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Secret Garden is abuzz with little native bees



Native bee enthusiast Alex Griffiths was happy to shine a spotlight on World Bee Day last week at Little Bee and Me's Secret Garden in Canungra. In addition to its bee-friendly foliage and bee products, Little Bee and Me is a hive of activity selling seedlings and indoor plants and has introduced a seed swap board and a range of landscaping items. Among the popular items that Alex sells is a range of gifts for gardeners, as well as bee products ranging from honey to bee 'hotels' (pictured) which solitary tiny native bees use as their nesting habitat.

The bee hotels are made and decorated by prisoners of the Palen Creek Correctional Centre and, as well as providing habitats for native bees, contribute to the development of new skill sets by the inmates. Little Bee and Me is open from Thursday to Sunday from 9.30am to 2pm at 8 Kidston Street, opposite DJ Smith Memorial Park.

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Out there somewhere, under a metre or more of water in the 2017 floods, is the site that is being considered for development as a service station by Scenic Rim Regional Council.

A new 24-hour service station has been proposed for the corner of Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road and Mundoolun Connection Road at Tamborine Village.

Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, said that residents should make their views known to Scenic Rim Council about the proposal – loud and clear.

“This is primarily a matter for Scenic Rim Council,” he said, adding that it seemed the Tamborine community’s initial reaction was one of bewilderment.

“As both adjoining roads are State-controlled, I will be raising with Main Roads potential impacts on Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road and Mundoolun Connection Road. I saw in 2017 how high the floodwaters got up on this corner – the traffic signs had debris on them a fair way up the sign. As the road is elevated from the plain, the area proposed for the servo would need to be raised quite a bit to deal with this.”

Mr Krause said he could see why locals might have concerns about proposals to build a retail complex there, including people in Riemore Estate (some of whom saw water



near their homes in the 2017 floods), as well as other parts of Tamborine and around Mundoolun Connection Road.

“They fear that raising one parcel of land to get it out of flood reach will have unintended consequences for other properties.

“There are good developments, and then there are development proposals that leave residents shaking their head asking – why there?”

“People need to let Council know what they think of the proposal by 11 June 2020.”

Scenic Rim to benefit from new Government funding

The Scenic Rim is set to benefit from a number of Queensland Government initiatives, which will support economic recovery and access to the region.

Mayor Greg Christensen said Council welcomed the announcements from the Queensland Government, and in particular the addition of the Scenic Rim region into the Queensland Government’s Works for Queensland program.

“Because we are located in the south east, Scenic Rim is one of the councils that was previously excluded from accessing Works for Queensland programs, even though

as a regional council we faced the same challenges as our other peers across the State,” Cr Christensen said.

“While the detail is yet to become clear, I am optimistic that this will give us access to funding for programs that are otherwise difficult to afford with our small revenue base.

“We look forward to progressing projects that will further benefit our local communities both in liveability, as well as employment and economic outcomes.

The Queensland Government also announced

a road stimulus package to help the State’s economy through the COVID-19 recovery.

“Our region relies on an integrated approach with our neighbours to improve the safety and performance of our freight, commuter and normal commercial sectors as they contribute to the success of South East Queensland,” Cr Christensen said.

“I have been a strong advocate for upgrades, particularly to improving the performance of the Mount Lindesay Highway as a critical enabler for the Bromelton State Development Area to come of age.

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SERVICE CENTRES OPENED, MEETINGS LIVESTREAMED

Scenic Rim Regional Council reopened its customer service and administration centres on 25 May in line with the State Government's roadmap to easing COVID-19 restrictions.

In preparation for their reopening, sneeze guards and floor decals to indicate safe distancing have been installed at the council's customer service and administration centres at Boonah, Beaudesert and Tamborine Mountain and there will be limits to the number of customers permitted in each service centre at one time.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the council had continued to provide essential services to the community as the COVID-19 situation had evolved and that the safety of the community and council employees

remained a priority as many of its facilities reopened.

"To keep everyone safe during COVID-19, and in line with the Government's social distancing guidelines, there will be a maximum number of five customers permitted in our Beaudesert administration centre at one time, two at Boonah customer service centre and one at Tamborine Mountain customer service centre," he said.

"Before visiting our centres, please consider whether your inquiry can be managed over the phone.

"Our customer contact officers can answer most inquiries over the phone and are able to print out and post council forms from our website to those who do not have access to a printer."

Council's libraries have reopened with a click and collect service only at this time.

"Telephone your local library or go online to place an order and then arrange a pick-up time to collect your items," Cr Christensen said.



Council's customer service and administration centres reopened this week.

As the COVID-19 situation continues, Council's Ordinary Meetings remain closed to members of the public. However, the audio will be livestreamed from The Centre Beaudesert. Audio recordings of the council's meetings of 23 April and 11 May are available on its website.

"We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will advise the community of when Council's meetings will reopen to the public," Cr Christensen said.

"In all of its decision making in relation to the current situation, the well-being of our community and employees has been our key consideration."



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SOCIAL SENSIBILITY

Hello everyone. With the Corona Virus information and all manner of truths versus myths still out there, I'd implore you all to get online and get the facts with the changes happening.

I'm a huge supporter for businesses up here and wish them all the very best with getting back to what they do well which is providing service to the community. Having said that though, this virus is still very real and causes some real problems for people, so bear in mind social distancing, the rules around what we can and can't do, and help prevent the spread.

I recently read with interest a letter to the editor around motorcycles and the noise they make. To the author, I couldn't agree with you more. It grinds on me the noise emanating from some of these machines – that's not limited to bikes either and includes the special ones in their two door Supras begging for police attention.

Trust me when I tell you that we have not forgotten about the community in this regard. There are some competing interests going on at present which we are awaiting an outcome from.

I'd like to thank the majority of motorists who are here to do the right thing, that is to say they will travel in or on their respective mode of transport in a decent manner. However, there will always be some bozo suffering a midlife crisis or coming of age scenario which produces a sad need to be seen and noticed by all.

Let's give them some love and nurture them through their respective predicament. I know that my team and I give them all the love they need when we meet them – and a big shout out to the members of the community who send us videos of these people doing the things they do – this is a perfect example of sharing the love which we encourage.

Crime – its an issue and we had a recent break and enter for which a 30-year-old male person will be making a court appearance for. Please tell us.

Drugs – if you are determined to use them, we are equally as determined to stop it. It's that simple. The damage done is offensive. It ruins the user, the family around them and the community in general. The unfortunate souls who fall foul of the drugs can turn from legitimate members of society to thieving in order to support their addictions. It's a sad state to see this happen to people and the family around them. Reach out for support should you need it.

We support the community in its endeavour to rid the area of illicit chemical substances – there is no place for the drugs in our community and there is no place for dealers who peddle their wares to the weak and vulnerable. Drug dealers are a blight on society.

As always, report matters that might seem suspicious; your information is just a phone call away and may help save someone's life or protect their property; you never know.

Sgt Mark Shields
Officer in Charge
North Tamborine Police

TEAM SPORT? BRING IT ON!

As the final stages of COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift, many of us are just itching to get back into our team sports and the benefits are obvious for both physical and mental health. And while we don't want to be the ones to curb all that pent up enthusiasm, it is also true that sports clubs and players are being urged to ensure they are match fit before they hit the court or field.

Many more of us have been walking, running and cycling during quarantine which is great for maintaining general fitness, but that doesn't mean we are ready to go straight back into the high speed running, agility and contact activities of the competitive sporting arena.



Having played at a high level in the past, Tamborine Mt Physiotherapy's Scott O'Driscoll is super keen to return to his preferred sport of hockey, but also understands that he will have to prepare carefully to avoid injuries to hamstrings, knees, ankles and hips which are common in most of our field sports.

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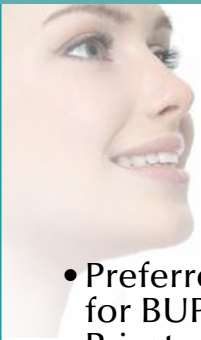
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What is a 'noble grape'?

The term 'noble grape' seems to get thrown around a lot in wine discussions. You might have heard it used in relation to some of the more recognisable grape varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay. But what does it actually mean?



According to the dictionary, 'noble' can be understood as 'belonging by rank, title, or birth to the aristocracy'. With regard to grapes, that definition actually isn't too far off. A noble grape is internationally recognised for the top-quality wine that it produces.

Generally, these varieties will have a principal growing region, where the unique expression of local 'terroir' is noticeable. However, most noble varieties can also be grown in other areas with success. When growing a noble variety, it is important to have an understanding of its particular characteristics, as well as a knowledge of its viticultural behaviours.

This allows growers to determine the potentials of any given vintage.

There exists (arguably) seven noble grape varieties. Interestingly, almost all of them are French. In whites, there are Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Riesling. For reds, it's Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Merlot, and Syrah. Also known as 'International Varieties', these grapes are widely planted in most of the major wine-producing regions in the world. To name a few? France, Italy, Spain, USA, Argentina, Australia, South Africa - and so many more.



So, are all these varieties actually better than the rest or is it simply a case of being in the right place at the right time? For several of the nobles, such as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, their ease of growth and adaptability has meant they constitute an ideal variety for colonising the wine world.

Essentially, each of the noble grapes has served as a gateway to entering the world of wine. As this world was developing centuries ago, the French Royal Court was by far the most extravagant of all the colonial powers. So much so that even now, just hearing the name Louis XIV conjures up images of decadent feasts, exuberant parties, and lavish jewels. At the time of his reign, Louis XIV had built such a substantial reputation for himself that he was extremely well-recognised, and in turn envied, on an international scale. Seeking a reputation of extravagance such as that of France necessitated an abundance of fine foods, jewels, and of course, wine.

Upon developing a taste for French wine, other countries wished to produce it for themselves, and thus the French travelled the world, planting their indigenous varieties in regions across the globe. As international winemaking consultants, the French hooked almost the entire world onto their wines, and so marked the birth of the 'noble grape'.

So, when you're savouring your next Wild Ferment Chardonnay, give a nod to old Louis XIV and his court of aristocrats.

Cheers and stay safe,
Imogen Mulcahy and the Witches Falls Crew



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Relationships



SEEKING BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE

Last week we considered how our deep need to be heard and understood lies at the heart of communication. There are helpful communication skills we can utilise to increase our probability of being heard. This week we'll consider how to be heard in the delicate situation of seeking behavioural change in another person. Let's call it the 'art of complaining'.



In heated moments criticism is often our default. Criticism is a personal attack which guarantees a defensive

response. An attack always starts with the word "you" and is usually followed by "always" or "never". You give the respondent no opportunity to rectify the situation when you use criticism. Character assassination never produces a desired outcome.

A more helpful approach is to state how you feel about a specific issue. Compare your response to the following statements: "You are so lazy, you never do the chores you promise to do" (criticism) with "I felt disappointed when I discovered the wilted plants you promised to water" (complaint). The first statement is destined to evoke an argument; meanwhile the plants continue to dehydrate.

You are more likely to give consideration to the second statement and either apologise or explain why you neglected to water the plants. While the initial statement triggers conflict, the alternative invites a conversation about the reason the plants were forgotten. Complaints give opportunity for a resolution whereas criticism merely undermines relationships.

The difference between criticism and complaint can be understood with a soccer analogy. When you present a complaint about a particular issue, the

issue becomes the soccer ball that you kick back and forth between you. When you employ criticism, soccer rules and etiquette are ignored. Instead of kicking the ball, you kick your fellow player in the head. No goals are ever scored using that technique.

While on the subject of soccer, in the midst of a disagreement, visualise the two of you on the same team rather than opposing sides. You both desire the same outcome - a co-operative win/win result. When you view the other as opposition you foster a win/lose mentality and become stuck in a perpetual cycle of conflict.

Previous hurt can leave some people hyper-vigilant and reactive to any form of complaint. It's often not the spoken words but the meaning we make of words that cause our distress. In heated moments it helps to clarify, giving one another feedback on what you heard and what you meant in order to avoid misunderstanding and offence.

Mastering the 'art of complaining' yields successful outcomes with the additional benefit of enhancing our relationships - a win/win for everyone.

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FAILED LEADERSHIP ON BORDER DEBACLE

There has been an overwhelming reaction from tourism and other small businesses across the Scenic Rim about the chaos and confusion created by the Queensland Premier's mixed messages about the Queensland border closure.

Make no mistake – I want us all to stay healthy. That's why I fought the Government's appalling proposal to make Kooralbyn a pandemic isolation centre, so as to keep our Scenic Rim as free as possible from COVID-19. Thankfully, it abandoned that idea. Queenslanders have made huge sacrifices to suppress the coronavirus. Now, we must begin to re-open the economy.

I have written to the Premier suggesting that regional Queensland areas, where there have been no COVID-19 cases, would be an absolute no-brainer for a broader re-opening of the economy – but so far, there's been no sign that this idea will be adopted by the Government.

Queenslanders are crying out for certainty and clarity, but all they are getting is chaos and confusion from Labor. The failure of leadership from the Government for small businesses – many in our area are family operations – is cruel. They receive almost nothing in support from the State and are bearing the brunt of the Premier's indecision.

Labor's COVID-19 road map, released just two weeks ago, says the borders should re-open in July. Many businesses will have taken this as a cue to begin gearing up again, marketing their offerings and perhaps even re-engaging staff and contractors. Just a week later, we then had our Premier saying it could be September, or maybe even longer, until the borders open. The continued backflips are putting at risk the 217,000 Queensland jobs that rely upon our tourism industry.

Unfortunately, this confusion that hurts our communities further is not unexpected. I have been saying for over five years now that this Government destroys business confidence, and with it, jobs for Queenslanders. It has no clear plan, no direction, and a decision-making process that is ad hoc and beholden to vested interests.

Survey after survey in relation to business confidence and conditions show this, as Queensland languishes at the bottom of the nation when it comes to confidence for jobs, and we have almost the highest unemployment rate as well. This latest debacle about the border closures simply flatlines confidence further.

We cannot keep the borders closed forever, and the longer they remain shut, the more our economy (already struggling before COVID-19) will continue to remain one of the lowest in Australia. This is another reason why we need the Labor Government to deliver their budget – we are the only state where this is not happening, and I have no doubt the only reason is because we have an election on 31 October.

We need to see what its economic plan is, and to ask questions about the State's finances – before the election. No Government anywhere should be flippant or arbitrary about the border opening in these circumstances – but we do need a Government and a Premier that will not say one thing one day, in order to obtain the best possible media coverage, and then turn around and backtrack shortly after. It is irresponsible at the best of times, and simply callous right now as people cling on to their livelihoods.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, please call, email, or send me an SMS 0401 634 488.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

THANKS TO COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

I want to again thank our entire community for keeping up the great work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While National Cabinet has established a framework to gradually remove restrictions to enable Australians to live in a COVID-19 safe economy, it cannot be done without the implementation of the key three requirements:

1. Washing your hands
2. Keeping your distance
3. Staying home if you're sick

While individual states and territories will determine the timeframes for graduating between steps and individual restrictions to remove, we can only keep our community safe by working together.

We also need to get the COVIDSafe App. I have. This helps our doctors, nurses and health staff to respond rapidly and stop the spread.

As COVID-19 continues to be the dominant issue occupying our time, we're working to keep people in jobs, business in business and the economy in a position to recover quickly. We've been able to assist a number of residents and businesses on Tamborine Mountain in recent weeks and I am glad to see that support flowing to where it needs to go.

As we continue to confront this challenge, we cannot forget that in our own backyard we also have many communities suffering from drought and bushfire. Recently the Australian Government announced \$650 million in new support for bushfire communities.

Our region can benefit from that funding and I'd love to hear ideas from locals in the Wright electorate on what can be done locally to support residents, businesses, clubs and the environment impacted by bushfires.

Last week the Australian Government also announced a \$1.8 billion stimulus to support communities and local economies through backing Australian councils. This included \$1.3 billion in funding brought forward and \$500 million in new funding, for roads and community infrastructure. If you have an idea, send it to me. I'll work hard, with Scenic Rim Council to see we get projects that benefit the economy and community.

WRIGHT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS OPEN

I established the Wright Community Contribution Awards to recognise the amazing work done by local residents in a variety of ways, including with local charities, sporting clubs, service organisations, community groups and other voluntary activities.

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Councillor's Comment

VIRGINIA WEST
DIVISION 3



MAINTENANCE MATTERS

At Beechmont the aged camphor laurel tree on Beechmont Road opposite the old school site has been inspected by an independent arborist and deemed unsafe so is scheduled for removal in the coming weeks. There is scope to replace this tree with a native species if the community would like.

Roadworks on Beechmont Road are progressing well, and I thank the residents who travel that road regularly for your patience during this project.

In Canungra, the aged BBQ in Lions Park is to be replaced with a modern electric version. In DJ Smith Park the wagon has now been housed under a new shelter on the opposite side of the park, allowing space for a possible revamp of the parking area outside the toilet block in future years. An underground electrical upgrade has also been completed in this park.

RUBBISH ISSUES

With the COVID-19 restrictions gradually being lifted, and the influx of visitors to our town, the rubbish bins in D J Smith Park are now being emptied daily over the weekends to manage the extraordinary amount of waste. This situation is being reviewed as the restrictions slowly lift. The replacement bin outside Australia Post has been installed to the delight of the staff working there.

MORIARTY PARK AGM

Congratulations to the newly elected executive following a socially distanced AGM last week.

Bren does such an amazing job as president and has been re-elected to this position again. She has a very strong and motivated executive - Peter, Toby, Sarah and Vicki and they welcome new members to their monthly meetings. The recent Council Community Grants have delivered funding for an upgraded water bubbler, as well as new equipment and appliances for the newly renovated canteen. Congratulations to Canungra Owls Soccer Club who have organised this project with two successful grant applications.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

The Canungra Library has now opened for click and collect services each day from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 3pm. Books can be ordered online or, if you are unable to use this method of ordering, simply phone 5543 5791 and the helpful staff will sort some books for you to collect. Once you've ordered, you will need to call the library to arrange a time to collect your books.

Council's Customer Service Centres reopened from Monday 25 May. However, in line with Queensland Government social distancing guidelines, only a limited number of customers will be allowed inside at one time. Council's website has more information, and you can still call 07 5540 5111 for enquiries between 8.30am and 4.30pm each weekday.

Please note, the Tamborine Mountain Customer Contact Centre will only have one staff member present.

For reactivating of all Council community facilities, please check the website as these conditions are frequently changing.

CONTACT ME

I am always available to talk with residents on 5540 5403 or 0407 630 052; or email virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au.

I will resume the second Saturday of each month at the Canungra Library as the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted further.

Virginia West
Councillor Division 3
Scenic Rim Regional Council

Councillor's Comment

JEFF McCONNELL
DIVISION 2



(These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council.)

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

A new 24-hour service station has been proposed for the corner of Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road and Mundoolun Connection Road at Tamborine Village and signage has been erected around the property.

You can check out the Development Application at DAP online; the application number is MCU 19/027. Council must receive any submissions by 11 June 2020.



I am hoping to get a detailed list of all major development applications for Division Two early next month and will post them to my Facebook page.

BUDGET

We start the process of Budget deliberations next week. Given the hardship that the Scenic Rim has suffered in the last three years – severe flooding, drought, bushfires and the debilitating effects of the extended severe lockdown measures enforced on us by the State Government over COVID-19, the next budget will need to be sensitive to the profound impacts on the community as a whole.

Residents, farmers and businesses are hurting, and I am hearing the pain that is in the community. Ratepayers can rest assured that I will carefully examine and not simply or blindly follow all recommendations that come before Council.

COMMUNITY AND SPORTING GROUPS

I am hearing from a lot of community and sporting groups that are hurting financially during this lockdown. Their income has dried up but the expenses associated with maintaining facilities or grounds has not. I have seen no assistance coming from the State Government to support these vital community groups that only function with the dedication of hard-working volunteers. I have contacted our local member, Jon Krause, and he is approaching the State Government with my concerns. If your group or club is in need of assistance, please contact Council and let us know of your situation so that we can assist or help you get assistance.

Thought of the day: You must be the change you wish to see in the world – Mahatma Gandhi

CONTACT ME

I will always be available to talk with residents on my mobile 0436 327 434; or email Jeff.m@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

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I am happy to meet with anyone who requests a meeting and hope to begin regular meetings soon.

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Q&A

with the Scenic News

Scenic News managed to catch up recently with a busy Chris Erickson, owner of Tamborine Mountain Coaches which provides daily services for primary and secondary school students across the Mountain, as well as being available for charter work. When Chris acquired the business in 2005 it had a fleet of five coaches which has now expanded to 10, reflecting to a very large degree the growing number of school students on the Mountain.

What attracted you to this area?

I had been looking for a bus business for some time when I came across Tamborine Mountain Coaches. I had never been to the Mountain prior to this but as soon as I came up to look at the business I fell in love with the area and knew it would be a great place to live and have a business.

What is it about the business that you are most excited about?

The variety of work that we do is what excites me the most. Each day and each week is different. Not only do we meet a lot of people, whether it be school students or teachers, we also get the opportunity to meet people from other businesses and we get to see a lot more than most, with the different places that we go for charters.

What is your biggest challenge?

The biggest challenge for me as a business is making sure everyone is happy, not just the drivers but also the schools, the students and the parents.

Do you have a local favourite place to enjoy coffee or a meal?



Chris Erickson

My wife and I do like to try different places on the Mountain for lunches and dinners when we have the time, so we try to go to a new place when we go out. I wouldn't say that I have a favourite; each one we have tried on the Mountain we have enjoyed. If I had to pick one place that I love the best, it would be at home. My wife makes the best cakes and meals, so I am pretty lucky.

In a normal year do you manage to take holidays? A favourite destination or pastime?

I do get an extended break at the end of the year, so my wife and I take our caravan up to the Sunshine Coast. It is wonderful to get away and relax and as we have been going for a few years now, we see the same

people each year which is nice for a catch up.

Any amusing stories about your business?

I have had a few interesting stories in my time but one that sticks in my mind happened a few years ago with one of my drivers. He was taking a charter to Brisbane in a new bus that we had just bought. He had dropped off the passengers and then drove off to find a park. He approached an overpass which he intended on going under.

The bus would have made it through but what he didn't realise was, that the new bus had air conditioning vents that were up higher than our other buses. He found out soon enough when he 'took them off the top'.

Embrace

Michaela Minx listens to her intuition to take major decisions in life.

Three years ago that led her to move to Tamborine Mountain. She explains how that came about.

"After leaving the city I went to Springbrook, a beautiful place, but finally I felt strongly that on Tamborine Mountain my healing work could gain extra strength.

"After moving, I learned that it was here where indigenous women would come to have their babies and perform their rituals - it has a very strong feminine energy. I am very much an earth mother, getting my strength and extra healing energy by being connected to Mother Earth.

"I have been running my clinic of 25 years from home. I still work in Brisbane, but I am more and more encouraging my Brisbane clients to come to Tamborine Mountain. I put a lot of time and energy into creating my own peaceful and serene healing garden, where my clients can, if they want, just sit and contemplate after a balance.

"I also like walking through the local rainforests, especially when I need to see the bigger picture of life. The earth energy is part of the healing here. Lately I have found that it gives me great honour to do healings on the terminally ill to bring them peace before passing.

"The Mountain gives me, peace and strength of soul."

Jaap Vogel

If you – or someone or a group you know – has a special connection to



Michaela Minx

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CABINS, CABINS EVERYWHERE ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN?

Hands up those who are aware that there are currently not one but two planned 'cabin developments' on Tamborine Mountain?

The new owners of Pethers at 28B Geissmann Street (one Aussie and three Taiwanese directors) lodged a Development Application (DA) on 19/03/2020 and, with remarkable haste, the DA has progressed to the Public Notification stage which commenced on 15/05/2020. One of the fastest progressions I have ever seen for a development of this nature.

The proposal is for 10 more cabins, doubling the number on that site. Always good to lodge your development application when residents are focussed on other important issues – the local government elections and the COVID-19 restrictions.

Council records show that there was no referral to any external agency, and that Council issued a Request for Information after the Public Notification commenced. In response to my enquiry, Council has advised that this was an 'administrative error' and that no request was ever issued.

The Impact Assessable DA is MCU20/032 which can be viewed on Council's DAP online. The Public Notification of the proposed development appeared in the Beaudesert Times of 13/05/2020. The required signage went up at the dead end of Geissmann Street where no doubt thousands will see it. Submissions are required to be lodged by 05 June 2020, so get your skates on.

The second DA is not as far progressed but even more concerning – MCU20/050 – for a 'Tourist Park of 14 x 2 or 3-bedroom 'cabins at 1-11 Eagles Retreat Place. The application was lodged on 07/05/2020, under the warm and fuzzy guise of 'short-term disability accommodation', i.e. development by stealth (in my opinion). There is no demonstrated need for this type of accommodation, let alone in that area.

The original application for a house was refused by Council in 2018, then approved by the Tribunal on appeal. Recently, a Minor Change was approved 17/03/2020 (Decision Notice 19/03/2020) – for a tennis court as an adjunct to the house approval – and an Operational Works application was approved very smartly on 21 April 2020 for Clearing of Vegetation to accommodate the tennis court, the site of which is in a mapped Core Koala Habitat area; but the developer has found a loop-hole which circumvents any referral under the Koala Habitat protection provisions of the Planning Regulation 2017, even though provisions came into effect on 07/02/2020. Ethical? Moral? Justifiable? Perhaps the Environmental Defenders Office can provide us with a legal interpretation, before 43 trees are removed quicker than you can say 'environmental responsibility'.

Of the 45 identified trees on the tennis court site, 35 are (from my research) large secondary browse trees for koalas. The only two trees to be 'retained' appear to be physically located on the adjoining neighbour's property.

Sadly, Council appears to be asleep at the

wheel. The developer previously lodged MCU 20/033 on 19/03/2020 – yes, the same day the "tennis court" Decision Notice was issued – which records that the developer has been in negotiations since at least 26/07/2017 re the cabin development.

The proposed site plan clearly shows that three of the cabins are to be located on the site approved for the "tennis court". Please explain how the clearing of that site was approved for the tennis court AFTER the lodgement of the application which clearly shows that no tennis court is now proposed anywhere on the property.

The major impediment to the approval of the cabin development is the Core Koala Habitat. However, once most of that is removed under the approval for the 'tennis court clearing', the issue is significantly reduced. A very cunning manoeuvre.

I call on Council to immediately revoke the approval for the clearing of vegetation for the 'tennis court' as that approval appears to have been obtained under false pretences – the dates and contents of the DAs shows this. Once the trees are removed, there is no going back.

Residents need to be vigilant – if you see extensive clearing anywhere on the Mountain, contact Council and ask if it has been approved.

We choose to live here for a reason, and that reason is not to witness developments which do not enhance residents' quality of life, the environment, biodiversity or amenity, but simply line the pockets of developers, particularly those who do not reside on the Mountain. There needs to be a review of 'tourist accommodation' on the Mountain, the true extent of which is unknown. The proliferation of Air BnB accommodation needs to be investigated. Impact Assessable Development Applications for 'cabins' surely need to be considered on the basis of identified need, which is not clear when the true extent of existing accommodation is not known.

Perhaps instead of four new and costly staff positions at Council for 'resilience' reasons, Council could look to fund a review of tourist accommodation. No consultants or outsourcing needed – I'm sure locals would be happy to participate at no cost.

Amanda Hay

AN UPDATE ON THE SAGA OF LONG ROAD EXTENSION

The Long Road Extension (LRE) has been a topic of conversation for a while now and I would like to provide this update for the community.

During my first term as a councillor, Scenic Rim Regional Council agreed to fund five gates which could be opened in times of emergency when an alternative north-south route was required. This was fine except the route was not all weather.

The northern part has two fields to cross and these can become impassable in wet weather. I have sought to have this rectified but to date have not succeeded. Before my departure, at the last election, I submitted a budget request for this to be funded in the next budget (financial year 20/21).

The LRE has three stages in my mind:

Stage one – making the route all weather by placing road base or some other material to make the fields on the northern stage passable in all weather.

Stage two – upgrade the route to a gravel five road (the minimum standard required) so that it can be used by cyclists, walkers and horse riders as well as being an emergency north-south route.

Stage three – upgrade LRE to a formal road to be opened at all times. I do not believe that we require stage three at this time but stage two is an important advancement which would benefit the community at large.

I, in conjunction with Howard Stevens from the Tamborine Mountain Cyclists Group, Bruce Hargreaves from the Tamborine Mountain Marathon and Relays Group and Jaap Vogel from the Tamborine Mountain Blueprint Group, have recently submitted a deputation to Council requesting that they consider stage two for the next budget.

The deputation was received in absentia at the Council meeting held on Monday 11 May. You can review the deputation if you visit the council's meeting agenda page on their web site. We now have to wait for the budget deliberations to occur and the budget to be handed down.

Nigel Waistell

IT'S MORE THAN RATES THAT ARE A BOTHER

It is more than SRRC rate charges that bother me. It's the strategies employed by SRRC to avoid doing work that would be considered Council's responsibility in other regions.

Then there are the high application fees that restrict homeowners from proceeding with improvements and additions. Even the cost to apply for another rainwater tank has prevented some residents from going ahead.

It has always been my experience that Council is responsible for the land between their road and your property boundary. This includes vegetation and drainage.

Most councils provide you with reasonable access to your own land. I had an experience with another council, where I lived, when I advised them that water was running off their single-lane, bitumen road, into the driveway of my rural property.

The result was that, within five days of their response time they had been out to assess the problem and proceeded to send out a work detail to put in a culvert to the entrance of my property. Five trucks, an assortment of machinery and about 20 men employed to work at the end of my driveway. Traffic control and lolly pops too. The schools bus came past twice a day.

They brought a packed lunch, to the delight of the old dog, and spent about two weeks on the job. Even laser-levelled the land along the front of the house to direct water away. All at their expense.

I reasonably expected the same response here, in Scenic Rim. I had a problem with a washout across the end of my driveway, caused by lack of Council drainage. I approached Council to get this fixed. Nice lady said come to the office and



we will give you all the paperwork. That is for the work you need to do? No dear, to tell you what we require YOU to do and how much you should pay us by way of bond and fees to do it.

But it's your land, I said. Yes. So, the bond will cover any damage you do to our land when excavating and installing a culvert. Here are the plans, she said. But these are engineering plans. Yes, you will need to get a qualified excavation contractor and abide by all public safety regulations while the work is under construction and we suggest you get three quotes.

And if it is not done according to our satisfaction, we will come and dig it out again and send you the bill.

And that is why I moved my driveway to the other side of the property no culvert needed there.

Julie Wilkinson

PROUD TO BE IN SCENIC RIM LOOKING AT COAST

A discussion on the newly elected SRRC is an absolute necessity because the councillors, would be's and mayoral would be's are writing away like mad with loads of newspaper coverage.

This letter is just about one of those persons. The main discussion point of D. Swanborough is to highlight his calculation of the rating charge differences between Gold Coast and Tamborine.

This is a conservative area and he is preaching to a high density of persons who have acquired above average wealth and want to retain it. How else could you win your seat on one policy suggestion?

Without knowing the motivation of individuals who voted for our local councillors, possibly there are other qualities that he brings to the council chambers that are known by these voters, because a switch to the Gold Coast region for a theoretical reduction in rates is an insanely narrow reason for electing someone.

Anyone considering this as a good idea should go and have a look at the Gold Coast. Get in amongst it. A very large city with a gigantic rates base created by having thousands upon thousands of little boxes pointing to the sky. Of course, their rates are lower. They'd have to build towers up here to keep the same rates logic working. Does anyone seriously want that?

One could draw a parallel to social security: the successful and fortunate pay a portion of taxes to people who are less successful and less fortunate. As we should. Included in that are abusers of the system but do we punish the majority to get at the abusers?

It's impossible to completely remove them. It is a fact of life. Ditto with our rates. Do we shift our rates away from this region because we are incredibly fortunate and lucky to be living in a truly blessed area and are possibly paying a little extra?

Flamin' heck, Mr DS, if it comes to the crunch I would vote to pay extra every time to avoid a Gold Coast membership. I want to be part of the fabulously named and located Scenic Rim. I am proud to live here. I love the caldera. We look down on the Coast. And I don't mind paying extra for the privilege.

Andrew Hamilton

LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING AS ONE TEAM

I read with interest, and disappointment, the opinion piece written by Mr Tom Sharp in last week's edition of your paper. In answer to your question, Mr Sharp, yes, tourism operators did actually back this plan.

Allow me to present further information to your readers, affording them the opportunity to form an opinion through access to a differing perspective. I have been a tourism operator for over 10 years and a member of the executive committee of a Scenic Rim LTO (Local Tourism Organisation) for over six of those years. As part of my role in these committees, I have actively advocated for the formation of one LTO, successfully working with others to bring together two of the three LTOs.

I will continue to support and work towards the promotion and brand awareness of the diversity, beauty, and richness of our region as a whole. Of course, I am proud of my own local region – its unique character, charm, and beauty – but I'm part of the wider Scenic Rim community and strive for the success of the region in its entirety. I would hope that my fellow tourism operators strive for the same outcome.

Mr Sharp admits that he is not a tourism expert – yet he feels qualified to question the business acumen of myself and other well-respected tourism operators who support the idea of one LTO. Countless hours of our time have been put toward the branding of not only our own businesses, but that of the entire region, including Tamborine Mountain.

I myself, along with representatives of Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce (tourism branch) was involved in discussions on how the grant funding would be allocated and am not aware of any objections to the proposal at that time. In fact, we were in agreement that rebuilding and reaffirming our region as a key tourism destination was a matter of utmost importance given the devastating effects of the recent fires. Surely this has now become even more imperative given the enormous financial burden placed on our local economy due to COVID-19.

Seeking the opinions of other experienced tourism operators from outside the Tamborine Mountain region, Mr Sharp, would perhaps provide a more comprehensive viewpoint to your readers. I am a member of Destination Scenic Rim and can confirm that the LTO is not 'run out of Boonah'; it is an organisation whose executive team hails from varied parts of the Scenic Rim and it represents and values members from across the entire region, including Canungra and Tamborine Mountain.

The so called 'clutter' of rural non-rainforest areas of the Scenic Rim attracts thousands of visitors from within the drive market and beyond. In fact, numbers show an increase in visitors wanting to immerse themselves in the space, freedom and authenticity that places like Summerland Camel Farm – and in fact, my own farm – provide them. Further, I am of the opinion that the Scenic Rim is home to a multitude of 'jewels in the crown'; it offers something for everyone and that is precisely what makes the Scenic Rim so special.

The notion that any one of these 'jewels' would be forced to lose their identity as part of an amalgamation process is unfounded. I believe quite the opposite is achievable through collaboration and inclusivity. As a united organisation we would have access to greater resources, more passionate individuals championing the cause, and greater bang for our buck, as it were.

The Scenic Rim IS the jewel in the crown. How lucky we are to call this place our home, our workplace, and our community. We are fortunate to offer a range of diverse experiences within one spectacular region.

So, as an experienced, passionate and very active member of the tourism community in the Scenic Rim, I will continue to volunteer time away from my own business to collaborate with others in my industry in order to see our region prosper; that is when we all have the chance for the greatest success and satisfaction. I look forward to the day when we are working as one team – One Scenic Rim.

Kay Tommerup

LIONS THANKS TO DONORS WHO HELPED BUILD MEMORIAL BENCH



In response to a request from a local family, Tamborine Mountain Lions Club has constructed a memorial bench to commemorate Oliver Juhani Tiainen in Lions Park on Curtis Road.

The photo shows club members observing correct social distancing during a working bee to complete the project on 21 May.

The bench has a plaque with text provided by the family to remember Oliver. Please take the opportunity to check it out and have a reflective moment in Lions Park when you next pass by.

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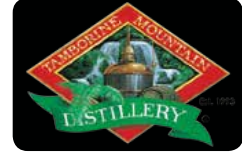
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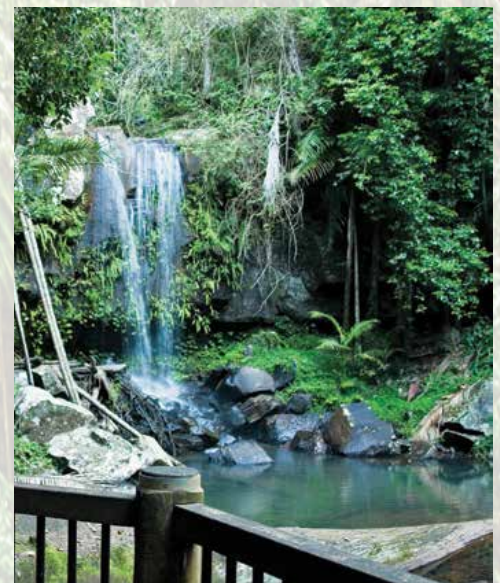


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NO MAKEUP - AND MY SKIN STILL LOOKS NO GOOD



Is all this isolation getting to you, like what day is it? I thought it was Tuesday, my daughter thought it was Friday and it is actually Sunday. The days are starting to blur and trying to keep any routine is almost impossible.

So, it's no wonder that when you look in the mirror you go: Why does my skin still not look any good? – I have not put makeup on for days – weeks even!

Despite the fact you have stuck to your skincare routine it might be breaking out more – showing redness or just feeling super dry. There are a few reasons why your skin may be doing crazy things right now.

Stress and anxiety

With everything that is going on right now – most people are feeling a little anxious or stressed and this can show up in our skin. Bigger than normal breakout with lots of redness or inflammation around it. Or you can go really dry and flaky with red patches. Sometimes this is shown around the mouth, also known as peri oral dermatitis, or around the eyes.

Your routine has changed

A change in routine kind of goes hand in hand with stress; when you are not sure what's happening, you can bet your body and skin don't know what's going on either. This can make your skin be a little more heightened in reactive mode – like it's "waiting for something to happen" which means as soon as it has a little breakout your skin goes all crazy gang busters and blows it way out of proportion.

What can you do?

First of all, you need to work out why your skin is playing up and talk to a passionate skin therapist to understand what is happening to your skin.

The next thing is reduce what you're using – if your skin is red, stressed and flaking. A good oil with omega 3 and 6 to help repair the acid mantle and calm the skin's barrier back down.

The right oils will help rebuild your skin's natural barrier and start to stop its anxiety. And then I would try really hard – and believe me I know how hard it is – to allow some time out for yourself.

Go have a bath; the weather has certainly turned cold enough for it. Put some salts in, light a candle, pour a glass of wine and just relax – no social media, no mindless scrolling, just chill out, like you would if you were in getting a facial. I guarantee you will feel amazing and your skin will show the benefits of some self-love.

Karen Keeling
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4 REAL - YOUR REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q: We hear that 'the first offer is the best offer', is that true?

A: Best answer for this is, sometimes it is and sometimes it isn't. How is that for vague?

There have certainly been many occasions we have received an offer early in a campaign where the seller rejects the offer feeling it is too soon and there will be better out there. Quite often they are still for sale weeks later and any other offers have been well below the original offer.

A good way to look at this is 'it is not how long the home has been on the market, it is how long has the buyer been in the market.' Check with your agent on the circumstances of the buyer, make sure your offer is a written contract and make an informed decision on the available information.

No one knows if a particular offer is the best that will come, what we do know is that statistically the longer you wait the less you get. The best offer is the one in front of you.

Want your questions answered by Shane?

Email me at: tamborine@harcourts.com.au

Disclaimer: All comments published in this column are general in nature and is not to be relied upon in any respect when making individual financial decisions.

SOLD!





food for thought

with **DYLAN GITTOES**

It's so wonderful to see the Mountain come alive again now that restrictions have eased. While driving along the western escarpment past the lookout last Friday afternoon there was another spectacular sunset on display. To my delight I also saw a sea of smiling faces, friends and family enjoying the simple act of spending time together sharing the magical colours of a slowly setting glowing orb.

What a glorious time of year autumn is; the cooler weather means we can pull out a jumper, that rare piece of clothing seen only for a few weeks a year up here in Queensland; and the alluring smell of wood smoke in the fresh morning air reminds me of when I lived with my wife in the French Alps running a 12-guest ski chalet that included full board.

I was in charge of cooking and my wife was the personal ski guide for our guests. After shouting many an après ski to one of the local chefs I finally convinced him to share with me his family recipe for the classic French dish known as Boeuf Bourguignon. With trepidation I followed the recipe to a tee and served it to our chalet guests garnished with trimmed French green beans atop creamy mash potato.

His version was from his province and had a slight twist, as it was quite generously seasoned with pepper, the 'prope rway' according to him, which made your taste buds tingle as it warmed the mouth delightfully like a good old Aussie pepper and steak pie.

Did you know this complex, hearty slow-cooked casserole originates from the Burgundy region of Eastern France? It was originally cooked in a cast iron pot surrounded by hot coals with more coals on top of the lid as a way to slow-cook tough, unwanted cuts of meat using ingredients the peasants had on hand - red wine, bacon, mushrooms, carrots, onions and garlic.

Burgundy or 'Bourgogne' in French, is an area renowned for its architecture, excellent wines, and most importantly for this dish, its prized Charolais

cattle. Beef Bourguignon was first mentioned in cookbooks in 1903, by the first celebrity chef Auguste Escoffier; it was later refined into the staple haute cuisine dish we see on restaurant menus to this very day.

So, I present to you my slightly tweaked French Alps inspired recipe for Beef Bourguignon.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 200g bacon, roughly chopped
- 1/2kg chuck steak cut into 4cm chunks
- 1 large carrot sliced
- 1 large white onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon coarse salt and 4 tablespoons freshly ground pepper. (Yes 4 tablespoons - it's not a typo)
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 12 small pearl onions
- 3 cups red wine like Merlot, Shiraz or Pinot Noir
- 2 cups beef stock
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped (divided)
- 2 bay leaves
- 400g small white button mushrooms, quartered
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 cloves of crushed garlic



METHOD

Preheat oven to 175°C

1. On the stove heat the oil in a large casserole dish and fry the bacon over medium heat for about 3 minutes, until crispy. Transfer to a large dish and set aside.
2. Pat dry beef with paper towel; sear in batches in the hot oil/bacon fat until browned on all sides. Remove and add it to the dish with the bacon.
3. In the remaining oil/bacon fat, medium heat fry the carrots and diced onions until softened, (about 3 minutes), then add 4 cloves of minced garlic and cook for 1 minute. Return the bacon and beef back into the pot; season with 1 teaspoon coarse salt and 4 tablespoons ground pepper. Sprinkle with flour, toss well and cook for 4 to 5 minutes to brown. Then add the tomato paste and herbs.
4. Add the pearl onions, wine and enough stock so that the meat is barely covered. Bring to a simmer on the stove.
5. Top with the lid and transfer to lower part of the oven and simmer for 3 to 4 hours, or until the meat is fall apart tender (adjust the heat so that the liquid just simmers very slowly).
6. When you are ready to serve, cook the mushrooms with some more garlic and add to the casserole; very gently stir through.
7. Garnish with parsley and serve with mashed potatoes and green beans.



Dylan Gittoes



WILL ALL OF THIS MONEY, MONEY, MONEY MAKE SCENIC RIM DANCE?

On top of the previously announced \$1.5 million in tourism recovery grants comes a \$650 million boost for bushfire affected areas in Queensland which includes Scenic Rim, as well as a \$1.8 billion boost for road and community projects through local governments across Australia, including a direct \$1,089,053 to Scenic Rim Council for road and community projects.

Scenic Rim Council will be enjoying its lion's share of the lolly, but will it be effective in "making the Scenic Rim dance"?

As Council moves into budget season there appears to be a lot of noise surrounding grant funding and initiatives that will assist the recovery process post COVID-19.

Yet we hear nothing on delivering cost savings and efficiencies that will more readily relieve the rate burden versus grant money or council borrowings, with the latter only kicking the can down the road and leaving the ratepayer to eventually foot the bill, should that path be taken.

While everyone in the region continues to tighten the economic belt, we hear nothing from the Mayor by way of salary cuts to the key executive and mayoral position.

In fact, it would appear that quite the opposite has occurred given the Financial Performance and Position Progress Report to April 2020 has disclosed a \$1.4 million blowout in employee benefits on the revised balance sheet (\$1.2 million in current liabilities and \$200,000 in non-current liabilities). While one question came from the floor around the \$200,000, the room was silent on the \$1.2 million blowout. Might I suggest a full and detailed disclosure is required for this one.

The council saw fit to endorse the financial report without any understanding of the variance mentioned and an additional blowout in the budget deficit from \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million without question.

With our wages bill (gross employee expenses) forecast to exceed \$36 million this financial year the questions that need to be asked are:

- What is the total executive salary bill?
- How many consultants are contracted and at what cost?
- What role does each of these consultants fulfil?
- If the role is of value add to the constituency why is it Council does not have the capability to deliver the service, and needs to bring in outside consultants?
- What level of service and output can we expect in return for forking out \$36 million in wages and salaries?

In last Monday's council meeting there was also an appearance of an Infrastructure Capital Works Program Report.

One could at least describe it as colourful, given all the lovely colour coding; as for being useful, one might suggest a five out of 10 at best.

A report of this nature will normally carry the following information:

- Total project cost allocation
- Start and end date
- Actual delivery cost and variance
- Detailed comment of current status or if a completed works, the performance result of that particular program.

None of this information was forthcoming, painting an extremely limited picture of what is going on and what is yet to be delivered within this financial year.

Projects carried through from the previous financial year had no total project value, no indication of cost overrun or being within budget and no indication of time overrun or otherwise. The information provided was simply a budget allocation figure, a statement of completion, and the months involved. For the balance, the

only variation was regarding status, either underway or programmed. Only a handful of the programmed works had a "proposed schedule to commence date".

What should one conclude from such output from council officers, is there no pride within or is it a case of simply no regard for councillors in providing the necessary information enabling our elected representatives to effectively carry out their responsibilities and discharge their duty?

The works program totals in excess of \$57 million.

How much of that is actual "works" and how much of that is "administration loading"?

"When the sale comes first and the truth comes second" it must be all about "the money, money, money..."

This month's winners of The Good, the Bad and the Ugly:

The Good: After eight long desperate years council have finally taken away the remains of Cavell Bridge and commenced a works program of replacement. Eight long years the bridge has sat closed and derelict with a splash crossing substitute lying in its shadow. The unanswered question remains: Why was this bridge not properly maintained leading up to its closure?

The Bad: The road shoulders from Cavell Bridge to Beaudesert. Some shoulders are that bad they are a foot below the bitumen edge and can only be considered deadly.

The Ugly: Beechmont-Canungra Road from the Coomera to Botan Creek Bridge. Never in this region's history has one witnessed such environmental destruction and waste within a road corridor on a council road, taking out all trees on both sides measuring around 10 metres for at least one to two kilometres in length.

Tom Sharp

(EDITOR: The views expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of Scenic News.)

IT'S OFFICIAL – AUSTRALIA'S BEST COFFEE IS GROWN AND ROASTED ON THE MOUNTAIN

Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation returned from 2019's Golden Bean competition with official confirmation that they grow and roast the best coffee in Australia, and with COVID-19 restrictions gradually easing, a visit to this nationally renowned café may be possible as soon as early July.

Held annually in Port Macquarie since 2007, the Golden Bean competition attracts more than 100 coffee roasting businesses from Australia and New Zealand every year, making it the largest coffee roasting competition in the world.

Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation entered 10 coffees in the competition, eight of which received medals. The five coffees entered in the Australian Grown category earned two bronze awards, two silver awards and the gold award.

coffee belt', Tamborine Mountain's microclimate and nutrient-rich soil help create an environment in which the trees can thrive.

"We have to work harder in our processing, to raise the level and meet what other people are doing," he said. "It takes a lot of work, but it's ideal for the trees to grow."

By employing traditional harvesting methods such as hand-picking and sun-drying, Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation has created a coffee like no other in the world; a product worthy of the Golden Bean award.

"It's taken three years," Liam said. "The first year we went down we got a bronze medal, second year we got a silver medal, and then we got the gold."

"Next competition we'll enter the



aroma and taste," Sharee said. "They're seeing the trees, how they grow, and how flexible they are."

In addition to these popular tours, Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation is this year preparing to launch its Brew Bar, which will add an exciting new component to the coffee education experience.

Sam Williams, whose family owns the café and plantation, is passionate about giving people a greater understanding of where their coffee comes from, and an appreciation of the effort that goes into their morning pick-me-up.

"Our Brew Bar will feature specialty coffee from all around the world, all roasted here on site," Sam said.

"After learning about coffee on a tour, one of our expert guides will lead you through a tasting tour of the coffee world, with the opportunity to create your own signature blend."

Although Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation is currently closed due to COVID-19 regulations, their signature blend coffee beans can be purchased from their online store, at tamborinemountaincoffee.com.au.

Abby Williams



Though the 600 coffee trees growing in the Coffee Plantation give the business a distinguished position in the Mountain's coffee scene, the fact that these trees produce award-winning beans outside of the ideal coffee-growing climate is particularly impressive.

Having worked in the plantation for three years, head roaster Liam Smith attended the competition to represent the Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation team.

Liam explained that, although most coffee beans grow closer to the equator in what is known as 'the

Australian grown coffee into the open category, to compete against international coffees. I think with what we've done this year, we'll be very competitive in that."

Andrew Hunt, the café's head barista, is responsible for training the staff to create consistently great coffee. However, he has recently stepped into wholesale to sell roasted beans to local companies.

"We really like our product, and we want other people to experience it," Andrew said. "It's a way to grow the business, but we're also just getting our product out there."

"We're not just mass producing, but actually creating something that we love; that we are proud of."

Café manager Sharee Young is enthusiastic about the Coffee Plantation's Crop-to-Cup tours, which allow visitors to experience the plantation firsthand, and learn about where their coffee comes from.

"On the plantation tours people get to experience the coffee's distinctive





TRAVELLING PLACES

By Gina Storey

It amazes me that a few people have asked me over the last few weeks if I think people will actually ever travel again. Well I for one definitely will – it's in my DNA.

It did get me thinking about what motivates people to travel. Why do people leave their homes and voyage all over the globe? The reasons why people love to travel are varied, and very personal. Take a look at these motivations, and see which ones ring true for you.

Challenging yourself

You might feel like you're stuck in a rut in your daily life. Or you're yearning for something exciting and different. You're craving new experiences and new challenges. Travel is the ideal place to test yourself. It pushes people to their limits and gets them outside their comfort zone.

Learning

Learning is a strong reason why people love to travel. They want to experience something unfamiliar and leave with new skills or knowledge. This condensed crash course in discovering how the rest of the world lives actually will cover subjects like history, geography and sociology. Every destination has something unique to teach visitors, and immersing yourself in a completely different world is the best learning experience.

Expanding your perspective

Another reason why people love to travel: it helps open your mind. You realise that there's no one way to live life. Meeting people from other places will show you that your world view isn't the same as everyone else's. You can't imagine how different life is in another place until you see for yourself. You'll come

home with different notions and possibilities.

Getting in touch with yourself

Getting away from home gives you the opportunity to reflect on your life. You have the needed time and space to let your mind wander and take stock. Travelling is one of the best ways to learn more about yourself. You'll come home knowing yourself better, and with a fresh perspective on what you want out of life.

Appreciating your life

When you're bored in your daily life, it's easy to lose sight of what you have. Your eyes aren't open to what's really special about your home. Exploring another place will give you a fresh appreciation for our wonderful pocket of the world.

Building and strengthening relationships

The shared experience of travel brings people together. A family getaway, a romantic trip, or long weekend with the girls or boys can strengthen important bonds. Travel is also a great opportunity to make new friends – either fellow travellers or locals. Meeting and befriending new people is a valuable travel benefit.

Having an adventure

Conquering fresh territory is exhilarating – and one more reason why people love to travel. Humans crave new experiences and travel lets us tap into that craving. A trip is the perfect time to do something different and exciting, especially something you can't do at home.

Escaping

A demanding job. A bad breakup. The loss of a loved one. Just like the heroine in 'Eat, Pray, Love, travel can be a great relief from the

stress and unhappiness that come along with those. People seek from their travels what they don't have back home: better weather, nicer scenery, the freedom to do what they want, experiences they can't normally have, a slower relaxing pace.

Relaxing and rejuvenating

Maybe you're not looking to escape your problems. But everyone can benefit from a break from our usual diets of all work and no play. You may not realise how much you need to disconnect from the ever-present pressure of being available by phone, email, or social media.

Celebrating

There's always a happy reason to take a trip. It could be a landmark birthday or anniversary. A graduation. A wedding – or pre-wedding festivities. A special occasion is made even more special by celebrating away from the hectic pace of life at home. It's also a good way to gather family and friends from distant corners to mark the milestone. Celebration vacations provide a lasting benefit as well: shared memories for a lifetime.

So, will we travel again?

I don't know about you, but I think most of us will embrace our world, perhaps in a different way, but we will go out there exploring and discovering.

Travel adventures with locals

See the Travelling Places Facebook page for our new interviews with locals about their travels. John Noble and Julie Martyn have shared some stories ... join the fun and share your favourite travel anecdote.

\$1,089,053 SCENIC RIM ROADS BOOST

Scenic Rim Regional Council will receive a cash boost as part of the Australian Government's \$1.8 billion cash injection for road and community projects through local governments across Australia.

The investment will support local jobs and businesses in the Scenic Rim and boost its struggling economy as a result of drought, bushfire and the impacts of COVID-19.

Federal Member for Wright and Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport, Scott Buchholz said the package included the establishment of a new \$500 million Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program and the bringing forward of \$1.3 billion in Financial Assistance Grant payments.

"We know that local governments are well positioned to quickly deliver projects that will benefit the Scenic Rim Region.

Local road projects to be delivered under the program include but are not limited to constructing or improving bridges, street lighting, and heavy vehicle facilities such as rest areas.

A broad range of community infrastructure projects will be eligible including new or upgraded bicycle and walking paths, community facilities, and picnic shelters and barbeque facilities at parks.

Mr Buchholz said last financial year, 2019-20, the Australian Government injected \$3,304,642 into the Scenic Rim under the Financial Assistance Grant's scheme alone.

"We've been working with Council in response to the various disasters our community has confronted, from the cyclone, through the drought and in responding to the bushfires and now the coronavirus pandemic.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen welcomed the local government support package.

"As a large region, the Scenic Rim has a backlog of infrastructure projects that would transform our community. However, with limited revenue, it's difficult for us to pursue on our own.

"We are looking forward to reviewing the guidelines and looking at what projects we can accelerate that will contribute to immediate employment, community liveability and well-being, while providing overall long-term sustainability for the region.

Guidelines for the program will be provided directly to local governments by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

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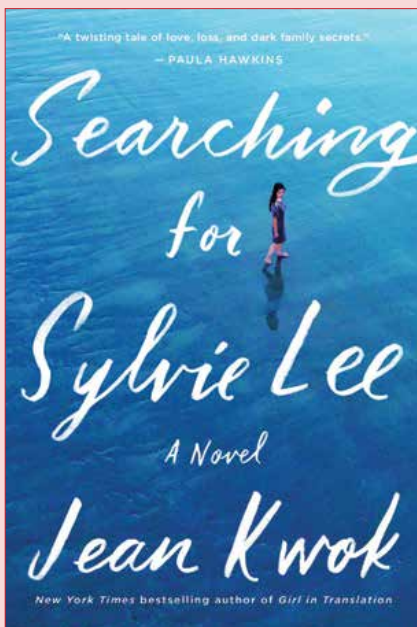
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Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok

A poignant and suspenseful drama that untangles the complicated ties binding three women—two sisters and their mother—in one Chinese immigrant family and explores what happens when the eldest daughter disappears, and a series of family secrets emerge, from the New York Times bestselling author of *Girl in Translation*.

It begins with a mystery. Sylvie, the beautiful, brilliant, successful older daughter of the Lee family, flies to the Netherlands for one final visit with her dying grandmother—and then vanishes.

Amy, the sheltered baby of the Lee family, is too young to remember a time when her parents were newly immigrated and too poor to keep Sylvie. Seven years older, Sylvie was raised by a distant relative in a faraway, foreign place, and didn't rejoin her family in America until age nine. Timid and shy, Amy has always looked up to her sister, the fierce and fearless protector who showered her with unconditional love.

But what happened to Sylvie? Amy and her parents are distraught and desperate for answers. Sylvie has always looked out for them. Now, it's Amy's turn to help. Terrified yet determined, Amy retraces her sister's movements, flying to the last place Sylvie was seen. But instead of simple answers, she discovers something much more valuable: the truth. Sylvie, the golden girl, kept painful secrets... secrets that will reveal more about Amy's complicated family—and herself—than she ever could have imagined.

A deeply moving story of family, secrets, identity, and longing, *Searching for Sylvie Lee* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive portrait of an immigrant family. It is a profound exploration of the many ways culture and language can divide us and the impossibility of ever truly knowing someone - especially those we love.



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CORRECTION

Issue 1530 of the **Scenic News** contained typographical errors in Cr Derek Swanborough's Councillor Comment column – we are not able to rerun the corrected version in this week's paper due to space limitations, but you can download a PDF of the corrected article at scenicnews.com.au/columns/1530/swanborough.pdf

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A day a week or a day a month... This is the place to share your love and knowledge of the Mountain, and to meet some wonderful locals & happy tourists. Even if you can only give a few hours, we would love to meet you and have a chat.

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BOOK READERS GROUP meets once a month, new members welcome. Enquiries at TM library.

BOTANIC GARDENS Forsythia Dr, Eagle Hts - Volunteers' working bee every Thurs morning 8-12. 0409 263 666

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FILM CLUB AT THE ZAMIA. Meets every third Sunday at 5.30pm for 6pm screening. Only \$10 annual fee to join which gives automatic membership to the Tamborine Mt Little Theatre group. All movies are free with membership. Films shown range from the classics to foreign and Australian made. Cabaret seating and the old sling back chairs make it a great evening of entertainment where you can bring along your own refreshments or a take away to enjoy during the film.

FRIENDS OF TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK : meet on the first Saturday of the month (except Jan.) To find out where we will be working contact Len on 3355 7288 or 0428 335 572.

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JOHN DICKSON CONSERVATION PARK: working bees 1st Monday & 3rd Monday of each month. 8am. Ph: Elizabeth Russell 5545 3601.

JUST DRUM DRUMMING CIRCLE: Held each Saturday from 6pm. Experience is not required. Spare drums are available. We welcome everyone to join us. On the lawn at Eagle Thai Restaurant, 10 Macdonnell Road Tamborine Mountain. <https://tinyurl.com/y97o5vle>

MARTIAL ARTS: Kyokushin Karate and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Bully Busters, Self Defence, Discipline. Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Tues & Friday 5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am Contact Cameron: 0433 633 775

MEDITATION: Tuesdays 7pm – New Thought, New Life Centre 5545 3700.

MEDITATION: (World Community of Christian Meditation). Ecumenical. Tuesdays 8am. St Georges Anglican Church, cnr Dapsang Dr & Eagle Heights Rd. All welcome. 5545 2919.

MOVIES ON THE MOUNTAIN: Regular screenings of latest releases at the Zamia Theatre. Ph 5545 3517.

RELAXED MIND TAI CHI: Mindfulness in motion, Mondays & Fridays 9.30am, Botanic Gardens. Bookings essential. Phone 0420 349 744.

SINGING 4-part Acappella singing for women of all ages. If you love singing, come and join us. 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Ph Dianne 0413 339 821 or email bellaacappellatamborine@gmail.com

TAI CHI Tues mornings, Thurs evenings 110 Eagle Hts Rd, Eagle Hts. Phone Gai Wanless 5545 2409.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CARE

ASSOCIATION: Service Provider for first - level aged care. Transport to medical appointments, Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance, Social Support Individual & Group, Podiatry and Computer classes. Open: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Volunteers welcome. Contact – 5545 4968 Address: 42, Southport Avenue, Tamborine Mountain, Qld.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY WOMEN'S

ASSOCIATION Meets 1st Tuesday of every month at 10am at the TM Showgrounds. Email tmqca@gmail.com or phone 0466 651 867 for more info. All welcome.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN GOSPEL CHOIR rehearses weekly at the Presbyterian Church, 34 Main Street, North Tamborine. Enquiries please contact Julie Eotvos on 0458 005 989. New members welcome.

TAMBORINE SUSTAINABLE GARDENERS SOC (TSGS), a group of enthusiastic gardeners, meets on the last Saturday of each month. Mrs Sue Morris 5545 0102.

TANGO CLASSES Every Wednesday evening at The Zamia Theatre. Beginner class 6.30-7.30pm, followed by tango practice 7.30-8.30pm. Cost is \$15pp including practice plus tea/coffee. Inquiries call Jenny 0466 313 648

TM ARTS COLLECTIVE: General and Committee Meetings are held on alternate months on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. The General Meetings are held at the Showground. Enquiries and new members are welcome. Call 55450043 or 55451618. The Collective benefits from our association with the Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC), and stands for a stronger arts community and voice on the Mountain.

TM BOWLS CLUB – Friday social 1pm winter & 2pm summer; Sunday Scroungers 10.00am-12.00 noon; barefoot bowls & otherwise by arrangement. Competitions for members as notified. Free coaching, new members always welcome. Enquiries: 5545 1308.

TM BRIDGE CLUB meets each Monday at 5.45pm, Wednesday at 1.15pm, Thursday at 12.45pm and in an Assisted Play session on Friday at 12.45pm for those wishing to learn more in a social environment at the Tamborine Mountain Sports Complex, 400 Long Road.

TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email: info@tamborinemountainchamber.com.au

TM COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN ASSOC meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at the kindergarten 23 Coleman Square, North Tamborine at 7.15pm.

TM CREATIVE ARTS: Schedule of Activities MONDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Patchwork, Quilting, Mahjong. 1.00pm-4.00pm Painting (Tutor fee) 1.15pm-4.15pm Creative Writing (1st,3rd,5th Monday of Month) 6.00pm-9.00pm Mens' Group 7.00pm-9.00pm Sculpture & Pottery **TUESDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Sculpture & Pottery 9.30am-12.30pm Life Drawing (Model fee) **WEDNESDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Sculpture & Pottery, Spinning & Weaving, Embroidery (1st Wed of Month), Machine Sewing (last Wed of Month). 12.30pm-4.30pm Bridge **THURSDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon Sculpture & Pottery, Botanical Drawing 9.00am-1.00pm Weaving (1st & 5th Thursday of month) 1.00pm-4.00pm Wearable Art, (Felting Dyeing etc) **FRIDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon Wood Artisans, Sculpture & Pottery, 1.00pm-4.00pm Mahjong **SATURDAY** 1.00pm-4.00pm Yarners

TM FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Meetings held 1st Sunday each month (excl. January) at TM Historical Soc, Wongawallan Rd, Eagle Heights, 3–5 pm approx. Please contact Robina on 0417 749 156.

TM GARDEN CLUB: Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Main Street, North Tamborine. Feb - Nov, 2nd Tuesday 9.30. Bring a mug for morning tea. Enjoy: Guest speaker, plant sales, borrowing library books, raffle, plant problem solving and meeting fellow gardeners. New members and visitors most welcome.

TM GOLF CLUB is open 7 days a week for golf. Ladies play on Tuesdays, Veterans play on Wednesdays and the main competition is on Saturday. Happy hour social event on Friday evenings from 5 pm. Coaching is available by Andrew Revie the club professional. Contact 5545 1788. Happy golfing!

TM HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Member working bee & morning tea every Tuesday mornings. New members always welcome. Please contact Phil Paley 5545 4962 or Muriel Shephard 5545 0481 for further details.

TM LANDCARE: Volunteering Opportunities: Forest Regeneration Work - 5545 2052 for details, or helping at the Picabeen Bookshop - 5545 1847 during office hours for details.

TMLETS: Join at Community Exchange System <http://www.ces.org.za> . Enq. 5545 3776.

TM LIONS CLUB Admin meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday and dinner meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please phone 5545 2120 or visit website tamborinemountain.qld.lions.org.au/

TM LITTLE THEATRE: Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play readings & social events, movie club events. New members welcome. Cath Buckley President 5545 2236.

TM LOCAL PRODUCERS ASSOC. sell local produce every Sunday at the TM Showgrounds from 7am - 12noon Phone 5545 1527.

TM MASONIC LODGE: Meets first Thursday each month, except December. Masonic Centre, 10 Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Contact 3273 3313.

TM MEN'S SHED: Our workshop at 88 Beacon Rd (behind the tennis courts) is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 1.00pm. New members are welcome. To find out more, drop in for morning tea and a chat or call Steve Pinder (President) on 5545 3081

TM NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION: Birdwatchers meet 1st Wednesday of month at 4pm at the Historical Society, 53 Wongawallan Rd, Eagle Heights; the monthly walk is on 2nd Wednesday of month. For further information call 5545 0995. Bushwalkers walk on 2nd & 4th Saturday of month. For further information call 5545 0140 or 0419 314 442. www.naturalhistory.org.au.

TM NETBALL CLUB. Contact Tracey 0438 575 662.

TM ORCHESTRA rehearses from 7pm to 9 pm every Wednesday during school term time. The venue is St George's Anglican Church, Dapsang Drive. New players always welcome. For more information, phone Tricia on 0415 487 581. Check us out on our website www.tamborinemountainorchestra.com; or find us on Facebook.

TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 34 Main St, North Tamborine www.tambopc.org.au Tamborine Mountain Presbyterian Church Notice Of care and concern for the health and well being of members of our church family, as well as the community around us, we have suspended our church services until further notice. Pastor Dale see www.tambopc.org.au for details. Enquiries dave.mugridge@tambopc.org.au

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB Fun meeting of this new social club for retirees and semi-retirees. At the Vonda Youngman Community Centre, 2-4 Knoll Road, North Tamborine on 1st April from 10am. Contact Brian Gilmore M: 0411 260 054 E: briangilmore@optusnet.com.au OR Rob Neary M: 0477 645 645 E: rob.neary@outlook.com

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROBUS CLUB INC (MEN'S CLUB) Join like-minded retired nor semi-retired men for fun activities. At the Vonda Youngman Community Centre, 2-4 Knoll Road, North Tamborine each 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10am. Contact Harvey Ruglen M: 0490 066 385

TM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION: 1st Tuesday in month. 7.30pm Heritage Centre Wongawallan Rd

TM RSL Sub Branch meets at the RSL rooms underneath the Bowls Club; details are available by phoning 5545 2030.

TM RUGBY: Training Monday and Thursday 3.45pm- 5pm at TMSA, Long Road. Please call John Knight 0400 554 555 or Adam Clarke 0413 214 066 – Facebook: Tamborine Mountain Rugby

TM TENNIS CLUB: Social tennis from 6.30pm Wed and 3.00pm Sun. Doubles comp from 6.30pm Mon. Ladies from 8.00am Fri. 88 Beacon Rd North Tamborine. Contact Henry Rich on 0477 775 671 or 5545 3547

TOASTMASTERS: Meetings aimed at enhancing your communication skills. Meet at: Bridge Club Room, Sports Complex, 400 Long Road, Tamborine Mountain

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Thursday 7pm, 7.30pm start. Contact: VP Membership Marty Haynes 0407 452 725

TM WRITERS GROUP: Meets every 1st & 3rd Mon of month, 1.30–3.30pm at Creative Arts Centre, Eagle Heights. Call Patricia on 5545 3403 for details.

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ZUMBA GOLD: Zumba Gold: dance fitness classes for deconditioned participants and active older adults. Mondays and Thursdays 9.30am at the Zamia. Petra Hunter 0414 505 014 – TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com

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