

HANDS ON: A worker puts Nambour's town clock back on public display yesterday after a 30-year timeout.
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CLOCK TICKS TO NAMBOUR REVIVAL TIME



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ABOUT TIME: Ross Coombe, Peter Chetwynd and Clive Plater manoeuvre Nambour's former town clock into place yesterday. PHOTO: PATRICK WOODS

Clock ticks over after 30-year absence

THE main method Clive Plater used to tell the time when he was a child in Nambour has been restored after lying dormant for 30 years.

"If you were a kid in my day you didn't get a watch until you got to high school," Mr Plater said.

So the electric clock that

adorned the Maroochy Shire Town Hall on Currie St from 1953 until it was demolished in the late 1980s was his best option.

He also used to be guided by the sugar mill whistle, which blew at midday and for shift start times.

But that only ran five months of the year when

cane crushing was in season.

The old clock was hoisted onto a new tower at Nambour and District Historical Museum's Bury Street entrance yesterday morning ahead of being switched on at 2pm.

Mr Plater, who is the museum's president, said

the Brisbane-made Synchronome clock had been at the museum for quite a few years until a member decided to look into getting it going.

His efforts succeeded.

"We've had it running for a couple of months," Mr Plater, 64, said.

"It looks great out there

today."

Cr Greg Rogerson said the clock was a memento of a time when Nambour was "the centre of the universe".

He said the town's status as the North Coast's central hub had passed but its residents were striving to make it thrive.