



EVENTS

Ginger Flower and Food Festival Ginger Factory, Yandina, January 27-29, various times. Cost: free. Showcase of more than 120 varieties of exotic plants along with a full line-up of chefs, gardening gurus, and health and wellbeing experts. Cooking demos by the likes of Dominique Rizzo from *Ready, Steady, Cook* and Japanese master Aki Kitabatake will cover topics such as barbecues, picnics, and cocktails and canapes. There'll also be talks, demos and walks by experts such as Colin Campbell, Phil Dudman, Dezley Hughes and Ross McKinnon. Details: gingerfactory.com.au

Nambour Moonlight Markets Town Square, January 27, 5pm. Cost: free. Jason Machado tops the live music line-up, along with jazz trombonist Ashley Lewis, drummer Max Sportelli and Brazilian percussionists Claudio Climaco and Luisinho. Other drawcards will include international cuisine, street entertainment and market stalls. Details: Helen, 0416 217 093.

Jess Mauboy and Stan Walker Sunshine Coast Function Centre, January 28, 7.30pm. Cost: \$45. The former *Australian Idol* finalists are on tour together for the first time. See page 23. Details: sunshinecoastfunctioncentre.com.au

Chopper & Hammer Show Tewantin-Noosa RSL, January 28, 8pm. Cost: \$30. Insight into the notorious – and sometimes sordid – lives of Mark Brandon "Chopper" Read and his long-term bodyguard, Mark "Hammer" Dixon. Details: 5447 1766.

Italian Film Festival Nambour Civic Centre, February 3-5. Cost: varies. Celebration of Italian cinema, featuring a series of films with English subtitles. Sessions are *Welcome To The South*, February 3, 7pm; *A Family On The Verge*, February 4, 4pm; *Escort In Love*, February 4, 7.30pm; *Lost Kisses*, February 5, 4.30pm. There will also be intimate foyer dining available on Saturday. Details: nambourciviccentre.com.au



Queensland Back 2 Back Triathlon Novotel Twin Waters, January 28-29, various times. Cost: varies. One of Australia's toughest off-road events and hardcore triathlons. Athletes tackle the same route two days straight, with winners based on cumulative results. The long course includes a 500m swim, 15km mountain bike and 6km run; the short course is a 350m swim, 10km mountain bike and 4km run; the teaser course is a 150m swim, 5km mountain bike and 1km ride. There will also be a Tre-X Dirt Kids event for ages seven to 10 with a 50m swim, 3km bike and 500m run, or alternatively just a 50m swim. There will also be an expo. Details: tre-x.com.au

Meeting Currimundi Community Centre, January 30, 7pm. Cost: free. Currimundi Catchment Care Group annual general meeting. Membership is free. Details: Jenny, 5493 9695.

SPORTS & WELLBEING

Run To The Green Noosa Springs, January 29, 6.30am. Cost: \$25. Noosa Springs halts play and opens its golf green for the inaugural Run To The Green 5km fun run (or walk). Proceeds go to the Noosa Heads Surf Life Saving Club Junior Development Program. Details: 5440 3365.