

RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPUK COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly news

A community service since 2016

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What is on this weekend?

**** 8–9 August: 'Teechers', a play, four performances
Mapleton Hall**



MAROOCHY WETLANDS SANCTUARY BIRD WALK

Discover the incredible birdlife of Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary on a guided morning walk with expert birder Rob Kernot. Explore this internationally significant wetland habitat and learn how to identify some of the many resident and migratory bird species that call the sanctuary home. From colourful kingfishers to elegant royal spoonbills, this walk offers a unique glimpse into the diverse birdlife and the rich wetland habitats that support them.

Suitable for all ages and experience levels, this relaxed two-hour walk is a great opportunity to connect with nature, improve your birdwatching skills, and enjoy the beauty of the wetlands.

Date: Monday 10 August | 8am to 10am

Location: Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary

Audience: All ages

Bookings essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/maroochy-wetlands-sanctuary-bird-walk-tickets-1989774192172?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

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Teechers
By John Godber
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Samuel French Ltd -
A Concord Theatricals Company
Directed by Catherine O'Neill

August 8th & 9th
4 PERFORMANCES
12.30 & 4.30pm
each day
MAPLETON HALL
\$30
Suitable for age 12+

Book online:
www.trybooking.com/DOAO7



MAPLETON STATE SCHOOL YEAR 6 STUDENTS SEEKING THE OPINIONS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Recently, the students dropped into the Mapleton Library Community Centre to interview locals. The students are gathering issues that are important to Mapleton residents. Under the guidance of their teacher, Fiona Longhurst, the students will formulate a list of issues, who is affected, and how the issues might be solved.

Councillor David Law is planning to visit the class to guide the students towards the next steps to develop communication with Council.

Congratulations to everyone involved - what a splendid project for our youth.





WATERCOLOURS: Consolidation

Date: Tuesday, 18August

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Verandah of the
Mapleton Library Community Centre

Join us for a fun and relaxed **NEXT STEPS** class where you'll learn more about the following watercolour techniques: layering, wet on wet; wet on dry and dry on dry

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 further their watercolour techniques.

Reserve your spot today — spaces are limited

Cost: \$20

Email: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

SUNSHINE COAST STAMP CLUB INC

Meets Red Cross Rooms Price St. Nambour
From 12.30 for 1 pm 1st Wednesday every month



Join the Club to develop your collection!

Details: Mike 0438589181 Jeff 0438715925

www.suncoaststamps.org.au

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED INTENSIVE

31 August - 4 September 2026

D.I.V.E. Theatre Collective is set to deliver a powerful, five-day intensive workshop on the world-renowned Theatre of the Oppressed, running from Monday, 31 August to Friday, 4 September 2026 at the Black Box Theatre in Nambour.

Originating in Brazil and developed by the visionary Augusto Boal, Theatre of the Oppressed is a globally influential method for social change, conflict resolution, and community building.

This intensive workshop invites participants to move beyond passive observation and become "spect-actors"—individuals who use the stage to rehearse for real-life action.

Over the course of the week, attendees will dive into the core methodologies of Image Theatre and Forum Theatre. Participants will learn to use their bodies to reveal hidden social truths and engage in theatrical "games" where the audience intervenes to enact possible solutions to complex, real-world problems.

"Theatre shouldn't just be a mirror to reflect reality, but a hammer to shape it," says Cesar Genaro, Artistic Director of D.I.V.E. Theatre Collective. "This intensive is about giving people the rehearsal space to challenge injustice and rediscover their own agency. We aren't just telling stories; we are equipping our community with the creative tools to intervene in their own lives and change the narrative for the better."

Workshop Details:

- Theatre of the Oppressed Five-Day Intensive
- Monday, 31 August – Friday, 4 September 2026 (4:00 pm – 8:00 pm daily)
- Black Box Theatre (80 Howard St., Nambour)
- Adults (18+) interested in social activism, community work, or performance.
- Registration: Essential as spaces are strictly limited to ensure deep group engagement.

https://divetheatre.com/training/theatre-of-the-oppressed/?mc_cid=e5a5dfd79c&mc_eid=8beb50b296





PARADOS: SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Sunday, 16 August , 10am–2pm

Tickle Park, Coolum Beach

Join Parados for a free family celebration of books, creativity and community inspired by this year's Children's Book Week theme, Symphony of Stories.

Featuring a Costume Parade, Kids Busking Stage, Dog Show, Circus and Acro Workshops, Tandem Surfing Demonstrations, Beach Games with Surfrider Foundation Sunshine Coast, Storytelling, Dance Workshops, Puppet Making, Face Painting, Children's Books for Sale, Handmade Craft Stalls, Healthy Treats, Coffee, Performances, Giveaways and more.

Bring a picnic rug, dress as your favourite book character and enjoy a vibrant day of stories, music, art and play by the beach.

Free Entry | All Ages Welcome



MANGROVE MAGIC

Celebrate the wonder of mangroves with this family-friendly, hands-on workshop at Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary. Guided by environmental scientist, science communicator and illustrator Lana Baskerville, participants will explore the wetland environment through observation, creativity and discovery.

Young nature enthusiasts will learn about different mangrove species and the vital role these unique coastal forests play in supporting wildlife and healthy wetland ecosystems. Through guided illustration activities, children will draw what they see above the waterline and imagine the hidden world of roots and creatures below the surface. Presented as part of International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, this engaging workshop inspires curiosity, creativity and a deeper connection with the natural world. All materials are provided.

Date: Saturday 15 August | 9:30am to 11:00am

Location: Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary

Audience: 5+ years

Bookings essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mangrove-magic-tickets-1993427036929?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>



A Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is one of the most reliable one-day fundraisers available to Australian schools and community groups.

Bunnings supplies the BBQ, gas and a weather shelter at no charge — groups bring the sausages, bread, onions, drinks and volunteers, and keep everything raised. Most groups earn between \$700 and \$2,000 on any weekday and weekend.

According to the Australian Financial Review, from 2014 to 2018, more than 160,000 community sausage sizzles were held at the 237 Bunnings warehouse stores within Australia.

In that period, more than \$144 million was raised for various community groups and charities.

Many schools and not-for-profit groups across the Sunshine Coast and the Hinterland are bringing funds home to their local communities.

Thank you to Caloundra and Maroochydore Bunnings for providing these amazing opportunities. Many groups that have found volunteers to run one sizzle a month have brought back to their community over \$15,000 in the last 12 months.

Thank you Bunnings.



BLACKALL 100

Saturday, 17 October 2026

Mapleton, Sunshine Coast

The Blackall 100 starting on 17 October 2026 is a trail running ultra that takes you across the Blackall Range on the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Experience vibrant ferny forests, subtropical rainforest, tall eucalypt trees, picturesque waterfalls and quiet hinterland hamlets.

As well as the primary 100km event, there is also a 50km and a 21km half marathon distance. The Blackall 100 offers the opportunity for runners, walkers and hikers to participate in a large scale event taking in some of the most pristine trail in Queensland.

Organiser: Run Queensland

<https://www.runningcalendar.com.au/organiser/run-queensland/>

Distances/Events

21K

50K

100K All events finish at QCCC Mapleton



Weekly Activity Update

A couple of interesting arrivals this weekend that reflect how schools are making the most of their camp time. A large Grade 11 cohort from Brisbane arrives on Friday, using the weekend to maximise their program without cutting into classroom time — a smart approach that more schools are adopting. Then on Sunday, a slightly rarer occurrence: a Grade 12 cohort from Brisbane arrives for one of the final shared experiences of their school years. By Year 12, camp takes on a different quality — less about activities, more about being together before the paths diverge. We are glad to be the place where that happens.

Monday sees two Grade 5 cohorts join us, one from the Sunshine Coast and one from the Wide Bay. Wednesday brings a busy changeover with three more schools arriving to take their place — all Grade 5 groups, from Brisbane, Caboolture and the Fraser Coast. From the hinterland to the coast, near and far — it is a good illustration of how widely Mapleton is trusted across South East Queensland, and how reliably it earns its place on the school calendar year after year.



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: 30/07/2026 DA#: RAL26/0067 & MCU26/0194 Impact Assessable
137 Burnside Rd BURNSIDE - Variation Request to vary the effect of the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 to apply the provisions of the Low Density Residential Zone - Reconfiguration of 1 Lot into 15 Lots, 1 drainage reserve, 1 Park - Blue Sky Estates Pty Ltd - Subdivisions (Qld) Pty Ltd Impact Assessable. *1 lot into 15 of various sizes: 860m2, 845m2, 710m2, 700m2, 670m2, 670m2, 625m2, 1020m2, 985m2, 735m2, 800m2, 800m2, 1090m2, 885m2, 2115m2.*

Lodged: 29/07/2026 DA#: OPW26/0336
566 Valdora Rd VALDORA - Stages 2 & 3 - Earthworks, Stormwater, Driveways/Access, Revegetation (Landscape and Ecology) & Electrical Supply - JIM Property Investments Pty Ltd - DME Projects Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL25/0113, 1 lot into 8 lots.*

Lodged: 28/07/2026 DA#: POS26/0140
159 Shamley Heath Rd & Kureelpa Falls Rd KUREELPA - Lots 1 & 4 on SP359388 - Standard Format Plan - Murray & Associates. *Administrative. Approving Plans.*

Lodged: 03/08/2026 DA#: OPW26/0346
2-18 Wappa Falls Road YANDINA - Electricity Reticulation and Street Lighting - Robin Russell & Associates Pty Ltd. *Relates to RAL20/0072, 3 lots into 246 lots.*

DIVISION 5:

Lodged: 28/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0188 Impact Assessable
1711 Maleny Kenilworth Rd CONONDALE - Secondary Dwelling - Ashley Hamilton - Plannable Town Planning. Impact Assessable. *Small Granny Flat on over 4,000m2 with existing shop/dwelling*

Lodged: 29/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0189
437 Mount Mellum Rd MOUNT MELLUM - Secondary Dwelling - Anthony and Natasha Arnedo - Danya Cook Town Planning. *2 bed 2 bath, large deck and carport, flat roof, approx. 50m from existing dwelling on 17,350m2.*

Lodged: 31/07/2026 DA#: RAL26/0068
PRAS - 92 Eastern Mary River Rd CONONDALE - Reconfiguring a Lot (2 Lots into 2 Lots) - Maree Duncombe - Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd. *Large lot boundary realignment, 38ha and 88ha.*

Lodged: 30/07/2026 DA#: MCU06/0009.01
264 Wilsons Road ILKLEY - Minor Change to Development Approval - MCU (Chapel - Non-Religious) J.W & N.L Prideaux - Adams & Sparkes Town Planning, *Request to significantly reduce the permitted number of ceremonies per week and number of guests on site per week, (by over 70%), but to increase the guest number from 60 to 80 for individual ceremonies, and to formalise the use of a servery window and adjacent area for guests, but not to be used as a reception venue.*

Lodged: 31/07/2026 DA#: MCU26/0195 & OPW26/0343
161 Kingfisher Cres PALMVIEW - Dwelling House - Earthworks - Darren Gardiner - URBN Town Planning Pty Ltd. Highlander 68 Pindari Façade, by Metricon on 2566m2. *5 bed all ens, powder room, theatre, study, leisure area, 2 garage, mix of gable and hip roofs, partially 2 level.*

Lodged: 03/08/2026 DA#: RAL18/0089.03
Tallowood Drive & 6 & 7 Candle Vine St MALENY - Pre-Request Response - Reconfiguring of 2 Lots into 43 - Robert and Kylie Lee & Scott Mair - Innovative Planning Solutions. *Lots in the range of 3000m2 to 4720m2. Changes to approved building envelopes.*

Grow Australian Plants

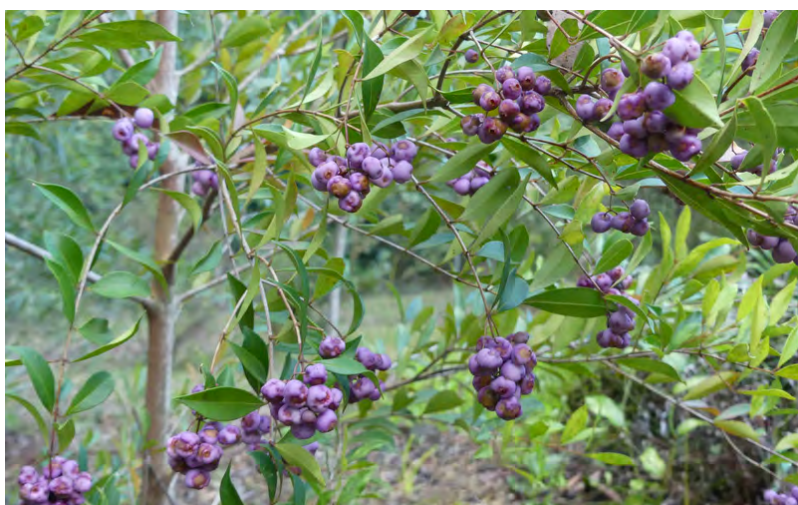
Syzygium smithii has been in cultivation for many years under its former name, *Acmena smithii*.

In nature, *Syzygium smithii* is usually a medium to large tree reaching 15 – 20m in height. However, in cultivation it is usually a dense-foliaged, medium tree of about 8 – 10m high by 6m wide. The leaves are glossy green, lance-shaped to elliptical, about 50 – 100mm long by 10 – 50 mm wide and tapering to a point.

The flowers are cream white and occur in clusters at the ends of the branches in spring and summer. They have a fluffy appearance due to the numerous long stamens but are not especially attractive, horticulturally.

The flowers are followed by fleshy fruits, white to purple in colour and about 10 – 15mm in diameter. The fruits are edible but not particularly palatable.

This is a very hardy plant in cultivation, adapting to a range of climates from tropical to temperate and to most reasonably well-drained soils. It will grow in full sun or fairly heavy shade. In an open position it usually retains foliage to near ground level. Several cultivars have become available, usually varying in growth habit



Cattle Egret

Ardea ibis

Cattle Egrets are usually seen stalking about in pasture, accompanying cattle to snap up insects as they are disturbed by the beasts. They also follow other grazing animals, including sheep, horses, goats, alpacas and, in zoos, elephants! Small, compact white heron with relatively short yellow bill. More frequently recorded in dry habitats than other egrets; rarely gets its feet wet. Cattle egrets' breeding colonies are often shared with other species of waterbirds, especially herons, ibis and other egrets.

A relatively small snowy white egret, the cattle egret is distinguished during breeding season by its orange crown, neck and breast, with similarly tinted long loose neck plumes. The long sharp, slightly down curved-bill is yellow to pink yellow, but becomes bright red during breeding season. The legs are normally grey green out of breeding season, turning bright red or orange brown during breeding.

It is a gregarious species and is most commonly observed foraging with grazing stock and in wetland areas.



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

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 Kureelipa 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.

6-8 November Maleny Music Festival

28 November - 6 December - Sculpture on the Edge.

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

Mapleton Library Community Centre

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



24
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9.30 - 11.30am
Friday 7 August
\$12 (includes morning tea)
Email, call or drop in to book



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

Marking the past 1985
Building the future 2025

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!



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>



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

Three outstanding guitarists.
One night of exceptional acoustic music.

Acoustic Guitar *Spectacular*



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>



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

LOCAL ARTISTS ARE NEEDED TO DISPLAY THEIR ARTWORKS

For a period of one month

20% commission on sales

MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

E: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

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
- Council opting out of pump-out
- Retirement Village Proposal, 82 Flaxton Drive
- Relocation for the Mapleton Post Office
- Community support for Elizabeth Buckley and family
- Promotion of local fauna and flora to improve local biodiversity

There still is "Something about Mary"

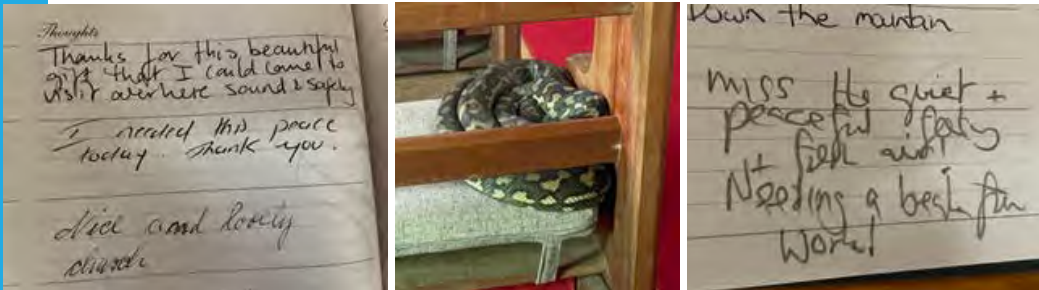
St Mary's Anglican Church in Montville will be celebrating its patronal festival on Sunday, August 16th, starting at 9 am. The speaker will be our new priest, Rev'd Kim Wright and music will be provided by Kim Kirkman.

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.

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/>

REPEATS

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

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



Not-for-profit Community Gym

We welcome all ages (15+) & fitness levels

We will help you achieve your health and fitness goals whether it is to increase fitness, stability, strength, mobility or mental health & wellbeing

- individual programs
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Contact: Paul 0439 670 629

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

MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Owned and staffed by volunteers

DGR status, so all donations are tax-deductible



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

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MAPLETON CRAFT GROUP

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

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



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

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

president@zontablackallrange.org.au

Promotional space in 2024 Business Directory is now available

MAPLETON ART

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

They investigate techniques and materials for continued professional artistic development.

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

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



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

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

**ALMOST ALL THE PLANTS HAVE SOLD –
WE NEED MORE PLEASE**

**The Plant Library at the Mapleton Library Community
Centre .**

If you have any unwanted potted plants, please donate.

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

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EVERY WEDNESDAY

Noon to 3:30pm

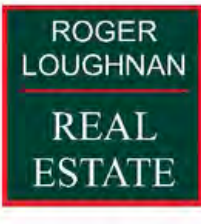
Mapleton Bowls Club

Post Office Road

Mapleton

**Don't miss out on the fun and camaraderie as we
gather to enjoy this timeless and strategic game.**

***Supporting local businesses that support the
community***



Mapleton



**BELLA VISTA ITALIAN RESTAURANT
MAPLETON**



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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