

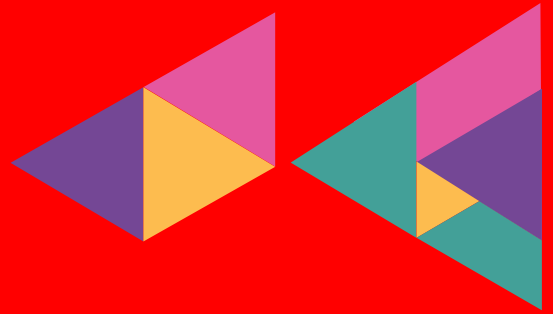
# Youth

## chronicles

Edition 2 - Issue 4



"Stories of young people achieving great things in our region"



## Welcome to the Youth Chronicles Magazine

Here you can find the latest news direct from our region's young people.

This publication is produced through a partnership between Bundaberg Regional Council, our region's high schools and youth service providers. The Youth Chronicles is released three times a year in May, August and November and contains stories about some of the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

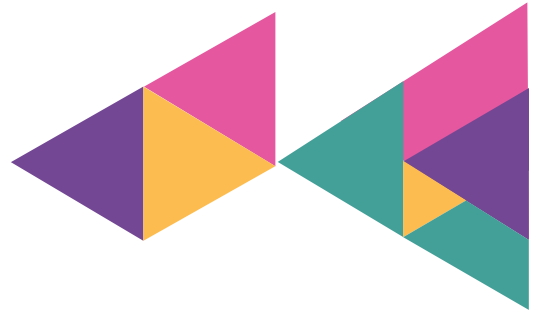
Through region-wide collaboration stories are shared not only from our regions high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region is given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students involved in designing the pages, writing the stories and taking the photos. Youth service providers are also providing stories and photos which are compiled on two pages.

The Youth Chronicles magazine is made available online at [www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth](http://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth). An electronic copy is sent to each school to share and a limited number are printed and distributed throughout the community.

This is our second year of this initiative and we would really appreciate your feedback on the content and quality along with your thoughts on the projects youth have been involved in. The feedback is valuable in ensuring continuous improvement as well as allowing the young people in our community to hear a different narrative about their contributions in the community they live.

*To provide feedback or if you would like more information, please contact our Youth Development Officer on 1300 883 699 or [comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au](mailto:comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au)*





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## Farewell and good luck

What a year!



2019 was certainly a remarkable year! Packed with so many opportunities, we were able to collaborate with our student council, meet new people and develop ourselves as we grew into young adults. We are truly grateful that we gained the privilege of representing North Bundaberg State High School within both our school and our community, and our school captaincy role has created lasting memories that we are sure to look back on for years to come.

The school captain position brought with it many wonderful duties, such as running the weekly whole-school parade, organising student council meetings and engaging in weekly meetings with admin staff. We also gained the courage and ability to lead the remainder of the school body as responsible role models. While the organisation of ANZAC day was definitely our biggest hurdle, we are still pursuing future projects that will be carried on by the next student council, as well as continuing to build our relations with other schools!





Through all the events and activities we engaged in this year, being school captain has generated a stronger sense of confidence, leadership, and organisational skills within us. This year has certainly prompted us to break out of our shells and grow as people through many events such as the ANZAC day marches, Relay for Life, the Chaplaincy Breakfast, and the Run to The Roar camp, just to name a few.

We would like thank everyone who supported and encouraged us in our school captain and student council endeavours. Balancing a leadership position and grade 12 has definitely been a challenge, and there have been many ups and downs, but in the end, we are so incredibly grateful for this opportunity. This year has been one of the most impactful years of our schooling career, and we would like to wish next year's school captains the best of luck.

Blake Saffy & Hanna Sahlberg  
2019 School Captains



## The Best is Yet to Come

There is something special happening at Bundaberg North State High School.

As we contemplate the outstanding results of our graduating students, we take stock of all the people and programs that have taken a unique group of students through six unforgettable years of school. The best news is that all this and more will be happening in 2020. From our career planning, work experience and school-based traineeship opportunities, to our student wellbeing initiatives and academic excellence programs, North is the place to be. See you in 2020!



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## "Lettuce" Celebrate...

"If a lettuce wasn't growing the way it should, would you blame the lettuce? No, you'd fix the environment to help it grow..." So began the end of year speech from our Principal, Scott Sadler, as he likened our students here at BYLC to that of a lettuce and how the environment we provide here (on a farm, conveniently enough) helps them to grow.

Here at BYLC our students are loved and nurtured and given the freedom and safety to be themselves and we wouldn't have it any other way. Thank you to everyone who has been there to tend, water, feed, shelter and love our 'lettuces' this year.

Rather than waffle on further (as many of our students are wont to do) - let's finish up the year with pictures can speak for us.

### GRADUATION DINNER, 2019



### AWARDS CELEBRATION, 2019



2019 Elliott Farm  
Awardee – Zane



2019 Encouragement  
Awardee - Bill



Fond farewell to one of our  
teachers, Erin. We'll miss you!

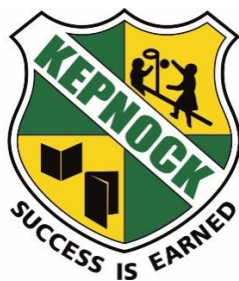


Thank you gifts to BYLC, from  
a student and a parent.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

Burnett Youth Learning Centre – 'Accept the Challenge – Succeed with Hope'





# Kepnock at a Glance



## Nalin, Rising to the Occasion

By Caitlin

High School is too often defined by the subjects you do rather than the experiences you have. This narrow view of education is something Ms Johnson is challenging through the development of a new learning experience to Kepnock State High School in 2019; the introduction of a Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) program. Nalin.

Kepnock's HPV Team 'Nalin' has brought a journey of growth and new experiences to a young bunch of enthusiastic students, mostly from the Special Education Program at Kepnock SHS. These students have come together to form Kepnock's first ever Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) team and have positively represented Kepnock across multiple competitions around the region this year. Their success left Ms Johnson, Team Manager, and our school extremely proud.

Each HPV race involves its own unique challenges as the team attempts to complete as many laps as possible in the set amount of time, changing drivers when needed as well as looking after and maintaining the bike during driver exchange. The team have conquered many difficulties along their journey, from the construction of the bike to the difficulties faced out on the track. Despite racing in searing heat and torrential rain, and facing challenges such as their bike crashing, these students have handled these issues and continued to powered through. Resilience, determination and cooperation are traits shown by all members, whether it's during training or out on the track. They never stop pushing to be the best they can, so much effort is put in not only from the students but teachers such as Mrs Johnson, Mrs Parr and especially Dave Bate.

Nalin: the Taribelang meaning of 'we all'. The HPV team name 'Nalin', was carefully chosen after many discussions and meetings with members of the local indigenous tribe. From the very beginning the students wanted their team to have a strong indigenous influence. The unique name itself reflects the inclusive nature of learning at Kepnock. "We all" is related to the idea that 'we all' work together, 'we all' are one.

The teams design of their bike includes the distinctive long tailed brown hawk commonly found circling above it's native local Kepnock area and the indigenous design and hand painted artwork were created in special consultation with local indigenous artist Lesley Johnson.

Nalin have had an exceptionally successful first year of competition, attending four tournaments, with each race increasing in intensity and stamina needed compared to the last. Their first race consisted of riding for six hours in Bundaberg, where they placed 2nd in their division and received "Show and Shine" best bike design award. Their second race saw them bring home first, after an eight hour race in Benaraby. The Qld State titles race in Maryborough was an incredibly gruelling 24 hour race and was by far the longest and most exhausting race these students have faced. Despite a very serious crash that left their bike damaged, they continued on, creating a remarkable result of second place in the state for their division.

The students encouraging and compassionate attitude towards other competitors and teammates has lead them to build an amazing reputation amongst the HPV community as well as making friendships with other teams from all over the state.

*"Kepnock's authentic approach to this sport has allowed the students involved in this incredible experience, to change and grow in level of confidence, maturity, and responsibility"*

-Ms Johnson

Team effort, spirit and sportsmanship epitomises what the Kepnock HPV Program is all about, learning valuable communication and social skills to get along with each other and even more so, perform as a team. Simply being given the opportunity to be involved in such a program has come to mean a great deal to every member of Team Nalin.



## Certificate Courses at School – The Future?

By Mikayla

*The year 2019 marks a milestone for Kepnock State High School and its students, with Certificate Courses being offered to Year 10. Work experience has been offered at Kepnock SHS since 2005 and in the 13 years, it has been around, Kepnock SHS is now moving from a 'work experience culture to a training culture'. These students have engaged themselves in new opportunities, setting aside their school education for four block weeks during the year.*

Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the foundation for everything we do and Kepnock aims to provide their Year 10 students with additional knowledge to become creative, confident and resilient learners ready for a future outside of school.

Year 11 students have approached the new system head first with senior education's expectations flying through the roof. Altering Queensland's curriculum by using the 'Australian Tertiary Administration Rank' or ATAR has changed the way we do things at Kepnock and teachers have sourced a solution to provide students with a Plan B. As such, during Senior Secondary, a student must receive 20 points or more to be eligible to graduate and in completing a course students can achieve three points for completing a Certificate I course and earn an extra point by completing additional elective units. By completing a Certificate II course, students will gain a total of 4 points that can be banked towards their Queensland Certificate of Education. However if a student were to complete a dual-certificate II and III, they would be eligible for 10 QCE points.

This venture was created to provide students with a greater opportunity to earn the total required QCE points to graduate and to help to reduce the likely event of stress associated with Year 11 & 12. While organising the courses, Kepnock's Registered Training Organisation Manager, Ms Giddins, found difficulty in finding interest in some courses as students did not realise the value of the knowledge gained by studying the courses. Having access to these courses using the VETiS, Vocational Education and Training in Schools, funding provides a "safety net" to fall on if someone were unable to gather the necessary points for the QCE, due to sickness for example.

After completing each course students receive a national qualification, giving each student an edge against other schools in Queensland who haven't had the same opportunity, "There is no other school in Queensland who has pushed the boundaries," affirmed Ms Giddins. Studying in specific industries can lead to students finding part-time work while still at school or the chance to participate in school-based traineeships such as a work, earn and learn program or combining school and work together.

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The completion of the Certificate II courses has benefited both students and teachers alike. Students have engaged themselves in their training programs and saw value in what they were learning. While watching trainers, teachers have learnt techniques to engage students in the classroom. The 12 training organisations that were brought in have established positive relationships with the students and are all excited about the progress, having never done this before.

The Certificate Courses open to Year 10 was successful in many ways. It has provided students with a qualification before the most difficult years of school allowing flexibility to students who either make the decision of continuing through to Year 12 or withdrawing to pursue a different life choice. Students have learnt skills that can be brought into their current subject areas and improve the way they learn. Certificate Courses for Year 10 – the way of the future.



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## What's On

- Year 9 Graduation Ceremony 10 December 2019
- Year 7-8 Rewards Trip 12 December 2019
- End of term 13 December 2019
- 7,8 & 11 Term 1 Starts 28 January 2020





# Bundaberg Christian College

Education with Wisdom

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## Making a Difference in 2020



### Introducing our new Principal of BCC - Mr Paul Thompson



We are pleased to welcome Mr Paul Thompson as the new Principal of Bundaberg Christian College to commence in January 2020. Mr Thompson comes to us with extensive teaching and leadership experience, having worked in the UK and Canberra where Paul has most recently served faithfully in Christian schools. Mr Thompson has a reputation demonstrating commendable leadership through a number of middle management and school leadership positions and demonstrates sincere passion for pastoral care and student wellbeing, with a focus on continuous school improvement and school operations. We look forward to Mr Thompson building on the strong foundation created by Mr Paul Sterling and to seeing the College go from strength to strength in 2020 and beyond.

### Senior Student Piazza

In 2020 the College is excited to be building a new Student Piazza. The Piazza will be a student-centred and student-designed outdoor space, created specifically for senior students in order to provide a space for students to relax and connect both before school and during break times. We are excited about this new space and we are currently sourcing ideas and feedback from students regarding the design.



### Agricultural School-Based Work Program



BCC has committed to partnering with Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network and Bundaberg Canegrowers with the aim of implementing an agriculturally-focused school-based work program. The program will be introduced as pilot in the 2019 Christmas Holidays. The purpose of the program is to identify employment opportunities, establish mentoring relationships and provide on the job training to students who are interested in pursuing employment or careers in agriculture.



# 2020 Date Claimers

**Saturday 23 May**

**PREP  
TASTIC  
FUN Day**

Preptastic is a program aimed at students 5 years and younger. This annual Fun Day aims at connecting parents and students with the BCC Prep environment; our Teachers, our nature inspired playground and our programs.

Join us for a morning full of fun and the chance to meet our Prep teachers in person, with free entertainment, including jumping castle and slide, face painting, arts & crafts and prizes up for grabs.



**Saturday 1 August**



The Illuminate Arts Showcase is a spectacular evening not to be missed!

This is one of BCC's events in which we showcase talents of our BCC Students, from Visual Art Display, Drama, Music and the Art of Food.

Keep an eye out for more information on this event on our website closer to the event date.

**Open Days**

- **Tuesday 10 March**
- **Tuesday 18 August**

Join us for a casual morning tea, guided tour with the Principal and Leaders of the College to get an in depth overview of all that we have to offer to students from Primary up to Middle and Senior School. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and their children to ask any questions they may have regarding the College.

Private tours can also be booked by contacting the College on 4154 5800 or visit [www.bcc.net.au](http://www.bcc.net.au)



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# Spotlight on Youth

## SUCCESS ON A LARGER STAGE

**Wow:** At the end of Term 3 students from our Junior Excel classes competed at the Regional Wonder of Science Conference. Congratulations to our winning teams and the staff who supported them!

**Language Perfect:** Congratulations to our prize-winning languages students! They placed in the top 1% in the Education Perfect Language World Championship.



**Hi Tech:** Mr Wallace had the pleasure of presenting Melissa, Angela and Liam with their Certificate of Participation in this year's Tech Extension Program. The robotic cars were once again a highlight for all involved.

**Indigenous Student of the Year:** Congratulations to our own Dustin Budda-Deen who received the esteemed honor of being named Indigenous Student of the Year at the recent Indigenous Celebration Evening!



**STEM Girl Power:** Congratulations to Laura E, STEM Girl Power Ambassador, who recently participated in the 2019 STEM Girl Power Alumni Event. Laura was also asked to join the Alumni Community to continue to inspire other girls in STEM.



Congratulations to Hayley S who will attend the 2020 STEM Girl Power Camp with other Year 10 girls from around Queensland who are also passionate about STEM to experience the World Science Festival in Brisbane, meet amazing STEM role models, undertake innovative STEM activities and visit cutting edge STEM research facilities.

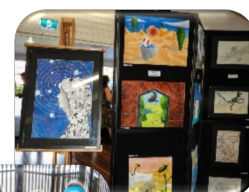


**\$120,000 in Scholarships:** Congratulations to our QATSIF and University of Queensland Young Achievers scholarship winners!

**QMEA:** Congratulations Katie, who is our QMEA Ambassador!

## An Artful Showcase

Congratulations to all students and staff involved in the 2019 Arts Evening, showcasing the work from our drama, music, dance, media and art students, as well as the catering from the Hospitality students and staff!



## GUARDIANS OF THE REEF

As a local Reef Guardian school, our Year 7 EXCEL class participated in a unique learning experience on the Great Barrier Reef. Having this unique UNESCO World-Heritage site on our doorstep provided the perfect opportunity for real-world, hands-on educational experiences. Thanks to a partnership between the Australian Government and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Lady Musgrave Experience partnered with our school to help create a community of custodians for the reef's future. The learning activities completed in this pristine aquatic environment, encouraged students to gain an appreciation of the importance and complexity of the reef, and how their everyday actions can impact its health and longevity. Despite the challenging weather conditions getting out to the reef, a great day was had by all. Students will now explore ways of spreading this important environmental message to the wider school environment.



*Through hard work, the stars*





## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Students involved with the **Intergenerational Mentoring Community** program were presented with their certificates at the town library. Councillor Judy Peters made the presentations and thanked the students for their work in the community, assisting with computer questions and issues.



Six Year 9 girls lost their ponytails to raise funds for Cancer Council Queensland through the **Ponytail Project**. Great job girls!



With the support of students and teachers purchasing bandannas and the fantastic selling by the JRC and SRC, this year Bundy High has raised the most money since we started fundraising for **National**

**Bandanna Day**...\$1178.80... more than \$200 on last year!

Our school captains and Jude Edwards from Team Eddie, accepted the cheque for the funds raised by our BSHS **Cane2Coral** team in August. The proceeds will now go to the 'Cure for Brain Cancer Foundation'. Congratulations to everyone that participated in this fundraising event.



Our Year 7 students participated in the **\$20 Boss Project** and donated over \$1500 to a range of local charities! Thanks to the staff (and parents!) who supported these young entrepreneurs!



## SPORTING SUCCESSES

**Netball:** The 2019 Interschool Netball Competition saw seven out of nine Bundy High netball teams make the top four in their division. Placing in the top four allowed them to compete at



Winter Finals Day and play for a place in the Grand Final.



### Cricket:

A massive congratulations to Year 7 students Sam and Lachlan on their selection in the QLD 10-12 years Schoolboys Cricket team! A fantastic achievement.



### Rugby League

Congratulations to Lachlan and Jomar, two of our Year 7 students who have been selected to join the Brisbane Broncos Sunshine Coast **Talent Squad** for the 2020 season!



Year 9 students Cayleb, Hobie and Elijah competed at the **U15 QLD Murri Carnival** held in

Brisbane. The carnival was a great experience and their side ended up winning 2 games, drawing 1 game and losing 2. An awesome effort for a team that had no training sessions. Well done boys!



The Wilsonton SHS **U13's Girls Rugby League Academy** team travelled to Bundaberg recently as part of their Central Queensland Tour. Their first match was at Bundaberg SHS against our Year 7/8 side. Both sides played with plenty of passion and energy in front of a large sea of blue and white.

After scores were locked for most of the match, the home team secured several late tries to take the win. Well done to both sides on a fantastic game of Rugby League!



Well done to our Year 10/11 Rugby League Side who finished 3rd in the **Brother Rochford Challenge** at Shalom College. The boys recorded a win against Shalom before losing to St Brendan's College Yeppoon and Wavell SHS. Thanks to Mr Sherriff and our great group of passionate parents for their support of the side today!



**Table Tennis:** 20 SEP students have been competing in our SEP competition this term. Everyone played with great sportsmanship, and showed how their skills have improved during the year. After several, very closely contested heats, the top seven players, Brian, Preston, McCannon, Hayden, Steven, Taylah and Dylan then had to play off for the semi-finals. Brian and Preston played well with Preston winning the match, while Hayden and Dylan had to play a 3 game marathon, which Dylan won at 14-12. Well done to all competitors!



**HPV:** Congratulations to ALL four of our Bundy High Hornets teams. Our school was the **ONLY** school in the Grillex Queensland HPV Super Series where all four teams finished on the podium in Super Series points. Super Series results as follows:

Junior Mixed – 1st place  
Senior Mixed – 2nd place

Senior Girls – 3rd place  
Senior Boys – 2nd place

*Through hard work, the stars*



# Bundaberg Region Youth Service's Stories

The following stories have been provided to us with the permission of the services and the young people they relate to.

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YOUTH NEWS

*Young people achieving great things in our region*

## Lauren's Life Lessons



Hi, my name is Lauren Cuthbert, I'm the current chairperson for the headspace Youth Engagement Committee (YEC), so I thought I'd introduce myself.

I've been volunteering with headspace since the end of 2016. I have been a part of many different community initiatives and events in that time, as well as overseeing the various youth groups headspace runs, and telling my story at events.

Over the last 20 or so years, I have gone through many hardships. I was born with a disability that affects many of the bones in my body, including, but not limited to my fingers, feet, ears and skull. I have had multiple surgeries to correct some of these issues, but I still struggle every day with restricted movement and chronic pain. It has been hard, especially during my teenage years, to feel as though I fit in.

Helping out at headspace, being a part of the YEC, and the role we play has really improved the way I see myself and the world around me. My time with headspace has taught me many valuable skills, such as public speaking, leadership, and the importance of concept development and planning, among many other skills that have been a great help to me while transitioning into adulthood. I have learnt many life lessons with regards to friendship, accountability and my own worth as an individual. headspace has really helped me make sense of those things and supported my growth as a person immensely. I look forward to my future with headspace, and the skills it will teach me.

### ARE YOU KEEN TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

headspace Youth Engagement Committee are currently recruiting 12 to 25 year olds. If you're an energetic and fun team player who likes to engage, educate and inspire young people in the community to look after their mental health and wellbeing, then you should get in touch. Phone 4152 3931, or email [hsbyec@unitedsynergies.com.au](mailto:hsbyec@unitedsynergies.com.au)

# Access Ability Week 2019

**Steps Employment Services** collaborated with a number of local businesses during Access Ability Week 25/11/2019 – 29/11/2019. This week highlights ACCESS to people with disAbilities to employment environments to get a better feel for whether an industry is suited to them and if they would like to pursue employment.

We partnered with Alowishus Delicious, HSG at the Gardens, Last Stop Convenience and Catering, Dimmeys, Sugarland Animal Hospital and GHD Engineering who all provided our participants with a few hours each day to experience their business.

Our participants enjoyed the opportunity and had a fun time exploring their options for employment in the future. We thank local business who gave their time and patience so that this initiative would be successful.



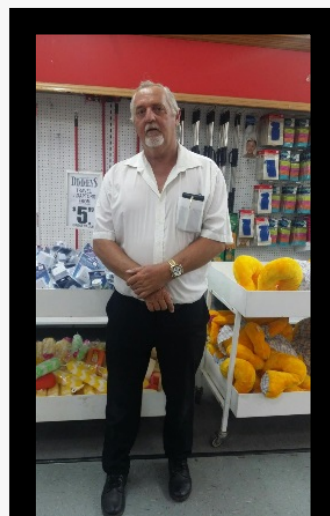
Bec Clark at HSG Garden



Jamie Lee Ayrton at Last Stop Convenience Shop



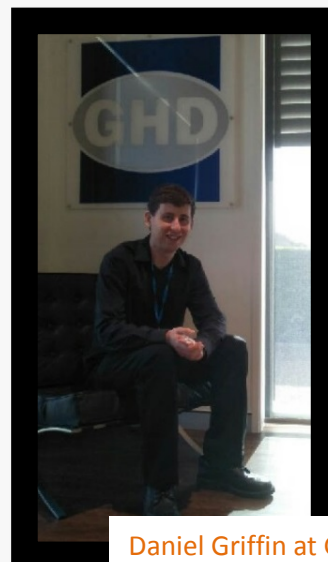
Camron Keogh  
Alowishus Delicious



Eric Taylor at Dimmeys



Alexis Ayrton at Sugarland Vet



Daniel Griffin at GHD







# Youth Development 2020

Keep an eye out for these events and activities in 2020

## Healthy Lunch Boxes

Wednesday 15, 22 and 29 January 2020

**Time:** 2 pm - 3 pm

**Where:** Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre, 111 Targo Street, Bundaberg

To book a spot click [here](#)

## Youth Month

**April** is the Youth Month, Council is planning series of activities/events to celebrate the Youth in our region.

To participate keep an eye on the [Youth page](#) on Council website

## Flourish Family Fun Day

**Save the date!**

Thursday 2 July 2020  
Boreham Park, Avenell Heights

July School holidays - come and join us at Flourish family Fun Day .

A fun filled day for people of all ages with information stalls, free rides and slides.

For more information regarding the event contact [comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au](mailto:comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au)

## Welcome to the jungle

**Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle**



Wednesday, 1 July 2020  
Moncrief Entertainment Centre,  
177 Bourbong St,  
Bundaberg

## Animal Farm



Animal Farm, one of the most enduring political commentaries returns in a multi-award winning, critically-acclaimed theatre production.

Saturday 6 June 2020  
Moncrief Entertainment Centre,  
177 Bourbong St, Bundaberg



Frequently asked questions and general information

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