

The end of the tunnel

In her recently launched book *Life is Like a Fruit Salad*, Debbie Sanders shares her compelling story of overcoming a life of abuse.

Throughout the book Debbie explains how several forms of abuse were a part of everyday life and how overcoming her past has given her fresh hope for the future.

Life is Like a Fruit Salad is written with honesty, openness and humour, taking readers on a journey through a variety of gripping experiences.

Debbie's story aims to encourage and inspire people from all walks of life.

No matter what has happened in a person's life, the best is always yet to come.

Common remarks by readers of the book are: "I couldn't put the book down", "I had to keep reading to find out what happened next", and "When are you writing another book?"

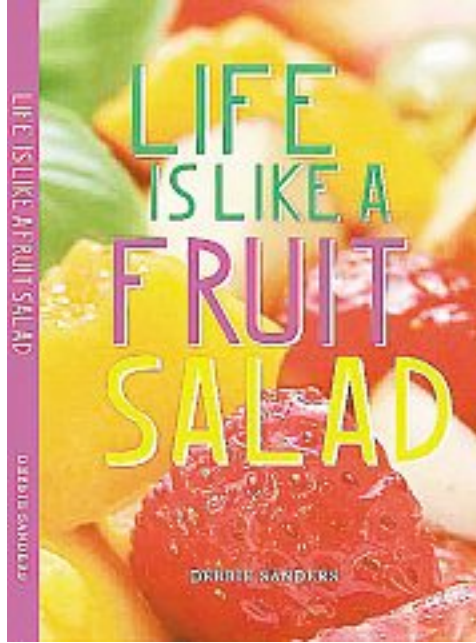
Debbie's writings will encourage anyone who has been affected by the following forms of abuse: emotional, sexual, physical, parental or financial.

The topic of depression is also addressed.

In today's society, depression and abuse are common.

Whether you have experienced these issues personally or know someone who has, *Life is Like a Fruit Salad* is a must-read for everyone.

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Cats and dogs registration extension
Council has now extended the registration period for cats and dogs from June 30 until 30 September 30. The Animal Management Act (Cats and Dogs) states council must issue a renewal notice to owners of registered cats and dogs 14 days prior to the expiry of the registration period. No extra fees will apply for the three month extension.

Organic food box trial
An exciting food box trial has been offered to council staff through the Wellbeing Planning and Programs Team. Together with external agencies, they were successful in obtaining money for council under the Low Carbon Diet Community Funding.

Fabulous certified organic produce will be supplied by Sandy Creek Organic Farm to participating staff on a weekly basis for three months. More than 85 staff have now committed to the trial. This is a positive step in helping the rural future of the Sunshine Coast, supporting local farmers and promoting the Low Carbon Diet initiative.

Bikeway to ramp up at Nambour Connection Road, Woombye
A three-metre wide off-road bikeway, between Paynters Creek and Cobbs Road, Woombye has been given the all clear to go ahead.

Design on this project is complete and Infrastructure Services Department has received Minor Works approval from Main Roads and a report from Ganggala Pty Ltd regarding cultural heritage.

Skate Strategy
Thanks to all who participated in developing the Skate Strategy. If you would like a copy of the strategy, please contact Customer Service on 5475 8501.

Have your say on the Sunshine Coast's planning scheme

Residents are encouraged to have their say on the Sunshine Coast's new planning scheme to help shape their future. Council will be visiting various suburbs along the Coast in a roadshow

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manner until May 4.

Council is keen to hear what people like and dislike about development in their area, what they want to stay the same and what they'd like to see changed.

Have your say on Friday, April 23, from 12noon-2pm, outside IGA, 7 Main St, Palmwoods. If you can't make this roadshow display you can submit your feedback via email to ourplace@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Once council has collected the community's comments they will work to have a draft of the new planning scheme ready in mid to late 2011.

Community Grants update

The Community Grants round closed last month with 421 applications received.

Council is pleased to announce grants awarded to the following areas: individual development – 35, minor grant – 114, major grant – 124.

Montville Visitor Information Centre
Congratulations to volunteers at the Montville Visitor Information Centre.

During the month of March, they fielded 1389 enquiries.

Join me for breakfast

I'd like to cordially invite you to join me for breakfast on Wednesday, April 28, 7.30-8.30am at Mad Hatter's Tea House, Landsborough. This is a great opportunity to find out what's happening within your new council and to share with me any local government issues and ideas you may have. I'd love to hear your feedback.

Tickets are \$10 which includes muesli, raisin toast, bacon and eggs, and tea and coffee. To reserve your seat, call Sue on 5441 8043.

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