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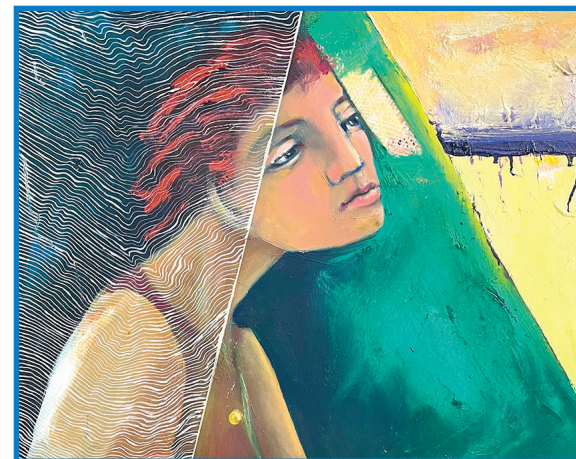


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Many children across the hinterland woke up on Easter Sunday morning and eagerly went outside into the sunshine and foraged for their chocolate goodies, which made for big smiles all round. **Take a look inside on page 22 at our other Easter photos.**



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# New mayor and councillors sworn into Noosa Council

BY VANESSA HALL

AFTER a nearly three-week wait, the new Noosa mayor Frank Wilkie and six councillors officially took their oath of office for the next four years at an official swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday 3 April at Noosa Council chambers.

The Queensland local government elections were held on Saturday 16 March, with Frank Wilkie in the lead for mayor from the outset after booths closed. However many of the councillor positions,

especially that of the sixth, were extremely close.

Returning councillors Amelia Lorentson, Brian Stockwell, Tom Wegener and Karen Finzel will be joined at the council table by new faces Nicola Wilson and Jess Phillips.

Mayor Wilkie, who has taken on the role after outgoing incumbent Clare Stewart declared she would turn to state politics and run for the LNP in the seat of Noosa, said it was a great honour and privilege to take on the mayoralty and was committed to meeting the needs of the community.

“We have a lot of challenges ahead of us, but with a collaborative approach and support from the community, we can continue to make Noosa Shire a great place to live, work and visit,” he said.

Mayor Wilkie said all councillors are community minded and passionate about the shire.

“I congratulate all councillors on their election, and I look forward to working with them over the coming four years.”

Needs of the hinterland are again a high priority, with locals in the region eager to

see the localities away from the coastal strip represented equally.

Mayor Wilkie emphatically stated the hinterland would be well accommodated for, with an immediate emphasis on roads.

“Extra resources will continue to go where the need is greatest. That’s why almost \$150 million is being spent in the hinterland to restore roads and repair land slips. For comparison, the annual capital works budget for the whole shire is around \$40 million.”

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### KING OF THE MOUNTAIN

Dear editor,  
I am writing on behalf of Bendigo Community Bank to express our deep gratitude to the Cooroy Pomona Lions Club for their incredible management of the King of the Mountain event for 44 years. As proud sponsors for over a decade, we have been consistently impressed by the dedication, effort, and spirit of the Lions Club team.

The King of the Mountain is not just a race; it's a cherished community celebration that has created lasting memories, crowned champions, and provided enjoyment for participants and spectators alike. The Lions Club's small but mighty team has been the backbone of this event, showing unwavering commitment to its tradition and impact year after year.

While we share the community's disappointment at the event's cancellation due to increasing restrictions, we fully support

the Lions Club's decision. We are proud to sponsor the Pomona Family Run Day organised as a replacement event.

**Trish Radge, Chair  
Bendigo Community Bank.**

### ROAD CONDITIONS

Dear editor,  
At the other end of Black Mountain Road, the condition of the road is a joke. There are potholes and it's dangerous for the school bus with kids on it. Along Anderson Road I wouldn't take my dog, and Crawfords Road is full of blind corners. No council members come to check before rain and they just patch the potholes. And they don't clean the drains. Something needs to be fixed soon.

**Ariana Goldwyn  
Black Mountain.**

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## From the Editor, Vanessa Hall

HELLO to the readers of the historic Cooroy Rag newspaper. It is a huge honour to be able to take over as editor and to represent this community newspaper.

Community newspapers are incredibly important, and the Cooroy Rag is a voice which looms large within the community news media landscape. I don't take this responsibility lightly and I do hope to continue with quality news and information that is hyper local and a true representation of the needs and wants of the local readership.

So who am I? I have

been working in community news since 2010 and in the media in one way or another since 2000. I grew up on the Sunshine Coast and completed my high schooling at Nambour State High in 1995. The following year I was a foundation student at the University of the Sunshine Coast where I obtained a BA. Over the years I have completed post graduate study in journalism at UQ and worked at Channel 7 Maroochydore, Noosa Council at The J Noosa, on top of a ski resort as a snow reporter, and most recently as a freelance journalist and

copywriter. I love music, my dog and wine!

I absolutely love where I live and love getting to meet the people who shape the region and hearing their stories. I am passionate about social issues, offering news which is balanced and objective and making sure everyone's voice is heard. A true community paper reflects the community it represents and with that, I want to hear from you and know what you want to see more or less of in this great paper. I hope I get it right!

**Ness**

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# Bolton meets with local fireys to discuss bill



Noosa MP Sandy Bolton meeting with representatives from rural fire brigades to hear their concerns about a new bill before Parliament. Photo: Contributed

WITH the Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 currently being tabled in Parliament, Noosa MP Sandy Bolton met with representatives from rural fire brigades located across the Noosa region recently. The Noosa MP arranged

the meeting after local rural fire brigade volunteers expressed concerns regarding the bill. On 7 March 2024, Minister Boyd introduced the Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 into the Parliament which will progress the

remaining amendments needed to implement the government's responses to an independent review report. These responses were in reply to the 2021 report from KPMG who undertook an independent review into the effectiveness, efficiency and

sustainability of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) and its volunteer entities. The resulting report made 19 recommendations in an effort to reform the delivery of fire and emergency services and disaster management.

The Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 sets out to implement the following:

- Disaster Management Act 2003: enhance Queensland's disaster management arrangements
- Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011: expand the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's functions
- Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990: establish the Queensland Fire and Rescue and the Rural Fire Service Queensland as dedicated fire services under the Act.

Ms Bolton was only too happy to facilitate the meeting and hear directly from our rural fire brigade volunteers.

"It was a full table of our fabulous rural fire brigade units across the Noosa and Nicklin Electorates, including Tinbeerwah, Boreen Point, Kin Kin, Noosa North Shore, Teewah, Black Mountain and Coorobah. The hot topic was the

Disaster Management Bill which is currently before Parliament."

**"Elements of concern I have taken forward to the Minister and I thank all of our wonderful front-line personnel and volunteers for keeping our communities, families, friends and loved ones safe, you are deeply appreciated every day," said Sandy.**

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# 2024 Local Government Election *Wrap Up*



The newly sworn in Noosa Council.



Frank Wilkie on election day.

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Connection is another area to be addressed.

"It's important to acknowledge that while hinterland lifestyles offer rural amenity and pace, residents can feel isolated or disconnected.

"To help counter this, I'm seeking to reinstate regular council meetings in the hinterland halls where residents can meet face to face with their representatives and council staff."

The role of place making and accessibility was also noted by the new mayor.

The new council, when asked how they would address representing hinterland constituents, responded with the following answers.



**KAREN FINZEL**  
"Based on my previous ex-

perience and approachability I will continue to equally serve the needs of residents in the Noosa hinterland and throughout the shire by continuing to actively engage with and listen to the issues, and advocate for outcomes that align with their voices. Together we are stronger."



**AMELIA LORENSTON**

"The recent election has reinforced the importance of being a more open faced council and actively listening to our communi-

ty. I aim to engage more – conduct open forums, community meetings and coffee chats – to build stronger relationships and foster trust with our residents. By actively listening, engaging with the community, and focusing on key priorities such as infrastructure improvements, I aim to ensure that the hinterland resident voice is heard, and their concerns addressed."



**JESS PHILLIPS**

"I am committed to understanding the needs and challenges faced by residents in the Noosa shire. Through active engagement, listening to their

concerns, and working collaboratively with locals, I believe I can effectively serve their needs and represent their interests on the council."

**"I believe we need to do all we can to ensure halls are all-ability accessible, plus foster live music, markets and cultural events in the hinterland, as the social interaction they create is so important," Mayor Wilkie.**



**BRIAN STOCKWELL**

"I have already talked to the mayor and the CEO to advocate for my key hinterland campaign platforms including:

- A 10-year program of gravel road sealing
- Pursuing community housing options on council land



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# The Results are In



Amelia Lorentson (left) with a volunteer on March 16 and Cr Karen Finzel with volunteers Kate Bazley and her daughter Sienna.

- Investment in improvements to the Noosa Biosphere Trail and pedestrian and cycling path network
- Implementing the results of the Heritage Review in the Planning Scheme to protect the character of our hinterland towns and villages."

**TOM WEGENER**

"I have lived in Cooroy for 23 years and I have watched it grow. There are some real growth issues which are being forced upon us by the population boom

in our southern neighbour and by the state. Maintaining the unique character of the hinterland towns in the face of expected population growth is a big challenge. I hope to maintain our special Noosa qualities of the hinterland. A key to this is supporting local entrepreneurial businesses. This is in contrast with chains and franchises. Locally owned is important."

**NICOLA WILSON**

"By continuing to listen to hinterland residents and making sure their needs are prioritised. Many residents and local businesses are still impacted by damaged roads and

cut off from basic services. We need clear timelines on when these will be addressed. I look forward to greater community engagement and would love to hear from residents how best to do that."

The new council have hit the ground running and will be straight into training and workshops that will help them get on with the job of governing the shire.

"We have a busy few months of workshops and training sessions to get up to speed on the extensive projects and initiatives already underway by council," Mayor Wilkie said.

**"We have a fantastic, well-balanced mix of councillors who have experience in finance, governance, environment and business, and they will be made welcome and supported," Mayor Wilkie.**

What do you think of the new Noosa Council? We would love to hear your opinions. Send them in to [editorial@cooroyrag.com.au](mailto:editorial@cooroyrag.com.au)

# Call for patience as potholes and roads repaired



Council is asking the community to be mindful of potholes on the roads while repair work is carried out. Photo: Noosa Council

THEY can't be avoided easily, and with the ongoing wet conditions council will be ramping up their pothole and road repair work as conditions allow and is asking the community for patience as crews begin the huge task of fixing roads impacted by the wet weather.

Acting Infrastructure Services director Shaun Walsh encouraged motorists to drive to the conditions, particularly on gravel roads.

"Conditions on gravel roads can change very quickly, so it's important drivers remain alert,

slow down and look for washouts, landslips and potholes," he said.

Mr Walsh said council had implemented road recovery strategies to urgently repair impacted roads.

Parks and gardens have also suffered as a result of the prolonged wet weather, with many waterlogged and unable to be mowed regularly.

Acting Chief Executive Larry Sengstock said there was no quick fix with the saturated conditions and prolonged wet weather.

"With the incredible amount of rain we've

experienced, we have to wait until the conditions improve to be able to carry out the necessary repair work and mowing of public spaces," Mr Sengstock said.

"Our staff are doing everything they can to address the damaged roads and ongoing issue of potholes," he said.

"I know the community gets frustrated when they see potholes and want them repaired quickly.

"We prioritise the work and get them repaired as quickly as the conditions allow," he said.

Crews have repaired 77 in the past two months and are using about two tonnes of premix daily to patch and fill wash outs, potholes and cracked road edges.

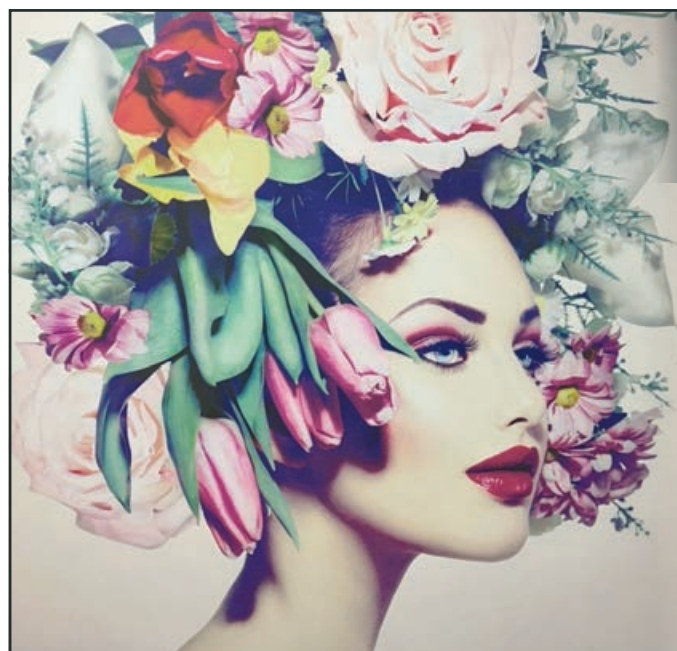
Mr Sengstock said this was on top of the ongoing flood-damaged repair work from the 2022 rain event.

"At last count we had about 15 different flood projects underway which have been further impacted by the recent wet weather," he said.

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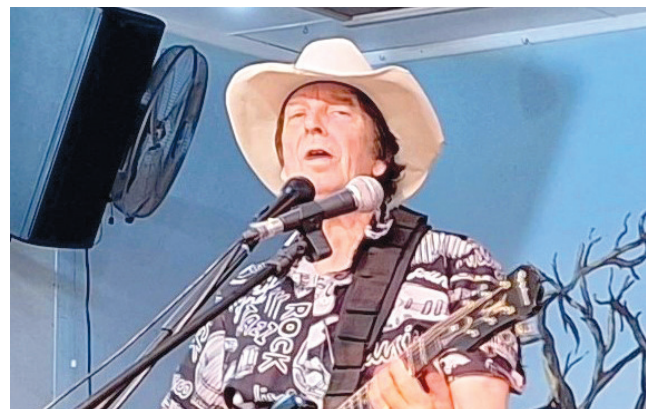


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# Country music concert at the Hall of Fame

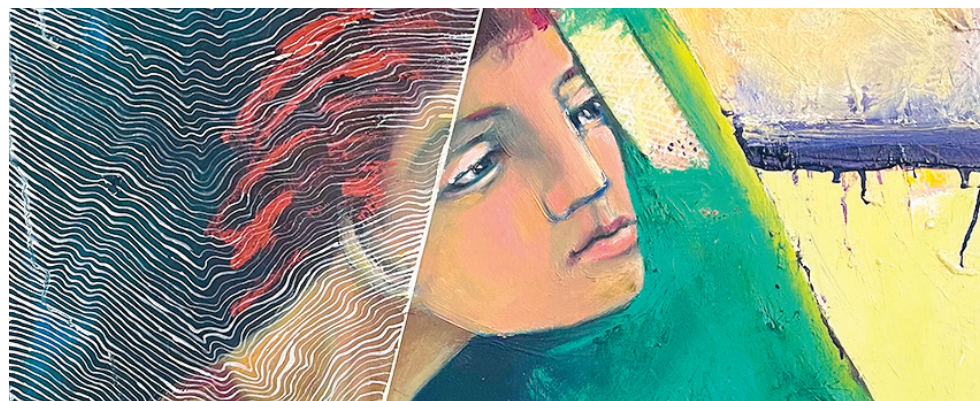


Billy Guy will be performing in Yandina on Sunday 21 April. Photo: ACMA

THE AUSTRALASIAN Country Music Hall of Fame which is located at 24 Steggalls Road, Yandina will be holding a concert on Sunday 21 April from 12 noon and the entire community is invited. This event will see musician Billy Guy onstage playing his songs that everyone knows and love. With contagious energy and a great repertoire of songs, this will be a great showcase of music all backed by the house

band. The afternoon of music will also have on offer raffles and door prizes as well as free tea and coffee, and people can BYO their lunch or afternoon tea. Entry for the concert is just \$8 for members and \$10 for guests. The ACMA is a proud not-for-profit organisation that puts its funds back into the upkeep of the hall and providing music for the community. Further enquiries can be made by phoning 0437 191 004.

# New exhibitions opening at Butter Factory



Saren Dobkins' piece Acting with Intent will be shown as part of her exhibition Hiding in Plain Sight Photos: CBFAC

THE WEATHER might be slowly getting cooler; however the local arts scene is only heating up, with four new exhibitions set to open at the Cooroy Butter Factory Arts Centre (CBFAC) on 13 April from 1 to 4 pm.

The community is invited to come along and to enjoy a walkthrough of three of the exhibits from 1 pm with CBFAC coordinator and curator Kevin Wilson.

Works will be available to purchase and there will be drinks and nibbles on offer.

Three female artists at very different stages of their careers will be showcased in the front three galleries.

Saren Dobkins's Hiding in Plain Sight spans her 30 years of self-portraiture, in painterly vignettes.

Helen Saint-Smith's exhibition Collage Exposed is a fun, colourful and eclectic collection of works on canvas, with subjects stretching from Antarctica to Portugal. And in her first solo show, Lauren Manser's Emergence features images of the Tasmanian landscape, after she rediscovered her creative self after working in the mining industry.

Hoofbeats Sanctuary is returning to host its annual fundraising exhibition, located in the large back space,

to aid its equine therapy and trauma recovery programs.

From 2 pm the opening event will move into official opening and entertainment for the annual Hoofbeats exhibition titled Seeing the Soul: The Human-Animal Connection. This year's exhibition expands to include works that depict the relationships and deep bonds that occur between animals and humans rather than just those between horses and humans.

All these exhibitions run from 13 April to 12 May, with the official openings on Saturday 13 April from 1 to 4 pm.

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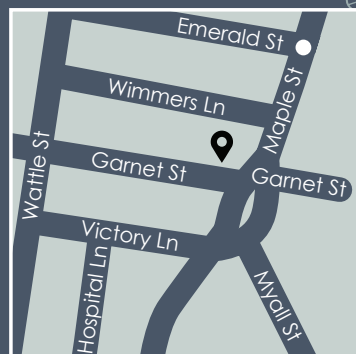
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Animal talk with Craig

# Caring for and looking after birds



proliferation of mould and bacteria.

Birds are intelligent and active creatures that require mental and physical stimulation. Toys that cannot be dismantled and consumed are a good diversion and cages should be placed in a position that allows a good degree of interaction with the household (not the kitchen). Keep in mind that the proximity of cats, dogs and wild birds can be stressful for your feathered friend.

With respect to diet, grains should make up about 60 per cent of the daily intake. All seed diets, even when fortified with vitamins and minerals can be deficient as many birds will pick out a favourite seed at the

exclusion of the rest of the ration. Obese little budgies and cockatiels with skin and respiratory disorders from vitamin A deficiency are the eventual result. The addition of sprouted seed, broccoli, capsicum and fresh fruits (avoid onions, avocado, garlic and highly processed food) are options for a more balanced diet.

In my opinion, a pelleted diet is a better base ration than seed and although weaning your sunflower seed addicted cockatiel onto pellets can be a challenge, the health benefits are worth the effort.

*Craig is the practice principal veterinarian at Cooroy Veterinary Surgery. Phone Cooroy Veterinary Surgery on (07) 5447 6655.*



challenges as even the stress of examination while sick has been known to send them off the mortal coil. To ensure a happy and healthy life, there are a few basic considerations. Cages should be as large as possible and preferably long rather than high. Appropriately sized branches from a non-toxic tree species make ideal perches, and the varied diameters allow the bird to find a comfortable spot to rest. Dowel/sandpaper covered perches that often come with a new cage should be removed as they put undue pressure on the feet of the birds. Make sure the perch is not over food/water bowls.

Newspaper and paper towel are more hygienic as a cage liner than wood shavings or sand. Feed and water bowls should be changed daily to prevent

FOLLOWING on from the last article and reflecting fondly on the memory of our cockatiel Rio whistling the Popeye theme tune, I thought it would be appropriate to touch on a few points regarding the health and well-being of aviary birds.

The majority of caged birds that I see are psittacines (parrots) - the following will be most relevant to this group. As with poultry (you'll have to get your hands on the last Rag for that info!) these birds habitually form flocks and have the same issues when it comes to veterinary intervention. The instinct to mask signs of illness to avoid being turned on by other birds in the flock or predated upon, means that a bird that appears sick is very sick. The smaller varieties, particularly budgerigars, present particular

# Pet of the week



companions are at that age where playful puppy antics meet the beginning of doggy wisdom.

The RSPCA have many cute little POGS just waiting for their forever homes, dogs such as 'Ace' are ready to be taken home now.

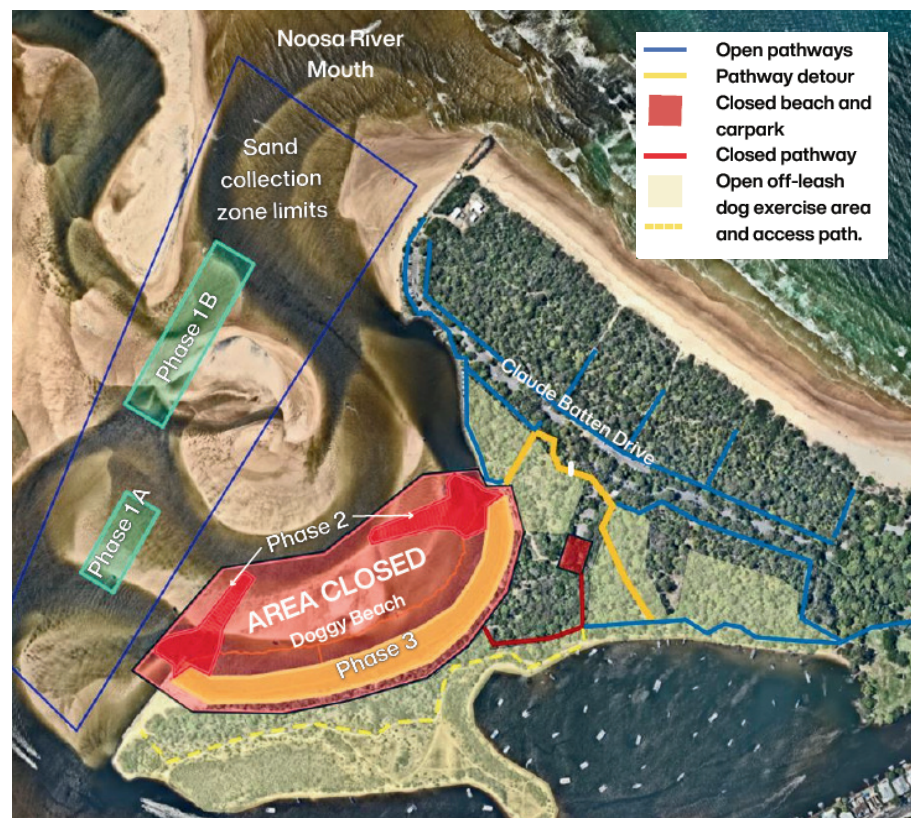
Ace is a beautiful soul who overcame a difficult start in life. Despite being underweight and not socialised, he quickly warmed up to staff, revealing his winning personality. Ace may be initially overwhelmed in new environments and when meeting new people, but with patience and treats, he'll become your best friend. Once comfortable, Ace transforms into a cuddle bug, ready to steal your heart.

So many dogs and younger dogs such as Ace are ready to be adopted and to find out more please visit the Noosa Centre located at the corner of Hollett and Eumundi/Noosa Rd, Noosaville or online at [www.rspcaqld.org.au/locations/noosa](http://www.rspcaqld.org.au/locations/noosa)

Cute little 'POG', Ace is up for adoption.

NOOSA RSPCA would like to introduce everyone to their delightful little 'POGs'. They are 'not yet a

puppy, and not yet a dog ... they're POGS!' Aged from four to twelve months these adorable



## Doggy Beach Sand Nourishment Works: April - September 2024

Sand nourishment is planned to occur in a number of phases to protect Doggy Beach from erosion.

Doggy Beach will be **CLOSED** to all users during the entire project.

**Scope of works** (as indicated in map above)

- Phase 1 - sand dredging to reopen the Noosa River channel.
- Phase 2 - create sand plugs to redirect river flow from eroded shore.
- Phase 3 - remove fallen trees and renourish Doggy Beach.

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## 1. MONKEY MATHS

Complete the number sequence and work out what numbers are missing. Then add the missing numbers together to work out how many bananas Big Ed has just scooped!



## 2. REARRANGE THE LETTERS IN EACH OF THE CLOUDS TO FIND FIVE TYPES OF AIR TRAVEL



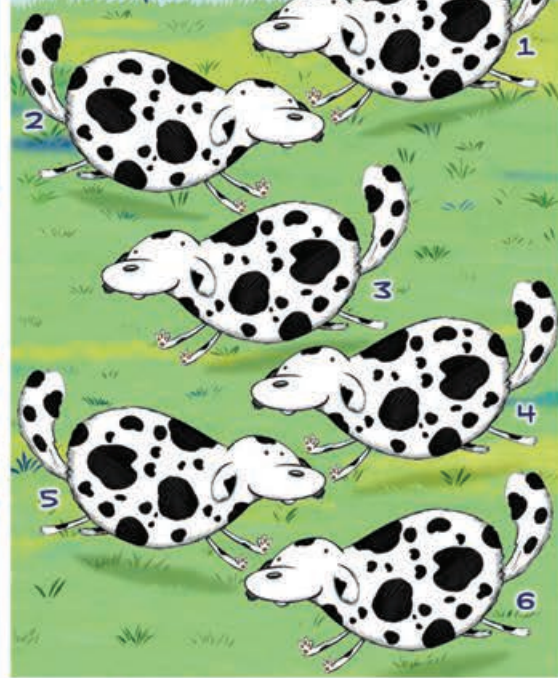
## 3. Can you work out which country Tux the penguin is going to?

- The main language spoken is Spanish.
- The currency used is called the peso.
- The Latin dance called the Tango began in this country.
- Soccer is the most popular sport.
- The capital city of the country is called Buenos Aires.



## 4. SPOT WHAT

Only two of the dogs are exactly alike. Can you work out which two?



## 5. CAN YOU THINK OF 5 OR MORE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BIRDS THAT START WITH THE LETTER P?



Answer: Puzzle 1: 15+28=43 bananas scooped. Puzzle 2: Reading from top left clockwise, helicopter, airship, aeroplane, balloon, glider. Puzzle 3: Argentina. Puzzle 4: 3 and 6 Dalmatians. Puzzle 5: Penguin. Puzzle 6: 3 and 6 Dalmatians.

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**VAPING**

PARLIAMENT met for the two weeks in the lead up to Easter, and one of my speeches addressed the booming demand for illegal and black-market cigarettes and vapes, and the organised crime syndicates that control this \$1 billion trade.

The Government is doubling down on its prescription only model, trying to push through its Vaping Reform Bill, making it illegal to import, manufacture, or supply non-therapeutic vaping products. Australia is the only country to adopt a GP prescription model for vaping products. But this is not working when only around 10 per cent of vape users purchase vapes legally with a prescription.

Sophisticated crime gangs are benefitting from this illegal trade while governments miss out on excise and GST revenue to fund schools, hospitals, infrastructure and services.

We need a better policy

approach to combat criminal vapes and tobacco, and the Coalition supports an inquiry to examine effective controls and regulations, such as are in place in the United Kingdom, the United States of America, New Zealand, Canada, and the European Union.

**FOOD TAX**

In Parliament I also spoke against Labor's Fresh Food Tax on farmers and consumers. The Labor Government is forcing Australian farmers to pay the biosecurity controls costs of their international competitors for the foreign produce importers seek to sell here.

While we need strong biosecurity policies, the importers seeking to access Australian markets should be responsible for paying for controlling the risks posed by their produce. Not Australian farmers.

Any extra costs to Australian farmers will mean extra costs to us as consumers. People are already experiencing financial pain at the checkout. The Government's Fresh Food Tax on farmers will increase cost of living pressures on Australians.

These speeches and more can be found at [www.llewobrien.com.au](http://www.llewobrien.com.au)

**Llew**



**Sandy Bolton**  
Independent State Member for Noosa

**KOM**

IN RESPONSE to the cancellation of the much-loved, historical King of the Mountain (KOM) race event, I asked a Question without Notice (QWN) during Parliament to the Queensland Minister for Environment. Understandably, many in our community are upset about what has eventuated. Despite this I encourage all to support the KOM committee in their decision as well as the Pomona Family Fun Day which will still run. Remember, it takes a village!

**SCOOTERS**

Reforms were recently passed in Queensland Parliament regarding electric bikes and scooters. These expand the application of careless riding offences for personal mobility devices and bicycles encompassing roads as well all road-related areas such as footpaths and bicycle paths. Riders are now legally required to stop and provide their details in the event of an inci-

dent, with offences carrying a maximum fine of \$6,192 - please let family including children and friends know. If you witness any breaches of the Queensland Road Rules, please report these to the QPS by emailing Policelink at [policelink@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:policelink@police.qld.gov.au) or by calling on 131 444.

**AWARDS**

The Noosa MP Queensland Day Awards will open on April 15. We all know of wonderful volunteers and businesses who provide pro bono assistance in our community and go above and beyond for us. Show your gratitude by nominating them for this award via any of the organisations they do great work for. Nominations close 12pm Monday May 22, 2024. More information is available at Noosa 360. Follow 'Sandy Bolton MP' on Facebook to receive information as soon as it is available and subscribe to our e-newsletter at [www.SandyBolton.com/Newsletters](http://www.SandyBolton.com/Newsletters) which will also ensure you receive Noosa related polling. Always, if you require assistance regarding state matters, please contact us on 5319 3100 or via [noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au).

**Sandy**



**Robert Skelton**  
Member for Nicklin

**PRICE GOUGING**

EARLIER this year, the Premier wrote to the Big Four supermarkets – Woolies, Coles, IGA and Aldi – asking them to explain why they're reporting record profits while families and farmers are doing it tough. Their answer simply was not good enough. So we're taking action.

We're launching the Supermarket Pricing Select Committee to hold the big supermarkets accountable. This is a public inquiry, so I absolutely encourage everyone to have their say by making a submission. Visit [parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees](http://parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees) and scroll down to find the Supermarket Pricing Select Committee. If you want to make a submission and need a hand with anything, please don't hesitate to contact my office on 5406 4100.

**Support for sports**

I'm committed to keeping our community active.

That's why I'm proud to announce that we're funding our local sporting clubs with \$884,728 to make their facilities more accessible. Some of these include:

- Woombye Snakes FC, who will receive \$289,321 for changerooms and amenities at their Woombye clubhouse.
- Nambour Tennis Club will receive \$245,407 to upgrade their courts, encouraging more people to stay active and play tennis.
- This comes in addition to another nine sporting groups receiving funding across the Sunshine Coast.

**SES funding boost**

In the era of climate change and extreme weather, it's all the more important that we make sure our emergency services get the funding they deserve. Our government is boosting support for our local SES Groups. Sunshine Coast and Noosa Councils will receive \$118,629 to help support our local SES groups with the costs of protecting our community.

SES groups across the state will also be eligible for a further \$1.92 million in support grants for new and replacement vehicles and upgraded facilities.

**Robert**

**LLEW O'BRIEN MP**  
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**Price:** Offers over \$1,245,000

**Details:** 4 bed, 2 bath, 6+ car, 7,636 m2

**Agent:** Daniel Engeman 0423 293 834

**Agency:** Engeman Realty



DISCOVER luxury living in South-East Queensland's Mcintosh Creek district with this stunning 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home on approximately 2 acres. Built in 2008, the property offers the perfect blend of family comfort and entertainment.

Enjoy breathtaking sunsets over the picturesque hills of Pie Creek from the expansive covered deck. Inside, the chef's kitchen boasts top-of-the-line appliances and ample storage, while four spacious bedrooms –

each featuring built-in wardrobes and high ceilings – provide comfortable retreats for all. Modern fixtures, security screens, and an open floor plan further enhance the safety and quality of this exceptional home.

The property features extensive infrastructure, including water irrigation from a large dam, 20,000 gallons of tank storage, and secure parking for over six cars, including a 7 x 7 m 2-bay garage and a separate double-bay 7 x 10 m shed.

Situated on a generous 7,636 m2, this executive home is dog-fenced, with 3-phase power, a 8.5 kW solar system and mature fruit trees. With a quiet country road providing access and security, the property is ideal for those seeking a tranquil rural lifestyle without sacrificing modern comforts.

For those seeking their forever home or a serene retreat away from the city, don't miss out on this rare opportunity.

# Five acres to create your dream property

## For Sale

**Address:** 860 Kenilworth Skyring Creek Rd, Carters Ridge

**Price:** \$685,000

**Details:** 2 bed, 1 bath, 1 car, 2.05 ha

**Agent:** Sandy Roulston 0438 506 970, Kate Mayne 0408 604 802

**Agency:** Noosa Hinterland Real Estate



DISCOVER your own private Idaho on this stunning five-acre property in Carters Ridge. Nestled between Monarch Road and Kenilworth Skyring Creek Road, this land offers endless possibilities for your dream home or farm.

The property features a charming one-bedroom home with the potential to convert into two bedrooms. Enjoy open-plan living with vaulted pine-lined ceilings, a cozy pot belly stove, and front and rear decks perfect

for relaxing and enjoying the serene surroundings.

With a large bottom paddock suitable for horses or cows, as well as sheds for parking and storage, this property is a rare find. While some work is needed to restore it to its former glory, the potential is limitless.

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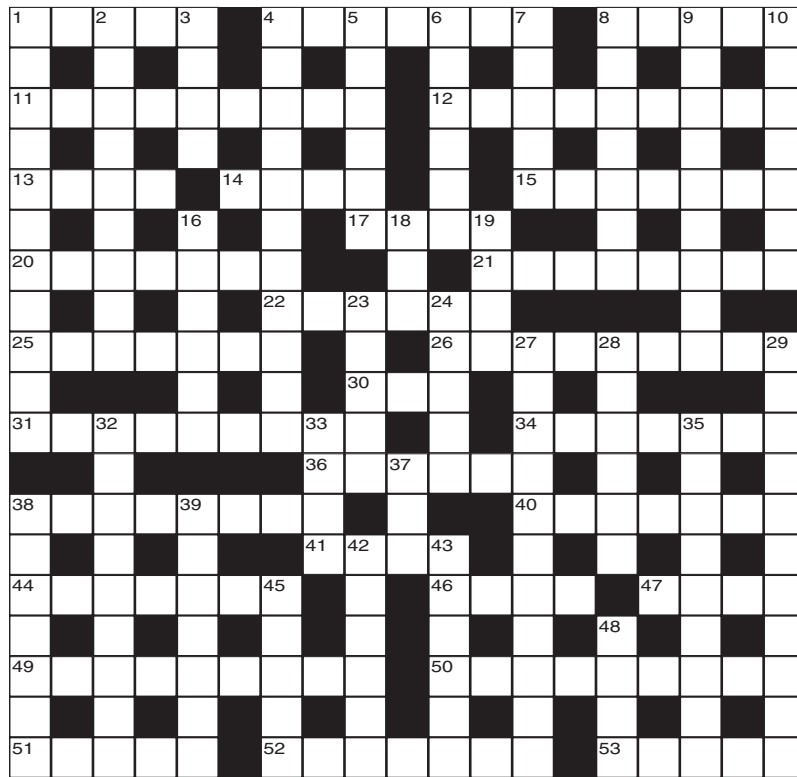
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- 4 Ancient paper
- 8 Runs away
- 11 Victor
- 12 Roofing
- 13 Troubles
- 14 Dances
- 15 Sceptic
- 17 Suspended
- 20 Self-conceit
- 21 Leant back
- 22 Respiratory disorder
- 25 Low seat or stool
- 26 Users
- 30 Raises
- 31 Wind instruments
- 34 Slavic language
- 36 From an identifiable culture
- 38 Finish
- 40 A religious solitary

### Down

- 1 All-inclusive trip (7,4)
- 2 Separate (6,3)
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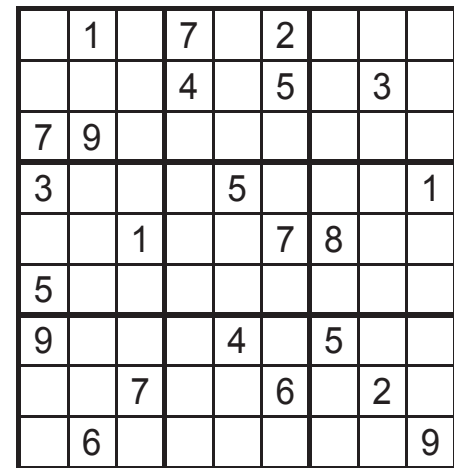
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- 29 Unwisely
- 32 Rival
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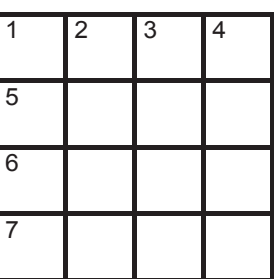
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Arguments
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  - 6 Too
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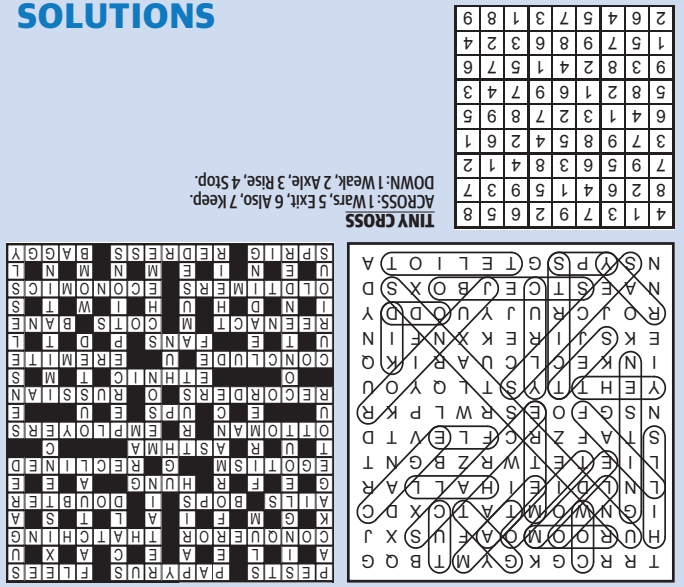
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## WORD FIND

All the words listed below can be found in the grid.

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- Cage
- Cow
- Curly
- Cut
- Elf
- Fail
- Hall
- Hills
- Junior
- Kid
- Mat
- Metre
- Mode
- Nesting
- Objects
- Odd
- Omit
- Owl
- Ray
- Room
- Scarce
- Set
- Slices
- Spy
- Strict
- Tag
- They
- Toilet
- Understands

## SOLUTIONS



# Country charm in a cozy country village



**For Sale**  
**Address:** 47 Queen Street, Cooran  
**Price:** \$685,000  
**Details:** 3 bed, 1 bath, 2 car, 2,403 m2  
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**Agency:** Noosa Hinterland Real Estate

boasting a spacious backyard.

The kitchen and dining areas are open-plan living, with sliding doors that open to the timbered verandahs. The master bedroom has robes and air-conditioning, and all rooms are carpeted. There is an internal laundry with a separate toilet and bathroom.

There is room to expand with plenty of room to extend or add a tiny home (STCA). Such a great

location with local amenities conveniently just a short stroll away. Cooran is home to the Noosa Hinterland Brewery and if you're looking for a great sense of community, then look no further. Public transport is available and the commuter train to Brisbane runs twice a day. Call today and make this place your new home.

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**For Sale**  
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**Price:** Offers over \$2,100,000  
**Details:** 5 bed, 3 bath, 9 car  
**Agent:** Shannon Astill 0405 729 513  
**Agency:** Raine & Horne Noosa Hinterland

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**\$1<sup>79</sup>**  
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