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A Note from the Editor

W elcome to the July edition of the Caboolture Guide.

Our cover photo this month celebrates one local artist and her winning artwork! You can read the full story on page 20 of this month's edition of the Caboolture Guide.

There are loads more events and stories inside this month's edition, so grab a cuppa and settle in!

Hear our exclusive interview with CEO Rachel Acres, founder of the Freedom Room in Strathpine, on this month's GuideCast. Simply scan the QR code below.

We also have inside a handy trades and services section so don't forget to help support our local small businesses!

To keep up to date with local events, exclusive giveaways and more, follow our Facebook page and sign up to our fortnightly newsletter here:

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Until next month, happy reading - and listening!

Jodie



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STORY **SALLY EBERHARDT**

CURIOUS ABOUT HOBBY HORSE RIDING AS A SPORT?

Bring the kids to be entertained by the beauty and athleticism displayed at the Queensland State Hobby Horse Championships at Morayfield Sport and Events Centre on Friday, 5 July.

Riders of hobby horses around the world are joining clubs for fun and fitness. It's the perfect solution for kids who love horses but don't have their own. There is an element of fantasy and a lot of imagination involved as riders train their 'steeds' in many equestrian disciplines including dressage, show jumping, gymkhana games and freestyle to music.

'Showing in Hand' will feature ponies and horses competing in various classes, including handmade, imported and rescued.

This will be an experience like no other. Come along and kick up your heels!

Free entry. The event runs from 8.30am to 4pm.

FANCY YOUR CHANCES AT A CASINO NIGHT?

To celebrate their 10th anniversary, the Moreton Bay Lions invite you to step back in time to the roaring twenties and party like Gatsby at their Casino Night at Red Rooster Park, Burpengary on Saturday, 13 July.

Dress like a flirty flapper in beads, feathers and fringing or don a sharp suit, gangster-style. Roll the dice, spin that roulette wheel and play a hand or two of poker. Everyone's a winner at this fun event.

IS A BIKE AND TATTOO SHOW MORE YOUR SPEED?

Harleys and plenty of ink will be on display at the Viking Breed 4th Annual Tattoo and Bike Show at D'Aguilar Pub on Saturday, 13 July.

Whether you are going to polish the chrome on your chopper, show off your latest tattoo or simply soak in the atmosphere as a spectator, this is a fun day out in support of the Bellthorpe Rural Fire Brigade.

Trophies will be awarded in various categories and the day will keep everyone entertained with stalls, raffles and auctions. Stick around into the evening to rock out to the sounds of Winchester Revival.

Gold coin donation at the door. To enter your bike or tatt costs \$10 per category.

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NEW MARKET TO BRIGHTEN YOUR WEEKEND

STORY **SHEREE HODDINETT**

Grab your brightest accessories and get ready for a memorable time at Caboolture's newest market.

Neon Nights is launching this month and is an up-and-coming monthly market set to change the scene for those looking for a vibrant and fun night out. This evening market is not just a place to purchase some of the best locally-made items; it's an experience that brings together food, entertainment and a unique atmosphere.

The best part about bringing in local products, when you head along to the market you get to support small businesses while also enjoying a sample of what the community has to showcase.

Moreton Bay Region Events co-director Eliza Burke has highlighted the new monthly event as one not to be missed.

"We could not be more excited to bring Caboolture this new, vibrant event," Eliza said. "We will be lighting up the night, with local mix, locally made goods and free entertainment all night long, showcasing the best of what the City of Moreton Bay has to offer!"

Experience a vibrant fusion of food, electrifying beats by DJ Orelee and all the community vibes. You are guaranteed loads of free entertainment, local vendors and food trucks galore!

In addition to the culinary delights, the market will feature a wide range of merchandise stalls. Shoppers can browse through an eclectic mix of handmade crafts, fashion, jewellery, home decor and more. Each stall will likely feature some unique wares, run by passionate creators who are eager to share the stories behind their products. This will provide a personal touch that you definitely won't find in conventional retail stores, making the shopping experience at Neon Nights even more special.

Whether you are a local resident or a visitor, the Neon Nights market promises an unforgettable experience that captures the essence of a very vibrant community spirit.

"So come along, support local, bring your finest neon accessories and let's party!" Eliza said. "Mark it in your calendars, this is an event you don't want to miss!"

This event is proudly supported by the City of Moreton Bay, Moreton Money and Moreton Bay Region Events.

For further information, visit www.mbrevents.com.au [facebook.com/events/282973698194693](https://www.facebook.com/events/282973698194693)

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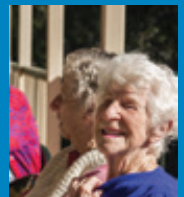
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IS THERE TREASURE LURKING WITHIN YOUR HOME?

STORY **SHEREE HODDINETT**

Is one man's trash really another man's treasure?

"We are enthusiastic buyers, particularly interested in gold jewellery, whether broken or intact, antique jewellery, gold and silver coins, collectables including military medals and banknotes, as well as mechanical watches," chief buyer Mike explains.

"Everyone has something we want to buy and nothing is too small for our consideration. We are just as happy to buy one item, as we are buying 10,000!"

Have an old jewellery box in the cupboard hiding pieces such as gold chains, rings and brooches? They might be worth something, even if they aren't in the best condition.

"This is an ideal time to sell," Mike said. "We will buy anything made of gold – old jewellery, coins, virtually anything, even gold teeth! We also need silver in any form, including coins and bars of any size."

More than just an opportunity to dig out the jewellery, old coins can still hold on to some value and believe it or not, watches too.

"We want to see any old foreign coin accumulations," Mike said. "Bags, tins, boxes, folders, however they come, we will be quite happy to go through your coins on the spot and give you an idea of what we can pay."

"With mechanical watches, at this stage, collectors want brands such as Rolex, Omega, Patek Philippe and Seiko, just to name a few. These brands can command good prices depending on the model and condition."

Even if you aren't sure that what you have at home is worth anything, this is your chance to have items appraised anyway. Home visits are also available by appointment for those unable to make it to the event.

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BINGO FOR A CAUSE

STORY **PIPER ZUINO**

Missing the Christmas spirit in these cooler months? Violet Crumble's Christmas in July Drag Bingo has you covered.

Supporting an important cause, local Moreton Bay Drag Queen Violet Crumble is hosting an outrageous night of comedy, drag performances and bingo – with lots of prizes to be won.

Violet said this is not the bingo your granny used to play, it's a Christmas-themed bonanza with no bad seats in the house.

"People should come along to enjoy a night of laughter, good times, food, drinks, while supporting a great cause with the chance to win

some amazing prizes," Violet said.

In addition to a night of fun, the evening is also supporting Aus Venue Co, which is the official fundraiser of MANDATE – Men's Health who raise funds to support prostate cancer research and patient care.

"Violet Crumble's Drag Bingo is supporting this charity as over 3,000 Aussie men lose their lives to this each year," Violet said. "This event provides us the opportunity to promote awareness, get people talking, raise funds and get the blokes to check themselves and see a doctor if they have any concerns."

Violet Crumble's Drag Bingo recently celebrated its second anniversary and, being accustomed to the spotlight, Violet puts on a show like no other – being among the audience, having banter with the patrons and incorporating stand-up comedy.

Tickets are \$20 (excluding booking fee).

For more information and to purchase a ticket,

visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1238126

A GEM OF A DAY

STORY **SHEREE HODDINETT**

It's time to shine bright like a gemstone.

If you like sparkling gemstones, jewellery, minerals and all they encompass, then Caboolture Gem Fest is the place you want to visit.

This year heralds the 11th Gem Fest for the Caboolture Gem Club and for the first time, it will be held in a completely new location at the Caboolture Showgrounds.

Caboolture Gem Club acting vice president, silver instructor, chief steward for competition and Queensland Lapidary and Allied Craft Club Association (QLACCA) delegate Donna Parker described the event as one to mark on the calendar for the whole family.

"People can look forward to seeing many different types of gemstones and minerals all in the one place," Donna said. "There will be many market stalls to purchase gemstones, jewellery, fossils, minerals – just about anything gemstone-related. There will even be a kids' corner, where they can sieve for gems, have their faces painted and join in the fun of bracelet making.

"For those interested, we will be having demonstrations on some of the things we do at the club and visitors can also come and see our competition showcases. At the last annual Gemboree which was held in South Australia this year, four of our members received medals ranging from first, second and third. Our own competition is held in conjunction with Gem Fest, so no one will know the outcome until then."

An interest in creating her own jewellery is a big part of why Donna decided to join the Caboolture Gem Club a little over six years ago. She loves to get out and find her own gemstones when she has the chance.

"Mother Nature is amazing with what she produces," Donna said. "You pick up a rock and slice it, shape it and polish it and the most prettiest colour or amazing patterns in the stone just pop out and amaze you.

"I've just been out to the Gemfields looking for

sapphires. I found a pretty 1.4-carat sapphire – funny story attached to the one. I dropped it and my son-in-law scraped up about a metre square of dirt with a shovel, dustpan and brush and I had to re-sieve to find the sapphire, which I did thank goodness."

If you would like to join the Caboolture Gem Club, they are open Monday to Thursday and Saturday from 8.30am to 2pm and Monday night from 5pm to 8pm and can be found at the Caboolture Historical Village.

Entry to Gem Fest is \$5 and children 12 and under are free. There is a gold coin donation for car parking, which will go to the Pumicestone Rural Fire Brigade.

For further information phone 0493 838 287, visit the website (in the process of being updated) <https://caboolturegemclub.com/> or search for the Facebook event 'Caboolture Gem Club Gem Fest'.

Caboolture Gem Club Gem Fest

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HOLLY'S TV ADVENTURE BEGINS WITH CHARITY

STORY **SALLY EBERHARDT** PHOTO **SALLY EBERHARDT**

Imagine being a cast member on the world's only socially conscious travel show, where adventure and philanthropy meet!

That's exactly what local legend, Holly Anne Edwards, will be doing on the TV series Adventure All Stars. Cast members travel to secret locations to have amazing experiences. Before filming, all cast members raise funds for their favourite charitable cause.

Holly said she was inspired to apply for Adventure All Stars as a great opportunity to help others and go on an adventure of a lifetime.

"I have always been adventurous, travelling to new places," Holly said. "I've been skydiving, ridden a camel in Dubai, been to the top of the Eiffel Tower and more, and am always looking for the next challenge."

The minimum amount Holly needs to raise for her chosen charity, Heal.ed Tribe is \$10,000 – and she could use your help.

Holly said her goal was to raise more funds than required because Heal.ed Tribe was dedicated to working with youth around mental health and wellbeing.

"I connect with them as I've experienced the struggles of mental health," she said. "I believe it's important for young people to have that safe place to go and people to talk to who know how

they are feeling.

"As a child, my safe space was with the school chaplain. She encouraged me and was a big part of getting me through primary school."

Filming of Adventure All Stars will be in the first half of 2025 and the show will air in the second half of 2025 on 7PLUS, Fetch, Samsung TV Plus and the Outdoor Channel in 195 countries.

Holly said she was looking for corporate sponsorship and that sponsors may benefit from having their logo on her shirt during the

show.

Fundraising kicked off with afternoon tea and lots of raffles at Lisa's Willow Tree Café at Caboolture South.

"Any donations and support are greatly appreciated," Holly said.

"People can donate directly through my donation's QR code, donate goods for raffles and participate in any raffles or upcoming events."

To keep up with events, raffles and more opportunities to help support Holly's quest, follow her Facebook page Holly's Adventures and Fundraising.

Bravo, Holly!

Photo above: Holly skydiving

Photo below: Holly speaking at fundraiser at Lisa's Willow Tree Cafe



A PROJECT RICH IN HISTORY

STORY **SHEREE HODDINETT**

We know a lot of the names, but how much do you know about the original landowners from across our community?

The Caboolture Family History Research Group (CFHRG) has been busy uncovering information to identify and document every original landowner in the Old Moreton Bay District from 1860 to 1910, using early Queensland Government Cadastral Maps.

The Founding Families project commenced partway through 2023 and so far the group has pinpointed more than 2200 names.

CFHRG president Sue Battersby said within each family they were tracing up to the first three generations and the connection between those families as they intermarried.

"After we have collected all the information that we can find, we are entering all the family details into spreadsheets and then entering that information into Family Historian genealogy software, so we have a digital archive of each family member," Sue said. "This will allow us to generate a huge family tree showing the intermarriages over those generations. We currently have several hundred family connections through marriage, for example, the Carseldine family married into more than 45 other families in the district between approximately 1860 and the 1880's.

"This type of project has never been attempted before, as far as we know, and it is extremely exciting to see how the huge family tree is coming together."

For this project, CFHRG is covering from

Humpybong, Redcliffe and Bramble Bay, along the north shore of the Pine River to Samford, along the D'Aguiar Range up to Kilcoy, then along the Conondale Range and back to the coast towards Noosa.

"We have uncovered all sorts of things from accidents to murder, to bigamy, you name it, we have found it," Sue said. "We have done an enormous amount of work and the ultimate aim for us is that we will have a repository of information that is available to anyone who's starting or on their journey of finding out about their family history."

The group is always on the hunt for more information and moving forward, Sue hopes to bring members of founding families together annually for a special day to share what has been found and also spread the word about their project.

CFHRG has also started a Founding Families Connect group, which will meet every few months to discuss their findings.

If you have anything that you are willing to share copies of (photos, documents, etc.) or you would like to get involved in the Founding Families project and receive newsletters, please email cfhr55@outlook.com



A FESTIVAL OF FUN AND FARE

STORY **SHEREE HODDINETT**

Hear ye hear ye, calling all ladies and genteel folk, it's time to step back to medieval times, in the grounds of Abbeystowe.

The Abbey Medieval Festival is upon us again and this year sees the introduction of a Family Fun Day on Friday, 5 July. This will involve a sensory-friendly day with fewer crowds and less noise – no cannon or weapon firing. Organisers and re-enactment groups have worked tirelessly to prepare a family-friendly day of activities for all ages to enjoy.

Marketing manager Kellee Neville said Friday tickets were selling fast, so don't miss out!

"If you missed out on the weekend and want even more history – stay tuned to our social media pages as we announce something new coming soon," Kellee said. "Nothing can compare to the energy of Abbeystowe on festival weekend and it's

past, you would have seen Elke making her way around as one of the roving entertainers. It's easy to spot her, as she towers over the crowd on her stilts.

"I absolutely love the atmosphere," Elke said. "It's like stepping back in time into a fairy-tale world.

"Lords and ladies dressed in their finest, jesters, dancers and many patrons fully embrace the festival spirit and dress up. The crowd is always incredibly receptive and the people who attend truly embody the essence of the festival." Elke first stepped into the world of stilt-walking more than 20 years ago after being mesmerised by a fellow performer at another festival.

"Inspired by her elegance and the magic she brought to the crowd, I decided to take up the art myself," Elke said. "Little did I know it would lead me on such a wondrous journey."

In sad news for anyone who hasn't yet bought tickets, this year's festival has already sold out! But you're still in with a chance for tickets to the Family Fun Day.

For further information, visit <https://www.abbeymedievalfestival.com/>



Abbey Medieval Festival Family Fun Day

Friday, 5 July, 9.30am-1.30pm
Abbeystowe
1-63 The Abbey Place,
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always a highlight on everyone's calendar!

"It's amazing to see the look of wonder and joy in the faces of visitors who are always wowed by the whole experience. There's so much to see and do and we love seeing the amazing dedication and commitment from guests with their costumes and outfits adding to the whole pageantry of the weekend."

Elke McConnell gets to experience the Abbey Medieval Festival from a height like no other. Chances are if you have been to the festival in the



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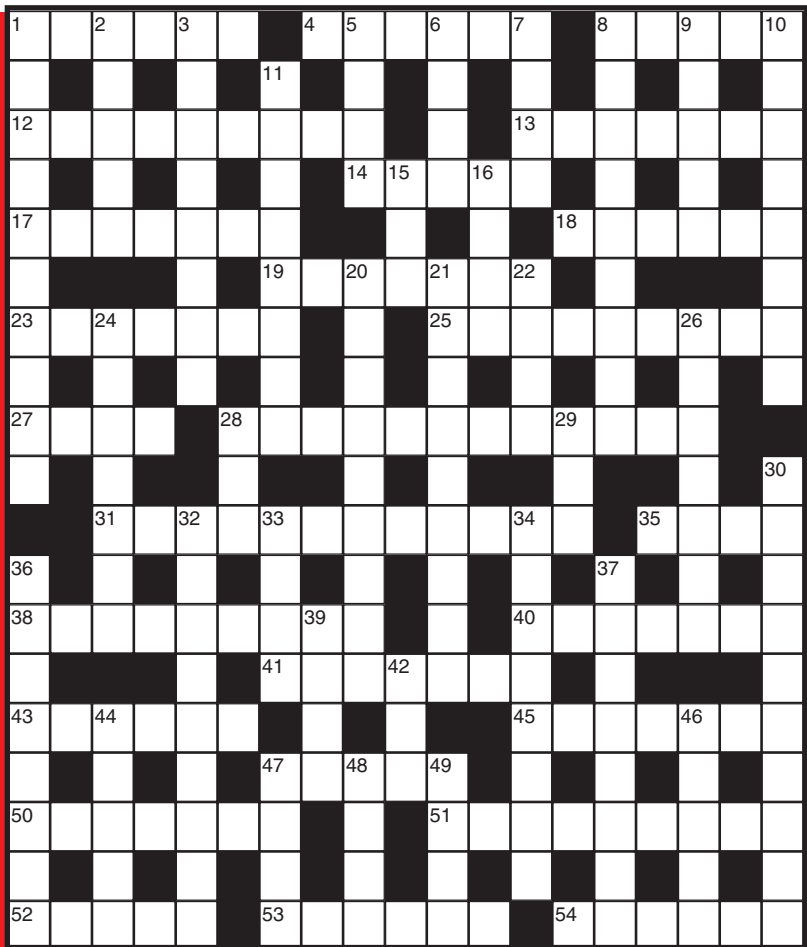
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My favourite entry is from comedian John Oliver who chose "The sound of a slightly underinflated football being kicked". While it may sound odd, it instantly sparked memories of my own childhood and kicking the ball around with mates.

For those not familiar with Russell Howard, he's a British comedian, actor and television presenter known for his stand-up and insightful commentary on current events. All these skills help him connect with each guest on a personal level, while keeping the mood light and often thought-provoking.

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'SEASONS' IN THE SUN FOR LOCAL ARTIST

STORY **SALLY EBERHARDT** PHOTO **SALLY EBERHARDT**

Have you seen the gorgeous big banners on Station Road in Burpengary and Deception Bay Road in Deception Bay?

The banners depict Lauren Rogers' artwork, Seasons, which has been selected as one of six pieces for this year's Moreton Bay Region Outdoor Gallery. The Outdoor Gallery gives local artists the chance to create artwork for the public realm and have it displayed on vinyl banners at outdoor locations across Moreton Bay.

Lauren said she was thrilled and honoured when the City of Moreton Bay Council chose her artwork.

"It's a lovely acknowledgement of my art and recognition of the importance of Indigenous art in our community," Lauren said. "I feel a deep sense of pride, knowing my artwork will be seen by a wider audience.

"It also motivates me to continue creating and sharing meaningful art that reflects our beautiful region.

"Seasons represents the ever-changing seasons in Moreton Bay city. It visualises the flux and transformation throughout the year, capturing the essence of nature's vibrant shifts."

Passionate about art ever since she was a child, Lauren was particularly influenced by her mum, a talented artist in her own right. As a proud Ngarabul and Torres Strait Islander

woman, Lauren brings both traditional and contemporary elements into her work to convey a message or tell a story.

Lauren said there have been many highlights in her artistic life.

"My favourite memories are of fun collaborations including working with Australia Post, working with schools teaching kids about culture, and most recently, Erstwilder, creating wearable art jewellery pieces," she said.

"Witnessing my art's positive impact as it sparks conversations about our culture and environment is important and special to be part of."

Lauren's advice to up-and-coming creatives is to stay true to yourself and your artistic vision.

"Surround yourself with a supportive community of fellow artists who can provide guidance and inspiration," she said.

"Most importantly, never stop learning and growing as an artist. Have fun and enjoy the process of creating!"

At the end of the installation, the banners will be upcycled into picnic mats and gifted back to the artists as a keepsake.

For more information about the Moreton Bay Region Outdoor Gallery winners visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Galleries-Museums/Get-Involved/Artist-Opportunities/Art-Prize/Outdoor-Gallery-2024-Winners



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- ✓ \$200 FairPlay sports vouchers for Queensland kids




THERE'S MORE TO THE BAUER HOUSE THAN MEETS THE EYE

STORY **SALLY EBERHARDT**

Are you curious about the paranormal? Would you love to see the past of a historical home revealed in mysterious ways? Then an **Evening in the Bauer House with Mystic Jewelz may be right up your alley.**

Jewelz, a mystic, empath and paranormal investigator, offers an evening where guests take in the energy of this beautiful building and possibly have their own paranormal experience.

"I started hosting an Evening at the Bauer House because it is the most popular, most requested, and usually one of the most active buildings during the time I have been running tours at the Caboolture Historical Village," Jewelz said.

"From an early age, I have been able to see and interact with spirits, which to me, is completely normal. I am also a very sensitive empath, meaning a person who is highly attuned to the feelings and emotions of those around them, both living and passed."

The lovely Bauer House, also known as the Glenowen Homestead, is nearly 150 years old and is classified as a Federation-style Queenslander. It has been home to many

families over the years, starting with Mr William Macquarie, the Newman Family, the Trenberth family in the 1930's and finally the Bauer family who donated the building to the Caboolture Historical Village in 1986.

On the evening, Jewelz walks people through how she uses her gifts and intuitive investigation skills to interact with the spirits of the old homestead. Guests have access to extra rooms not usually available. Jewelz also has some general items to show guests and said they usually get some compelling responses from these.

"It's hard to tell guests what they can expect because each visit results in a different experience," she said. "While I cannot guarantee paranormal experiences, I can say that if guests are respectful and open, then having an amazing experience is quite possible."

Numbers are restricted and this is an age 18+ event. Tickets cost \$60, which includes a donation to the Caboolture Historical Village.

For further information and to book, look for 'Evening in the Bauer House' on Facebook.

What will YOU see?

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"It's forming it and moulding it to make it not look like a Minecraft, in other words. I'm going to just go with what I hope looks good and see what happens."

Josh is seven months into his apprenticeship and loving the opportunity to get creative with his work. His competition project of a crocodile is already taking shape. Given the nature of the work involved, it's taken Josh back in time a little, to when he dabbled in the art world.

"When I was younger I used to love drawing a lot," he

said. "So, I don't mind getting back into that sort of thing, having to think about it and getting the details in the right place. You see a photo and then you think, 'How do I make that come to life?' It's a bit tricky and kind of like artistry."

Both Josh and Kayla are thriving in their apprenticeships and couldn't speak more highly of working for the team at Hanlon Industries.

"It's been an amazing place to work," Kayla said. "It's a great environment, the team in the office are really nice and they're all understanding of life outside of work as well."

"I think it's also the fact that we're (the apprentices) all chipping in together and all help each other that works as well."

"They do their best to support you and everything like that," Josh added. "I'm really honoured to work at a place like this. We all get along well and everyone is supportive, which I find is important in a role like this."

To find out more about Hanlon Industries, visit <https://hanlonindustries.com.au/>

WHO WILL STEEL THE SHOW?

STORY & PHOTO **SHEREE HODDINETT**

Ahive of welding activity is underway and the competition stakes are rising at Hanlon Industries as the apprentices prepare to win.

Don't worry there won't be a battle of power tools as such, but the apprentices are busily preparing their entries for the 2024 Apprentice Competition.

The competition (now in its second year in Queensland) serves as a platform to showcase the talent and craftsmanship of the apprentices, with this year's theme native Australian wildlife. At their Narangba base, Hanlon Industries is home to a team of 12 apprentices, two of whom are female, two are school-based apprentices and three are adult apprentices.

For Kayla, who was crowned last year's winner just a couple of months into her apprenticeship, the pressure is on to produce another masterpiece.

"Last year, the theme was transportation and I made a caravan and a ute, which turned out really cool," Kayla said. "This year I have some ideas, but it's stumped me a bit. I've been thinking about an echidna, but I don't know if it's going to work the way I want it to."

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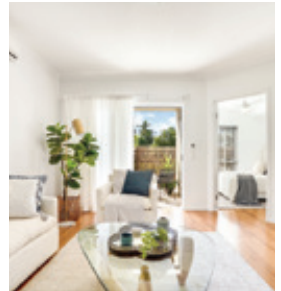
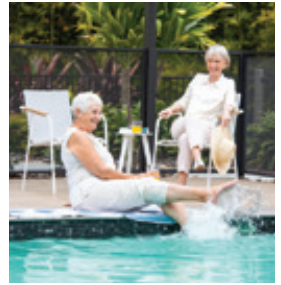
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IT'S ALL LIGHTS AND SIRENS FOR MORAYFIELD AMBULANCE STATION

STORY **SHEREE HODDINETT**

It's been a few years in the making, but the Morayfield Ambulance Station has officially opened its doors.

The brand-new facility, which was a hive of activity for its opening on 7 June, will provide space for 22 frontline staff to service the community.

The new \$8.45 million facility, located at 3 Lindsay Road, Morayfield, was purpose-built to help improve response times and health outcomes for the growing Moreton Bay community, while providing a comfortable and functional space for dedicated staff.

Minister for Police and Community Safety and Member for Morayfield Mark Ryan said he was proud to see years of hard work finally come to fruition for the local community and beyond.

"We have seen the increased demand for ambulance services across the state, particularly in the South-East corner and this brand-new ambulance station will help ease that pressure and improve health outcomes," Mr Ryan said.

The station features a 10-bay ambulance vehicle plant room with room for an additional five non-acute Queensland Ambulance Service vehicles, as well as a writeup area and training space for officers. The facility will be home to one officer-in-charge, 16 paramedics, three mental health co-responders and two cadets, ready to service the growing Moreton Bay community.

"We know just how crucial our frontline staff are when it comes to helping our community in their time of need – that is why it is so important to ensure they are operating out of state-of-the-art

facilities," Mr Ryan said. "It is essential that our heroes in teal are well-equipped and supported to adequately respond to those community members."

For Member for Kurwongbah Shane King, the official opening of the new station is the delivery of a government promise made in 2020 to build a new ambulance station in Morayfield, which in turn caters for a large area of the community.

"This location, on the Morayfield-Burpengary border, provides speedy access to our established communities, emerging neighbourhoods in Sage, Kinma Valley and North Harbour developments, as well as the Bruce Highway," Mr King said.

"Unlike in most other states, Queenslanders get free ambulance cover, and new stations in Morayfield and Lawnton (opening soon) complement existing ambulance stations in Narangba, Petrie, Deception Bay, North Lakes and Caboolture. This, combined with the expansion of Caboolture and Redcliffe hospitals and the opening of our new Satellite Hospitals, means we are bringing free health care services closer to home for residents across the Kurwongbah electorate."

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Sailing in Deception Bay, ca. 1890s
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THE BANCROFTS OF DECEPTION BAY: PIONEERS OF MEDICAL INNOVATION

STORY **JULIA LEWIS**

Dr Joseph Bancroft, a figure synonymous with 19th-century medical innovation, made a lasting impact on Deception Bay. In 1864, he arrived in Queensland from England with his wife Ann and their children Louisa and Thomas. Rapidly earning a reputation as a leading medical practitioner, Joseph's pioneering experiments with native plants for their health properties and advancements in preserving meat, fish, and vegetables distinguished him in his field. His son, Thomas, carried forward this legacy by exploring the cultivation of cotton and castor oil.

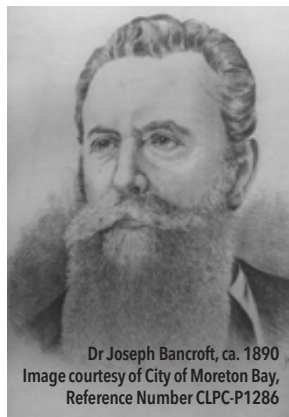
Among the hidden treasures of Deception Bay are two sea baths created by Dr Joseph Bancroft. Though now silted over, an

excavation in 2004 revealed remnants of these historical baths. The Bancrofts' presence in Deception Bay was more than just medical practice; it was a hub of scientific discovery.

One of Joseph's significant findings was the *Wuchereria bancrofti*, a parasitic worm causing elephantiasis. Although Joseph initially theorised that mosquitoes transmitted the disease, it was Thomas who later confirmed

this mode of transmission, marking a significant advancement in understanding the disease.

Joseph and Thomas embarked on numerous groundbreaking medical research projects, becoming trailblazers in



Dr Joseph Bancroft, ca. 1890
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Queensland's medical history. Their work extended beyond conventional practices, delving into experimental studies with native plants and other innovative medical practices. The supportive and engaged community of Deception Bay played an integral role in their research, providing a unique environment that facilitated many of their significant discoveries.

After his father's death in 1894, Thomas Bancroft continued Joseph's mosquito research with the help of local children, who brought him insects in matchboxes from the mangroves. He collected hundreds of mosquitoes, sending them to the British Museum, and had over 60 insects named after him.

A dedicated botanist, Thomas tasted over 1,000 plants and tested more than 150 plant extracts. His research documented numerous plants previously unknown to the Western world, advancing pharmacology significantly.

The Bancrofts' presence in Deception Bay marked a period of remarkable scientific advancement. Their collaborative efforts enriched the local community and made lasting contributions to the broader field of medical research, establishing a legacy that continues to be remembered and celebrated today.

Today, a granite pyramid on the foreshore stands as a tribute to their groundbreaking work



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04 THURSDAY

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06 SATURDAY

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the Moreton Bay Lions invite you to step back in time to the roaring twenties and party like Gatsby at their Casino Night.

CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB – SOLOIST - SIMONE CUTTING

5.30pm to 8.30pm

CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB – BAND - DUELLING PIANO'S TRIO

9pm to Midnight

SPORTS CENTRAL – SOLOIST - JASON TOWERS

5.30pm to 9.30pm





STATE OF ORIGIN LIVE & LOUD

14 SUNDAY

**MORAYFIELD TAVERN -
FREE POOL ALL DAY EVERY SUNDAY.**

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
SOLOIST - LUKE DICKENS**
5.30pm to 9pm

16 TUESDAY

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
SOLOIST - BRIAN AVERY**
5.30pm to 9pm

**SPORTS CENTRAL -
SOLOIST - TRACY VAUGHN**
5pm to 9pm

17 WEDNESDAY

STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 3

18 THURSDAY

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
SOLOIST - NATHAN WILLIAMS**
5.30pm to 9pm

19 FRIDAY

**NARANGBA VALLEY TAVERN -
FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH DJ JOHNNIE.**
Dance party from 8.30pm til late

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
SOLOIST - AMBER WORTHINGTON**
5.30pm to 8.30pm

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
DUO - FIRE AND RAIN**
9pm - 12.30am

**SPORTS CENTRAL -
SOLOIST - BRIAN AVERY**
6pm to 10pm

20 SATURDAY

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
SOLOIST - MIKARA**
5.30pm to 8.30pm

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
BAND - FAT CHANCE**
9pm to Midnight

**SPORTS CENTRAL -
SOLOIST - ROB BLACK**
5.30pm to 9.30pm

21 SUNDAY

**MORAYFIELD TAVERN –
FREE POOL ALL DAY EVERY SUNDAY**

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB –
SOLOIST - JANICE SMITHERS**
5.30pm to 9pm

23 TUESDAY

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB –
SOLOIST - SIMONE CUTTING**
5.30pm to 9pm

**SPORTS CENTRAL –
SOLOIST - GREG BERRIMAN**
5pm to 9pm

25 THURSDAY

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB –
SOLOIST - MATT DICKERSON**
5.30pm to 9pm

26 FRIDAY

**NARANGBA VALLEY TAVERN –
FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH DJ JOHNNIE.**
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**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB –
SOLOIST - CHRIS STEVENSON**
5.30pm to 8.30pm

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB –
DUO - JAMES SCOTT DUO**
9pm to 12.30am

**SPORTS CENTRAL –
SOLOIST - AL GIBSON**
6pm to 10pm

Jewelz



27 SATURDAY

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
SOLOIST - CHRIS MCLAREN**

5.30pm to 8.30pm

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
BAND - ONE NIGHT STAND**

9pm to Midnight

**SPORTS CENTRAL -
SOLOIST - TOM ROBERTS**

5.30pm to 9.30pm



28 SATURDAY

**MORAYFIELD TAVERN -
FREE POOL ALL DAY EVERY SUNDAY**

**CABOOLTURE SPORTS CLUB -
SOLOIST - AL GIBSON**

5.30pm to 9pm

30 THURSDAY

**SPORTS CENTRAL -
SOLOIST - CHRIS STEVENSON**

5pm to 9pm

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RED ROOSTER PARK, BURPENGARY

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STORY MEADE MURPHY

It has taken 18 years of lobbying numerous politicians and state governments to correct the Great Sandy Marine Park.

On 21 May, the State Government finally lifted the red cross-hatching off the yellow zones in the Baffle Creek, Elliot River, Burrum River, Tin Can Inlet and the Great Sandy Straits. We can only hope that removing large mesh gill nets and ring nets will rebuild local fish stocks so Hervey Bay can be a recreation tourism destination again.

A big thank you goes to all club fisher people and recreational fisher people who signed the F.C.F.A. petition to make this happen.

All the yellow zones in Queensland have proven to be very productive. Recently, 81-year-old Neil Seeber bagged out on 30 whiting in Hayes Inlet in two hours, which was made a green and yellow zone in 2008. In 2015, commercial netting was removed from the Fitzroy River and now there have been a number of large barramundi caught near the Rockhampton CBD. This one (pictured) is 130cm, which had to be returned to the water as the size limit is 58cm to a maximum of 120cm.

Currently, bream are spawning at Caloundra on the banks south of the logs near the bar on the run-in tide. Bream can also be found on the run-out tide off Kalinga Bank at Jumpinpin – the best bait to use are green prawns, mullet guts and live yabbies. Snapper are switching on as the water temperature drops. It is best to fish the local inshore reefs at dusk and dawn in the shallow water or the Ribbon Reefs off Caloundra in the deep water during the day.

Remember there is a size limit of 35cm, a bag limit of four and a boat limit of eight and you can only keep one snapper over 70cm. Snapper and pearl perch closure is from 15 July to 15 August – so get out there! There is also winter whiting off Scarborough Boat Harbour and the Cockle Banks off Bribie Island.

The Junior Anglers Competition is on 7 September at Tangalooma, Moreton Island. I will be there helping our kids fish for the future. See details on their Facebook page – Junior Anglers Association.

Stay warm and safe out on the water.

BEYOND THE FEDERAL BUDGET: 4 STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE YOUR PROPERTY GOALS

Feeling left out by the recent federal budget? You're not alone. While the budget offers some benefits, there are other ways you can start working towards your property goals right now. Here are four practical strategies to help you grow your wealth independently.

1. First Home Buyer Support: Plenty of Options Available



WITH VANESSA BRAGDON

If the budget didn't meet your expectations as a first home buyer, don't worry—there are still numerous home buying assistance schemes you can explore:

- **Home Guarantee Scheme:**

This scheme allows eligible first home buyers, regional Australians, and single parents

to buy a home with a low deposit (between 2% and 5%) and no lenders mortgage insurance.

- **First Home Owner Grant:** Subject to eligibility criteria, QLD first home buyers can receive up to \$30,000, this grant is available when you buy or build a new home.
- **Stamp Duty Concessions:** Many states offer reduced stamp duty for first home buyers. In QLD, it has recently been announced that the stamp duty exemption has been increased to \$700,000 for new or established homes, and \$350,000 for land.

2. Lower Your Mortgage Rate: Take Action Now

Why wait for the Reserve Bank of Australia to lower rates when you can take control yourself? Many homeowners are refinancing to take advantage of better rates, with \$16.02 billion worth of home loans refinanced in March 2024 alone. This shows there are significant savings available for those who switch to a lower rate home loan.

3. Use Your Home Equity: Invest in Property

According to the ABS, lending to property investors has surged by 36.1% over the past year to April 24, fuelled by an 11% increase in

property values since January 2023 in addition to previous increases. This rise in property values means many homeowners have gained significant home equity. You can potentially use this equity instead of a cash deposit to invest in another property.

4. Prepare for Tax Cuts: Increase Your Borrowing Power

The federal budget has confirmed that 13.6 million Australians will benefit from tax savings starting 1 July. The Stage 3 tax cuts are expected to save the average taxpayer \$1,888 annually, or about \$36 weekly. While this might not seem like a lot, it can significantly boost your borrowing power. For instance, a single person earning \$100,000 could see an increase of \$21,000 in their borrowing capacity. A couple with a combined income of \$150,000 could see an increase of nearly \$30,000.

Ready to get ahead and take control of your financial future? Explore these strategies and make the most of the opportunities available to you

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CABOOLTURE CONNECT - EVENTS IN AND AROUND YOUR AREA

STORY **JULIA LEWIS**

HOW TO DJ: BEGINNER INTRODUCTION

Have you always wanted to learn to DJ but never known how to start or who to ask? Now's your chance! Dive into the exciting world of DJing with a comprehensive beginners workshop hosted by QUIVR DJ School. This free session is designed to equip you with the foundational skills you need to start your DJ journey. You'll learn everything from desk setup and song mixing to creating loops and applying basic effects. This workshop is perfect for adults who have a passion for music and a desire to explore the art of DJing. No prior experience is required – just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to mix some beats! Don't miss this opportunity to kickstart your DJing skills and potentially uncover a new hobby or even a future career!

Saturday, 6 July, 1pm-2:30pm, Caboolture Library, 4 Hasking Street, Caboolture. Spaces are limited and bookings are essential.

For bookings and more information, visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/Events/The-Sound-Studio/How-to-DJ-CAB

YOUNG PARENTS PLAYGROUP

Are you a young parent aged under 25? Connect with other young mums and dads while playing and learning with your children at the Young Parents Playgroup. This supportive and fun environment is perfect for making new friends and sharing experiences with others who understand the unique joys and challenges of young parenthood.

At the Young Parents Playgroup, you'll have the chance to engage in a variety of activities designed to foster your child's development and build lasting memories. Whether you're looking to swap parenting tips, find new playmates for your little one, or simply enjoy some quality time outdoors, this playgroup offers a welcoming space for all.

The playgroup is held every Monday from 10:30am to 12pm at Skye Blue Park on Bailey Rd, Deception Bay. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to become part of a supportive network of young parents.

For more information and to stay updated on events, visit www.younity.org.au/program/young-parents-playgroup or find The GROW Program on Facebook.

NETWORK AND THRIVE: KEL & CO. CONNECT'S NDIS EVENT

Join in for the second Quarterly NDIS Networking Event hosted by Kel & Co. Connect at the Narangba Community Centre. This event is an excellent opportunity for support coordinators, service providers, plan managers and participants to connect and network within the NDIS community. Options for participation include free general admission, business tables for \$249 to display your

business and merchandise, and sponsorship opportunities for greater visibility.

The event will take place on Friday, 26 July, from 10am to 1pm at 227-229 Mackie Rd, Narangba.

For more information and to secure your tickets, visit events.humanitix.com/host/kel-and-co-care

STORY DOGS - ENHANCING LITERACY WITH FURRY FRIENDS

When children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing! With their calm and loving nature, dogs provide a magical environment that helps children relax, improve their literacy skills and build confidence. The Story Dogs program offers a unique opportunity for children to engage in a 15-minute, individual reading session with a specially trained dog.

This event is perfect for young readers who could benefit from a supportive and non-judgmental audience. The presence of a friendly dog encourages children to read aloud, helping them to develop their reading abilities and self-esteem in a fun and comforting setting.

Wednesday, 10 July, 4pm-5pm, Caboolture Library, 4 Hasking Street, Caboolture. This event is also available at other venues on different dates and times.

For bookings, times, and more information, visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/Events/Story-Dogs/Caboolture-2nd-Wed

BINGO WITH A BEAT: MUSIC BINGO AT MORAYFIELD TAVERN

It's bingo with a beat, baby! Music Bingo is currently taking the world by storm and Morayfield Tavern is joining in on the fun. Covering hits from the 1960s to the present, Music Bingo puts a musical twist on the traditional game. Instead of calling out numbers, the host plays songs, and players mark them off their cards.

Join in the fun every Wednesday at 7pm. Best of all, entry is free! Don't miss out on the fun and the chance to win fantastic prizes!

For more information, visit morayfieldtavern.com.au/events/music-bingo/

Would you like to contribute to Caboolture Connect?

Is there something happening around Caboolture, Narangba, Burpengary, Morayfield, Elimbah and Wamuran you'd like to share? Email jodiem@theguides.com.au

To read online: cabooltureguide.com.au/stories/caboolture-connect/

Following on from a new wetlands, dog off-leash, exercise equipment and playground over the last eight years, the final piece is now completed.

I want to talk to some community sentiment coming through on good old social media.



WITH **CR ADAM HAIN**

Comments such as "it will just be ruined in a week" and "another hang out for druggies".

Over eight years, our Council has brought this park up to a district level. A strategic decision, as it is the first stop on the Rail Trail. This park is now a hugely valuable asset to

the immediate community, a community in a great spot that needed something they can be very, very proud of.

We cannot hide from risk and deny a community what they deserve. It's up to our communities to fight for what they have and help Council in protecting their own.

Our kids, kids who will play here for many years in the new heart of the Tullawong community.



t's State Budget time and I have great news.

This year's State Budget has delivered the biggest cost of living relief package in Queensland history, designed to put money back in your pockets all courtesy of the Miles Labor Government.



WITH **MARK RYAN MP**

\$1,300 Electricity Rebate – during the next financial year, all Queensland households will receive a \$1,300 rebate on their electricity bill, with \$1,672 going to eligible concession

card holders, and \$650 to small businesses (with some of this rebate coming from the Albanese Labor Government).

We recently passed a record \$922 million budget for the upcoming year, including a QLD Council first-ever \$50 financial relief rates concession to alleviate the financial burden on residents.



WITH **CR MARK BOOTH**

A significant portion of this budget, \$277 million, will be dedicated to a capital works program aimed at enhancing our city's infrastructure. This includes investments in road and transport networks, road rehabilitation projects, and new footpaths. There has been some confusion regarding the impact of the State Government property

valuation increases on this year's budget and rate adjustments. While the average property value rise in Moreton Bay was 36%, varying from below 20% to over 100%, the council has taken steps to moderate the rate rises. This includes reducing the rate in the dollar across all rating categories and maintaining rates capping for residential properties at 9%. Additionally, eligible owner-occupied households will receive a one-time \$50 financial relief rates concession funded by the sale of Australian Carbon Credit Units. This will help offset rate increases, with the average total rate rise for residential properties amounting to \$70.21 per annum. Looking ahead, the introduction of a new much-anticipated garden organics service in December, which will cost just \$39.08 for the year. These rate changes are essential for the future sustainability and growth of Moreton Bay while ensuring our residents continue to enjoy the quality of life they deserve.

50 cent Fares – from 5 August, for six months, all public transport fares will be 50 cents per trip, regardless of how far you travel.

20% off your Rego – from 5 August, for 12 months, Queensland registration fees will be cut by 20% for all cars, utes, motorcycles and trailers.

\$200 FairPlay Sport Vouchers – from 1 July, FairPlay vouchers will increase from \$150 to \$200, and eligibility will extend to all Queensland kids. The number of available vouchers will increase from 50,000 to 200,000.

Transfer Duty – from 9 June, in a major boost to first home buyers, the concession threshold on transfer duty will increase from \$500,000 to \$700,000.

This relief will go a long way to helping local families make ends meet.

WITH MEADE MURPHY

Over the decades that the Murphy family has been dealing in antiques, we have had countless statues, sculptures and busts of all shapes and sizes. Most of the old statues were made from bronze, spelter, marble, alabaster and timber. These statues and sculptures are usually of famous individuals such as Jesus, Mary, kings and queens, emperors, saints and Greek gods.

One morning at 5am, I bought a marble bust of Julius Caesar at the Newark Antique Fair in England and had to carry it 500 metres in the rain to the van, which was a major effort. I recently purchased a statue of a large eagle perched on a tree stump (pictured) carved out of a tree in Kallangur. Getting it down the stairs on a fridge trolley and into my large van was another major effort. I am starting to think I should stop buying and selling such heavy items now that I am 60 years old.

As a heritage restorer, I've restored a number of mainly timber statues over the decades. The most famous one is the Mary MacKillop statue in the chapel beside St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane. She had been vandalised, but after a bit of love and skill, I got her looking better than ever.

The largest statue I've ever restored is the very large Jesus on the cross at St Anthony's at Kedron. Even after building 4.5 metres of scaffolding, I could just manage to touch the top of the cross. Jesus had 50-odd years of dust on him and a countless number of shrinkage cracks where the timber was joined around his arms and legs. After dusting him off I gave him a bath of grease and grime remover. Then I mixed up some oak powder into a marine megapoxy gel glue and filled the cracks. The next day I applied a formulation of polish rejuvenation and applied it with 0000 steel wool and got him looking good.

I just finished fully restoring 54 church pews at St Anthony's and now I'm doing the priest's chair and presider's chairs – I think then I have finally finished this church.

ANNUAL GALA RAISES RECORD AMOUNT TO SUPPORT SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

This year's Scripture Union Australia 'Helping Hope Happen' Chaplaincy Gala Fundraiser has been a successful one, raising \$175,000 for local school chaplains.

Held at Tullawong State School on Friday, 24 May, the annual event was the largest yet, bringing together almost 400 attendees from Caboolture, Morayfield, Burpengary and Narangba.

Organised by Julie Hose of Scripture Union Australia, Prue Aranovitch of Spark Direct, and Ali Heeps and Robyn Lachmund of Richardson & Wrench Caboolture, the gala featured a live auction, raffle draw, guest speakers, live music and more.

Volunteers from Foot In The Door Training, Tullawong State High School's hospitality department and Spark Direct worked hard to ensure guests had a fantastic evening.

Auctioneer Scott Lachmund kept the crowd engaged as they bid on various items, with all proceeds going directly to support the invaluable work of school chaplains who work with students and their families emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

The stories shared throughout the night highlighted the impact of the work of school chaplains and the need for continued support.

Those interested in supporting school chaplains and next year's fundraiser are encouraged to reach out to Ali Heeps at ali@4510.com.au





Photo Kristy Griffin

THE CONVERT - MOVIE REVIEW

WITH @WATCHITWOMBAT

Set in 1830's New Zealand, Guy Pearce plays a stoic lay preacher (someone who hasn't been formally ordained), who arrives in New Zealand to spread his faith. However, he soon finds himself caught between two warring tribes and fighting to keep the people he cares for alive.

While this fictional story is loosely based on Hamish Clayton's Te Rauparaha-inspired novel Wulf, the entire film feels authentic and a million miles away from Hollywood – I mean this as a compliment. Aside from Pearce, there are no big names in the cast, which adds to the film's realism. This isn't to say that the acting isn't top tier – which it is, especially from the Māori cast who commit to every movement, every scream and every line of dialogue. In particular, rising star Tioreore Ngatai-Melbourne relishes her role as a warrior widow on a path of revenge.

Keep an eye out for consummate villain Lawrence Makoare, who you may not recognise from The Lord of the Rings (because he was under a ton of makeup).

Managing to avoid some of the more traditional tropes, The Convert circumnavigates the 'white

saviour' pitfalls and delves into less-trodden territory, demonstrating that people can resolve their differences without help from outsiders. This is in part thanks to its talented Māori director Lee Tamahori, who gave us James Bond's Die Another Day and the brutal Once Were Warriors. Tamahori adds his own flare and although there are splashes of violence, it's used sparingly, with purpose and never gratuitously, which helps set this film apart from traditional period dramas – Bridgerton this aint.

As someone who is fascinated with the Māori culture and its history, I relished this insight into a time and people that are not explored enough in cinema. I was immersed in traditional sets, wrapped in detailed costumes and enveloped in beautiful scenery (although it would be hard to make the New Zealand countryside look ugly). Watch The Convert at your local cinema and relish the sweeping landscapes and guttural war cries on the big screen.

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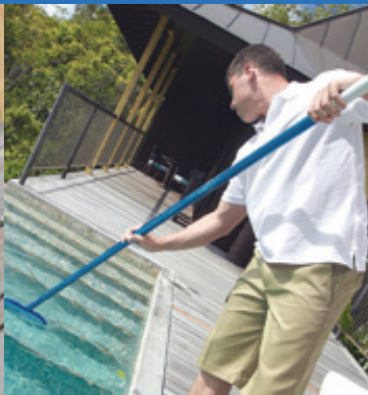
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