RANGE AND HINTERLAND POPUP COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly news
A community service since 2016

26 November 2026 Issue 516

What is on this weekend?

** 28 November: Mapleton Country Market, 8am -Noon, Mapleton State School car park
** 28 November: Folding Paper Sculpture Workshop, 2- 4 pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre



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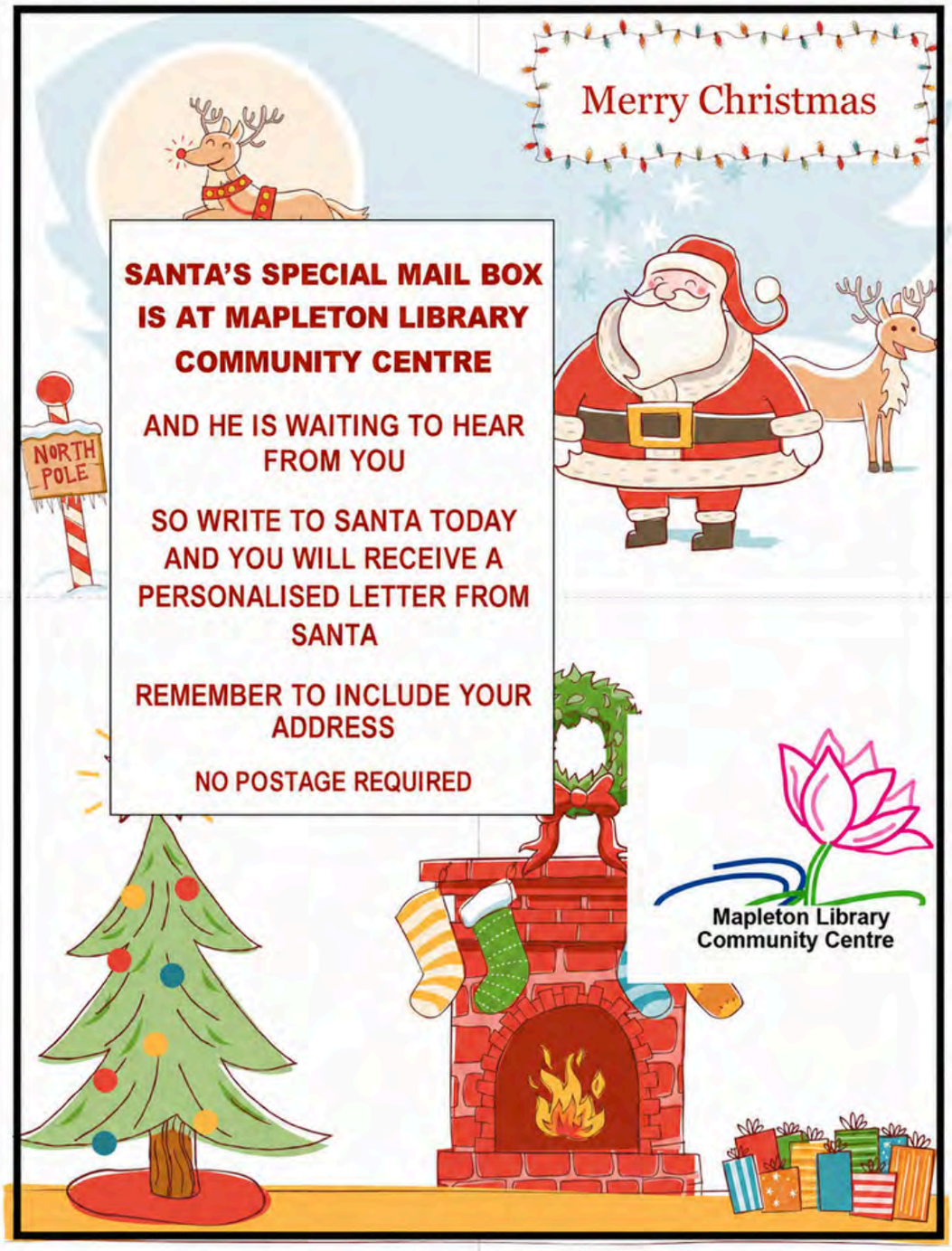


Do not forget the Colouring Competition. Entry by 15th December.

Collect colouring sheets from the Mapleton Library Community Centre.

For more details, see the repeats section on this edition of the News



COMMUNITY STALL AT MAPLETON MARKET THIS SATURDAY

Collect community information and brochures.

Meet wonderful community volunteers.

Stall supports non-profit community organisations.

HONEY

LOCAL RAW HONEY
ONLY $15

There is also marmalade on sale





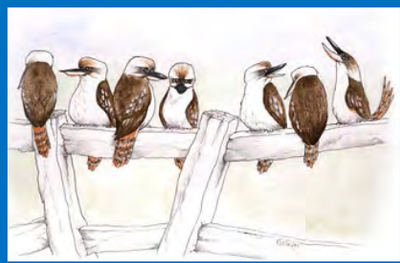
ARE YOU NEW TO THE COMMUNITY? COLLECT YOUR WELCOME PACK - FULL OF COMMUNITY BROCHURES, GROUPS TO JOINS AND MUCH MORE

AS NEW SECOND-HAND BOOKS - COME AND BROWSE

ALL ONLY $4

Thank you to all the volunteers who man the Community Stall. Groups represented this month include: Mapleton Art, Range Gym and Fitness Centre, Mapleton Bowls Club, Mapleton Library Community Centre, Mapleton Craft Group.









BLANK GIFT CARD WITH ENVELOPES - ALL CREATED BY LOCAL ARTISTS
ALL ONLY $5
MAPLETON LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTRE





MEET THE MAKERS

The stories behind the sculptures
What sparks an idea - and how does it become a sculpture?

Join Cam Crossley, Gabriel Parker and Colleen Lavender for a lively, informal artist conversation, facilitated by Traci Booker. Hear the stories, creative discoveries and occasional surprises behind their work.

Sunday, 29 November | 1:30pm | Flaxton Gardens

Included with exhibition admission | no additional charge



SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER | 10AM - 12PM
art + business workshop
8 tips to build a thriving art business

Join Sunshine Coast artist and creative business mentor Sarah Sculley. Find fresh ways to price your work, reach buyers, market your art and grow new income streams—then leave with a plan you can use.

ART Space Montville | limited places | ACI Members $10/Non-members $15

https://events.humanitix.com/sculpture-on-the-edge-work-shop_art-and-business

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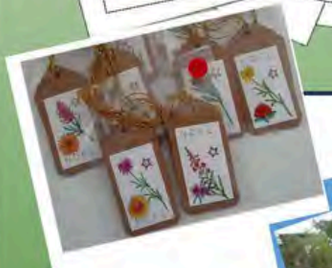
Christmas gifts for everyone!

Editioned edition art calendar ($12),
gift cards ($5 each)
Gift tag (set of 4, $8)



All available at the Community Stall at the Mapleon Country Market











Gardening book ($25)
Cookery book ($5)

Two beautiful titles especially produced for the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland

Footprints

Walking on Country

FOOT CARE HEALTH CHECKS

Landsborough Morris House
Monday December 7, 2026

Mapleton Town Hall
Tuesday December 8, 2026

Everyone is welcome we would love to meet you.
If you have any foot issues
come and see us on the bus in your area.

Get your feet checked and have a chat with our team of:

Foot Care Nurses

Diabetes Educator



SCAN THE QR CODE TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE OR GIVE US A CALL ON PH: 0487 763 417

Sunshine Coast Health | Queensland Government

This is a free service.
The Mapleton Hall provides this booking free.

The Lions Club of Blackall Range

Read Bears

HBNC

The Read Bears project was started by the Harvey Bay Neighbourhood Centre in 2019. Read Bears is a simple, but effective program aimed at Year 1 students. Students are given a handmade **Read Bear** with an attached tag enabling the child to personalise their bear with a name. Children take the bears home and read to them each school night. This provides children with more motivation to read books by having a "friend" to read and chat to. It also encourages parents & siblings to be involved in reading with the child at home. More information from HBNC can be found at: https://www.hbnc.com.au/read-bears-info





Blackall Range Lions, in conjunction with Maleny and Lake Currumundi / Kawana Lions has embraced the Read Bears initiative and we now have a team of dedicated knitters to produce these individual one-of-a-kind bears. Peregian ***Knit for Charity*** ladies are also continuing to support us. Our dedicated little group meets regularly and along with some good conversation (The natter part of **Knit and Natter**!) the team has extended their skill set to include sewing up, stuffing and embroidering the faces. We are now well on the way towards our goal of 100 Bears and, as always, are enjoying our association with Montville and Mapleton public schools.

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

MAPLETON BOWLS CLUB

We're looking for VOLUNTEERS!

Great people.
Good food.
Cold drinks.
Friendly faces.

BAR TEAM

- Enjoy a few laughs with the locals while helping a local club thrive.
- Learn new skills and work with a great team - we'll show you the ropes. Get your RSA and experience behind a bar.
- Volunteer when you can, often or occasionally.

KITCHEN TEAM

- Volunteer with a supportive team on dinner nights or special events
- Help prepare and serve affordable meals
- Occasionally or often, its up to you
- Upskill - we'll help you get your food handling certificate and experience in a kitchen.

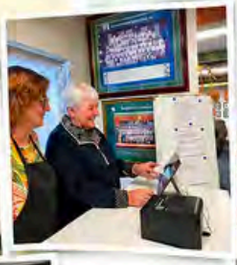
There are numerous opportunities to volunteer at Mapleton Bowls Club.

Enquire about volunteering:

Bar - Rob 0427 826 335

Kitchen - Kathy 0409 134 835









JOIN THE TEAM!

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer at Mapleton Bowls Club. You don't need to be a professional – just bring your enthusiasm, a willingness to help, and a friendly smile.

Scan the QR code to visit our volunteer page and find out more!

mapleton.bowls.com.au/volunteers/

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

FREE CARER GATEWAY WORKSHOP

New Year, New YOU

What would you like to make happen in 2027?



Mapleton Library Community Centre

Tuesday 19 January 2027
10 am–midday

Make more time for you

- Set a vision for your 2027.
- Choose small, achievable goals.
- Take one step towards what matters.
- Connect with other carers.

Book your free ticket

Scan to register

RANGE COMMUNITY GYM AND FITNESS CENTRE

Tuesday, 1 December at 2:45pm
5 Post Office Rd, Mapleton, (behind the Mapleton Bowls Club)

Strength and Stability for Older People

Participant Fee: Cash (preferred) or eftpos on the day
Participant Equipment or Requirements:
Enclosed footwear, comfortable clothing, towel and water bottle

Other Details:
This class is tailored for older adults who are looking for a way to increase their strength and balance and maintain their independence.
When initially signing up for the programme, the participant will be taken through a gentle assessment for leg and grip strength as well as balance and aerobic ability. From this, a programme will be written taking into account their individual concerns e.g. knee pain, arthritis, osteoporosis, shoulder injury etc.

The participant will then choose session times to undertake their individual program. We recommend at least 2 times a week to make a difference.
Important information:

You must be registered for the programme to join in the activities. Contact details below.

All activities cost $10 or $5 with a Health Care/Pensioners card
Evidence of this card will be required at the first class



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

Contact: Paul 0439 670629
Tina 0493 101730
Or drop into the gym – we are located behind the Mapleton Bowls Club overlooking the Lilyponds (5 Post Office Rd, Mapleton)
www.rangecommunitygym.com.au



HEART FOUNDATION WALKING - MAPLETON MOVERS

Wednesday, 2 December 2026 | 7am
1-5 Delicia Road, Mapleton

Heart Foundation Walks are FREE and are coordinated by a volunteer Walk Organiser.

Walking group for all ages and fitness levels, who walk from the Mapleton Lily Ponds car park.

Meeting Point: Mapleton Lily Ponds car park.



BLAST NOTIFICATION - IMAGE FLAT QUARRY

Please note a correction to our previous notification. One of the blast dates was incorrectly advised.

We advise residents of two upcoming rock blasts scheduled to occur at Image Flat Quarry.

Blasting is undertaken by qualified service providers to extract rock product for supply to Council projects, road maintenance and external commercial contractors.

Dates:
• Monday 30 November 2026
• Friday 4 December 2026 (corrected date)
Timeframe: Between 9am and 3pm (weather and site conditions permitting)
Location: 178 Image Flat Road, Image Flat

On the scheduled day of the blast, please ensure adequate measures are in place for household occupants, animals and livestock.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure the safe and efficient operation of Image Flat Quarry.
Vibration and noise information
Ground vibration and air overpressure (noise) may occur from blasting activities. We apply best practice blasting techniques to minimise disturbance where possible.

Noise limitations are specified by Environmentally Relevant Authority (ERA) Permit EPPR00777413 issued by the Department of Environment and Science.

Council's qualified blasting contractors operate within compliance guidelines set by the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation for conditions of environmental authorities issued under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
More information
Further information about quarry blast planning and management, as well as quarry operations and quarry products, is available on Council's website Quarry Services.

Please forward this email to neighbours and friends who may be interested in receiving notifications about upcoming quarry operations. They can subscribe via the button link below and opt out at any time.



IMAGE FLAT QUARRY ENVIRONMENTAL REFERRAL

Sunshine Coast Council has submitted an environmental referral to the Australian Government for proposed staged clearing within the existing approved boundary of Image Flat Quarry.

The proposal will allow access to undeveloped areas of the quarry's approved operational footprint to help maintain supplies of hard rock materials needed for essential infrastructure projects across the region.
The referral is now available on the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act Public Portal for public review until 9 December 2026.

Community members have the opportunity to view the proposal and provide feedback directly to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water during the consultation period.

About the proposal
The proposed activity involves the staged and incremental clearing of up to 14.9 hectares of native bushland within the existing Image Flat Quarry site at Lot 368 FTY1901.

Any clearing would occur progressively over many years and only when access to new quarry areas is required. This approach avoids unnecessary clearing upfront and helps reduce impacts on surrounding environmental values.

The works would take place on land already covered by the quarry's approved sales permit. No clearing is proposed outside the existing approved quarry area, and the proposal does not involve expanding quarry operations beyond the current approval.

Environmental assessment process
The referral has been submitted under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

As part of the process, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water will assess the proposal and consider any potential impacts on protected plants, animals and habitats.
The Environment Minister will then decide whether the proposal is a controlled action under the EPBC Act and whether further assessment is required.

If further assessment is needed, it may include a Public Environment Report, Environmental Impact Statement or another assessment process.

Community feedback
The community has 10 business days to review the proposal and provide written comments directly to the Department
We encourage anyone interested in the proposal to review the referral documents and take part in the consultation process.
https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/open-for-comments/project-decision
by 9 December 2026

Council's commitment
We are committed to balancing the region's long-term infrastructure needs with responsible environmental management.
If the proposal progresses, we would implement a range of measures to protect environmental and cultural heritage values and meet its obligations to native plants, wildlife, First Nations peoples, neighbouring properties and the wider community.

Updates about the outcome of the EPBC Referral will be shared with you via email and published on Council:

https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/open-for-comments/project-decision/?id=215204b7-87e8-f111-84e9-7ced8d34b7a7

Attention Mr Marty Hunt MP, Member for NIcklin.

HI Marty
In response to your survey and requests for feedback on the Obi Obi Rd single lane downhill section. I am a resident on the Obi Obi Rd for the past 40 years who uses the road once or twice a week and has helped truck drivers when their rigs have become stuck. I have seen the downhill section go from 2 way traffic to a single lane road along with a substantial increase in traffic. The increase in traffic appears to be commuter traffic from the Mary Valley traveling to the coast for work as the majority of vehicles are trade utes and traffic starts about 4am Monday to Friday only.

I believe it would be an extremely bad idea to improve the road to any higher standard that would allow larger vehicles to use this section of road. The flow on impacts would be felt on and need to be dealt with on:

1. the road from Nambour to Mapleton especially the 2 climbs,

2. the Mapleton intersection, shopping area and township,

3. the narrow road to Kenilworth and the single lane bridges in the Obi Obi Valley.

I believe we need to improve the resilience of the road from rain events by sealing part or all of the road, improve the drainage immensely along with using road geometry and physical constraints to control the speed.
My comments and suggestions are below.

1. Construct a turnaround at the top of the downhill section suitable for a semi-trailer.

2. Consideration given to how the traffic turning around can merge back toward Mapleton.

3. At present the road needs to be continually graded and repaired, especially after rain events.

4. These ongoing repairs are costly and impact users.

5. The steep parts if not the whole of the road needs to be sealed.

6. With improved resilience, lower long term maintenance costs can be achieved.

7. The drainage needs significant consideration and improvement. Especially because of the grade of the road. Normal cross slope drainage does not work, stormwater runs down the road.

8. Consider whoa boys to control drainage and vehicle speed. These are a very successful method used in the steep Victorian high country roads.

9. Consider centre pavement drainage.

10. The Council up road has successfully used bitumen upstands to stop water draining randomly over the edge of the road.

11. More guardrails are required.

12. The uphill road which is sealed requires far less maintenance.

13. Identify where drainage can be discharged without causing nuisance.
14. Concrete spray the drains and use drops to reduce velocity.

15. The design vehicle for the current road needs to be identified. Suggest large 4x4 or light truck.

16. By using a design vehicle a reduction in road width and curvature can be used in road design to deter/prevent large vehicles from proceeding past the turnaround at the top of the downhill section

17. Consider a link road with a locked barrier near the driveway half way down the road to connect the downhill to the uphill section for emergencies and a phone number for large vehicles to ring if they have ventured too far.

18. Consider duplicating the geometry of the tight left hand corner in the location near the driveway half way down the hill, such that a large vehicle will not proceed. Better to have a recovery here than at the tight corner.

19. Main Roads need to drive the road during and after rain events to evaluate that drainage is working and or maintenance is required.

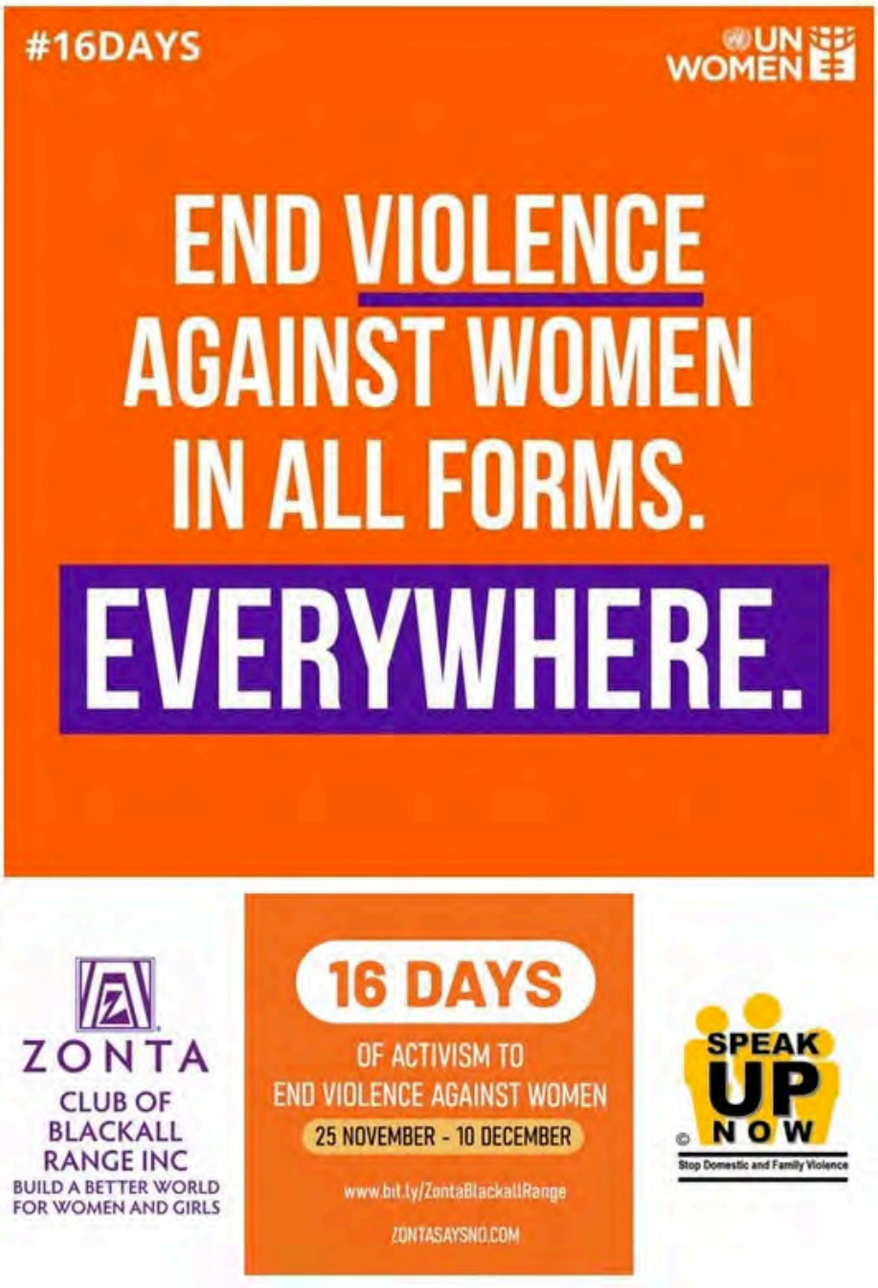
20. If the road is not being upgraded and the works are considered as maintenance. The works do not necessarily need to comply with current Main road design standards. All the works suggested are to improve drainage/maintenance and safety.

21. An experienced civil engineer with expertise and authority to make practical decisions in road design should oversee the upgrade. Methods may need to be used on the Obi Obi that don't necessarily comply with Main Rd standards.

22. It has been suggested that the up road be upgraded to 2 lanes. In this instance Main Roads should take control and ownership of the uphill section.

Thank you for your consideration and request for community input.

Best Regards
A Concerned Resident



They Are On Sale Now...

The Blackall Range Lions' little Iced Christmas Cakes.











Now available at The Barn on Flaxton, the Mapleton IGA, the Montville IGA and from AJ's Country Meats Palmwoods. These 375 gr cakes have been carefully decorated and make ideal gifts for your friends and relatives who live alone.
Numbers are limited...
Get in early....

The Lions Club of BLACKALL RANGE



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

QCCC WEEKLY ACTIVITY UPDATE

A full and meaningful weekend at QCCC Mapleton. A church family camp is onsite, bringing the warm, multigenerational rhythm that these gatherings always do – shared meals, recreation, worship and families making the most of the grounds and the village.

Alongside them, we are marking a special milestone. Three of our CAMPFIRE Interns are graduating from the second year of the program this weekend, surrounded by friends and family. These are three wonderful young leaders who have given two years to growing their skills, serving thousands of students, and deepening their own character and calling. Graduation day at QCCC is always one of the best days of the year – we are proud of each of them and excited to see where they go next.

Next week brings the final school camp of 2026 – a large Grade 5 cohort from Brisbane. A fitting way to close out what has been a genuinely big year on the Range. Grade 5 is a wonderful year level to finish on: confident enough to embrace everything the site offers, young enough to still find the magic in it. We will make it count.



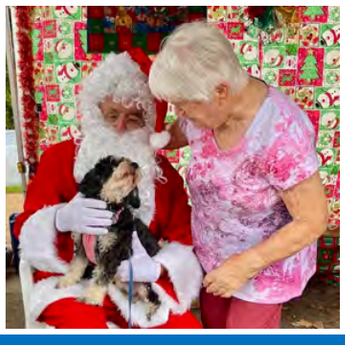
The Mapleton Country Market is on Saturday 28th November from 8am to Midday.

This is the last market for the year and was to be our biggest with an impressive 64 sites filled.

With some expected rain we still have 52 sites filled with the stall holders making extra products for Christmas Gifts. Santa will be there from 9am to 11am for your family photos or your furry friends. Next to Santa is Alix with Face Painting and Christmas cut outs.

Mayor Rosanna Notali will stop by to chat to the Community Groups and stall holders around 9am.

Support our last market day but bring an umbrella. Sourdoughs will still be available. Hope to see you there.



Recent Development Applications in Divisions 5 and 10

This is an initiative of Pop Up Community News aimed at providing information and heightened awareness as to developments in our region. Hopefully the information will provide a spring board should anyone wish to dive deeper into any specific application. Using the link: https://developmenti.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/ or entering "development i sunshine coast" into a browser will take you to the Development i home page. Click on "Application Search" and enter the application number. Select "Details" if you want to dive deeper. The supporting documents can typically be downloaded or viewed by selecting "Application Documents" in the right hand section of the screen.
In the listings below, typically a brief editorial comment is provided after each application description. These are shown in italics.

DIVISION 10:
Lodged: 17/11/2026 DA#: MCU26/0309
116 Lone Hand Road EUMUNDI - Nature-based Tourism involving 5 camp sites - Janet Kake - Brennan Planning Pty Ltd. *Provision of 5 campsites and a unisex toilet in an existing shed.*

Lodged: 16/11/2026 DA#: MCU09/0104.06
8-14 & 15 Matthew St Nambour - Minor Change to Existing Approval - Indoor Recreation - Boldbridge Group Limited - Adams & Sparkes Town Planning. *Change in design results in an increase of 371m2 to the Gross Floor Area, which takes the GFA to 4211m2, which remains under the 4453m2 originally approved.*

Lodged: 18/11/2026 DA#: MCU26/0310
80 Carrs Rd BRIDGES - Dwelling house - Ausmar Homes - Suncoast Building Approvals. *4 bed, 2 bath, 2 garage, 22.5˚gables.*

Lodged: 19/11/2026 DA#: POS26/0214
Old Gympie Road Yandina - Survey Plan SP367262 (1 Lot into 2 Lots) - Project Urban. *Administrative. Approving plans.*

Lodged: 18/11/2026 DA#: OPW26/0527
6 School Rd YANDINA - Stormwater, Earthworks, Access & Driveway - Middle River Pty Ltd - Ferris Town Planning. *Related to RAL25/0072 1 residential lot into 2.*

Lodged: 20/11/2026 DA#: POS26/0237
76 Wappa Falls Rd YANDINA - BFP For Dual Occupancy - Lots 1 & 2 On SP361723 - Matt Stezycki. Administrative. *Approving plans.*

Lodged: 06/11/2026 DA#: MCU18/0094.02
18 Bury Street NAMBOUR - Minor Change to Development Approval - Australia Postal Corporation - Tract Consultants. *There have been a number of alterations for this project. This one states "Change to accommodate a Shop use, and adjust associated plans and conditions."*

DIVISION 5:
Lodged: 17/11/2026 DA#: OPW26/0525
217 & 223 Jager Dr CONONDALE - Earthworks - Woodlands Enterprises Pty Ltd - Covey Associates Pty Ltd. As consequence of a compliance investigation that states: "Unlawful earthworks (excavation and fill), including works within the road reserveof Jager Drive."

Lodged: 23/11/2026 DA#: MCU26/0314
370 Western Ave MONTVILLE - Dwelling House - Colin and Wendy Sandford - Danya Cook Town Planning. *Second expansive residence on 13,870m2 lot. Second dwelling includes 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 powder, 2 garage, study & activity rooms, gables, 30˚pitch.*

Grow Australian Plants

Spiranthes australis

Austral ladies' tresses

A terrestrial orchid that produces spiralling spikes of small pink and white flowers. Flowering across the Range.

• Size and Growth: Grows roughly 16–50 cm tall from elongated underground tubers, with 3–10 narrow basal leaves.

• Flowers: Features 10–60 small, sweet-scented pink flowers with a white, frilly or crisped labellum (lip) arranged in a tight spiral along the upper stem.

• Flowering Time: Typically blooms from late spring or summer through autumn (around November to April in Australia), then dies back dormant.

• Habitat: Favours moist, marshy, boggy, or poorly drained grassy sites and creek lines.

• Range: Native to Australia—widespread along the east coast from Queensland through New South Wales, the ACT, Victoria, and Tasmania, and disjunct in South Australia—as well as parts of Asia and the South-West Pacific.

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Eastern Great Egret

Ardea intermedia



General description: All white with long neck and legs. Combined head and neck length equals body length. Individuals, pairs and flocks.

Habitat: Wetlands, floodplains, pastures near water, crops.

Male breeding: Head and neck white. Face skin green. Eyes red but pale to cream after hatching. Bill orange. Back white with long lacy plumes. Wings and underparts white. Upper breast has long lacy plumes. Legs red upper, black lower. Non-breeding: Yellow facial skin, cream eyes, yellow bill, upper legs yellow; lower legs grey-black. Lacy plumes are absent.

Female and juvenile: Similar to non-breeding male.

Flight: Direct. Quick wingbeats.

Call: Quiet rasping croaks.

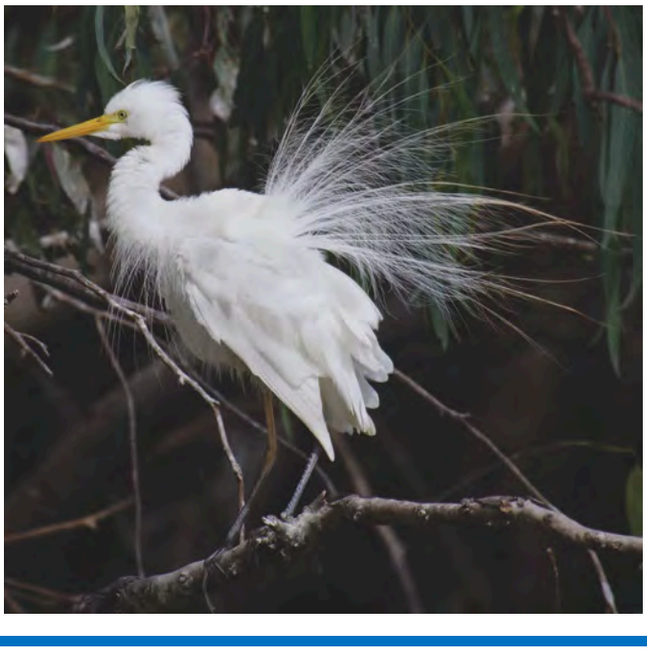
Feeding: Fish and other aquatic animals plus grasshoppers. Stirs water with feet.

Breeding: Nest small loose platform of dry sticks placed in trees up to 20m above water. Eggs 3-5, pale green. Breeding season October to January, depends on rains.

Recently observed in Maleton.

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
Letter to Santa - post at the Mapleton Library Community Centre

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.

28 November - 6 December - Sculpture on the Edge.

5 December Christmas Market and Fair, Village Green, Montville.

6 December Advanced Watercolour Class, 1-4pm, Mapleton Library Community Centre.

8 December Foot Care Health Check, Mapleton Hall.

12 December Christmas Delight, Maleny Anglican Church.

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

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19 January Free Carers Workshop, Mapleton Library Community Centre

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SCAN ME

Sculpture ON THE EDGE

Sculpture on the Edge
Flaxton Gardens
Saturday, 28 November to
Sunday, 6 December 2026
https://sculptureontheedge.com.au/

REPEATS

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



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.*





YOUNG ARTISTS ADD COLOUR TO MAPLETON ART AND HISTORY TRAIL

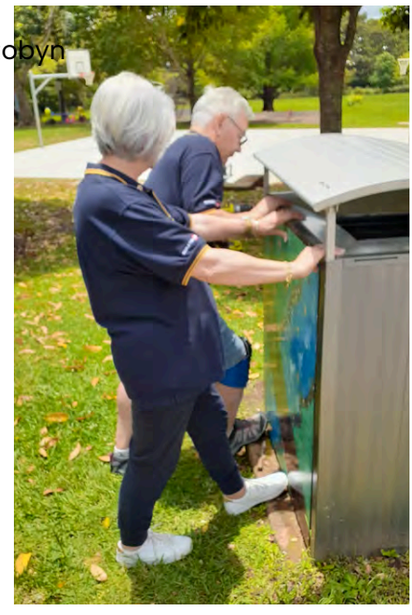
The Mapleton Art and History Trail has welcomed two delightful new additions, thanks to the creativity and enthusiasm of local school children.

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.







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

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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/

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For that special gift

The watercolour display by artist Roz Wilson continues.

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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



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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



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/

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.



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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.

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