

reptile feeding time. Details:  
[www.australiazoo.com.au](http://www.australiazoo.com.au)

**Kids Alive – Do The Five!** Australia Zoo, December 27-31, 10.30am and 1.30pm. Cost: Free with zoo entry, which starts at \$34. Join Lawrie Lawrence to do the five and stay safe at the pool. Details: [australiazoo.com.au](http://australiazoo.com.au)

## SAVE THE DATE

**Ocean Ranger UnderWater World**, January 3-22, Monday-Saturday, various times. Cost: Varies. Ages five-and-a-half to eight, 8.30am-12.30pm, \$50. Ages nine and older, 8.30am-2.30pm, \$75. Go behind the scenes to interact with the animals. Details: 5458 6226.

**Professor Jellybean Science Experiments** Cooroy Library, January 5, 10-11am. Cost: Free. Ages five-plus can join scientific fun. Create freaky goo worms with glitter followed by a totally gross experiment. Details: 5454 9000.

**Design A Card Workshop** Maleny Library, January 5, 2-3pm. Cost: Free. Design a new card for Sunshine Coast libraries. Details: 5435 3100.

**Kids' Cooking Class** The Ginger Factory, Yandina, January 5, 10am-1pm. Cost: \$50. Michelin-starred chef Erik Van Alphen will help budding chefs learn and master new recipes for treats ranging from Asian rolls to Italian pizza, tarts and desserts. Details: [gingerfactory.com.au](http://gingerfactory.com.au).

**Design Your Own Calendar** Coolum Library, January 6, 10-11am. Cost: Free. Bring your own picture to design a calendar. Attendees must be eight or older. Details: 5343 2000.

**Design A Card Workshop** Nambour Library, January 6, 2-3pm. Cost: Free. Help Sunshine Coast libraries come up with the look for the new borrowing card. Details: 5441 8332.



## AGENDA

In December and January, Coast author Angela Buetti is donating \$1 from each sale of her Scratch and Patch series of books to SunnyKids SCIPS (Supporting Children in Primary Schools Program)

### Tell us about your Scratch and Patch series . . .

Scratch and Patch was created to get young boys excited about reading. When my eldest son started school, I really struggled to find books that would interest him. There was a real void in engrossing books for young boys learning to read – books with cool characters, humour and cheekiness. I decided to use my teaching and literacy background, and my love of writing, to produce books boys would want to read. The response from parents, teachers and kids has been nothing short of amazing. So much so we have more series on the way!

### How long did they take to write?

From the initial idea to the completed series took about two years. I wanted to make absolutely sure the characters were engaging and the storylines were real page-turners. Finding the right illustrator

was critical, too, as I wanted a sense of fun and humour to shine through in the illustrations. Boys will often pick up on the humour in an illustration before their parents will. It's fabulous to see.

### Why are you supporting SCIPS?

The SunnyKids SCIPS, which provides support services to children at risk of disengaging from the learning environment, is such a useful and practical initiative. Our aims are closely aligned, as we recognise good literacy skills increase self-esteem and provide greater work and life choices. I'm really excited to be able to work together with SunnyKids to make a difference to kids and their learning.

### Why is it an important cause?

Reading is the right of every child and impacts greatly on their future as a teenager and an adult. Research shows if we help kids early, the outcomes are much better.

### Details on where to buy the books:

[www.wowbooks4boys.com](http://www.wowbooks4boys.com) or 0419 799 864

## GIG GUIDE

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Chad Shuttleworth Palmwoods Hotel, 8pm  
Dan McCoy Dicky Beach Surf Club, 6.30pm  
DJ Toxic Beerwah Hotel, 8pm  
Ear Candy The Swan Bowls Club, 6pm  
James Brennan Maroochy RSL, 5pm  
Lynelle Leighton Duo Tewantin-Noosa RSL Club, 8pm  
Mitch Dee Trio Alex Surf Club, 8.30pm  
Peter Schravemade Key Bar and Restaurant, 6pm  
Sarenda Fusion, Villa Noosa, 8.30pm  
Shag Maroochy Surf Club, 7.30pm  
The Sweet Souls Maroochy RSL, 7.30pm

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Amazon Blue Wharf Tavern, 1pm  
Harri Bandhu Tempo Noosa, 3pm  
Jericho Palmwoods Hotel, 7pm  
Rebel Rouser Maroochy RSL, 6pm  
The Blue Monks Palmwoods Hotel, 1pm  
The Big Easy Sunshine Beach SLSC, 3pm  
Vanilla Trio Maroochy Surf Club, 2.30pm

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Bitter Sweet Beerwah Hotel, 1pm  
Tony Worsely Maroochy RSL, 10am

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Brett Orr Boathouse, 6pm  
Circle of Sound Originals Club Envy, 7pm  
Simply Three Maroochy RSL, 7pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

As The Crow Flies Finbar, Maleny, 7.30pm  
DJ Banksy Fusion Villa Noosa, 9pm  
Lynelle Leighton Trio Maroochy RSL, 7pm  
Russleigh Duo Tewantin-Noosa RSL, 7pm

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