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## NEWS HONOUR FOR 'LUCKY'

Paralympic swimming world record holder Lakeisha Patterson will carry the Queen's Baton in the lead-up to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. **PAGE 2**

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Readers react to the High Court's ruling on penalty rates. Many readers believe it will hit workers, who are struggling to make ends meet, particularly hard. **PAGE 3**

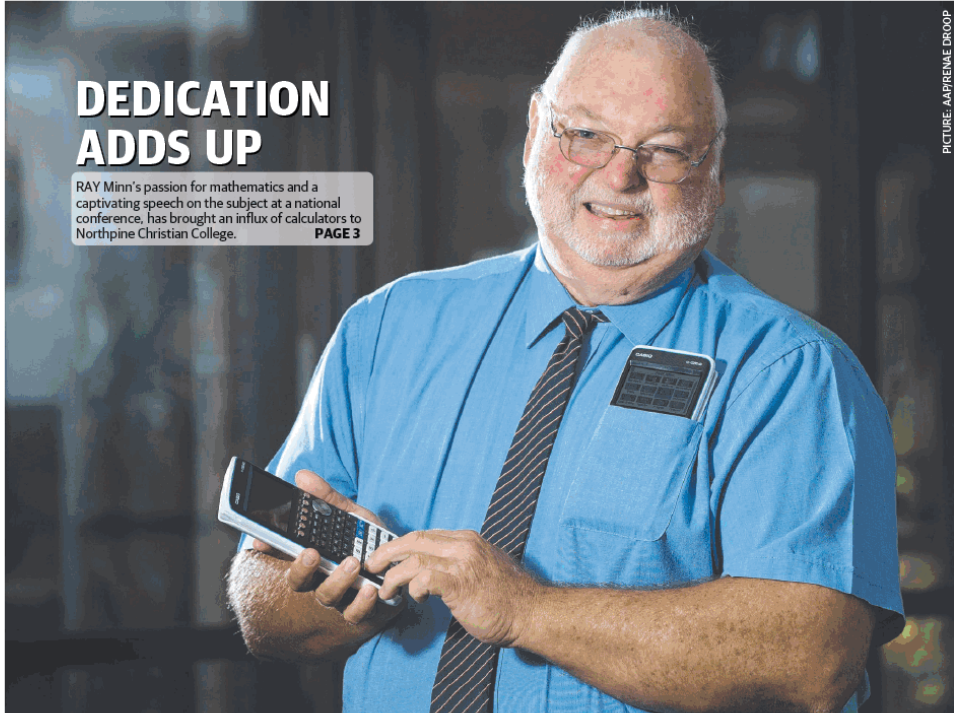


## NEWS BIG DAY FOR ATHLETES

Strathpine Spitfires Little Athletics club is turning 40 next month and wants current and former members to join the party. **PAGE 13**

## DEDICATION ADDS UP

RAY Minn's passion for mathematics and a captivating speech on the subject at a national conference, has brought an influx of calculators to Northpine Christian College. **PAGE 3**



PICTURE: JAPREVINE DROOP

# Big win on school

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## Government reveals timetable for campus

THE State Government will bow to community pressure, announcing a new high school for the North Lakes/Mango Hill area to take pressure off schools nearing capacity.

Its exact location has not yet been finalised but the Government has committed to delivering a secondary school in the area by 2020 to deal with future demand for education infrastructure.

Education Minister Kate Jones made the announcement at Mango Hill State School on Monday.

Ms Jones said once the site was finalised, Education Queensland would

look at the school's catchment.

She said students in Griffin may need to be considered to take future pressure off Murrumba Downs State Secondary College.

The new school will cost about \$36 million to build.

Ms Jones said the commitment was a win for one of the state's fastest growing regions and proof of the Government's dedication to delivering education infrastructure in Queensland.

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# Maths love worth its weight in calculators



Northpine Christian College students Emma Van Moore, Kailee Vardon and Grace Lee.

RAY Minns's passion for maths has brought an influx of the latest Casio graphic calculators to Northpine Christian College.

As the head of the school's maths department, Mr Minns has helped foster a long-standing relationship

with Casio and on September 29 he spoke at the company's national maths conference.

Mr Minns spoke about exploratory assessment, a methodology that enables students to gather raw data from their environment and

use it to gain mathematical insights that link back to theory covered in class.

"This enables students to gather data that will be unique to them," he said.

"No two students will have the same data, yet all will have 'correct' answers

if they have followed the theory correctly."

For his contribution at the conference, Mr Minns was given 20 Casio graphic calculators worth about \$4600, which he donated to the school's maths department. "Northpine Christian Col-

lege would like to thank Casio for their generous gift and congratulate Ray on his many accomplishments," a school spokesperson said.

Mr Minns has also been invited to present at future Casio workshops anywhere in Australia.

## BRIEFLY

### Writers to gather

Tina Cavanough is the guest speaker at the next Moreton Bay Region Local Writer Meet and Greet event on October 28. It will be at the Pine Rivers Art Gallery on Gympie Rd, Strathpine, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. **Phone Jenny Woolsey on 0419 704 803 for more details or to RSVP.**

### Bags of enthusiasm

Boomerang Bags Pine Rivers is launching next week with an information night on Wednesday. It will be at the Pendicup Community Centre, Samsonvale Rd, Warner, from 7-8.30pm. Boomerang Bags is a movement that makes bags from recycled materials including plastic bags.

### Art on show

The Moreton Bay Region Youth Art Awards are on Friday, 6pm, at Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine. The exhibition is on display from October 21-29. Weekday viewing times are 3-6pm and weekend viewing times are 10am-4pm.

### Energy forum

The Moreton Bay Region Combined Chambers of Commerce has invited business leaders to an Energy Forum on October 26. It will be at Club Pine Rivers, Sparkes Rd, Lawnton, from 4pm to 6.30pm.

### New medical course

University of the Sunshine Coast will offer a Bachelor of Medical Science for the first time in Semester 1 next year. This three-year undergraduate degree will provide provisional direct entry into Griffith University's planned Doctor of Medicine program at the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital at Birtinya. It is expected that up to 20 places per year will be available in the Griffith University medical program for successful graduates of USC's Bachelor of Medical Science.

### Alice at school

Strathpine State School will present its musical *Alice* next month. It will be on Wednesday, November 8, and Thursday, November 9, at 6pm, and on November 10, at noon, for a special students-only showing.

# Anger over pay decision

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## Court backing of penalty rate cut riles residents

PINE Rivers residents have lashed out at the High Court's decision to back the Fair Work Commission's controversial reduction of penalty rates.

The commission in February cut Sunday and public holiday penalty rates for full- and part-time workers in retail, hospitality, fast food and pharmacies.

The decision was challenged by several unions and the High Court last week upheld the move. The court's role was restricted to determining whether the commission had made any administrative errors.

Christine Nation, commenting on *Pine Rivers* Press Facebook page, said she believed people might

simply stop working on weekends.

"If you're not getting paid extra and having time away from your kids, why would you?" she said.

"Let's see how well this works out for the employers when they have no staff to open their businesses."

Leilani Bourke said the decision was hurting

minimum-wage workers.

"These occupations are generally minimum-award wages and you penalise them by taking away their opportunity to earn penalty rates and try and earn more money to survive," she said. Alethea Hyde believed it was the wrong decision.

"I and everyone I know are totally happy to pay

extra on weekends and public holidays," she said. "I for one will now only spend my hard-earned (money) at establishments that continue to pay staff well."

Tarsh Tyson said people were working harder these days just to survive.

"It results in chronic stress, lowered health, including depression, resulting in families and communities that are disconnected," she said.

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