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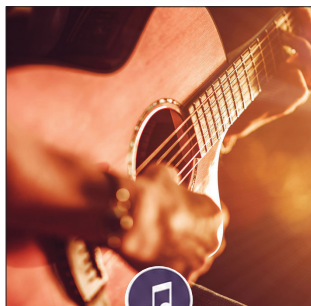
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Note from the Editor

Wow... can you believe we're already into September? This year is flying by!

As I write this, it's still the first week of August, so if everything has gone to plan, it has been another busy month enjoying some wonderful community events.

The month began with my husband and I spending the final night of the Dunga Derby at the Kilcoy Showgrounds. We enjoyed the rodeo with our Dunga family, sharing plenty of laughs while celebrating the incredible fundraising efforts for Rally for a Cause. As always, what happens on Dunga... stays on Dunga! Be sure to read the full story on page 26 to see the amazing amount raised.

I was also excited to be part of the judging panel selecting a local band to perform on the main stage at the Sounds of Rock Festival. What a fantastic opportunity for local musicians to showcase their talent alongside some legendary Australian rock acts.

Another highlight was seeing *The Revlon Girl* at Z-PAC Theatre after featuring the production in the July edition. I was also looking forward to the Haddow's Corner renaming and Scarness Rotunda Centenary celebrations, with local historian John Anderson, recognising another important chapter in our region's history.

Fashion lovers also had something to celebrate with the opening of Palma de Coco Lifestyle Boutique at Pialba Place—a fabulous new addition to our local shopping scene.

These are just a few of the events that kept me busy throughout August. I hope this edition inspires you to get out, support local businesses and enjoy everything our beautiful Fraser Coast has to offer.

Happy reading!

A sneak peek at what's inside this issue!

The global dance phenomenon **Burn the Floor** returns with a spectacular new production called **Luminous**. I caught up with acclaimed Artistic Director and Choreographer Jason Gilkison to chat about his remarkable career, the creative process behind the show, and the qualities he looks for when selecting Burn the Floor performers. (Pages 22–23)

I also spoke with Ros Rees, President of the Fraser Coast Branch of the Ulysses Club, ahead of their annual **Breast Cancer Fundraiser Ride** on **Sunday**, 11 October. Whether you're riding on two wheels, three wheels or arriving in a classic vehicle, everyone is invited to wear a splash of pink and support this wonderful cause. (Page 27)

I was also delighted to chat with Australian singer-songwriter and musician Mark Lizotte (Diesel), who will be performing at the **Sounds of Rock Music Festival**, at Seafront Oval on 19 September. Our conversation covered his childhood, lifelong passion for music and, surprisingly, his love of roller skating. (Pages 6–7)

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DIESEL

THE MAN BEHIND THE MUSIC

By Kim Parnell

On Saturday, September 19, Seafront Oval in Hervey Bay will be rocking when the Sounds of Rock Music Festival brings a stellar lineup of Aussie rock legends to town. And I, like many of you, can't wait!

For my final interview before the event, I caught up with Australian musician Mark Lizotte, better known as Diesel, who will be taking to the stage.

Diesel has performed on the Fraser Coast many times and is always happy to return.

"I love The Esplanade in Hervey Bay. It's one of my favourite runs. I also love to run out on the pier; I find it very grounding. I don't have much time when I'm there, but I make the most of it."

Diesel is almost always pictured with his guitar, but it wasn't the first instrument he learned. That honour goes to the cello.

"As a youngster living in Arizona, I attended a public school with a string programme, something quite unusual in the US — and Australia.

"It was really just by chance that this school had funding. It was a brand-new school, so I was able to get an instrument and learn how to play."

When the family returned to Australia, Mark continued playing cello in Western Australia and joined the WA Youth Symphony Orchestra, rehearsing every Saturday morning from around eight until 13.

At 14, he got his first guitar, and by 15 or 16 he was playing in bands and pubs.

"I had dexterity with my hands from the cello, so another string instrument was manageable. But I didn't really know what I was doing technically. I use my ear."

Looking back, Mark says his successful music career was both a surprise and inevitable, because it was all he ever wanted.

"I kind of had an epiphany one day and it just hit me. I was like, 'I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to do music; it's going to be my thing. I'm not just going to do something I love; I'm going to make it my life.'"

"As a child, I was completely obsessed with music. I would draw pictures all the time of people on stage. I loved drawing pictures of gear and stages and amps and drums and guitars. I feel like I just pretty much drew myself into that picture, then I just made that picture a reality. They call it creative visualisation."

Fast forward to today and Diesel has won six ARIA Awards, including three consecutive Best Male Artist awards, and has released 16 albums.

His 16th studio album, *Bootleg Melancholy*, was born during the COVID lockdowns. Mark had been coming off *Sunset Suburbia*, an album he never got to tour because the pandemic cancelled the planned dates.

"I had to get in the right mind frame to move on, so I made a blues record. I played all the instruments on it and made it sound like it was a band, but it was basically just me doing everything."

Recorded in Mark's home studio, *Bootleg Melancholy* explores family, childhood, dreams, travel and memories.

The album became a form of "armchair travelling" during a time when nobody could travel.

"There was a lot of lamenting, a lot of looking back fondly. *Melancholy* is definitely a theme through the album.

"I was blessed, though. I had a studio, and family with us, we had some really fun times. For some people it was not good at all, especially those living on their own.

"It was great to finally get back on the stage."

Still, Mark remains fascinated by songwriting.

"I wouldn't say I'm looking for it, but it just presents itself. A lot of times it's when I'm asleep. I dream an idea and have to wake up and record it somehow so I can go back to sleep.

"I just know I'll never get sick of it. Sometimes I pick up a guitar or whatever instrument it is and my hands just go somewhere, and you go, 'Oh, what's that?' Then you follow the strings."

When Mark steps off stage, his life is surprisingly low-key.

"I like pottering around the house, domestic chores. I love putting a load of laundry on — it's sort of cathartic!"

He likes to retreat home, get into the kitchen, put music on and read *The New Yorker*.

But beneath the laid-back lifestyle, Mark says anxiety is something he manages regularly — something many people can relate to.

"I have anxiety that's kind of just there all the time, to some degree, but I manage it and have my methods."

For Mark, understanding what his body is telling him has become an important part of managing it.

"Once you start understanding the chemicals that are involved in your body — the adrenaline, the cortisol, these things that are just part of your makeup — once you understand what's happening and why it's happening, you can work out what works and what doesn't."

He believes lifestyle can play a role too, including sleep, exercise, diet and time in nature.

"When was the last time you connected with nature? When was the last time you just went and looked at something green?" he asks. "The trees on this planet, as well as being beautiful, are actually therapeutic."

Mark runs, cycles or walks almost every day, finding physical activity helps reconnect his mind and body.

"I'm a very cerebral person and I need to remind myself that I have a body and I'm not just this head that's thinking, thinking, thinking," he laughs.

"Connecting with my body really grounds me. Sometimes I just have a rest. My body says, 'You need to rest today.' It's just listening to your body."

But he is quick to point out that anxiety isn't something everyone can simply exercise or meditate away.

"If you need help, speak out. I'm not one of these people that thinks everything can just be fixed by going on a bushwalk or doing some yoga. Some people are chemically imbalanced and need help. They actually need scientific medical help, and I totally subscribe to that."

For someone who spends much of his life performing in front of thousands, Mark's openness about anxiety is a reminder that even confident performers can have a very different internal experience.

Ahead of the festival, Mark's rider is refreshingly practical: honey, lemons, a kettle, water, soy milk, hummus and vegetables.

"The kettle is paramount because I need boiling water to really break down my honey and lemon and make it into almost a marinade."

When Diesel and his band perform, audiences can expect a little bit of everything.

"We try to do all the facets that I have in my music — blues, soul, pop, funk and rock. I don't like to go out and play one flavour because I've got a lot of things going on in my music. I just give them a smorgasbord of flavours."

"It will be high energy. My band and I have been together quite a while now. We have a language, and when we get on stage it just clicks."

"I really love playing with my band. It's a real thrill and I'm so blessed that they've been with me for so long. We're brothers."

The festival lineup also includes:

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Diesel
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EXPLORE THE REGION ON FOOT DAYMAN POINT STEPS

Written by **Fraser Coast Mayor,
George Seymour**

The beach around Dayman Park in Urangan is one of the Fraser Coast's best beaches. It is also a very popular park with playgrounds and other facilities. The higher ground looks out over a cliff towards a wide beach with very natural vegetated dunes behind it.

At the top of this cliff, looking out to Round Island, is a set of steep stairs down to the foreshore which have an interesting history.

These concrete steps were constructed in 1952, and their origins relate to an interesting local dispute about land ownership transfer.

In 1951 the public became aware that a significant part of the Dayman Point lookout had been transferred into private ownership. When a fence was put up in November 1951, thereby demonstrating the amount of public land privatised, a great deal of publicity followed. The loss of this parkland prevented access from the top of the park down to the shore.

The construction of these steps by Peter Lewis, a private citizen, was an interesting solution to part of the problem. It



was through his generosity that the issue was settled, and the public could go back to enjoying the park.

The construction of the steps followed a great deal of advocacy, petition raising and organising by citizens, the Hervey Bay Ratepayers Association and the Urangan Progress Association.

Peter Lewis was a prominent businessman in Maryborough and Hervey Bay. He ran the Lewis Brothers Fish Café in Adelaide Street, Maryborough. Here in Urangan, he also owned the entertainment venue Jazzland.

Jazzland is remembered as being well ahead of its time although not commercially successful. This entertainment venue overlooked Dayman Park, and was the scene of much gaiety, fun and entertainment.

When it closed, the Jazzland structure was acquired by the Urangan Progress Association for their hall and moved nearby to a block on Pulgul Street, where it remains as the headquarters of the Urangan Branch of the QCWA.



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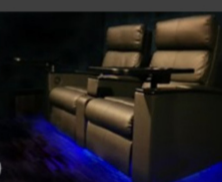
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By **Noah Carter, Food Influencer
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**Two local businesses, one
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of scrolls good enough that I
ordered four when I'd walked in planning on
one...**



Aquavue Beachfront Bar & Eatery has started running a weekend scroll pop-up, officially called The Aquavue Pantry, alongside Sunni Sip Co. It's become one of the better things happening on the Esplanade right now. Sunni Sip Co bring their locally famous matcha, Aquavue brings the scrolls, and the pair of them lift each other up rather than competing for the same crowd. That kind of collaboration between two local businesses is something you love to see.

The most recent run had 8 different flavours on offer, I got 4, Maple Pecan, Classic, Bueno, and The Benny. I tried them all, for research purposes....



The Maple Pecan was all warm spice and crunch. The Classic did exactly what a classic should. The Bueno was the sweet, indulgent one you order knowing full well what you're getting into.

But The Benny stole the show. Eggs Benedict turned into a savoury scroll, and somehow it works better than it has any right to. It's the kind of idea that could easily fall flat and instead lands perfectly, rich, and savoury and completely different from anything else you'll find on the Esplanade on a Sunday morning. If you had to pick one, I'd choose The Benny.

Pair it with a matcha from Sunni Sip Co, grab a seat looking out at K'gari, and you've got a pretty hard morning to beat.

The catch is The Pantry isn't on every weekend. It's running most fortnights at the moment, so keep an eye for dates, and get in early because everything sells fast.

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Bottlebrush CRAFT CENTRE

By Kathy Klupfel

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Bottlebrush Craft Centre is the trading name for Maitlia Potter's Inc. Maitlia Potters was established in 1977 by a group of students under Mr Ted Meredith, a well-known Maryborough Potter. The word "Maitlia" is an aboriginal word for clay. Bottlebrush Craft Centre has evolved into a multi craft community hub where we offer casual, affordable crafting sessions and showcase our crafters works in a gallery that is open to the public Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm.

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Pyrography is the art of creating designs on wood by burning patterns and images into the surface with a heated tool.

Cloth doll making is a creative craft where fabric, stuffing, and simple sewing techniques are used to design and bring unique handmade dolls to life.

Drawing and painting are creative art forms that use line, colour, and texture to express ideas, emotions, and stories on a surface.

Lacemaking is a delicate textile craft that uses thread and careful techniques to create intricate, decorative patterns.

Spinning and weaving are traditional fibre crafts where raw fibres are turned into yarn and then woven together to create fabric.

EXHIBITIONS

Recently, Bottlebrush Craft Centre underwent a gallery renovation, and we celebrated this wonderful evolution of our space with an exhibition of our crafters works, A Feast of Craft and Creation.

In September, we are pleased to be opening our second exhibition of the year, BLOOM. In celebration of the arrival of spring, our exhibition will be inspired by nature. Entries in BLOOM will fit in one of the following categories.



Garden Visitors: inspired by creatures that bring gardens to life, whether real or imagined.

In Bloom: celebrating flowers in every form from botanical studies to imaginative floral creations.

Beyond the Bloom: exploring foliage, landscapes, waterways, and the changing seasons through creative interpretations.

Our exhibitions are open to the public and we would love to see members of our community visit us and see firsthand how artistic and creative Bottlebrush Craft Centre crafters are.



COMMUNITY

Along with craft sessions, exhibitions and gallery displays, Bottlebrush Craft Centre also volunteers time, fundraising and support to charities and community groups in our area. Every year, Bottlebrush Craft Centre hosts our annual Soup Bowl Night which is used to raise funds for local charities. We hosted our successful Soup Bowl Night for 2026 in early August with funds raised at the event being donated in support of School Savvy. School Savvy is an initiative by Centacare helping local families access affordable back-to-school essentials and ensuring children have the resources they need to start the school year with confidence.

Anyone in our community can find their place at Bottlebrush Craft Centre. Our members generously share their skills, resources, time, support and knowledge to help both the Bottlebrush community and the wider local community. This is what makes our centre such a special place.

If you have ever wanted to learn something new, meet new people, build friendships or be a part of something special, you should consider joining a community group like Bottlebrush Craft Centre.



Find us on Facebook: **Bottlebrush Craft Centre – Maitlia Potters Inc.**



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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sat, Aug 29 - Sun, Oct 4

**Sammy Hawker –
Sound Forms: Whale Song**

Free
Open Tue -Fri: 10am – 4pm
Weekends: 10am – 2pm
Closed Mon
Hervey Bay Regional Gallery

Thu, Sep 3

**BUSINESS: Green Flags Only –
Mentor Speed Dating**

(Fraser Coast Young Professionals)
5.30pm – 8.30pm
19XO Canapés & Cocktails, Torquay
Tickets via eventbrite.

Sat, Sep 5

**Point Vernon Foreshore
Reserve Parkrun**

(Every Saturday)
Brief 6.50 am
FREE 5km timed event
Opposite 138 the Esplanade
(Don't forget your barcode)

Sat, Sep 5

Maryborough Parkrun

(Every Saturday)
Brief 6.50 am
FREE 5km timed event
Cheapside St
(Don't forget your barcode)

Sat, Sep 5

**Mobility Scooter and
Wheelchair Convoy**

Registration from 9am
Convoy kicks off at 10am
Fantasy theme
Scarness Park opposite Beach
House Hotel



Sat, Sep 5

**Nick Tickle –
The Fairy Tale Detective**

(By Flame Studios Hervey Bay)
Ticketed event – 2 shows
Z-Pac Theatre, Scarness
www.zpactheatre.com.au

Sat, Sep 5

Bauple Nut Bash

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Sat, Sep 5 - Sun, Sep 6

Wings Over Mary

Aviation & Heritage Weekend
Free family day
Sat: 9am – 4pm
Sun: 9am – 12noon
Find the event on Facebook

Sun, Sep 6

Father's Day



Sun, Sep 6

Beats Brews & BBQs

(Father's Day BBQ Festival)
Live music, craft beer
10am – 2pm
Free entry
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

Tue, Sep 8

Aldridge Music Night

6.15pm – 9pm
All tickets \$10
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough
www.brolgatheatre.org

Thu, Sep 10 - Sat, Sept 12

Orchid Show

Thu & Fri 8.30am to 4.00pm
Sat 8.30am to 12.00 noon
Entry \$2.00 children free
St Paul's Memorial Hall
Adelaide St Maryborough

Fri, Sep 11

Ladies White Lunch

12pm – 3.30pm – Ticketed event
Guest speaker Emily Seebom
OAM
Endometriosis fundraiser
Hervey Bay Boat Club – 18+ event
Tickets: www.boatclub.rezdy.com

Sat, Sep 12 - Sat, Oct 10

**ART EXHIBITION:
Peter Olds: A Retrospective**

Entry is always free
Mon: Closed
Tue – Fri: 9.30am – 3.30pm
Sat to Sun: 9.30am – 2pm
Gatakers Artspace, Maryborough

Sat, Sep 12 - Sun, Sep 13

**Australia Brushless Flexi
National Titles**

(Event by RPM Slot Car Raceway)
8am – 5pm
Pialba
Find the event on Facebook

Sat, Sep 12

**Watercolour Workshop with
Mark Dober**

10am – 1pm
Onsite at Truscott Park
Cost involved – All skill levels
Bring your own art supplies
Book: www.gatakersartspace.com.au

Sat, Sep 12

Come & Try Dragon Boating

(Event by Hervey Bay Dragon Boat Club)
10am – 2pm
Entry: Boat Club Marina
Gate next door to the Boat Club
To register, find event on Facebook

Sat, Sep 12

**Gala Day
Meals on Wheels Fraser Coast**

(celebrating 58 years)
10am – 2pm
Everyone welcome!
39A Islander Rd, Pialba

Sat, Sep 12

**Women 'n Blues
(by River Heads Blues)**

Boutique camping and Music event
10.30am – 9pm
Ticketed event
River Heads RV Park
www.frasercoastrvpark.com.au

Sun, Sep 13

CONCERT: The Understudy

1pm
Ticketed event
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough
www.brolgatheatre.org

Sun, Sep 13

CONCERT: Masters of Pop

5pm
Ticketed event
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough
www.brolgatheatre.org

Tue, Sep 15

Blake Pavey: A Bit Scared

Comedy
Recommended Age: 16+
Ticketed event – Z-Pac Theatre
www.zpactheatre.com.au

Thu, Sep 17

Candy's 80s Trivia Night

7pm – 9pm
Ticketed event
The Services Club Maryborough

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Fri, Sep 18

Wildlife Talks

1pm – 2pm

Free – No bookings required

Hervey Bay Library

Fri, Sep 18

Fraser Coast Ability Awards

10.30am – 2.30pm

All Tickets are Free & General Admission

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

Fri, Sep 18

70s and 80s Singalong Paint and Sip

By Paint Juicy

6pm – 9pm

Cost involved

Hervey Bay Hotel, Pialba

Tickets: www.paintjuicy.com.au

Sat, Sep 19

Sounds of Rock Music Festival

From 12.30pm – 10pm

Ticketed event

Seafront Oval

www.soundsofrockfestival.com.au

Sat, Sep 19

CONCERT:

**Creedence Clearwater Collective
And John Fogerty**

7.30pm

Ticketed event

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

www.brolgatheatre.org

Wed, Sep 23

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

The Box Show – by Junkyard Beats

2 sessions

Ticketed event

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

www.brolgatheatre.org

Fri, Sep 25

Wildlife Talks

1pm – 2pm

Free – No bookings required

Maryborough Library



Fri, Sep 25

MUSICAL: Next To Normal

(By Macabre Theatre)

7.30pm – 9.45pm

Ticketed event

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

www.brolgatheatre.org

Fri, Sep 25

Fraser Coast FestAble

11am – 4pm

Bringing people of all ages and abilities together

City Park, Charles St, Pialba

Fri, Sep 25 - Sun, Sep 27

**Hervey Bay Spring Orchid
& Garden Spectacular**

Fri & Sat: 8am – 4pm

Sun: 8am – 12 noon

Xavier Catholic College, Eli Waters

www.herveybayorchidsociety.com

Sat, Sep 26

QLUG Wide Bay LEGO® Social

(Event by Queensland LEGO User Group)

1pm – 4pm

Take along something to build
St James Lutheran College

Sat, Sep 26 - Sat, Oct 24

**ART EXHIBITION:
Creative Generation**

Entry is always free

Mon: Closed

Tue – Fri: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Sat to Sun: 9.30am – 2pm

Gatakers Artspace, Maryborough

Sun, Sep 27

Spring has Sprung

(By Handmade Artisan Fraser Coast)

9am – 1pm – Free entry

Over 80 stalls

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough



Tue, Sep 29

Burn the Floor – Luminous

7pm

Ticketed event

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

www.brolgatheatre.org

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GIG GUIDE

LIVE MUSIC ON THE FRASER COAST

September
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HERVEY BAY

Hervey Bay Boat Club

Fri 4, 6.00 pm, Derek Smith
Sat 5, 6.00 pm, Mia Rose
Sun 6, 2.00 pm, Shaun Beckett

Mon 7, 5.30 pm, La Belle
Tue 8, 12.00 pm, Neil Wenck
Wed 9, 6.00 pm, Jon Vea Vea
Thu 10, 3.00 pm, Neil Wenck
Thu 10, 6.00 pm, Emma Newman
Fri 11, 6.00 pm, Diamonds & Rust
Sat 12, 6.00 pm, Brian Speirs
Sun 13, 2.00 pm, A Soft Focus

Mon 14, 5.30 pm, Derek F Smith
Tue 15, 12.00 pm, Neil Wenck
Wed 16, 6.00 pm, Aaron Westlake
Thu 17, 3.00 pm, Neil Wenck
Thu 17, 6.00 pm, Cass Ford
Fri 18, 6.00 pm, Frank Benn
Sat 19, 6.00 pm, Shannon Young
Sun 20, 2.00 pm, Peter Baker

Mon 21, 5.30 pm, Doug Edwards
Tue 22, 12.00 pm, Neil Wenck
Wed 23, 6.00 pm, Shane Allsop
Thu 24, 3.00 pm, Neil Wenck
Thu 24, 6.00 pm, Darren Marlow
Fri 25, 6.00 pm, Cass Ford
Sat 26, 6.00 pm, Brian Speirs
Sun 27, 2.00 pm, Rebecca March

Mon 28, 5.30 pm, Joel Spence
Tue 29, 12.00 pm, Neil Wenck
Wed 30, 6.00 pm, Brian Speirs



Derek F Smith

Hervey Bay RSL

Fri 4, 11.30am, Trevor Judge
Fri 4, 7pm, Rock N Rollabillies
Sat 5, 8pm, Dogwood Crossing

Fri 11, 11.30am, Don Costa
Fri 11, 6pm, Shannon Young
Sat 12, 8pm, Rhubarb Tarts

Fri 18, 11.30am, Trevor Judge
Fri 18, 6pm, Emma Newman
Sat 19, 8pm, Trainwrecks

Fri 25, 11.30am, Trevor Judge
Fri 25, 6pm, Brian Speirs
Sat 26, 8pm, A2ZED Band
Sun 27, 11.30am, Joel Spence

Beach House Hotel

Main Bar

Fri 4, 9pm, Dirt N Diesel
Sat 5, 9pm, The Rhubarb Tarts

Sun 6, 2pm, Dogwood Duo

Fri 11, 9pm, Saltwater Cartel
Sat 12, 9pm, DJ Crooksy
Sun 13, 2pm, Kev Carroll

Fri 18, 9pm, Insufficient Funds
Sat 19, 9pm, DJ Aydo Walker
Sun 20, 2pm, Frank Benn

Fri 25, 9pm, The Boys
Sat 26, 9pm, Hazy Tides
Sun 27, 2pm, Doug Edwards

Scarborough Bar

Sat 5, 4pm, Mia Hinsch
Sat 12, 4pm, Scott Angeles
Sat 19, 4pm, Brian Speirs
Sat 26, 4pm, Mia Rose

The Clubhouse Hervey Bay

Fri 4, 6pm, Emma Newman
Sat 5, 6pm, Doug Edwards

Fri 11, 6pm, Scott Angeles
Sat 12, 6pm, Don Costa

Fri 18, 6pm, Mia Hinsch
Sat 19, 6pm, Trainwrecks

Fri 25, 6pm, Shannon Young
Sat 26, 6pm, Kev Carroll

MARYBOROUGH

Carriers Arms Hotel

Fri 4, 8pm, Sunset Nova
Sat 5, 8pm, Forbidden Road
Sun 6, 2pm, Open Mic

Fri 11, 8pm, Dust Trio
Sat 12, 8pm, Dirt N Diesel
Sun 13, 2pm, Open Mic

Fri 18, 8pm, Derek Smith
Sat 19, 8pm, Dogwood Crossing
Sun 20, 2pm, Open Mic

Fri 25, 8pm, Shane Allsop
Sat 26, 8pm, The Rhubarb Tarts
Sun 27, 2pm, Open Mic



Shane Allsop

Maryborough Services Club

Sat 5, 8pm, Sunset nova
Sat 12, 8pm, Insufficient Funds
Sat 19, 8pm, Rhubarb Tarts
Sat 26, 8pm, Saltwater Cartel

Maryborough Sports Club

Fri 4, 7.30 pm, Kick Arse Country
Sat 5, 7.00 pm, United Hockey Banquet

Fri 11, 7.30 pm, Brad Sorensen
Sat 12, 7.00 pm, Red Betty

Fri 18, 7.30 pm, Saltwater Cartel
Sun 20, 12.30 pm, Derek Smith

Thu 24, 7.30 pm, Open Mic Night
Fri 25, 7.30 pm, Billy Guy

Sat 26, 7.30 pm, Drag Bingo
Sun 27, 12.30 pm, Maria Whittaker

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PURNELLA PARK COACH HOUSE

A NIGHT OF MUSIC, HISTORY AND GOOD TIMES

Just 12 minutes from Hervey Bay, Purnella Park Coach House offers a unique setting where history, character and live entertainment come together. Surrounded by established shady trees, gardens and lush lawns, the historic Coach House provides an atmospheric backdrop for weddings, celebrations and memorable nights out.

Fully liquor licensed, Purnella Park is primarily a wedding and private events venue, creating beautiful and memorable experiences for couples, families and guests. This special one-night-only event gives the wider Fraser Coast community the opportunity to experience the Coach House in a completely different way – with live music, great food and a relaxed atmosphere in a truly unique setting.

On Saturday 10 October 2026, the Coach House will come alive for Creedence – The Ultimate Tribute, celebrating the legendary music of Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Expect a high-energy night packed with iconic songs, powerful live performances and the unmistakable sound of one of rock's most enduring bands. Opening the evening will be a sensational Jimi Hendrix tribute set, bringing even more classic rock to the stage before the Creedence celebration gets underway.

With three hours of live entertainment, full PA and



*Creedence Clearwater
Revival Tribute*

professional stage lighting, this is set to be a fantastic night for music lovers and anyone looking for something different to do on the Fraser Coast.

Doors open at 6:30pm, with the show commencing at 7:30pm. Food will be available for purchase from an on-site food vendor, while the fully licensed venue means guests can sit back, enjoy the music and make a night of it.

This is an over-18s event.

Whether you grew up with Creedence Clearwater Revival, love the sounds of classic rock, or simply enjoy a great night out with friends, Purnella Park Coach House provides a memorable setting for an evening of live music and entertainment.

CREEDENCE – THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE

Saturday 10 October 2026

Doors 6:30pm

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TOP SPOTS FOR FAMILIES THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Fraser Coast is bursting with beauty, character, and things to see and do. From family adventures to local gems, there's something for everyone. Narrowing this list to just 5 was no easy task, but each promises fun, discovery, and memories to last a lifetime. How many can you tick off?

01 Step into **The Story Bank Maryborough** and discover the magic behind Mary Poppins! Explore Maryborough-born author P.L. Travers, her family and the inspirations behind her beloved stories. Wander through enchanting displays, meet memorable characters and step inside whimsical worlds brought to life. You might even leave inspired to discover a little magic of your own!
Cost involved: Find out more at www.ourfrasercoast.com.au/The-Story-Bank.

02 Animal lovers won't want to go past **Fraser Coast Wildlife Sanctuary** in Maryborough! Get up close with Australian wildlife, from kangaroos and emus to colourful birds and snakes. Bring a BBQ lunch to enjoy among the peaceful surroundings or grab a bite from the on-site canteen before continuing your wildlife adventure.
Cost involved: www.frasercoastwildlifesanctuary.org.au.



03 Step back in time at **Hervey Bay Historical Village & Museum**! Explore more than 27 heritage buildings, including an 1898 slab cottage, old railway station, church and working blacksmith shop. With fascinating exhibits and hands-on experiences, kids can discover Fraser Coast history while having fun - learning without even realising it!
Entry fee applies: www.herveybaymuseum.com.au.

04 Tee off for fun at **Mini Golf Hervey Bay**! Located on the corner of Bideford and Truro Streets in Torquay, this 3,300sqm course is perfect for a family day out. Play the 18-hole shaded course surrounded by lakes, landscaped humps, water features and sand traps — or enjoy a magical game under the lights at night.
Cost involved: www.minigolfherveybay.com.au.

05 Have an underwater adventure at **Reefworld Aquarium** in Hervey Bay! One of the world's few all-natural aquariums, it uses sand-filtered seawater and natural sunlight. Meet Green Sea Turtles, colourful tropical fish and reef giants, while discovering tubeworms, crabs, shrimp and starfish. It's a perfect day out for the whole family.
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JASON GILKISON: *Burn The Floor* **LUMINOUS**

By Kim Parnell

Having grown up as a dancer from an incredibly early age, acclaimed Artistic Director and Choreographer Jason Gilkison knows just how tough the world of dance can be – but also how incredibly rewarding it is too.

I caught up with the very busy man himself via phone during a quick break from choreographing *Burn The Floor – Luminous*.

Jason says, "I was really lucky to have such lovely memories of growing up in dancing schools, and of course, my family had a big dance studio in Perth.

"I danced for fun, and it's virtually given me a life that I never could have dreamed of. It's taken me all over the world, it's taken me to do movies, television, and of course, *Burn The Floor*, which has been kind of my dream job over the last almost 28 years.

"It's one of those professions that it's either you're all in or you're not."

That dedication is something Jason sees every day in the dancers joining *Burn The Floor*.

"They live like gypsies, just because they want to dance. It's an exciting, infectious group to be around, and I get to go to work with dancers like that every day, which is nice."

In the past, Jason has described *Burn The Floor* as reinventing ballroom and Latin dance for a new generation.

"We likened it always to finding a piece of your grandmother's jewellery, taking out the stone, and putting it in a modern setting.

"When *Burn The Floor* began, Ballroom and Latin dancing was an almost obsolete genre," Jason explains.

"It was something that people did in competitions or on a Sunday at the church hall. Everybody's grandparents had done ballroom dancing. There wasn't much street cred."

Almost three decades later, the landscape has changed dramatically.

Shows such as *Dancing with the Stars* and *So You Think You Can Dance* later helped propel ballroom into the mainstream, but that success has also challenged *Burn The Floor* to keep evolving.

"The reinvention was very easy in the beginning because people just weren't used to seeing ballroom dancing done in a more contemporary way. Now all those shows are doing that, so it sort of forces us to try and push our bodies even further."

And that is where the extraordinary diversity of today's dancers comes in.



Jason Gilkison - Artistic Director and Choreographer

Produced by *Burn the Floor* founder Harley Medcalf, *Luminous* features dancers from around the world and includes *Dancing with the Stars* favourites Jorja Freeman and Gustavo Viglio, bringing together championship-level ballroom and Latin technique with influences from a multitude of other dance styles.

Jason says, "The dancers that come into *Burn The Floor* now are sort of multi genre incredible hybrids that have all these different strings to their instruments, so, it's quite exciting to see where it's going to go next."

That fusion makes the creative process even more exciting.

"They're not just Ballroom and Latin dancers; they might have really quite accelerated careers in other dance forms as well.

"And so, the fusion of all those different dance styles coming together makes the range of the show really exciting, and it makes choreographing the show a joy as well."

Some of the company's youngest dancers have particularly impressed him.

"We've got 2 18-year-olds in the company at the moment, and every day when they come in, they experiment with their bodies, and they're doing different things. Some of the stuff they're pulling out, I'm like, oh my God!"

Jason's choreography combines the technical precision of competitive ballroom with the emotion and storytelling of theatre, but authenticity remains important.

"When the dancers come in to *Burn The Floor*, they still need to take classes in the ballroom, the Latin, and all the fundamentals, that's important, because that's their foundation."

His years working in television have also influenced the way he approaches storytelling. Best known internationally as the Creative Director and Choreographer of the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*, Jason has spent almost two decades working in television, and also worked on Broadway, the West End, Las Vegas and choreographed for major artists including Céline Dion, Robbie Williams, Lady Gaga and Kylie Minogue.

"When you tell a story on television, you have to make sure that you're always exciting your audience and that you're always clear as a bell with your narrative."

"I find dancers make really good storytellers because it's their way of communicating with each other."

"I mean, upstairs at the moment in rehearsal, I don't think we've got two people that speak the same language, but they do when they dance."

Although television has shaped his creative approach, Jason says nothing quite replaces live theatre.

"In the theatre it's there, it's in the moment, you see it once, and it's different every night, that's what excites me about dancing in the theatre. It's never going to be the same twice."

His passion for dance also reaches back to the legends who inspired him as a young Australian dancer – particularly Gene Kelly.

"Growing up in the 60s and 70s in Australia, Saturday afternoon, after dancing, we'd always be watching musicals on television, you know, Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire."

Years later, Jason was given an extraordinary opportunity to step inside Gene Kelly's world when he was invited to visit the home of Gene's widow, Patricia Ward Kelly, and see items from the legendary dancer's life.

"There were handwritten letters from Fred Astaire, all of Gene's rehearsal shoes, which I've got photos of me holding like a baby."

"Even little things like the *Anchors Aweigh* sailor suit that was in a box. Patricia made me put the white gloves on so I could pick it up. I was just like a kid in a candy store."



And then came an unforgettable *Singin' in the Rain* moment.

"Dancer and performer Cyd Charisse wore the beautiful white dress from that musical. I mean, just to see it, to hold it. Under the arm the stitching had come undone, and it had Cyd's name on it and then you could see the sweat marks, oh my gosh, I couldn't believe it."

"My heart was beating so fast. It was definitely one of those pinch me moments."

Moments like this are a reminder of just how far a career in dance can take you. For young Australian dancers dreaming of an international career, Jason's advice is simple: take every opportunity.

"Go to every open audition that you can. You never know when you're going to come across a director who sees you in the back row. Go to every class, go and watch dance, go and watch live theatre."

"Just expose yourself as much as you can to every opportunity. It's all out there."

"You get used to rejection; you get used to criticism but use that feedback to spur you onwards."

For those who have never experienced *Burn The Floor*, Jason promises an evening that will leave you feeling very much alive.

"When you leave the theatre, I'd like to think you will feel euphoric and uplifted."

"The show is a great fusion of different types of music, it's exciting, it's definitely high energy. The dancers leave everything on the stage every night."

"You will definitely have a spring in your step when you're walking out of the theatre."



**BURN
THE FLOOR
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WHEN:
Tuesday, September 29 | 7pm
WHERE:
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough
TICKETS:
www.brolgatheatre.org

Gallery 5,

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Hervey Bay Art Society - Gallery 5, located in Sandy St, Urangan and has been a social and artistic hub since its opening in 1971.

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Gallery 5 is currently holding our 42nd Annual Acquisitive Competitive Art Exhibition at Gataker's Art Space, 311 Kent St, Maryborough. This exhibition was open to all artists, and we are showcasing not only our local artists but those from afar as well. The exhibition runs through to September 4.

With the support of our much-valued sponsors we are able to hold these events throughout the year. Sponsorship packages are available to anyone wishing to support the arts within the community.

Our gallery holds regular classes for beginners through to experienced artists, social painting groups and various workshops throughout the year.

Whether you are a local or visiting this beautiful part of the world, pop into our gallery and enjoy the talent of our artists and the ambience of our art space.

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TORBANLEA PICNIC RACES

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CONTRACTING PTY LTD

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
 thoroughbred, stock horse
 ARABIAN 1500M RACE
 team tug ~0~ war, wood chop
 FASHIONS OF THE FIELD
 childrens entertainment
 FOOT RACES

licensed bar and plenty of food

\$20 ADULTS \$5 STUDENTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS FREE

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The Alan Madders Memorial Cup
 GATES OPEN AT 8.30AM

No BYO alcohol or glass - licensed venue security checks at gate

We invite all local small business who wish to showcase their products and services to contact us at torbanlearaces@gmail.com

HANDMADE ARTISAN
 Fraser Coast

Spring Fling

Sunday 27th Sept

9-1 Free Entry

Brolga Theatre

All made locally from around the Fraser Coast Region



WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

October is shaping up to be another action-packed month across the Fraser Coast! With plenty of exciting events, entertainment and things to do, there's no excuse to miss out. We've rounded up some great ideas to help you plan ahead, book your tickets and get these dates in your diary.

Food n Groove Fridays – Get Ready Hervey Bay

Friday, October 9 | 4pm – 9pm

Seafront Oval

About the event: Food n Groove Fridays: Get Ready returns to Seafront Oval, Hervey Bay, this October, combining fun with weather preparedness. Enjoy live music, a licensed bar, delicious street food and markets, plus emergency service displays offering practical advice to help you prepare. Come for the fun, leave prepared!

2026 Torbanlea Picnic Races

Lenny Jansen Memorial Day

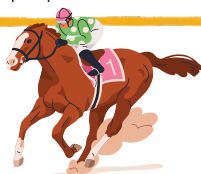
Saturday, October 17 | 8.30am – 5pm

Burum Recreation Reserve

About the event: Head to the country races. There will be live entertainment, thoroughbred, stockhorse, quarter horse and Arabian races, team tug-o-war, children's entertainment and food vans.

NO BYO alcohol or glass - licensed venue

Tickets via www.trybooking.com



Bravo! – Opera Queensland

Saturday, October 17 | 7pm – 8pm

Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

About the event: Bravo! brings some of Australia's finest operatic voices together for an exhilarating concert of beloved arias, duets and ensembles from Puccini, Verdi, Mozart and Bizet.

Starring Opera Queensland Young Artists Nick Kirkup, Lachlann Lawton and Maddie Stephens, alongside Western Australian artist Chelsea Burns and renowned pianist Beverley Kennedy, Bravo! promises passion, drama and musical excellence.

With warm and engaging introductions revealing the stories behind the music, this entertaining concert is the perfect introduction to opera and a treat for seasoned fans alike.

Tickets: www.brolgatheatre.org.

Live theatre: Blythe Spirit

Friday, October 2 – Sunday, October 18

Z-Pac Theatre, Zephyr St, Hervey Bay

About the event: Noël Coward's sparkling supernatural comedy sees séances, spirits and sarcasm collide. When a novelist's past comes back to haunt him—literally—chaos ensues in this witty, elegant and delightfully mischievous classic.

For tickets head to www.zpactheatre.com.au.



DUNGA DERBY DELIVERS \$715,000 FOR THOSE IN NEED

By Scott Rowe
General Manager, Rally for a Cause

The Fraser Coast continues to confirm itself as the most caring community in Queensland having raised the second highest fundraising total in the history of the award-winning Dunga Derby.

More than 250 participants took to the road from July 30-August 2 for the annual fundraiser for the charity Rally for a Cause, raising \$715,000 before they left.

This money will be used to assist eligible locals diagnosed with life-limiting medical conditions and other tragic circumstances beyond their control.

Rally for a Cause General Manager Scott Rowe said despite tougher economic conditions the community again rallied behind the annual fundraiser.

"The last 12 months have seen tougher economic conditions for businesses and households, but despite these challenges, the Fraser Coast community never disappoints in its generosity," Mr Rowe said.

"Two of our teams, HBW and the Hoonicorns, raised \$65,000 each which is a phenomenal effort."

The 12th annual four-day mystery tour saw participants travel from Hervey Bay to Mingo Crossing on day 1, Mingo Crossing to Kenilworth for day 2, Kenilworth to Kilcoy on Day 3 and Kilcoy back home on day 4 to finish with the traditional Esplanade parade.

"We shortened the route this year due to higher fuel prices but made the tracks through state forests and national parks more difficult which seemed to be very popular with the teams.



Angel Families 2026 Dunga team

"As is our philosophy to leave every community we visit better than the way we found it, we also raised \$40,000 on track to assist people in those communities that require help.

This year Dunga Derby donated \$10,000 to a Kenilworth family whose 11-year-old daughter Maddy suffers from a rare medical condition which affects just one in every 22 million people.

"Maddy's mother Emma, herself a generous community volunteer, was working in the kitchen at the showgrounds to help feed the Dungarians during our overnight stop. When it was announced that the family was the recipients, it was an emotional surprise for her."

Dunga Derby also donated \$10,000 to the Kilcoy Pink Up cancer group, which

recently started assisting cancer patients in the Kilcoy and surrounding region.

"Their goal for their first 12 months was to raise \$10,000, which we achieved for them in one night."

The third recipient was Childers resident Jono Walsh, himself a Dungarian, who is battling a rare form of Motor Neurone Disease.

"Jono is one of ours, so it was important to us to show him that he has the support of his Dunga family."

The Dunga Derby is the major annual fundraiser for Rally for a Cause which has now surpassed \$6 million raised and is about to assist their 500th family.

"We are just custodians on behalf of our community which has shown, year on year, that they care about those who, through no fault of their own, need help.

"We thank all of our sponsors, supporters, volunteers and community for ensuring we can be there when people need us most."

For more information on the Dunga Derby or Rally for a Cause please visit www.rallyforacause.org.au



Team Bumble Bee at departure

REV UP FOR A GREAT CAUSE

at the Fraser Coast Ulysses Club Breast Cancer Fundraiser Ride

By Kim Parnell

Pink will be the colour of the day when motorcycle enthusiasts, hot rodders, classic car owners and supporters from across the Fraser Coast come together for the Fraser Coast Branch of the Ulysses Club's annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser Ride on Sunday, 11 October.

The popular event has become a much-loved fixture on the club's calendar, bringing together people who share a passion for motorcycles while raising vital funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation's life-changing research.

The ride will depart from BP Airport at 10.00am, travelling along the Hervey Bay Esplanade to Point Vernon before making the return journey via the Esplanade and Elizabeth Street to the Kondari Hotel and Resort, where participants can enjoy lunch and a fundraising raffle.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a splash of pink to show their support, and it costs just a gold coin donation to take part.

Last year's ride attracted an impressive 105 motorcycles and trikes, and organisers are hoping to see even more riders this year. The event is open to all motorcycle riders, trikes, hot rods and vintage cars, with the Fraser Coast community invited to come along, join the convoy or simply support the cause.

Every dollar raised will go directly to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, helping fund Australian research aimed at finding a cure for breast cancer.

Fraser Coast Branch President Ros Rees has been a member of the Ulysses Club for 20 years and has proudly served as president for the past decade. She says the club is about much more than motorcycles.

"The Ulysses Club is a social club for motorcyclists over the age of 40," Ros said. "It's about meeting like-minded people, enjoying great rides, making lifelong friendships and having adventures together."



The Ulysses Club has around 8,500 members nationwide, with branches throughout Australia as well as overseas. Members enjoy regular social rides and events, while one of the highlights each year is the National Ulysses Rally, held in a different location around Australia. This year's rally was held in Nambour, with the next gathering heading to the iconic Mount Panorama.

The inspiration behind the Fraser Coast Branch's annual fundraiser came from close to home.

"Our secretary was diagnosed with breast cancer several years ago," Ros explained. "Around that time, we were looking for an event we could hold every year that would make a real difference while supporting an important cause. Breast cancer has touched so many Australian families, so supporting research through the National Breast Cancer Foundation felt like the right fit."

Holding the ride during Breast Cancer Awareness Month each October also helps shine a spotlight on the importance of early detection, awareness and ongoing research.

Adding to the fun is a fantastic fundraising raffle, with an impressive selection of prizes generously donated by local businesses. Lucky winners could take home a luxury night's accommodation at The Oaks Hervey Bay, a whale watching experience courtesy of Tasman Venture, a pair of custom-moulded ear plugs from Plug-a-Lug, a coffee voucher from Retro Coffee, one of three \$50 vouchers from AMX Superstores, a dinner voucher from the Kondari Hotel and Resort, a beautifully handcrafted sterling silver necklace created by local jeweller Steve Baldwin, or a \$50 voucher from Shear Class Hair Salon.

Ros says, "We would like to thank all of our sponsors, including the Kondari for hosting our end of ride event."

Whether you're riding on two wheels, three wheels or arriving in a classic vehicle, everyone is welcome to be part of this worthwhile day. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a scenic ride, meet fellow enthusiasts, win some fantastic prizes and help support research that offers hope to thousands of Australians affected by breast cancer.

For more information, contact Ros Rees on 0432 900 917 or email secretaryfrasercoast@gmail.com.



SOCIAL SNAPS

Out and about on the Fraser Coast!

Bronco Jensen was MC for the historic event



John Anderson with Haddow descendants

Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Scarness Band Rotunda & the naming of Haddow's Corner, Scarness

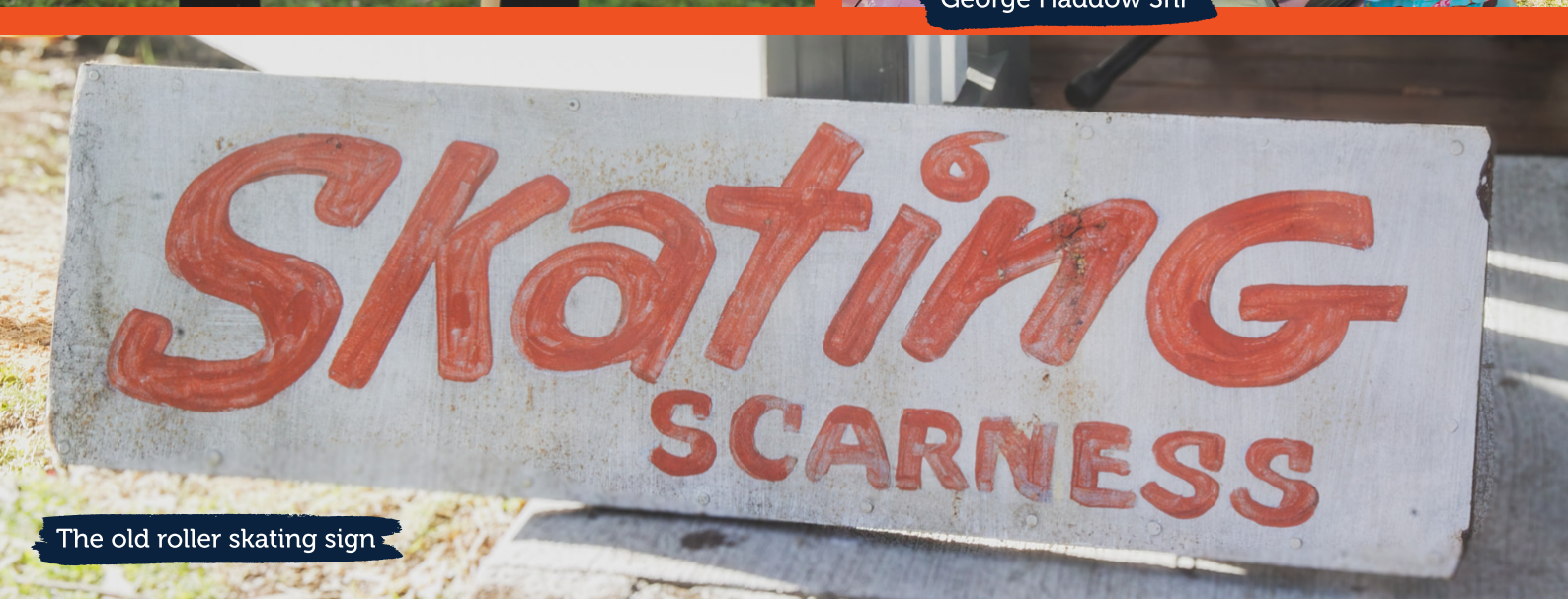
Photos by Kim Parnell



The new sign



Mr Whippy's Robby Staff gave away 100 ice creams in honour of the late George Haddow Snr



The old roller skating sign

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Celebrating its 100th Anniversary
was the Scarness Band Rotunda



Haddow descendants travelled
from far and wide to attend



Maryborough's Town
Crier Ken Ashford
shares the news



Mayor George Seymour unveils the Haddow's
Corner sign with George Haddow's descendants



Local historian John Anderson, grandson
of the late George Henry Haddow



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#43 - Breast Intentions



#06 - Coopers Journey - Avengers



The Fraser Coast Dunga Derby
Final Day: Kilcoy Showgrounds (before the rodeo)
Theme: Mexican | www.rallyforacause.org.au

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#38 - Team RealWay



#46 - Risky Business

#33 - Coastal Barbies and Ken



TIDE TIMES URANGAN

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Fraser Coast Markets



MARYBOROUGH

Maryborough Rotary Markets

Adelaide and Ellena St, Maryborough
Every Thursday - 7am to 12pm

MARYBOROUGH

Sunday Mixed Markets

Tinana Markets on the Field
Every 2nd Sunday of the month
7am - 12pm - 0447 407 008
Tinana Football Club - Soccer Fields
maryboroughsimm@gmail.com

HERVEY BAY

Torquay Beachside Markets

Opposite the Torquay Hotel
Every Saturday
7am to 1pm

HERVEY BAY

Koala Markets - Kruger Court

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday
6am to noon

HERVEY BAY

Nikenbah Markets

Hervey Bay Animal Refuge
Nikenbah-Dundowran Rd, Nikenbah
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month
6am to 12 noon

HERVEY BAY

Markets at the Pier

Pier Park, Urangan, (in front of Jetty)
Every Wednesday & Saturday
7am to 12pm

OTHER AREAS

Glenwood Community Produce Markets

Pepper Rd
2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
8am to 9:30am

OTHER AREAS

Brooweena Markets

Historical Village, Smith Crescent
4th Sunday every 3rd month
8am to noon

OTHER AREAS

Bauple Markets - Band Hall Road
4th Saturday of the month
7am - noon

Have a market you'd like added to our Market List?

We'd love to hear from you!

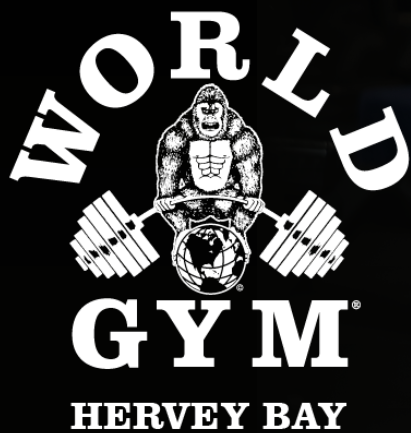
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