RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPUP COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly news
A community service since 2016

12 November 2026 Issue 514

What is on this weekend?

** 13,14,15 November: Maleny Handmade and Artisan Markets
** 14 November: Montville Markets
** 14 November: Christmas Raffle supporting the extension at the Mapleton Library Community Centre , Mapleton IGA
** 14 November: Kindy Fete, 10am - 2pm
** 14 November: Species Orchid Show, 8:30am - 4pm
** 14 November: Trivia, Bowls Club



CONTENTS

Christmas Colouring Competition
Maleny Handmade and Artisan Markets
Trivia Night
Christmas Raffle
Mapleton Bowls Club News
Christmas Dinner
Old Post Office Mural
Book Fair Report
3 Post Office Road
Obi Obi Road
Remembrance Day Report
Paper Folding Sculpture Workshop
Watercolour Painting Advanced Class
Best food for Birds
Development Applications
Fauna and Flora
Community Services
Date Claims
Repeat Articles from Last Week
Local Organisations' Posts
Venues for Hire and more





Our Showgirls and Rural Ambassadors are putting on a trivia night and we'd love you to come along.

Join us at Mapleton Bowls Club on Saturday 14 November 2026 for agricultural and general knowledge trivia, raffle prizes and a chance to catch up with people from around the community.

Bring some friends or come along and we'll help you find a team. Admission is $10 per person with nibbles, tea and coffee included.

Online bookings currently add a $1.53 booking fee, making the total $11.53 per ticket. Drinks are available to purchase from the club bar and raffle tickets are sold separately. Admission includes one entry in the lucky door draw.

Doors open at 6:30pm, trivia starts at 7pm and we'll finish by 9pm. Mapleton Bowls Club, 5 Post Office Road

Please tell us your dietary requirements and who you'd like to sit with when booking. For seating or access questions, use

Organised by youth members of the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Society Inc.

https://events.humanitix.com/showgirl-and-rural-ambassador-trivia-night



MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB NEWS

LINDNER FAMILY PHARMACY REMEMBRANCE DAY November 7th

Each November, we are proud and grateful to acknowledge the generous sponsorship of The Lindner Family Pharmacy for our Remembrance Day. It is a special occasion when we pause to remember our fellow bowlers who are no longer with us, and to honour the friendships and camaraderie shared both on and off the green. Their memories remain part of our bowls community and the wonderful sport that brings us all together.

Congratulations to the winners of the day - Allan, Rosemary and Janine. In 2nd place was Debbie, Paul and Bev, and 3rd place was taken by Chris, Terry and Steve.

This is always a great day, we are very grateful for the continued support from the Lindners.







JACARANDA DAY

It's also the time of year when we enjoy the beautiful Jacarandas. A big thanks to Wyn Peggie who created this day and organises it every year. It's wonderful to see so many people wearing different shades of purple.

Thanks Wyn!



80th ANNIVERSARY

80 years on and still going strong! Club members recently gathered for this anniversary photograph.



CHRISTMAS DINNER
Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Dinner. Enjoy a sumptuous 3 course meal along with your favourite Christmas carols. $45/person. Tickets can be purchased at the Club Bar. The Christmas Dinner will be on Friday the 4th December from 6pm and will be the last 'dinner night' of the year.

HOLIDAY BAR OPENING TIMES
Open: 23/12 and 26/12 (Boxing Day), Wed 30/12, Thur 31/12 (NY Eve). Then every Wed and Fri in January
Closed: 24/12, Friday 25th (Christmas Day), Friday 1/1 (NY Day).
The Green will be closed from the 8th December for maintenance.





NEW MURAL CELEBRATES ELIZABETH BUCKLEY AND MAPLETON'S HISTORY

Mapleton's Art and History Trail has welcomed a beautiful new addition, with a mural on the historic Mapleton Post Office celebrating Elizabeth Buckley and her love of the natural world.

Elizabeth was delighted with the finished artwork, saying: "I absolutely love the mural. It is so special to see the things I love brought together in such a beautiful way. I feel very honoured that the artists have created something so wonderful for the community."

Designed and painted by five talented local artists, [Su McCaddin, Krystal Obeid, Susan McNeil, Joyce Simpon and Nita C Lester] the mural features animals and plants that hold special meaning for Elizabeth. Led by Nita, the artists brought their shared passion for detailed watercolour paintings to this community project using house paints.

Nita praised the collaboration, saying: "Everyone brought their own skills, ideas and enthusiasm to the project, and it was wonderful to see how everything came together. We are all very proud of what we have achieved."

The project also includes two historical plaques, created by engravers Peter Gamgee and John Eurell. One depicts the original façade of the old post office, while the other records the names of the postmasters who served there, preserving an important part of Mapleton's history.

"We really enjoyed the challenge of creating the metalwork for this project," said Peter and John. "It was a great opportunity to combine our skills with the artistic work of the mural and contribute something lasting to Mapleton's history."

Made possible through community funding, the mural and plaques bring together art, nature and local heritage. They celebrate Elizabeth while giving residents and visitors another opportunity to discover Mapleton's past.

The project is a welcome addition to the Art and History Trail and a lasting contribution for generations to enjoy.





Top left: The Mural with Joyce Simpson and Nita Lester on the left, Elizabeth Buckley, Crystal Obeid, and Susan McNeill on the right
Top right: Su McCaddin
Lower images: Left: John Eurell; right: Peter Gamagee







BOOK FAIR AND MINI MARKET A GREAT SUCCESS

The Book Fair and Mini Market held at the Mapleton Library Community Centre was a tremendous success, raising well over $3,000 for the community.

Book sales proved particularly popular, with children's books flying off the shelves. The baked goods stall was also a big hit, with delicious homemade treats selling quickly throughout the morning.

There was plenty more on offer, including locally published books, calendars, local native plant species and a wonderful selection of Christmas items generously donated by Elizabeth Buckley.

The gently loved treasures stall attracted plenty of interest, with shoppers browsing and snapping up bargains all morning.

The Lions Club also played an important part in the day's success, with their plant stall and famous barbecue helping to raise much-needed funds.

A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers, donors, stallholders and everyone who came along to support the event. The wonderful result is a testament to the generosity and community spirit of Mapleton.









THANK GOODNESS FOR ALL THE REPLIES FROM YOU – THE COMMUNITY: 3 POST OFFICE ROAD

The Sunshine Coast Council and State Government have intervened in Post Office Road Development Proposals

Feedback from individual residents and community groups such as the Mapleton Bowls Club, which is directly impacted by this proposal, has highlighted several key local planning and infrastructure issues, particularly the ongoing review of the proposed development at 3 Post Office Road, Mapleton.

The development was initially approved for three residential units and one shop, before being amended to include five units and one shop.

Because the property's access is near a state-controlled road along Nambour Road, the State Government became involved to clarify the relevant traffic and access requirements. As a result, vehicle access to the site will be limited to smaller delivery vehicles, such as vans and small trucks, with larger commercial vehicles, including tankers, food and beverage deliveries, prohibited from entering the property.

In addition to traffic and access concerns, community members have raised further questions about the proposed building height and the design of a boundary wall. Although local groups had previously called for the development to be abandoned altogether, these issues remain central to ongoing community discussions and concerns.

Thank you to everyone. Remember, responses from every individual have equal weight as organisations, so well done, everyone.





More than 350 residents have weighed in on the future of Obi Obi Road, sharing their experiences and ideas for improving safety and road conditions.

The feedback comes as recent heavy rain has brought renewed attention to the downhill section of Obi Obi Road, with additional grading works fast-tracked to improve conditions for motorists.

Member for Nicklin Marty Hunt said he wanted to hear directly from locals about their experiences and what improvements they would like to see into the future. Obi Obi Road runs from Mapleton, down the range, to Kenilworth.

“More than 350 people have already taken the time to complete my survey, and the feedback is helping build a clearer picture of the challenges and priorities for this section of road,” Mr Hunt said. “Safety, road conditions, erosion, drainage and increasing traffic are among the key concerns being raised.
“Residents have also highlighted issues with trucks and caravans becoming stuck or experiencing difficulties navigating the road, sometimes causing significant delays for other motorists.”

Mr Hunt said a strong theme emerging from the responses was the desire for a long-term improvement, with many residents identifying a safer, sealed road as their preferred outcome.

“I have already been speaking with the Minister about Obi Obi Road, and this additional community feedback will help inform those ongoing discussions and potential longer-term solutions.

“It is important that we understand the experiences of local motorists and work towards improvements that address the needs of the community.”

• Residents who have not yet completed the survey can have their say at martyhunt.com.au or via the link on Mr Hunt's Facebook page. Full link - Obi Obi Road Community Feedback Survey - Marty Hunt MP





MAPLETON COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

A lovely fine morning provided the perfect setting for Mapleton's Remembrance Day service, with a good crowd gathering to pay their respects and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

The service, organised by the Mapleton RSL Sub-Branch, was warmly supported by the local community, with school children in attendance adding a special significance to the occasion. Their presence was a wonderful reminder of the importance of passing on the stories, memories and meaning of Remembrance Day to future generations.

A number of beautiful wreaths were laid by service groups and community organisations, including the Blackall Range Lions, the Mapleton Hall and Mapleton Library Community Centre. The attendees paused to remember and reflect on the courage and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women.

Following the service, the Blackall Range Lions generously provided a delicious morning tea.

It was a opportunity for people to catch up, share stories and enjoy conversations with friends, neighbours and fellow community members.

The morning was a fitting tribute to those who gave so much, while also highlighting the strong community spirit that makes Mapleton such a special place.

Lest We Forget.









Mapleton Library Community Centre

Paper folding Sculpture Workshop

Saturday, 28 November 2026
2-4pm

Reservations:
mapletonlibrary@gmail.com
Limited Numbers

ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED

GO HOME WITH A BEAUTIFUL SCUPLTURE

$10

Mapleton Library Community Centre



WATERCOLOURS: Consolidation

Date: Sunday, 6 December
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Location: Mapleton Library Community Centre

Join us for a fun and relaxed **NEXT STEPS class** where you'll learn more about watercolour techniques. Must have some experience.

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: $25

Email: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com


THE RANGE
Kindy FETE
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE RANGE
14TH NOVEMBER
TIME: 10AM - 2PM
Join us for a joyful afternoon of food, music and community, featuring
BBQ • SILENT AUCTION • LIVE MUSIC • FACE PAINTING
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • STALLS & MORE
ART SHOW
Handmade Treasures
All Welcome
MADE WITH LOVE
Come Celebrate With Us!
Entry
Children $5 | Adults Free
Gold coin donations welcome
The Lucky Penny Raffle
Tickets available at the door
$5 each | 3 for $10 | 7 for $20
Parking
Available at Mapleton State School


Nambour Orchid Society
Species Orchid Show
14 November 2026
Saturday, 8:30am – 4pm
Buderim Uniting Church,
Gloucester Road, Buderim
Admission $5.00 | Eftpos Available
Member plant sales
Benched species orchids on display
Orchid and foliage plant sales
$1 Raffles
Refreshments available
Vendors
Robertson Orchids
Orchid Mania
Rolin Farms
Open to all orchid society members
For more information contact us at:
nambourorchids@gmail.com
Scan the code to visit our website

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FEEDING WILD BIRDS IN AUSTRALIA AND HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY

BIRDLIFE AUSTRALIA DOES NOT ENCOURAGE WILD BIRD FEEDING

Feeding wild birds is a controversial issue, especially in Australia. In some countries, it's actively encouraged – but in Australia, official advice from councils, environment departments and conservation and wildlife rescue groups warns against the dangers of feeding wild birds. In Western Australia, it's illegal to feed native fauna, including birds, without a licence.

Still, millions of well-meaning Australians continue to enjoy feeding the birds in their backyard. Unfortunately, many don't realise that feeding wild birds can do more harm than good for our feathered friends – and if done incorrectly, can lead to serious problems including malnutrition, disease and unbalanced populations.

In an ideal world, people wouldn't feed wild birds at all – but with as many as 30 to 50% of Australian households feeding birds, it's important that people are aware of the risks of wild bird feeding and how to avoid harming the same wildlife they want to help.

In this guide, we unpack the complexities of wild bird feeding and address supplementary feeding, reducing the spread of disease and nutrition advice for birds for your consideration.

Best practices for wild bird feeding

- Think of it as a treat – for us and them
- Reduce the spread of disease
- Consider what are you really feeding
- Plant a bird-friendly garden
- A treat – for us and them

The birds you feed are still wild birds, so it's important that they continue to forage for food elsewhere and don't become dependent on humans for survival.

Instead, think of it as a snack, not a meal – that supplements, rather than replaces, their natural diet. Make it an activity that you enjoy no more than once a week, not every day.

Birds are using this water to drink and bathe in, so it will need to be replaced daily to avoid the spread of disease (and mozzies!)

Reduce the spread of disease

Bird feeders and feeding stations can spread diseases like psittacine beak and feather disease if they're not cleaned thoroughly and regularly.
To avoid this, clean and scrub the area daily using a wildlife disinfectant or bleach solution by diluting bleach in water at 1:20 (1mL of bleach for every 20mL of water).

Other tips for reducing the spread of disease:

- Replace food daily as it can rot, grow mould, introduce or spread disease or infection and attract rats, mice and other predators.
- Use multiple feeding stations for different types of food, and put food out at different times of day.
- Don't feed large flocks of birds at the same time and stop feeding birds if you observe any sick or unwell birds among them.
- What are you really feeding?
- Birds are especially vulnerable to predation when feeding, so remember to place feed stations out of reach of cats and other predators. Keep pets and pet food indoors, away from birds and rodents.
- Kangaroos and wallabies can suffer from 'lumpy jaw' if they eat bird seed, so keep feeders out of their reach. And avoid feeding abundant, pest or introduced species, including Rainbow Lorikeets and Common Mynas, as increasing their population decreases and displaces other bird populations.

Plant a bird-friendly garden

The best way to help the birds in your backyard long-term is to provide them with feeding and breeding habitat. To create more natural feeding resources for your feathered friends,



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: 04/11/2026 DA#: MCU11/0228.03
2 Monak Rd NORTH ARM - Minor Change to Development Approval - outdoor recreation (riding for the disabled) - Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled Inc. *Application to extend the currency period of Councils Development Permit - Sunset Clause for Completion of the Approved Development for a further six (6) years to 2032.*

Lodged: 06/11/2026 DA#: OPW26/0503
90 & 102 Burnside Road PERWILLOWEN - Roadworks, earthworks & drainage. Associated with RAL22/0144.01. *Reconfiguration of Lot 2 Lots into 44 Lots - Lifestyle Group QLD Pty Ltd - Adapt Development Management Pty Ltd.*

Lodged: 05/11/2026 DA#: MCU26/0301 & OPW26/0502
6 Payne St EUMUNDI - Dwelling House - Pace Planning. *Application for secondary dwelling of 2 bed, 1 bath, deck, 94.36m2 including deck, 15˚gable, on 7744m2 lot with existing dwelling and 6 other existing sheds.*

Lodged: 06/11/2026 DA#: OPW26/0506 & MCU18/0049.01
18 Bury St NAMBOUR - Advertising Device - Australia Postal Corporation - Tract Consultants. *Signage for Australia Post premises.*

Lodged: 28/10/2026 DA#: MCU20/0246.01
27 Wappa Falls Rd YANDINA - Minor Change to Development Approval - Dual Occupancy & Landscaping, Stormwater, Earthworks, Water and Sewage Infrastructure - Ruth Arthur - Anthony Lehmann. *Revised landscape plan for a second dwelling pressed into a compact lot.*

DIVISION 5:
Lodged: 04/11/2026 DA#: RAL26/0103
50 Obi Vale NORTH MALENY - Reconfiguring a Lot by Subdivision (1 Lot Into 2 Lots) - Brian & Janelle Coe - Murray & Associates (QLD) Pty Ltd. *Block of 10,920m2 split into 2, one new block 5700m2 with existing house and one of 5220m2 between Obi Vale Rd and Obi Obi Creek.*

Grow Australian Plants

Kangaroo paws

Kangaroo paws are one of our most distinctive native plants, with their vibrantly coloured, furry, tubular flowers. Here's the lowdown on how to grow them in your garden.

Kangaroo paws range from 30cm tall to a towering 2.5m, when in bloom, and are quick to mature, giving the gardener a long lasting flower display soon after planting.

While a number of wild species have proved difficult to tame, there are plenty of colourful cultivars that have been specially bred for home gardens.

They look spectacular massed together in beds, but are just as eye catching in a large container. Kangaroo paws are also one of the best native plants for attracting nectar-feeding birds such as honeyeaters, spinebills and wattlebirds.

Currently flowering across the region.









Willie Wagtail

Rhipidura leucophrys

The Willie Wagtail is a small, black and white fantail that sports a white chest and belly, with black plumage on the head, throat, back, wings and tail. The tail is long and rounded. The species also has a distinctive white “eye-brow”. Young birds are more brown and duller than adults. Adult males and females appear similar.

The Willie Wagtail is common throughout the Australian mainland, and is vagrant to Tasmania; it occurs on Kangaroo Island. The species is also found in the Torres Strait, New Guinea, Moluccas and the Solomon Islands. There are three recognized subspecies.
The species can be found in almost all habitats throughout Australia, including grasslands, open woodlands, dry woodlands and forests. Also found in urban parks and gardens, golf courses and sporting fields. They are generally absent from rainforests.

The Willie Wagtail forages both from a perch and also on the ground. It hunts for insects such as beetles, larvae as well as flies, spiders, wasps, bees, ants and grasshoppers. As the name suggests the species will wag its tail from side to side (as well as briefly flash its wings) while foraging, while making short zig-zagging runs along the ground in an effort to flush insects from the ground cover.

Communication: The species is very vocal, and has a variety of calls, including the ‘chittit-chittit-chittit’ contact call; this same call is much harsher when the birds are mobbing predators. It also makes a melodious whistle-type call. Birds also sing at night during the breeding season.

Thank you Feather Cap







Community Service

JP SERVICE

Monday mornings from 8:30am to 11:30am without an appointment at the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Or Thursday mornings 9am to 11am.

Telephone 5445 7182 for a booking in Mapleton at another time.

COMMUNITY WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Collect your pack from the
Mapleton Library Community Centre

Borrowing hours: 1pm to 4pm week days
Saturdays 9am to 12noon

What does the pack include?
Community organisations brochures
Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News - a free weekly news for everyone with information about the events in your neighbourhood
List of community organisations in Mapleton, Flaxton and Montville
Zonta Business Directory
And much more
Also available at the COMMUNITY STALL at the monthly Mapleton Country Market.

RURAL FIRE BRIGADES
Call 000 for emergencies

Kureelpa

First Officer 0429 068090
Fire warden Kureelpa 0477 048616
Fire Warden Dulong 0407 412539
E: kureelparfb@gmail.com
Address: Braford Rd, Kureelpa
Post: Kureelpa RFB P.O. Box 4931, SCMC, 4560
Monthly Meetings: 7:30pm on the first Thursday

Mapleton

First Officer (all operational matters): 0428 137927
Fire Warden (fire permits, safety checks): 0499 778806
Secretary (new members, administration): 0499 883019
W: https://www.facebook.com/mapletonruralfirebrigade/
E: MapletonRFB@gmail.com
Address: 37 Obi Obi Road, Mapleton 4560
Post: PO Box 366, Mapleton 4560
Monthly Training: 5:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday
Monthly Meeting: 5:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday

Montville

Call Mark Roderick, First Officer on 0409 480058 for queries and training information
Call John Watson, Fire Warden on 0477 712175 for permits
The team meets every second Monday at 7.00pm and on the final Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm

MONTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

Services are held each Sunday at 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

Christmas Colouring Competition - now until 15th December

13,14,15 November: Maleny Handmade and Artisan Markets

14 November: Montville Markets

14 November: Christmas Raffle supporting the extension at the Mapleton Library Community Centre, Mapleton IGA

14 November Trivia, Mapleton Bowls Club.

14 November Kindy Fete, 10am-2pm, Mapleton.

14 November Species Orchid Show, Buderim.

20 November Mapleton Bowls Club Dinner Night.

21 November Hidden Treasures, Montville.

28 November Mapleton Country Market, 8am -Noon, Mapleton State School car park.

28 November Paper Folding Sculpture workshop, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

28-29 November Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild.

26 December -1 January Blackall Range Visual Artists, St Mary's Hall

28 November - 6 December - Sculpture on the Edge.

6 December Advanced Watercolour Class, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

Disclaimer: The Editor and Team assume no responsibility or liability for the content of this publication.

mapleton

SCAN ME

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.

REPEATS



MAPLETON parkinson's QUEENSLAND IN THIS TOGETHER

SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting: November 19th 2026

Time: 1.30pm

Location: Mapleton Men's Shed
52 Delicia Road, Mapleton

This is a peer support group for individuals impacted by Parkinson's

These are informal meetings that are a source of information and mutual support attended by those diagnosed with Parkinson's, family, friends, carers and others in the community.

Members are empowered by hearing about the experiences of others and by being introduced to local guest speakers with valuable knowledge.

For more Information, please contact:

Peter Hulme (07) 5478 6109

mapletonpdgroup@parkinsonsqld.org.au

support@parkinsonsqld.org.au | www.parkinsonsqld.org.au

REPEATS



WATERCOLOURS FEATURING BIRDS

Artist Roz Wilson has enjoyed working on a collection of local bird species paintings. All framed beautifully, gift-ready.

Free entry

Drop into the Mapleton Library Community Centre during borrowing hours, or ask one of the volunteers to let you into the building while you're at the Book Fair.

Roz Wilson's work is featured in the 2027 Community Calendar.





2027 Community Wall Calendar

2027 Community Wall Calendars are now available at the Community Stall, The Barn on Flaxton, Mapleton Pharmacy, Mapleton Post Office, and Mapleton Library Community Centre

$12

Limited Edition, so buy now: the first 100 have sold already.

All profits go to the Mapleton Art and History Trail - more art installations to make our place special.

REPEATS



SCULPTURE ON THE EDGE 2026
EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

28 November – 6 December | Flaxton Gardens

The countdown is on for Sculpture on the Edge 2026!

Following a record number of entries, curation is complete and preparations are well underway to transform the beautiful Flaxton Gardens into an extraordinary showcase of sculpture.

With an inspiring collection of works, opportunities to meet artists and a wonderful program of activities, this year's exhibition promises something special for everyone.

Early Bird tickets are now on sale! Book early and you'll automatically go into the draw to win a fabulous two-night midweek escape at Narrows Escape. Every ticket purchased during the Early Bird period gives you an entry into the draw, so the more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win!

There will also be fantastic raffle prizes and special experiences to enjoy throughout the exhibition.

A huge thank you to our sponsors, supporters and volunteers whose generosity makes this event possible. BOOK YOUR EARLY BIRD TICKETS BELOW.
(Early bird period closes midnight 8th November and price drawn on Monday 9th November).

https://events.humanitix.com/sculpture-on-the-edge-2026?mc_cid=213d1adbfb&mc_eid=8830243da0



HELLO, ART LOVERS OF MAPLETON! HAPPY GNOMEVEMBER!

The cheeky gnomes have officially taken over the MOMA street gallery, and they already want to rename it ‘GNOMA’.

While it might sound like a modern fad, Gnomevember has deep roots. In German tradition, garden gnomes are friendly nature-lovers, but the British and Scandinavian versions—dating back to the Vikings—are far more mischievous! Often seen as guarding spirits, they are closely tied to the countdown to Christmas.

To appease our little garden friends, it’s time to bring out your gnomes! Let’s scatter them around the Range to brighten up our daily walks and create a fun community scavenger hunt. We can even sing a chorus of 'Gnome on the Range' as we stroll past them in our beautiful spring gardens. How will you celebrate Gnomevember?

If you haven’t discovered....(MOMA) Museum of Miniature Art at 10 Warruga St, Mapleton, now is a great time to check it out, a little street gallery, just like a real art gallery!



WHAT NOT TO FEED BIRDS

What you feed wild birds matters. Most Australian birds need a varied and balanced diet of insects and nectar, seed or fruit to stay healthy, but most people aren't feeding birds their natural diet.

Feeding birds the wrong foods disrupts this balance – and can cause serious, long-term health problems including malnutrition and disease. If you must feed wild birds, here's what you should and shouldn't give them.

Don't feed birds:

- **Bread, crackers or other human snacks**
- **Dairy products**
- **Mince and raw meat**
- **Honey and sugar**

While bread is often the first food people reach for to feed the birds around them, it's often highly-processed and high in salt.

Bread contains little to no nutritional value for birds, and quickly fills a bird's stomach with empty calories and none of the energy or nutrients they need to stay healthy. Larger pieces can easily get stuck in their crops (the specialised pouch in their oesophagus used for storing food).

Bread also gets mouldy quickly, which is especially toxic for birds – mould spores can cause Aspergillosis, a potentially fatal respiratory infection. And in water, bread left uneaten by ducks and other waterfowl can even cause a build-up of toxic algae. In short, feeding birds bread is never a good idea.

Thank you, Feather Cap



REPEATS



PLANT WASP-FRIENDLY FLOWERS

BEES ARE BECOMING RARE, SO WE NEED TO KEEP OTHER POLLINATORS ALIVE: NOT ONLY FOR OUR FLOWER GARDENS BUT FOR OUR CROPS - OUR FOOD.

Choose open-structured flowers: Wasps have shorter mouthparts and smoother bodies than bees, so they prefer shallow, open, or composite flowers where nectar is easy to reach. Plant options like *Kunzea*, mountain mint, bronze fennel, daisies, and asters.

Stagger bloom times: Plant indigenous and native flowers that bloom across different seasons (especially the warmer months) to maintain a steady nectar supply.

Provide Nesting and Habitat Sites: Leave bare ground patches: Ground-nesting wasps (such as digger and sand wasps) need undisturbed, sunny patches of bare or well-drained soil to dig their nests.

Build wood or log habitats: For grass-carrying or solitary wood-nesting wasps, sink an upright log into the ground and drill 8mm to 10mm holes (about 100mm deep) to mimic natural tree trunks.

Add log and stick piles: Create quiet brush piles or leave fallen leaves and twigs in out-of-the-way corners of your yard for shelter.

Supply Water: Set up a shallow water station: Provide a shallow dish of water with pebbles, sticks, or small rocks inside so wasps can land and drink safely without drowning.

Stop using insecticides: Chemical sprays and broad-spectrum pesticides kill wasps and destroy the soft-bodied insect pests (like caterpillars and aphids) that they hunt for food.

Keep eating areas separate: Keep trash bins covered and outdoor dining areas clean so social wasps focus on foraging in your flowerbeds rather than bothering your patio.



REPEATS



The Caloundra Lighthouses mark the entry to Moreton Bay and the North West Channel, the main shipping route into Brisbane. The 1896 lighthouse is the oldest surviving building in Caloundra and was replaced by the new Signal Station, Light and Radar Installation in 1968. The Friends of Caloundra Lighthouses provide guided tours of the buildings, allowing visitors to explore these icons and learn more about the part they played in the history of the town.
3–6 Canberra Terrace, Caloundra
Second and fourth Saturday of the month 9am to 3pm or by appointment.
0403 107654
Adult entry fees apply. Children free.
https://heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/museums-and-places/museums/caloundra-lighthouses

SUNSHINE COAST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra has rehearsed and performed continuously since it was founded in 1972 by Olive Frame.

We are made up of 50 amateur and professional musicians living on the Sunshine Coast, and our players range in age from 18-80.

Amongst our members we have internationally renowned soloists, successful film music composers, top level music teachers, lots of nurses, doctors and lawyers, a Buddhist nun, a player who crossed the Nullabor on his bicycle, and a whole bunch of really great people who share a passion for performing beautiful music.

SCSO is supported by many people... players, partners of players, and generous souls who help us out with their expertise just because they can. See our "Support SCSO" page to learn more about the ways you can support us through sponsorship. collaborations, or donations.

SCSO is registered with the Australian not-for-profit and charity commission (ACNC) and donations, bequests, and sponsorship offers are all tax deductible.

https://www.sunshinecoastsymphonyorchestra.com/



REPEATS

The Lions Club of Blackall Range





It's that time again, a little early for some of us maybe, but the famous Lions cakes and puddings are now available. They can be purchased from the IGAs in Mapleton and Montville or from Flaxton Barn. We'd like to say a special thanks to our friends at the Mapleton IGA (and Post Office) for their unwavering support over the years and for the excellent display this year - strategically placed next to the bachelor's handbags!

We are also pleased to announce the arrival of our first AED defibrillator (automated external defibrillators in case we were wondering). The compact size of our first unit makes it ideal for local events such as markets, community gatherings etc. This Lions initiative has been enthusiastically supported by our good friends at MADCA, and we would like to express our sincere thanks for their generous grant to purchase our first unit and for MADCA's ongoing support of Blackall Range Lions. Our goal is to have a total of six across the range, future installations being larger wall mounted units. We have secured funding for two training packages on offer to local organisations and businesses.





Facebook: Blackall Range Lions
Email: blackall-range-activities@lionsq3.au
Website:brlc.org.au

Zonta Club of Blackall Range Inc

Member of Zonta International

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

REPEATS

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: 27/10/2026 DA#: RAL22/0144.01
90 & 102 Burnside Road PERWILLOWEN - Minor Change to Existing Approval - Reconfiguration of Lot 2 Lots into 44 Lots - Lifestyle Group QLD Pty Ltd - Adapt Development Management Pty Ltd. *Changes include: Nomination of 4 dual occupancy lots within the development, update the approval to include staging, adjust the plans to suit the approval criteria.*

Lodged: 26/10/2026 DA#: RAL25/0049.01
83 Elizabeth Street NAMBOUR - Other Change to Existing Approval - Reconfiguration of 1 Lot into 15 Lots plus Common Lot - Elizabeth on Erbacher Pty Ltd - Locality Planning & Consulting. *Requested change includes the words "Identifying dual occupancy".*

Lodged: 29/10/2026 DA#: OPW26/0490
47-49 Steggalls Rd YANDINA - Rate 2 Public Street Lighting - Stockland Land Lease Management Pty Ltd – PECE. *No documents published.*

Lodged: 29/10/2026 DA#: REC15/0076.02
165 Larneys Lane EERWAH VALE - Minor Change to Development Approval - 1 into 2 Rural Lots via Vinculum Configuration) Leon and Silke Hayes - Murray & Associates (Qld) Pty Ltd. *Revision of building envelope on Lot 1.*

Lodged: 30/10/2026 DA#: OPW26/0493
30, 32 & 34 Solandra St NAMBOUR - Stormwater - CantMaw Pty Ltd. *Retaining wall remediation.*

Lodged: 30/10/2026 DA#: MCU26/0297 & OPW26/0494
15 North St YANDINA - Multiple Dwelling (9 Units), Roadworks, Stormwater, Earthworks, Landscaping, Access & Driveway - Blanck Co. P1 Pty Ltd - Building Suncoast Green. *9 attached 2 level town houses on 1399m2, landscape area (non hard area) 18.5%, 7X3 bed, 2X2 bed, 5 have 2 garages, 4 have a single garage, parking: 2 visitors, 14 allocated to dwellings, and 1 motorcycle.*

Lodged: 02/11/2026 DA#: MCU18/0223.01
Sundale 35 Doolan St 12, 16, 24, 26, 28 and 30 Carter Rd NAMBOUR - Extension to Currency Period - Residential Care Facility, Retirement Facility, Child Care Centre, Health Care Services and Shop (corner store) - Sundale Ltd - Covey & Associates Pty Ltd. *Application to extend the currency period by 4 years to 21/12/2030.*

DIVISION 5:
Lodged: 29/10/2026 DA#: OPW26/0488
Nambour Christian College 2 McKenzie Rd WOOMBYE - Nambour Christian College 2 & 22 McKenzie Rd WOOMBYE - Earthworks, Carpark & Vehicle Crossover - Nambour Christian College Ltd - Infinity CE Pty Ltd - Nambour Christian College Ltd. *Carpark alterations.*

Lodged: 27/10/2026 DA#: OPW26/0486
162 Reesville Rd REESVILLE - Excavation and Fill - Rachel Anderson and Russell Svenson - Danya Cook Town Planning. *Application as a result of a Council "Show Cause Notice" for previously completed operational works.*

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

Blackall Range Lions Clubto blackall-range-secretary@lionsq3.au; facebook.com/blackallrangelionsclub/ http://www.brlc.org.au

Blackall Range Visual Artists Thursdays, Mapleton Bowls Club

Blackall Range Woodcrafter's Guild secretary.brwg@gmail.com

Blackall Range Zonta Club membership@zontablackallrange.org.au. www.zontablackallrange.org.au

Bush and Beach Walking Group bushbeachwalkers@gmail.com

Hinterland Quarry Action Group T: 0416 155116 aveivers@iprimus.com.au

History Group montvillehistorygroup@gmail.com

Kureelpa & Dulong Community Hall kureelpahall@gmail.com

Mah-jong Wednesday weekly at Mapleton Bowls Club

Maleny Golf Club T: 5499 9960 gm@malenygolfclub.com.au www.malenygolfclub.com.au

Maleny Scottish Country Dancing Monday nights, Maleny RSL Hall: 0429 654033: eshjay2010@gmail.com

Mapleton and District Community Association madca.inc@gmail.com

Mapleton Art Thursdays, Mapleton Library Community Centre. Contact: mapletonlibrary@gmail.com

Mapleton Bowls Club T: 5445 7913 www.mapletonbowlsclub.com.au

Mapleton Bridge Club bridgeaustralia.org mapletoncontractbridgeclub@gmail.com

Mapleton Choir Kureelpa Hall themapletonchoir@outlook.com

Mapleton Country Market countrymarket.mapleton@gmail.com

Mapleton Craft Group Wednesdays 9-12noon, Mapleton Bowls Club

Mapleton Fire Wardon 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

Qigong Practice Group at Montville Village Hall Mondays 10-11am and at Mapleton Hall, Fridays 10-Noon 0434 900344

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 office1@brischool.com.au T: 5476 4301
Mapleton State School principal@mapletonss.eq.edu.au T: 5456 3333
Montville State School admin@montvilless.eq.edu.au T: 5452 1333

Facebooks
Mapleton Community Facebook page
www.facebook.com/groups/mapletonqueensland/
Montville Community Facebook page
www.facebook.com/groups/780987252874906/
Flaxton Community Facebook page
www.facebook.com/groups/388815358233538
Mapleton Library Community Centre Facebook page
www.facebook.com/p/Mapleton-Community-Library-100064769136195/

Happenings – Montville and surrounds email newsletter
Subscribe: www.montvillevillageassociation.org.au/subscribe-to-happenings/ Editor.mvahappenings@gmail.com

If your organisation is not listed, please let us know.
Many thanks, nita
mapletonqueensland@gmail.com

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

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

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



Helping Children Walk with Pride

Together we empower children to reach their potential.



REPEATS

LOCAL VENUES FOR HIRE

KUREELPA DULONG COMMUNITY HALL
Our modern and clean hall is available for hire for meetings, community events and classes.
Contact: Dianne Fitzgerald E: fitzies56@gmail.com

MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB
Cost: for meeting $50.00. Rent of premises, or large gathering [Trivia] $100.00
Space: Can accommodate up to 90 persons standing or 80 persons seated. Other: The use of the Bar and its staff should be requested, while the use of the kitchen and/or its staff is limited and would need discussion.
Contact: The Club Secretary, Martin Lambe
E: mapletonbowlsclub350@gmail.com T: 0428 898734

MAPLETON HALL and SPORTSGROUND
The historic timber 110 year old hall including grounds. Includes tables, chairs and a basic kitchen. Capacity is 110 persons in the hall.
Two tennis courts managed by The Mapleton Tennis Club are available for Hire.
Lil Bowman Cottage is also available for hire for small or one-to-one events
To enquire email mapletonhall@gmail.com

MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE
Obi Obi Road, Mapleton T: 5445 7011
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.

MONTVILLE VILLAGE HALL
Our versatile hall is the perfect venue for everything from weddings to birthday parties to community gatherings. With ample space and beautiful views, you'll be sure to impress your guests.
Contact us today to make a reservation.
https://www.montvillevillageassociation.org/village-hall-hire

OBI OBI HALL
Obi Obi Hall is owned by the Obi Obi and Kidaman Creek communities, and operated by members of the Obi Obi and Kidaman Creek District Community Hall Association Inc.
856 Obi Obi Road, Obi Obi 4574; PO Box 276 Mapleton, 4560
Calendar, floor plan and more all on the following web site
https://obiobihall.blog/obi-obi-hall/obi-obi-hall-hire/

ST MARY'S HALL MONTVILLE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN
Perfect for workshops, small events, yoga/pilates classes, cosy concerts, art shows, club meetings, baby showers, family events. This space is fully accessible, now air-conditioned (warm in winter and cool in summer), low cost with a free to use kitchenette. Maximum capacity 50 seated, or 12 yoga mats.
For bookings and enquiries:
E: stmaryshallmontville@gmail.com or T: 0475 773810





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
Anyone wishing to cease receiving the Range and Hinterland PopUp Community News, send your email to mapletonqueensland@gmail.com
Disclaimer: The Editor and Team assumes no responsibility or liability for the content of this publication.

Keep informed through the web and social media
www.facebook.com/groups/mapletonqueensland/

www.mapletonlibrary.au

Remember, if you wish to receive the

RANGE AND HINTERLAND
POPUP COMMUNITY NEWS

Email mapletonqueensland@gmail.com

Current circulation over 4,500

