RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPUP COMMUNITY NEWS

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What is on this weekend?

** 21 November: Hidden Treasures Opening, Montville Village Hall.





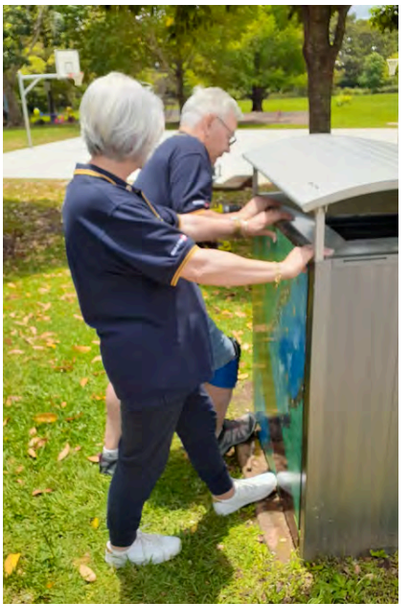
YOUNG ARTISTS ADD COLOUR TO MAPLETON ART AND HISTORY TRAIL

The Mapleton Art and History Trail has welcomed two delightful new additions, thanks to the creativity and enthusiasm of local school children.

The young artists have been busy painting a colourful art panel for the bin enclosure at Lilypond Park, transforming an everyday feature into something bright, cheerful and full of character.

Their artwork is a wonderful addition to the trail, showcasing the imagination, talent and community spirit of the children. The students are incredibly proud to see their creations on display for the community to enjoy.

It is lovely to see young people contributing to the beauty and character of our local spaces while becoming part of the area's art and history story.
These two new additions are a wonderful reminder that art can be found in unexpected places – and that some of the most delightful creations come from our youngest community members.



Local Lions Club members, Garry and Robyn Selman, fixing the art panels to the bin enclosures.



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Beautiful Christmas Gift Tags

Hand painted

$8 for 4 tags

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YOUNG VOLUNTEERS BRING FUN AND LAUGHTER TO THEIR FIRST EVER TRIVIA NIGHT

The Showgirls and the Rural Ambassadors of the Nambour Show have celebrated a fantastic milestone, hosting their very first trivia night at the Mapleton Bowls Club.

The evening was a wonderful success, bringing together young volunteers, community members and supporters for a night filled with laughter, friendly competition and plenty of fun.

A huge congratulations must go to the young volunteers, who did an outstanding job organising and running the event. From keeping the questions flowing to making sure everyone was entertained, their enthusiasm, teamwork and dedication helped create a truly memorable evening.

It was wonderful to see the local Lions Club members, along with a number of other community members, come along to show their support for these enthusiastic young people.

Events like this are about so much more than trivia. They provide young volunteers with the opportunity to develop confidence, leadership and event-management skills, while also bringing the wider community together.
The support shown by everyone who attended was greatly appreciated and demonstrated just how much our community values and encourages its younger generation.

With plenty of laughs, great company and a fantastic atmosphere, the first-ever trivia night was certainly one to remember. Thanks to the Showgirls and the Ambassadors of the Nambour Show on a job well done – here's hoping this is the first of many more successful community events!



Left: Junior Showgirl. Catherine McGovern, Senior Showgirl. Kayleigh McNeill, Junior Rural Ambassador. Kody Coceancic, Senior Rural Ambassador. Liam Kment



NEW MAPLETON HALL WEBSITE

Launched almost a month ago, the Mapleton Hall website has been a hit. Wedding inquiries have increased. General traffic numbers continue to grow. Thanks are extended to Mal Shieldhouse, who designed and managed the old site for many years.

Thank you to Rachel Rowe [Greenlinkweb Solutions], who worked along with Nita Lester to bring the new website to life. Nita will manage the site until a community member offers to take over. If you would like to assist, please email mapletonhall@gmail.com

Everyone, please enjoy reviewing the site and recommending Mapleton Hall as a place to hold classes, workshops, celebrations and weddings.

www.mapletonhall.org

DINNER NIGHT
MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB

FRIDAY 20 November

Orders taken on arrival. Serving begins at 6pm

SPECIALS

Pulled Pork in Asian Marinade, Roll, Chips and Salad
Malaysian Beef Curry Basmati Rice and Pappadams

Dessert

Mango Delight with Fresh Cream
Choc Mint Ripple Cake with Fresh Cream

Everyone is welcome

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

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



40 YEARS OF THE RANGE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN – A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION!

The Range Community Kindergarten celebrated its 40th anniversary on Saturday, 14 November, with a wonderful community fete that brought together families, educators and friends, both past and present.
It was an incredible day, filled with laughter, familiar faces and a beautiful sense of community. We were delighted by the number of people who came along to celebrate this special milestone and share in the kindergarten's history.

The Mapleton Lions Club generously ran a hugely successful BBQ, while our handmade craft stall was so popular that we completely sold out! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed, volunteered, donated and helped make the day such a success.

One of the most special parts of the celebration was welcoming back former educators, teachers and students. Among them was Anne Paice, who worked as an educator at The Range for almost 20 years and witnessed the kindergarten's transition from its original home in the hall to the beautiful space it occupies today.

Anne was able to reconnect with former students Emily and her sister, and meet Emily's daughter, Isla, who now attends The Range herself. It was a lovely reminder of the generations of families who have been part of our kindergarten community and the connections that continue long after children leave.

To commemorate this milestone, we also created a special 40th anniversary cookbook, 40 Recipes for 40 Years. The collection features recipes contributed by kindergarten families across the decades, accompanied by beautiful drawings from the children.

We still have a limited number of cookbooks available for $25 each. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy is welcome to contact The Range Community Kindergarten by phone to arrange payment and collection.
As we reflect on 40 years of The Range, we are reminded that our kindergarten has always been about so much more than early childhood education. It is a place of connection, belonging, friendship and community, where memories are made and relationships span generations.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been part of The Range's story over the past 40 years, and to everyone who helped us celebrate. Here's to the next 40 years!

https://www.rangekindy.qld.edu.au/

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
· classes – senior strength & stability, circuit, boxing, yoga, tai chi
· qualified instructors
· flexible membership
· no lock-in contracts
· friendly & social

Contact: Paul 0439 670 629
Tina 0493 101 730
Or drop into the gym – we are located behind the Mapleton Bowls Club overlooking the Lilyponds, 5 Post Office Road
www.rangecommunitygym.com.au

Christmas Markets & Fair



Register Now

5 December 2026 | From 10AM - 7PM | Village Green, Montville, 4560

Thank you for your interest in contributing a performance, activity or visual display to our community Christmas celebrations.

We warmly welcome your time, talent and contribution in helping to create a memorable experience for our community.

We look forward to working together to bring the Christmas spirit to Montville and create a wonderful celebration for everyone to enjoy!

Enquiries: info@montvillecommerce.com.au

Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

Christmas Delight

Inspiration Choir and
Caloundra Community Choir present
a concert of pure Christmas joy.

Featuring soloists,
Darren Heskes on piano,
Directed by Kim Kirkman

Saturday 12 December, 11am

Maleny Anglican Church, 2 Walkers Drive

Tickets $25 at door or
events.humanitix.com/christmas-concert-mquk2n91
Including Christmas cheer after concert

Weekly Activity Update

A full site this weekend, with a community group onsite for an important self-help retreat – a good use of our facilities and grounds.

Hard to believe we are three weeks from the end of the school year. Next week a country school arrives on Monday, bringing their entire cohorts from Years 7 through 10 for a three-night program – the kind of whole-school commitment to Outdoor Education that is a joy to host. It is a genuinely different experience when a school brings multiple year levels together: older students lead, younger ones stretch, and something good happens between them on the activities and around the dinner table.

Wednesday brings a Grade 8 cohort from Caboolture, and on Thursday they are joined by a Sunshine Coast school for their annual end-of-year Leadership Retreat – a fitting way for senior students to close out the academic year together.

Did You Know?

Earlier this month Andrew Grant, QCCC's Executive Director, and Jonathan Bestwick, Assistant Manager of QCCC Mapleton, visited China as part of an exploratory initiative to connect with international groups. What they found was striking – an extraordinary and growing investment in camp and Outdoor Education infrastructure, with purpose-built facilities operating at impressive scale.

The appetite for quality, values-based Outdoor Education experiences among Chinese families and schools is real and growing. QCCC's sites – including Mapleton and Cobb and Co Nine Mile Camping Grounds – are well placed to welcome international groups, and that conversation is just beginning.





Eastern yellow robin



Thank you Tony Brett

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!





9.30 - 11.30am
Friday 4th December
$12 (includes morning tea)
Email, call or drop in to book



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

Honouring the past
1985 2025
Mapleton Library Community Centre
Building the future



THE SHEEP DETECTIVES

5 DEC 3pm and 7pm
109 min – UK – Comedy/Drama
(mild themes, threat, violence & coarse language)

VENUE: MALENY COMMUNITY CENTRE
23 MAPLE STREET MALENY

https://malenyfilmsociety.au/project/the-sheep-detectives/





For that special gift

The watercolour display by artist Roz Wilson continues.

Mapleton Library Community Centre

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: 10/11/2026 DA#: MCU26/0303
76-100 Cedar Creek Rd BELLI PARK - Secondary Dwelling - Carolyn Dannatt - Danya Cook Town Planning. *Application to turn existing primary dwelling into a secondary dwelling.*

Lodged: 09/11/2026 DA#: POS26/0189
4 White Oak Pl PERWILLOWEN - BFP For Duplex - Lots 1 & 2 On SP367675 - Bennett & Bennett. *Administrative. Approving plans.*

Lodged: 06/11/2026 DA#: MCU18/0049.01
18 Bury Street NAMBOUR - Minor Change to Development Approval - Australia Postal Corporation - Tract Consultants. Australia Post Shop. *Change to accommodate a shop use, and adjust associated plans and conditions.*

Lodged: 11/11/2026 DA#: POS26/0222
35 Mindi Rd EUMUNDI - 1 into 2 lots SP367919 - Murray & Associates (Qld) Pty Ltd. *Administrative. Approving plans.*

Lodged: 12/11/2026 DA#: OPW26/0519
53 & 97 Crescent Rd EUMUNDI - Electrical Reticulation and Streetlighting - Ferg & Roeds Pty Ltd - Electro Technical Consultants. *Relates to RAL22/0030, 2 lots into 37 lots and drainage & environmental reserves.*

DIVISION 5:
Lodged: 11/11/2026 DA#: MCU23/0320.01
17 Main St PALMWOODS QLD - Minor Change to Development Approval - Low Impact Industry and Caretaker's Accommodation - Mark Howard - ADAMS + SPARKES Town Planning. *Change involves removing the Caretakers Residence and allocating the space to Low Impact Industry and reduce the number of tenancies involved to one major tenancy.*

Lodged: 11/11/2026 DA#: MCU23/0320.02
17 Main St PALMWOODS QLD - Response Notice under s80(5) Affected Entity - Low Impact Industry and Caretaker's Accommodation - Mark Howard - ADAMS + SPARKES Town Planning. *Request as above, but to SARA (State Assessment and Referral Agency).*

Lodged: 16/11/2026 DA#: MCU26/0308
28 Ash St MALENY - Dwelling House - Dennis Biddulph & Alicia Taylor - Building Approvals United Qld. *4 bed, 2 bath, 2 garage, 25˚gable, low set, with request for non standard retaining wall.*



Fruit of the Blueberry ash

Grow Australian Plants

Elaeocarpus reticulatus

Blueberry ash

A wonderful small rainforest tree, great as a screening plant in warmer areas.

It has a narrow habit, and grows to 9 metres tall and 3 metres wide, and responds well if it needs to be pruned to shape.

It has masses of delicately fringed small pink flowers in spring, which look like fairy petticoats and have a faint perfume, and turn into blue berries which are attractive to seed-eating birds.

A very adaptable, fast-growing, and hardy plant that will suit most gardens. Can take the occasional light frost.

In full flower at present across the Blackall Range.





AUSTRALASIAN FIGBIRD

Sphecotheres vieilloti

The Australasian Figbird is a medium sized (27-29 cm long) bird, also called the Yellow Figbird and Green Figbird. It occurs across coastal regions of northern and eastern Australia from near Derby, WA, southward to the NSW/Vic border.

There are three Australian races – the males differ, the females are similar. The male Yellow Figbird occurs in northern Australia and has a bright yellow throat and breast while the male Green Figbird, which is common on the Blackall Range, can be found in eastern Australia south of Proserpine, and its throat, upper breast and collar are mid-grey and its underparts are white.

The adult male Green Figbird is green-yellow above and has a white-tipped tail. Its head is glossy black and has a distinctive red mask around the eyes, which becomes very bright during the breeding season.
The adult female is olive-brown above, has grey skin around the eye and strong vertical streaking down its off-white front.
Immatures resemble females but are duller and lack white tail tips.

Their habitat is diverse and includes edges of rainforests, eucalypt forests/woodlands, paperbarks, mangroves and leafy fruiting trees in orchards, parks and gardens. As their name suggests their feeding favours figs but they also eat a variety of native and introduced fruits. They may favour fruit but also eat insects and nectar. When feeding they are noisy and active although they may be difficult to see when high up in fruiting trees.

Their voice is rising-falling, a mellow penetrating musical song, with squeaky notes.

Breeding occurs from Oct-Feb in a light saucer-shaped nest built of vine tendrils and few twigs hung from a sheltered branch up to 20m high. They are a favoured foster parent of the migratory Eastern Koel.

Thank you Eric Anderson

Images: Adult male Yellow Figbird
Adult male Green Figbird
Adult female Australasian Figbird
Occupied nest of the Green Figbird









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

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.

5 December Christmas Market and Fair, Village Green Montville.

6 December Advanced Watercolour Class, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

12 December Christmas Delight, Maleny Anglican Church.

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Christmas Colouring Competition

Join the FUN and collect your sheet from Mapleton Library Community Centre 1-4pm weekdays, 9am-NOON Saturdays

Age groups: Up to 5 years
6-12 years
13-18 years
Open

Continuing this wonderful concept initiated by Elizabeth Buckley

Mapleton Library Community Centre





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.









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.

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





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.



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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.









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.







REPEATS

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

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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

REPEATS

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.

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.*

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.



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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.
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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
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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.

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