	
TOTAL SPACES REQ'D	2.0
TOTAL SPACES PROVIDED	8.0



Means 6 tenancies, 12 garbage bins. 11 WC, 5 laundries, 10 bathrooms, 5 kitchens and a commercial kitchenette all requiring pump out, self supplied water with a catchment roof area of 346.5m². 6 waste water tanks under driveway and 6 fresh water tanks under car parks.

Lodged: 08/07/2026 DA#: OPW24/0475.01

139 Windsor Road BURNSIDE – Minor Change to Existing Approval – Generally In Accordance – Electrical Reticulation & Street Lighting – Robin Russell & Associates Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL21/0148, 1 lot into 15 lots.*

Lodged: 16/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0175

111 Colemans Farm Rd YANDINA – Secondary Dwelling – Cerran Louise Fawns – Scott Ellison Fawns. *2 bed, 1 bath, 1 garage, presents as a shed with 15° gable pitch.*

Lodged: 20/07/2026 DA#: OPW26/0320

82 Cash Rd EUMUNDI – Rural Residential Subdivision – Mario Calderari – Tod Consulting Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL25/0086 1 lot into 15. Application for Landscaping etc.*

Lodged: 15/07/2026 DA#: POS26/0135

1 Eva Ct Nambour – Duplex Lots 1 & 2 on SP350969 – Cadcon. Administrative. *Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 16/07/2026 DA#: POS25/0223

149 Howard Street Nambour – Survey Plan SP341388 (2 into 2 Lots) – Hinterland Surveyors. Administrative. *Approving Plans.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 15/07/2026 DA#: OPW24/0162.01

96 Eudlo Rd MOOLOOLAH VALLEY – Extension to Currency Period – Dean Stephenson. *Relates to RAL23/0007, 1 lot into 2 with easement.*

Lodged: 17/07/2026 DA#: OPW26/0316

170 King Rd MOOLOOLAH VALLEY – 170 King Rd & 36 Creekline Pl MOOLOOLAH VALLEY – Earthworks, Stormwater, Roadworks, Vegetation Clearing – Empower Engineers and Project Managers Pty Ltd – Empower Engineers & Project Managers Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL23/0117, 1 lot into 4 lots.*

Lodged: 16/07/2026 DA#: POS26/0127

15 Red Berry Lane WOOMBYE – BFP for Duplex – Lots 1 & 2 on SP363689 – Sunrise Surveying – Mark Troyahn. Administrative. *Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 20/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0179 & OPW26/0321

5 Lornal Ct MOOLOOLAH VALLEY – Dual Occupancy, Earthworks, Stormwater, Drainage Work & Vehicle Crossover – Andrew Boorer – Ferris Town Planning. *2 dwellings, each 3 bed, 2.5 bath, study/office & 2 garage, 25° hip & gable roof, on 2926m².*

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- ♥ Monday – 6:00pm
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SONGWRITERS

KEVIN BENNETT
KELLY CORK & JEN MIZE



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✉ mapletonlibrary@gmail.com



Mapleton Cemetery Upgrade

The Sunshine Coast Council has committed to a fully-funded \$32,000 upgrade for the Mapleton Cemetery located on Delicia Road. The project is entering its practical delivery stages, focusing on a major enhancement to the site's niche wall.

Specific details of the current development include:

Niche Wall Overhaul: The primary feature of the upgrade is the installation of a protective granite veneer on the existing niche wall.

Design and Material: Following community consultation, project managers have obtained final stone quotes and are considering a high-quality grey-toned granite finish for the wall.



**FREE
Community
Event**



Meditation and Sound Therapy Session



Thursday 6 August 10am-11am

Mapleton Hall

Join local author Suzette Laux for a free meditation and sound therapy experience, immersing yourself in the deeply resonant sounds and vibrations of a guided session.

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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 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

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MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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E: 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.

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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/>

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For bookings and enquiries:

E: stmaryshallmontville@gmail.com or T: 0475 773810



JP's 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/finding to locate the nearest signing site currently open.

DELIVERING FOR QUEENSLAND 

LIST OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS for Flaxton, Kureelipa, Mapleton and Montville

Blackall Range Lions Club blackallrangelions@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

Kureelipa & 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 Kureelipa 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

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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/

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

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

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

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RECYCLING IN MAPLETON

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CANS and BOTTLES Containers for Change

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

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

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

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

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

BLISTER PACKS Mapleton Library Community Centre verandah

USED PENS Mapleton Library Community Centre verandah

RING PULLS from aluminium cans

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



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

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



PROCEDURES FOR RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPUP COMMUNITY NEWS MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Email mapletonqueensland@gmail.com requesting guidelines.

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