**CMN130 Task 3**

**An original news story for your local community**

**Due date:** Friday, October 28, midnight (Week 13)  **Worth:** 45%

You will write a news story with a Sunshine Coast angle. You should interview at least two relevant people (not friends or family), and conduct other relevant research. The story must be presented in news style. You are to imagine you are writing for a Sunshine Coast newspaper.

Journalism ethics must be followed, especially identifying yourself as a University of the Sunshine Coast journalism student. This story may be published on a website. (You will be contacted if your story is selected to be featured on a website.)

**Contact details of your interview subjects should be included at the end of the article or marks will be lost. Include a contact telephone number for each interviewee.**

Word limit for the story: 350 words (Remember journalism word limits are exact.)

**Assessment criteria:**

* Newsworthiness of story (5 marks)
* Appropriateness of intro, angle and interviews (10 marks)
* Correct use of direct and indirect speech (5 marks)
* Effectiveness of newswriting style (10 marks)
* Correct use of house style, spelling, grammar and punctuation (15 marks)