



Scenic

# News

Tamborine Mountain, Canungra, Tamborine, Beaudesert, Wongawallan, Cedar Creek

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## MOUNTAIN IS SWAMPED BY VISITORS



*In response to a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions last weekend, thousands of visitors from Brisbane, Gold Coast and surrounding areas converged on Tamborine Mountain as they took advantage of the opportunity to travel further afield from their homes. The hang glider launch site was a magnet throughout both days, with many lingering on to enjoy this beautiful sunset on the Saturday.*

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10 - 10.30	1/6 Yuulong Road
10.30 - 11	2 Kamet Court
11 - 11.30	713-735 Main Western Rd
11 - 11.30	45 Sequoia Drive
11 - 11.30	195 Fenwick Road, Boyland
11 - 11.30	269 Macdonnell Road
11.15 - 11.45	127-129 Guanaba Road
11.15 - 12	154 Karen Crt, Tamborine
12 - 12.30	307 Long Road
12.30 - 1	544 Henri Robert Drive
12.30 - 1.15	41 Caryota Court
12.30 - 1.30	5 Tweed Heads Avenue
1 - 1.30	551 Mundoolun Connection Rd
1 - 1.30	15/5-15 Cook Road
1.45 - 2.15	10 Orchis Drive
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# DAMNING REVIEW FINDS FIRE ANT PROGRAM IS GOING BACKWARDS

A review into the efficiency and effectiveness of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program managed by Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has painted a dire picture of waste and mismanagement.

LNP Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Tony Perrett, said it was cause for alarm that the fire ant footprint had expanded and density of larger mounds had increased since the commencement of the programs.

“Queenslanders had told us they thought it was going backwards, and following the release of the findings, it turned out they were right,” said Mr Perrett.

“By the end of 2019-20 the Labor Government would have spent more than \$134 million of the \$411 million allocated to the program, just three years into the 10-year eradication program.

“Instead of making progress in killing and eradicating fire ants, the program has been mismanaged by Labor.

“It has failed to meet any of its yearly eradication targets and only one of the five key performance indicators.

“I have written to the Queensland Auditor General requesting the Audit Office conduct an independent review and report back to Parliament.”

Mr Perrett said that if the matter were not urgently turned around fire ants would be in New South Wales and beyond before we knew it.

“Taxpayers deserve better than this. The rest of the country deserves better than this,” he said.

LNP Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, said the problem was becoming so bad that fire ants were now south of Beaudesert, near the New South Wales border.

“Landholders in the Scenic Rim are sick of their concerns being ignored due to mismanagement of the eradication program,” said Mr Krause.

“There was a situation in Bromelton where it took DAF more than five months to remove ants from a property, which is completely unacceptable.”



Officers of the Fire Ant Eradication Program carrying out ground surveillance following the discovery of fire ants at North Tamborine in March.

“Since at least as early as 2017, I have been saying this program needs to change.

“Back then landholders in various locations said it took weeks – if not months – for fire ant officers in the field to actually do anything to eradicate fire ants on their property.

“The lack of urgency I saw back then has now been identified in this independent report as one of the key things that needs to change. You can’t just wait weeks or months to get on with killing these pests – by that time, they have likely already spread again.

“Clearly, the situation has not improved; even while the Government spends millions on the program fire ants keep encroaching further and further into areas where they haven’t previously been.

“We recently had fire ants on Tamborine Mountain and at Witheren and there is now baiting taking place south of Beaudesert. It wasn’t so long ago they were confined to parts of southern Logan, but under this so-called eradication program all we are seeing is a slow creep south.

“Fire ant bites are said to be one of the nastiest you could ever get and can take some time to subside. They can destroy

productivity for farms. If they gain a foothold in our National Parks, it will be devastating.”

LNP Member for Coomera, Michael Crandon, said the fire ant eradication program had become a joke.

“There have been serious concerns about the productivity levels of local fire ant crews and the progress they have been making in eradicating the ants from the northern Gold Coast, with these pests now found as far south as Southport,” said Mr Crandon.

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Fire ant mounds were discovered by members of the public on Tamborine Mountain in March. After treating the mounds, officers from the eradication program conducted surveillance operations on the Mountain, including the Hartley Road area.

You can find out how to identify or report fire ants by calling 13 25 23 or going to [www.daf.qld.gov.au/fireants](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au/fireants)

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# DROUGHT RESPONSE FOR CANUNGRA TO SAVE WATER

**Urban Utilities has issued another call for Canungra residents to save water, as levels in Canungra Creek have dropped further due to the ongoing dry conditions.**

Seqwater has advised flows in Canungra Creek have dropped below seven megalitres per day in town, which means Canungra is now in level one drought response.

Urban Utilities spokesperson Michelle Cull said it was important for the community to continue its water saving efforts.

“Canungra exited drought for its drinking water supply earlier this year following good rainfall in January and February, but unfortunately a lack of follow up rain has seen the flow in the creek recently slow down,” she said.

“Water usage is currently around 125 litres per person per day and we’re asking residents to please revisit the great water saving behaviours they adopted over summer, when usage was below 100 litres per person per day.

“While we all need to maintain behaviours like washing hands regularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are lots of other ways to save water around the home and garden.”

Medium-level water restrictions are still in place in Canungra and they apply to all properties connected to the town water supply and water from the tanker filling station.

“Many people have been using their extra time at home to spruce up their gardens, but please be mindful of your outdoor water use and adhere to the water restrictions in place,” Ms Cull said.

“Other ways to reduce your water use include fixing leaks, taking shorter showers, only doing full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine, and turning the tap off while you brush your teeth.

“If your property is connected to the town supply, you can use your water meter to track how much water your household is using and challenge yourselves to see how low you can go.”

Seqwater’s Canungra Water Treatment Plant is continuing to supply the town with treated water from Canungra Creek.

“Flows in Canungra Creek can change quickly, and we are working closely with Seqwater so we can keep the community updated,” Ms Cull said.

“The tanker filling station in Canungra will remain open for as long as possible. However, it could be closed if we progress further into drought and Canungra Creek stops flowing.

“We encourage customers to consider their alternative plans now, including driving to the nearest filling station in Beaudesert.”

If Canungra Creek stops flowing and Seqwater needs to take its water treatment plant offline, Seqwater will tanker drinking water to Canungra to maintain the town supply.

To keep up to date, sign up for email updates about water supply levels via the Urban Utilities website: [urbanutilities.com.au/canungra](http://urbanutilities.com.au/canungra)



# FREE COUNSELLING FOR COVID-HIT BUSINESSES

**Eligible businesses and employees impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will be supported by Scenic Rim Council through a series of free-of-charge counselling sessions with experienced independent professionals Capacity Consulting, Lavender House.**

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated restrictions on businesses had added unique and potentially overwhelming stress and strain to the business sector and their employees, which was already facing increasingly complex challenges following drought and bushfires.

“We realise that many businesses and their employees in our region have been suffering immense pressures in recent months due to the pandemic, and it is important they have access to professional help.

“Some people have watched their businesses, which are often their life’s dream, deteriorate during this time, and while the financial stress is incomprehensible, the impacts to people’s mental health is often overlooked,” Cr Christensen said.

“There are also the people who have just been trying to get through each day, and it’s not until later that they have a delayed emotional response.

“It’s incredibly important for our local businesses to know they can speak confidentially to an independent professional counsellor, and help get some strategies to work through this, without worrying about the costs.

“If you know someone in the Scenic Rim business community who has suffered as a result of COVID-19, please encourage them to use this service and to ask for help,” he said.

The Business Support Program is being made available as part of Council’s Economic Stimulus Package: COVID-19, which was announced in late March, and aims to assist business owners and their employees who have suffered as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

Support under the Business Support Program will provide access to up to three confidential counselling sessions for owners of an eligible business located within the Scenic Rim Regional Council geographical boundary and any employee of an eligible business.

To be eligible for assistance under the program, the business must have its head office or principal location within the Scenic Rim local government area and have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.

This applies to businesses which have been required to cease usual trading operations in line with social distancing directives, such as tourism and hospitality and/or experienced a reduction of at least a 30 per cent in turnover by comparison with the equivalent month in the previous year, as per eligibility for the JobKeeper initiative.

More information is available on Council’s website: [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/businesses/business-counselling-support/1](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/businesses/business-counselling-support/1) or impacted businesses can call Capacity Consulting, Lavender House 5541 4411, who have been contracted to provide this independent confidential service.



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Talk about a cold snap. I woke up to a banging on the door the other morning; it was the mercury trying to get inside! And thus arrives the yearly flu season.

Time to don the ugg boots and flano, or the classier sweater, cashmere of course I'll have you know.

Rules are still in place around COVID – please take every step to follow them. Stay healthy and follow your doctor's advice should you fall ill.

It's been nice to see so many people enjoying the Mountain. There has been a huge influx of vehicles. Unfortunately, this has brought with it an array of driving "skills" and we have had to deal with eight traffic crashes in the last few weeks.

Some of these are related to outright reckless disregard for any other motorist, with drugs and liquor contributing factors. Others are simple yet avoidable if the driver just paid attention to the road. It can be an expensive exercise, it's largely preventable and the aftermath can create long term issues for people through injury, litigation and loss.

My crews attend these incidents and we are often astounded trying to ensure the safety of people and emergency services involved in clearing the incident.

A good man once told me that if you want to discover the true extent of human stupidity, direct traffic for an hour. Now I must admit that the vast majority follow directions, but I have seen some doozies out there and more than once had to act to avoid injury. Hence my message today: Pay attention when driving. You never know what is going to happen in front of you.

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*This week, Scenic News managed to catch up with a busy Adrienne Harvey at Eagle Heights Pharmacy where she works with husband and pharmacy partner Jay.*

**How long have you lived or worked on Tamborine Mountain and where were you before you came here?**

I moved to Tamborine Mountain in 2004 with my husband and pharmacy partner, Jay, and our two children at the time. Jay and I met at university in Brisbane, and in 1999 we bought our first pharmacy in St George (about four hours west of Toowoomba). We loved it out there but felt we'd eventually move back to South East Queensland or Northern New South Wales. It just happened a lot earlier than we expected.

My parents, Paddy and Bryce Kassulke, had moved the old Burleigh Catholic Church up to the Mountain and converted it to Heritage Estate Wines (now Hampton Estate Wines). We fell in love with the area while visiting, and when we saw an opportunity to open a pharmacy at Eagle Heights we took it. As fate would have it, the dental surgery upstairs was for sale around the same time and Jay's parents, Dr Don and Sandy Harvey, also moved up, with Don practising there until recently. We have been very lucky to be able live, work and bring our three children up in such a beautiful community with family so close.

**What attracted you to this area?**

It's so beautiful. I love the rainforest, the greenery, the wildlife, the space, the climate and the quiet of the Mountain. I think it's also very special to be able to live and work within such a community where you get to know people and build relationships.

**How did you come to be involved in your business?**

I ended up in pharmacy kind of through a process of elimination. I had started another couple of courses and, at the time, felt they weren't for me. I tried pharmacy after it was suggested to me, and it went from there. I have really enjoyed what I do, the interactions I have with people and being part of a bigger healthcare team.

**What associated with your business are you most excited about?**

We have recently joined the Pharmacist Advice group, which is



**Adrienne Harvey**

a pharmacy group that focuses on professional service and advice. We are really looking forward to having their support on community focused health awareness promotions, amongst other things. We are also updating the shop with the new colours and logos, so you can expect a fresh new look over the coming month.

**What is your biggest challenge?**

I would say our biggest challenge is working as a small independent pharmacy in a market growing with large chain and warehouse style pharmacies. It has meant we have had to continually look at and reassess what we do and how we do it, so we can continue to offer our community the best in pharmacy healthcare. I guess you could say our biggest challenge has also been a great opportunity for us to learn and grow, and continue to change with the times.

**Who is your typical customer?**

Our typical customer can be anyone in our community.

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

I really like Japanese food, so we occasionally eat out at Mountain Top Chinese and Japanese Cuisine and Ginja Ninja Sushi Café at Canungra. Apart from that, there are too many great cafes and restaurants to mention as I'm scared of missing any! We have had many fun nights

out with family and friends at local restaurants and are totally spoiled for choice as far as cafes go.

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

We try and take holidays every year. As the children get older (and they are!) I feel it's even more important to get away and spend time together without the day to day stuff, whatever we do. We did manage to squeeze in a long-awaited trip to Japan early this year, before COVID-19 travel restrictions came in, so we were very lucky.

**Any amusing stories about your business?**

This was more surprising than amusing, but one evening in 2004, when we were getting the pharmacy ready to open, a koala came and scratched at the front door. (I learnt very quickly from some locals that this was unusual, and I should have phoned a wildlife number such as the 1300 465 326 or Wildcare Australia hotline 07 5527 2444). We are continually surprised when we find people don't realise we're open on Sundays. We've been opening Sundays for about fifteen and a half years now, advertising regularly and utilising social media, so please feel free to spread the word if you get the chance. We also keep our Google business page up to date with our hours, including public holidays, so you can check there, too.



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## What are Tannins?

**We tend to throw around the word ‘tannin’ quite a lot when it comes to talking about wine. But what are any of us actually talking about when we label a wine as ‘tannic’?**



The term ‘tannin’ derives from the Latin *tannum*, meaning ‘oak bark’. Dating back to around 6000BCE, the bark of oak trees was used for tanning animal hides into leather. Known as ‘vegetable-tanning’, this process produced leather goods by using tannins sourced from the bark of oak trees.

By applying these to the skin before stretching it out on a frame, the hide would lose moisture and absorb the tanning agent. Tannins work by binding to the collagen proteins present in the skin, causing them to become less water-soluble and thus more resistant to bacterial attack. This process introduces antioxidants into the skin, which affords the hide greater flexibility and prevents natural decomposition by preserving collagen. Put simply, tanning replaces the natural water molecules present in skin, and the less water present, the less likely it is to rot.

Nowadays, animal tanning can be done more efficiently using modern technology and minerals such as chromium sulfate, invented in the mid-nineteenth century. However, when it comes to wine, we’re old-fashioned, and oak remains our number one companion.

In addition to the bark of oak trees, tannins can actually be found in abundance throughout nature. What do rhubarb, tea, cranberries, walnuts, and grapes all have in common? They each have a high presence of naturally-occurring tannins.

Biologically, the purpose of a tannin is to deter animals from eating a plant’s seeds or fruit before it has ripened. You may have noticed that all the aforementioned items provide (with varying degrees of severity) a sort of mouth-coating astringency. That is, they give your mouth a dry feeling that makes you feel as though you need to ‘chew’ it out. Often, wines with high tannins will also be described as ‘chewy’. When well managed, tannins can add a pleasant kind of bitterness.

### Tannins in wine?

When it comes to wine, there exists four primary sources of tannins; the grape seeds, skins, and stems, and the wood barrels that are used for ageing a wine. As well as adding to the weight and structure of a wine, tannins provide greater texture by changing its mouthfeel.

In the barrel, tannins are released from the skins and seeds of the red grapes as they soak up the juice. The strength of a wine’s tannins depends on the length of time the skins and seeds have spent soaking in the juice within an oak barrel. As white wine ferments without any skin or seeds present, it is always less tannic, as its only source of tannin comes from the oak barrel.

By macerating skins, pips, and juice all together, both colour and tannin are diffused into a red wine.

It therefore makes sense that heavy tannins, or ‘chewy’, ‘grippy’ qualities are much more commonly associated with red wines. When producing red wine, you want the skins to impart lots of colour, which adds more tannins to the juice and deepens the complexity of the wine. The anti-oxidizing qualities of tannins are not only handy for producing leather, they also protect wine. By acting as a natural antioxidant in big wines such as cabernet sauvignon, tannins protect from spoiling, meaning the wine can be aged for many years.

So next time you crack open a Prophecy Syrah or one of our Provenance reds, take a minute to appreciate those powerful yet tiny little compounds that work so hard to create such a delightful wine!

**Cheers and Stay Safe,**  
**Imogen Mulcahy and the Witches Falls Crew**







## GLOW WORMS LIT UP THEIR DAY

Ipswich visitors, Tiffany Stubbs and sons Charlie (left) and Ned, were fascinated by the glow worm caves at Cedar Creek Estate this week. It was the second visit for the boys in less than two years and they were full of non-stop questions as they followed their guide through the spectacular glow worm fairyland.

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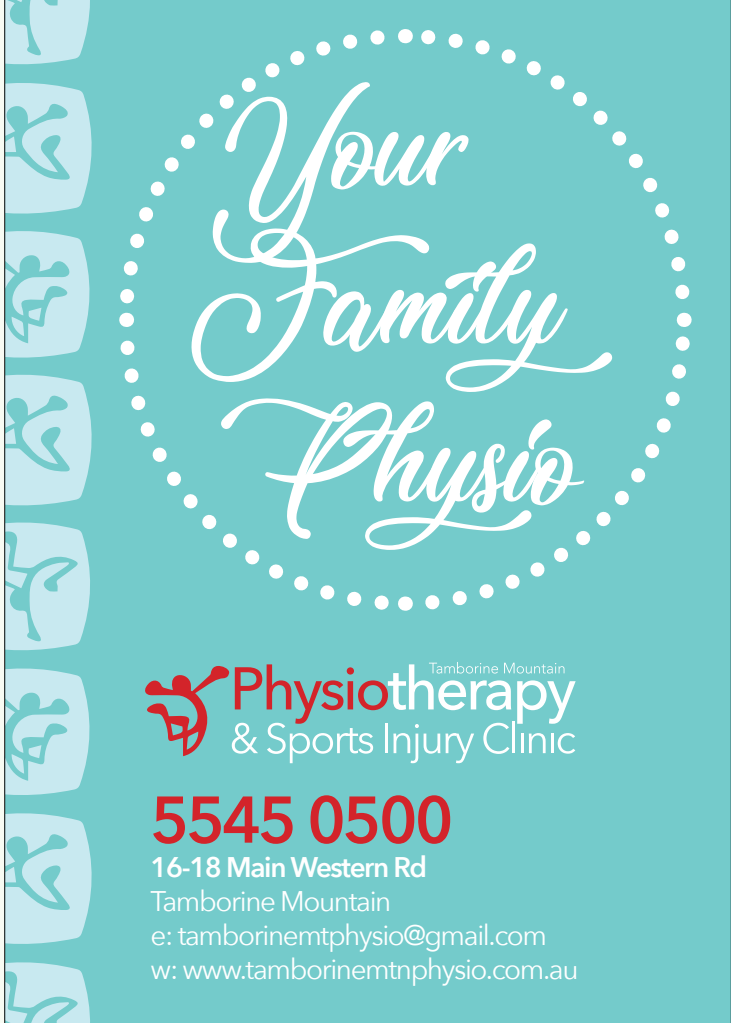
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## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

**It was disappointing, putting it mildly, to see thousands gather in Brisbane's King George Square over the weekend – given all the health advice that's been given out, and rules put in place to restrict gatherings across Queensland.**

Far worse – outrageous in fact – was the weak, indifferent response from the Premier and Government. We have been told for three months to listen to the health advice, that lives were at stake, that grandparents can't see grandchildren for weeks, to keep away from elderly parents, to seat only 10/20 people in businesses, to not shake hands.

The question many have is: If all that is necessary to protect Queenslanders, why are the police and Government not issuing fines to every person in breach of social distancing measures on the weekend – such a clear breach of the health regulations? Why was not more action taken to prevent the mass gathering?

It looks like one rule for those in King George Square on Saturday, and another rule – the law of the land – for everybody else.

The whole episode has made a mockery of the health directives, and smashed the credibility of the State Government and officials in telling people to restrict their movements, business dealings and social gatherings, something that most have willingly co-operated in doing in a type of 'compact' between the people and the Government.

The failure of leadership by the Government on Saturday has shredded that compact. As a member of Parliament, I am sworn to uphold the law and I advise everybody to do that too when I'm asked to give advice. However, this failure of leadership from the Premier and Government shows complete contempt for everyone who has done the right thing in these COVID-19 times.

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND HEALTH ADVICE

Aside from matters outlined above, here is some information about COVID-19 health directives. From 12pm on Monday 1 June, Queenslanders can travel anywhere in Queensland for any reason with no limit on distance and time spent. There are no longer different arrangements between the outback and metro areas of the State.

Some things are good advice at all times, and still now: wherever possible keep at least 1.5 metres away, two big steps, from people you don't live with; wash your hands regularly with soap and water; use alcohol-based sanitiser; and stay at home if you're feeling unwell.

### WRIGHT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS

Do you know someone who deserves a special 'thank you' for their contributions to our local community? If so, nominate them for a 2020 Wright Community Contribution Award, co-ordinated by my Federal colleague, Scott Buchholz MP, Member for Wright. We have so many wonderful volunteers in the Scenic Rim and Wright Electorates and these awards 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. To nominate someone visit: [www.scottbuchholz.com.au/wright-community-awards/](http://www.scottbuchholz.com.au/wright-community-awards/)

**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

**We're now starting to see the real financial and economic pain as a result of the Coronavirus, but we are well and truly working through the pandemic together.**

That means walking a steady path on the road to recovery, together. To aid in our local economic recovery, we need to do all we can to buy locally – locally made, locally produced and locally serviced. I've been visiting a number of businesses recently to do just that. You can also join us on Facebook at the Scenic Rim and Surrounds Business Support Network – give a shout out to a local business.

Getting the economy cranking and back to strength will take some time, but we do need to get back to business. Livelihoods, families and our economy depend on it. While public health remains the focus, as it should, we need to start to get out from underneath the doona. We can do that safely. Wash your hands, stay home if sick, keep your distance and download the app; you know the drill.

The steps taken to flatten the curve were critical to public health. If we did not take the tough but necessary steps to stop the spread, we would have seen greater pressure on our health workers and health system. That would have meant a tragedy like we've seen in many other countries. Every life is important, and we worked with the States, Territories and health authorities to prioritise and protect public health.

Thankfully, we entered this economic crisis and this health crisis from a position of economic strength. Growth was rising, the unemployment rate had fallen to 5.1 per cent in February, 1.5 million new jobs had been created and the Budget was back in balance for the first time in 11 years. This economic strength gave us the fiscal firepower to respond as we have done with around \$260 billion in economic support, or the equivalent of 13.3 per cent of GDP. We quickly implemented programs such as JobKeeper, free childcare, a boost to JobSeeker and expanded the instant asset write-off.

But it does not stop there. As we move to a position where recovery comes to the forefront, we've announced a local infrastructure package of \$1.8 billion, and outlined a new JobMaker plan and the HomeBuilder program. This is in addition to our record \$100 billion infrastructure investment.

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Australia's performance in the March Quarter, when compared to other economies, demonstrates our resilience. There was negative growth in China of 9.8 per cent, France 5.3 per cent, Germany 2.2 per cent, United Kingdom 2.0 per cent and the United States 1.3 per cent. Our country was hit by drought and bushfires before the pandemic. In this context, the Australian economy contracting by 0.3 per cent in the March quarter shows our remarkable resilience.

We are not through this crisis. There will be difficult days ahead, but our nation, working together, has made great progress. There is more to do, and we'll keep working to make our economy and society stronger.

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## PERPETUATING THE MYTH

Since the formation of Scenic Rim Regional Council in 2008 various councillors, some past and some present, from time to time (usually around budget time) have sprouted the idea that the SRRC is unique in terms of rate structure and budget needs, given its large area and small population when compared to three of its neighbouring municipalities in Gold Coast, Logan and Ipswich with a combined population of 1.3 million people versus 40,000 in the Scenic Rim.

The stance is generally one that is taken to defend the higher rate charge that is paid when compared to these particular neighbours.

It is a complete nonsense.

The core business of any council is "roads, rates and rubbish" and delivering that business to its customers, efficiently and effectively, is its core focus.

Beyond that a council asks the constituency: What services and infrastructure do you want; what are you prepared to pay for them/it and what are the priorities?

The Australian Royal Banking Commission exposed the big question - how do banks provide financial services to customers "efficiently, fairly and honestly".

In 99 per cent of cases examined in that inquiry it found misconduct driven "not only by the relevant entity's pursuit of profit but also by individuals' pursuit of gain", while providing a service to customers "was relegated to second place".

It is now suggested that there will be four major impacts of focus over the coming decade with regard to corporate governance: putting the core focus on customers; emboldening the regulators; lifting accountability and professionalism; and ensuring boards govern for a wider purpose than profit.

Our governing body is ultimately the State Government of Queensland who are \$90,000 million in debt, cannot provide a budget of their

own, want to buy an airline, shut down the economy through social distancing laws only to ignore those very laws by allowing a gathering of 30,000 people, with the top bureaucrat in the job of managing municipalities (Department of Local Government) on \$500,000 whose best attempt at better accountability and transparency was a compulsory training session for council candidates to tick the right boxes on respect, behaviour and responsibilities.

There was no competent training with regard to the five core principles and values of Local Government with special regard to one in particular: To ensure the effective and economical delivery of services, councillors will manage council resources effectively, efficiently and economically.

One of the major conclusions of the Australian Royal Banking inquiry was this: "That responsibility has to start with the board. Clearly one of the messages is that boards weren't asking enough questions and weren't asking the right questions. If boards ask the right questions of executives, they will be asking the right questions in the company."

The Queensland Audit Office provides an annual score on all manner of things and SRRC continues to rank very highly, so high you would think this entity is first rate. Typical audit benchmark questions are: Do you get your rates out on time and do you pay your staff on time. In both cases the SRRC scores 100/100.

The measure of an organisation's performance cannot be benchmarked against a fellow organisation that is not working in a "survival of the fittest" landscape and that is only accountable to its own brethren and whereby its customer base cannot change authorities without moving jurisdiction.

It is time for councillors to ask the relevant questions; know the services we want; know the true costs of providing those

services; know the true cost of maintaining our infrastructure (for example, the true cost of re-building 1km of road in a competitive landscape) and restore the governance of this region to the people.

I note in Division Two Councillor McConnell's latest Facebook update that he is intending to hold "community forums" in the major centres within his division after July.

I commend the councillor for this action and look forward to attending at least one of his briefings.

I would make the following recommendations to Councillor McConnell:

- Do not come with a fixed agenda - if it is truly a forum for your constituency, then allow the constituents to set the agenda and discuss what is relevant to them regarding council matters.
- Keep any presentation to a minimum - everyone has been hearing the same bureaucratic guff for four years or more - open up the question time to the maximum and let people find out what is going on.
- Bring with you the CEO and four GMs - it will be a brilliant opportunity for your constituents to engage with these leaders and question their actions in an unstaged environment.
- Hold the forums after ratepayers have been delivered their rate notice.
- One would only hope that all councillors will follow suit and that there is true, open and real engagement with the people across the region.

If these steps are taken there may well be an opportunity of taking the very first steps towards re-building some sort of trust.

**Tom Sharp**

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

# LIONS WILDLIFE PROJECT HELPING INJURED AND ORPHANED ANIMALS

**Tamborine Mountain Lions Club has an active wildlife project that cares for orphaned and injured animals.**

Animals that need specialist treatment are taken to Currumbin Sanctuary Wildlife Hospital and, when stable, are returned to foster carers until they are able to be released.

So far this year carers have helped raise and release a variety of mammals, birds and reptiles.

The wildlife project began in 2014 and now supports several wildlife carers at Tamborine Mountain and adjacent locations, covering expenses involved in caring for wildlife.

Over the past year, much appreciated financial support has been received from the general public and businesses, and via donations at Tamborine Mountain Visitor Centre.

Expenditure has covered service and repair of an incubator for baby wildlife which is in constant use; postage bags for star stitchers who make pouches for wildlife carers; food and medication for wildlife; and a new aviary and bushfire-related donations to Currumbin Sanctuary Wildlife Hospital and star stitchers.

The club's most recent donation was a further \$1000 to Currumbin Sanctuary's Wildlife Hospital appeal which had



*Short-eared possum*



*A baby tawny frogmouth at Currumbin Sanctuary Wildlife Hospital*

experienced a loss of income from visitors to the sanctuary during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you would like to support wildlife carers as part of the Lions Club Wildlife Project, donations can be made through the box in the Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre or direct to Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain (NAB Bank BSB: 084-852, Account: 51907 2094, Ref: wildlife).

You can also donate to Currumbin Sanctuary Wildlife Hospital at: <https://currumbinsanctuary.com.au/hospital>

Meanwhile, if you find an injured animal, please call either Wildcare on (07) 5527 2444 or the RSPCA on 1300ANIMAL (1300 264 625). Both numbers are manned 24 hours a day.

## PLAQUE DEDICATED TO ANIMALS IN WARFARE

**Recently unveiled as part of a new animal cenotaph beside the community cenotaph at the Tamborine Memorial Hall was this war animal memorial plaque, dedicated to honour all animals that lost their lives serving with defence personnel during warfare.**

The plaque was donated by former Scenic Rim Division Two Councillor, Nadia O' Carroll, while the sandstone base of the cenotaph was partly donated by Nadia and by the Tamborine Village Lions Club.

An estimated 16 million animals served between 1914 and 1918 during World War One, with a huge loss of life, yet their indispensable role in that conflict has been largely ignored.

Military animals are trained animals that are used in warfare and other combat related activities. Different military animals served different functions. Horses, elephants, camels, and other animals were used for both transportation and mounted attack. Pigeons were used for communication and photographic espionage.

Many other animals have been reportedly used in various specialised military functions, including rats and pigs.

Dogs have long been employed in a wide variety of military purposes, more recently focusing on guarding and bomb detection, and along with dolphins and sea lions are in active use today.

The Purple Poppy is dedicated to them.





## JUSTIFY RATES TAKE AND HOW IT IS SPENT

I refer to Councillor Derek Swanborough's column piece on the residential rates of Scenic Rim versus the Gold Coast.

I have no issue with his figures, and it has been acknowledged for some time that the rates for a residential home in the Gold Coast are less than in the Scenic Rim.

Rates are determined by two factors: land valuations and rate in the dollar. Land valuations are determined by the State Government, but Council has control over how they are applied. Currently, they are applied by three year averaging so that residents are not hit with a massive increase in one year. Rate in the dollar is determined by Council and how it is applied. Currently there is a 9 per cent cap on residential rates.

If one is determining which rate you would prefer to pay by the dollar amount alone, then you would opt for the Gold Coast.

However, there are two other issues which I think should be looked at first.

1. Council needs to provide a justification for the amount of rates it needs to collect and how those rates are being spent. Councillors need to review the operational expenses, line by line if necessary, during the budget deliberation process and then the final budget needs to be published in full detail. I have tried to achieve this before but never had the majority support. Hopefully, the new set of councillors will have better success.

2. Residents need to consider whether they wish to live as part of a larger council (possibly with no immediate councillor support) or part of a smaller council with a larger rates bill which has been justified.

One expenditure item which does require scrutiny, and Derek has this on his agenda, is consultants. Consultants should only be employed if council officers do not have the skill set to achieve the task.

I have just learnt that Scenic Rim Council has employed a consultant to review council leases on assets managed by community groups. Council employs an officer to oversee these leases and I ask the question of why could they not conduct this review? Employment of consultants should be controlled by the elected members and not hidden away in the expenditure budget.

I wish the new team all the best as they commence budget deliberations.

Nigel Waistell

## GETTING VALUE FOR MONEY ON MOUNTAIN

**My wife and I live in Mermaid Beach on the Gold Coast and after searching on and off for many years, in January this year, we purchased a holiday home in the old Eagle Heights area of Tamborine Mountain.**

Due to the friendliness of the local community it hasn't taken us long to settle into the Tamborine Mountain lifestyle. We now split our time between the Gold Coast and the Mountain and each week I look forward to getting the Scenic News out of our letter box and having a good read.

Last week I read an article by Andrew Hamilton titled "Proud to Be in Scenic Rim Looking at Coast". I gather from the article that some residents of the Mountain would like to be in the Gold Coast City Council region as they consider that their rates would be lower.

This started me thinking and comparing our beach house with our Mountain house and value for money. Our rates at Mermaid Beach excluding sewerage and water are \$4557 per year. At Eagle Heights they are \$2763. At Eagle Heights we have a beautiful 1012 sq. m allotment. At Mermaid Beach a rather tight 405 sq. m. Both locations are tourist destinations catering for completely different lifestyles.

We come to Tamborine Mountain not to get away from the Gold Coast but to enjoy a different experience. According to the 2016 census, Tamborine Mountain with its lovely parks and gardens, has only a little over 7500 residents living in 3392 private dwellings and businesses to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the area via rates.

Becoming part of the Gold Coast City Council area won't guarantee cheaper rates but may bring destructive over development that would ruin the charm of the Mountain. My wife and I think that we are getting value for money with our Scenic Rim rates, otherwise we would not have purchased on Tamborine Mountain.

Colin Usher

## PENGLIS EFFORTS ON LONG ROAD APPLAUDED

**I applaud John Penglis for his efforts, over the past 10 years, negotiating funding, in an attempt to get the**

**local council to respond to the need to have a Long Road extension constructed as an alternative emergency escape, if the only road across Tamborine Mountain, Main Western Road, was blocked.**

I understand that the problem has been in getting the SRRC Mayor to follow through – firstly in John Brent and then Greg Christiansen who are charged with having been unwilling to invest in Mountain projects.

Former Councillor, Phil Giffard, has also advised that he started the ball rolling 25 years ago, leaving money in reserve for this purpose.

We have now elected a new councillor, Derek Swanborough, who is aware of the challenges but has the experience and qualifications that set him in good stead to succeed.

With our support, he will do his best to achieve for the Mountain. Let's be positive and give him a fair go. As he did for his predecessors.

Remember that Cr Swanborough has the same challenges, in that same 'toxic culture' that was claimed to be so destructive for our former councillors.

Julie Wilkinson

## LONG ROAD, SCENIC RIM ISSUES ARE A NONSENSE

**Two issues promoted by our Division One Councillor, Dereck Swanborough, really annoy me. One is his advocacy for the Long road extension and the other is leaving Scenic Rim to join the Gold Coast.**

Firstly, the Long Road extension: This simply doesn't make sense and would be a total waste of funds. Not only would it involve an expenditure of millions of dollars, any duplication of the Main Western Road between Lahey Road and the showgrounds roundabout would then revert to a single road all the way from the roundabout through to White Road. What would be achieved? The next request would be to duplicate that road (Bartle Road) though to White Road by extending Main Western Road through to White Road which would require the building of a bridge over a gully, once again at millions of dollars.

Not only would this be a total waste of money but inevitably it would create pressure to subdivide the land adjoining the wasteful duplicated road, yet another step towards destruction of our idyllic environment. For a fraction of the cost, as advocated by Nigel Waistell, the Council land between Lahey Road

and the roundabout could be roughly gravelled and opened in the event of any fire related need, a need I cannot see ever eventuating.

All these funds would be far better directed towards other high priority needs such as drainage, bicycle paths, swimming pool and Long Road sports ground development, all desperately overdue, as correctly identified by Derek.

Exiting Scenic Rim to join the Gold Coast: Derek, you were elected with approximately a quarter of eligible vote. You don't hold a mandate to promote this cause and the fact that you promote such a move as a Scenic Rim Councillor runs counter to any semblance of ethical governance as a member of a team that should be focussed on the welfare of Scenic Rim Council. Previous writers to the editor such as Andrew Hamilton in his letter "Proud to Be in Scenic Rim" have already addressed this issue, so I will not repeat his comments.

Where I do agree with you Derek is your assessment that Tamborine Mountain is not well supported by the Scenic Rim Council. We shouldn't expect an exact proportional allocation of funds based on the Mountain's relative proportion of rates revenue as Scenic Rim has a very large geographic spread with some smaller population centres requiring special support. Nevertheless, I agree that it appears we are not treated fairly.

Unfortunately, Derek, a combination of your adversarial style, your advocacy of exiting the council and your emotional misuse of statistics makes me doubtful of you bringing about any change. In your recent Councillor's Comment, you referred to the Mountain only receiving 1.58 per cent of the total capital spend for the current year. This is a misleading and deceptive use of statistics. It would have been far more appropriate for you to look at the Mountain's share of the aggregate discretionary community project spend. I suspect, but don't know, this would still have disclosed how poorly we are looked after but at least it would be a more appropriate way to argue the case within Council.

I too am annoyed that Tamborine Mountain with a population larger than Beaudesert, is so poorly looked after in terms of community spend. Beaudesert, with its impressive parklands and now planned \$8.5 million library and town centre on the surface indicates inequity that needs to be challenged. Derek you

are experienced in the operations of council. I suggest that you concentrate on the key needs of the Mountain, all of which you have correctly identified. Forget the Long Road extension nonsense and focus on non-emotional and relevant argument to champion these projects of merit and abandon the Scenic Rim exit campaign.

Ian Langdon

## WHERE IS FAIRNESS IN STATE "CASH SPLASH"?

**One can probably understand and appreciate the difficulties surrounding the decision making on matters where the person involved has no practical experience, knowledge or experience to the principles, the practicalities and the impact such decisions will have on the affected individuals.**

Little wonder it is, therefore, that Premier Palaszczuk got it so wrong in relation to the "cash splash" occurring in Queensland at the present time. One can be forgiven for arriving at the conclusion that the "cash splash" is about an event scheduled for 31 October and nothing to do with need or justice.

Take for example the \$1.8 million grant to an entity hanging off the coattails of Binna Burra Lodge to help fund a business on a property where the business does not even exist: <https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/news/article/344/new-retreat-a-boost-for-scenic-rim-tourism>.

Furthermore, that gift of our money has nothing to do with drought, fire or COVID-19 and is handed out to an outfit, which by the proprietor's own admission cannot establish need. His own press releases, if we can believe them, indicate he sold a business for a figure well in excess of \$35 million. By contrast, struggling single operated businesses here on Tamborine Mountain receive absolutely nothing. Some of these people are going out the back door as a consequence of lock down (COVID-19) in a big hurry.

Where is the fairness here? But then Premier Palaszczuk, what is your knowledge of personal struggle, prudent financial management and understanding of no income on pay day? Get real Premier; take your own pay cut and that of your public service and go and share 48 hours with some of these struggling business proprietors who seem to be beneath your capacity for concern.

Seamus Nicol



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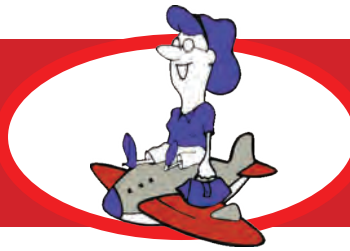
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# SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL – WHAT IS IT?

**Sustainable Travel. It's a term we see everywhere, emblazoned across the websites of everything from hotels to car hire. But what does sustainable travel actually mean? If you've ever pondered this, then you're certainly not alone.**

A National Geographic survey in 2019 found that of 3500 people surveyed, 42 per cent would be willing to prioritise sustainable travel in the future. However, 15 per cent of these travellers were unfamiliar with what sustainable travel actually looked like.

It's heartening to think that even though we aren't quite sure what sustainable travel is, we know it's the right thing to do. A hard and fast definition is not easy to come by and academically it continues to be debated. But strap in and let's see if we can clear up some of that confusion.

## TECHNICAL DEFINITIONS

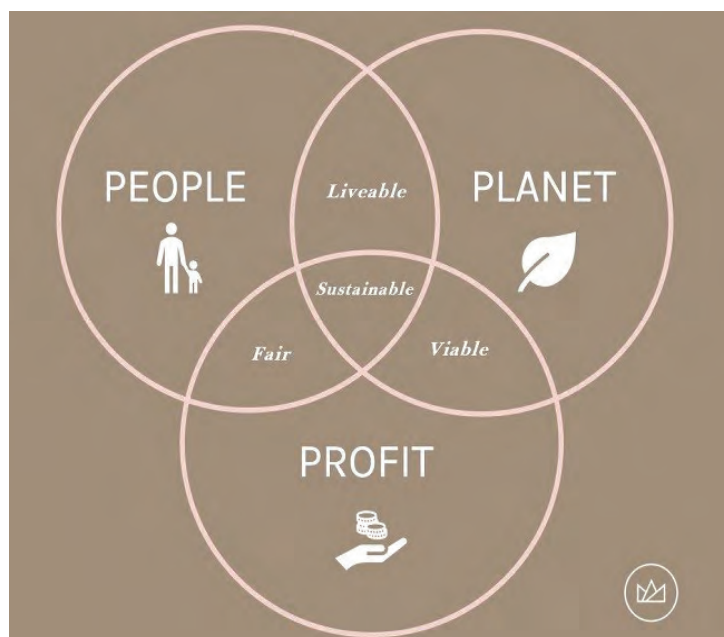
Sustainable development, as a term, first hit the public consciousness back in 1987 in the Brundtland Report produced for the UN. It defined sustainable development as:

...development which meets the needs of current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

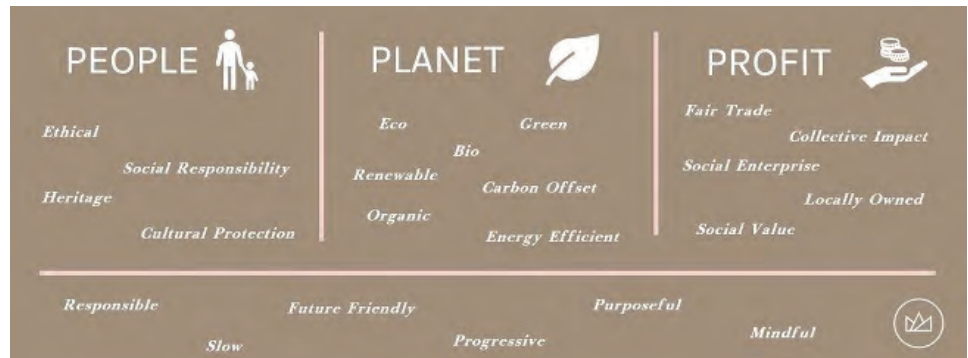
Lofty, right? It's like a giant umbrella term under which thousands of industries sit. Essentially, it's the academic version of 'think of the children'.

When we peep under this umbrella of sustainable development and look specially at sustainable travel we can be forgiven for thinking it's all about carbon footprints. However, it is an umbrella of its very own under which we can find three categories of preservation and protection: environmental, socio-cultural, and economic; or planet, people and profit.

## IN LAYMAN'S TERMS



Under these terms, you can classify all the buzzwords that have made their way into mainstream advertising and some words that encompass all three:



It's overlapping, it's interwoven and it's imperfect. But hey, we're humans. Most of what we do is imperfect. The aim of the game with sustainable travel is not perfection; instead it's back at that original definition that Brundtland gave us. Not preserving destinations as if in a museum, but instead moving with the future generations in mind.

In travelling the world our impact will never truly be zero; whether we like it or not, tourism changes a place. As soon as an explorer/traveller/tourist steps onto new soil, interacts with the local community and participates in the economy, the destination is altered. Change is inevitable but changes can be hopeful and positive, or they can have devastating consequences.

## EXAMPLES OF NEGATIVE CHANGE

- Mass produced souvenirs outprice local artisans and increase landfill waste
- Multinational development, where the majority or all profits are shifted offshore rather than stimulating local economy
- "Feels like home" eateries (think Starbucks and McDonalds) push out smaller mum and dad establishments
- Pollution and habitat destruction
- A sole dependency on tourism for jobs and wealth.

## EXAMPLES OF POSITIVE CHANGE

- Job creation in developed and under-developed communities
- Improvements to local infrastructure
- Economic stimulation
- Increased awareness of environmental issues like rainforest deforestation and animal protection
- Cultural preservation of art, language, buildings, and history through education

It's a big concept with big consequences but when you think about it, it's actually kind of simple. It's about balancing thirst for experience with our inevitable impact.

We need to ask ourselves one simple question when planning our next trip: Can I minimise my negative impact and dial up my positive impact with my choices?

Sure, it won't be perfect, and we might not always make the very best decision but even engaging this way of thinking is a step in the right direction. After all, for sustainable travel to make an impact we don't need a few people doing it perfectly, we need everyone doing it imperfectly.

**Source: World Resorts of Distinction Sustainability**

*Karen Keeling's tips on*  
**BEAUTY & WELLNESS**  
**Why It's So Important to Hydrate Your Skin**



**Many people try countless skincare products in an effort to keep their skin looking healthy and youthful. But sometimes it can be easy to overdo it with skincare products and end up damaging your skin, leaving it worse than when you started.**

As you age, your skin also loses moisture naturally and can be more prone to dehydration as well. If you have any of these issues, see your beauty therapist to help get your skin back in balance.

**YOUR SKIN WILL LOOK MORE YOUTHFUL**

Have you noticed fine lines and wrinkles creeping up on your face? When your skin is dehydrated, lines and wrinkles become more pronounced than usual. Instead of your skin looking plump and full, your texture will be magnified.

If you are already concerned with aging, having dehydrated skin will only exacerbate your skin concerns. By using serums, oils, and moisturisers, you can keep your skin looking smooth and full, which will take years off your appearance and give you more confidence.

**YOUR SKIN WILL BE ABLE TO FIGHT ACNE**

People often believe that acne only comes from super oily skin. But what they do not realise is that often acne can pop up as a result of a compromised moisture barrier. In fact, this can become a cycle that perpetuates dehydration.

People will notice acne and then use products to fight acne, but these products may make your skin even more dehydrated, which continues the cycle. By repairing your moisture barrier, your skin will be in top shape to defend itself, and you will be able to use acne-fighting ingredients without damaging your skin even further.

**YOUR MAKEUP WILL LOOK BETTER**

Do you ever apply your makeup but then realise that a few hours later it's all separated on your face? If you are having trouble with your makeup staying together, this could be a sign that your moisture barrier is compromised, and your skin is dehydrated. Sometimes your makeup will draw moisture out of your skin.

By keeping your skin hydrated, your makeup will apply smoothly and flawlessly. When your skin is smooth and supple, your pores are also diminished in appearance. Hydrated skin looks smoother and healthy, so naturally, your makeup will look better on top too.

**YOUR SKIN WILL LOOK LESS DULL AND DRY**

It is natural for our skin to go through periods where it's dryer than others. When the weather is particularly arid or cold, our skin can quickly dry out. But when your skin is dehydrated, it starts to look dull and dry all the time and loses the plump glow of healthy skin. When you keep your skin hydrated, you will bring life and colour back to your face.

**YOUR SKIN CAN BALANCE OIL PRODUCTION**

A common misconception is that if you have oily skin, you need to do everything you can to dry the oil out. In reality, our skin often overcompensates when it is dry and dehydrated by producing more oils in an attempt to keep our skin healthy and hydrated.

Though you may be sceptical about layering on the hydration when you have oily skin, by putting additional products on to keep moisture in your skin where it belongs, you will actually balance your skin's type. Over time, it will balance out and stop producing quite as much oil, leaving you with skin that is easier to manage, more balanced, and suffers fewer breakouts.

**YOUR FACE WILL BE LESS IRRITATED AND ITCHY**

It can be hard to know which products are safe to use on skin that is itchy and prone to irritation. For those who struggle with flaky skin that seems to peel off constantly, it may seem appealing to exfoliate to try and get your skin texture smooth and under control.

But really, exfoliation can make your skin's texture even worse because it can jeopardise your moisture barrier. By keeping your skin hydrated, your moisture barrier can repair itself, and you will start to notice fewer flakes and dry patches. Even those with eczema may notice their irritated spots disappearing once they actually work to keep their skin hydrated.

**Karen Keeling**  
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**HOTA OPENS DOORS FOR ITS CINEMA**

**Off the back of the State Government announcement to lift social distancing restrictions early, HOTA has re-opened its cinema to the public.**

While venue restrictions and capacity numbers limit the number of people attending to 20 per screening, the team at HOTA is committed to bringing some normality back to the life of Gold Coast and Hinterland cinema patrons.

Strict social distancing measures, however, will apply.

HOTA CEO, Criena Gehrke, said the move would help fill the social void brought about by the COVID-19 shutdowns, as the act of movie-going was a quintessential social experience.

"There will be 12 screenings a day and we are pulling together a thematic program that touches on some of our favourite films, through to award-winning masterpieces, as well as family movies," she said.

Ms Gehrke said the move was a positive step to a return to theatre experiences and, with further easing of restrictions, a host of regular programming to come.

"We are not there yet but there is a strong local appetite for the arts, and the cinema is the first 'cab off the rank'.

"As the Government allows it, we will rebuild our program to welcome back artists and audiences gradually to ensure we remain a vibrant and dynamic Home of the Arts."

HOTA was one of the first large venues on the Gold Coast to close its doors in light of the pandemic and is now leading the way in creating socially responsible opportunities to enjoy regular experiences.

"We look forward to releasing details of the cinema program and encourage everyone to check the HOTA website for ongoing updates."

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# BUSINESS SURVIVAL – COVID 19 AND BEYOND

Tamborine Mountain has been fortunate not to have had cases of COVID-19. However, quiet streets, closed shops, empty cafes and restaurants, were sure signs of the devastating impact that the virus has had on local businesses.

Business owners are at some stage in their life cycle likely to deal with some sort of external impact where they have little control. Indeed, in recent times, our small community has been subject to bushfires, storm impact and flood. This time, government support has been a saving grace for many businesses that are struggling. However, it is without a doubt that those with cash reserves, a budget, and flexible contingency plans, have been and will always be better positioned when disaster strikes.

If you are in business what should you be doing now?

Firstly, consider the health threat of COVID-19. Focus on staff, mental health, physical health, customer hygiene, social distancing, cleanliness and sanitation. Create a policy should an outbreak occur.

Secondly, all businesses need to accept that COVID-19 is going to be around for a while. There will be ongoing shortages and delays in supply chains, travel restrictions and disruptions, and finance may be hard to come by. Are you ready to react and adapt? We have all seen some level of adaptation – restaurants turning to takeaway, retail turning to online, and office-based employees now working at home. For some businesses, adaptation may simply mean doing what they have always done but in a different format.

Thirdly, ask for help. Take a look at the Government's National COVID-19 document - it lists numerous links and resources. Touch base with your business advisers – this is the time to reassess your forward budget and cash flow. Give consideration to any stimulus money you may be eligible for and any forward expenditure needed for adaptation and investment.

Mostly, now is not the time for doom and gloom. Now is the time to take control – a fresh start, reassessment, revision, planning and in some cases redesign. A chance to learn and be better prepared for next time. We are going to see the birth and rebirth of some amazing local businesses. Every business is different, and every business has just been presented with a great opportunity.

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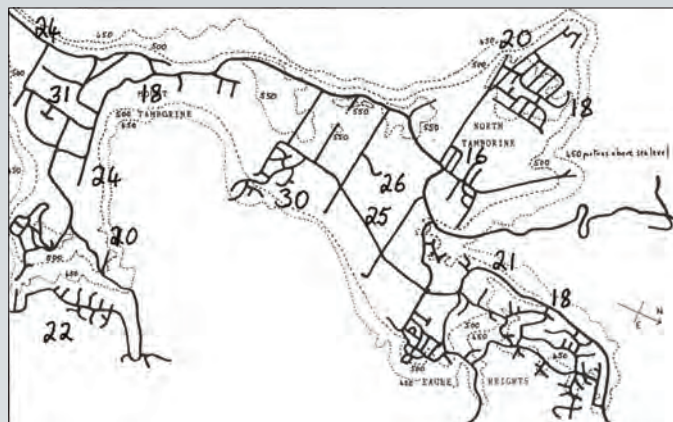
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## Tamborine Mountain Rainfall



### Rainfall for May 2020

Another very dry month brought the autumn (March, April, May) total this year to 147.8mm at Fern Street. In only three years since 1888 was this autumn total less: 1957 – 97.5mm; 1965 – 109.1; and 1943 – 141.3mm. But we have had lots of cloud. This is due to the warmer than usual East Coast Current bringing cloud from the South East Trade Winds but insufficiently low pressures in the troughs.

These troughs brought small falls from the 6th and the 14th with the only fall of any significance recorded on the 15th and due to an upper atmosphere low. Fern Street recorded 31mm, the top score. The long term expected is 78mm and the average for May is 120mm.

The map shows a fairly even distribution of rain across the Mountain.

**Mike Russell – 5545 3601**

## MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

<b>Mon 1st</b>	Rob & Polly REED / Glenys KELLY
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	Rob & Polly REED / Jo TAYLOR
<b>Fri 5th</b>	Kathy COLES / Neil SMITH
<b>Mon 8th</b>	Kathy COLES / Anne CARRIGAN-HARRIP
<b>Wed 10th</b>	Rob & Polly REED / Anne CARRIGAN-HARRIP
<b>Fri 12th</b>	Deb GREENWOOD / Saime MALLQUI
<b>Mon 15th</b>	Stewart & Cassie VAN MAARSEVEEN / Karen & Kevin KING
<b>Wed 17th</b>	Karen SEXTON / Jo Taylor
<b>Fri 19th</b>	Harry O'NEILL / Glenys KELLY
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	Stewart & Cassie VAN MAARSEVEEN / Karen & Kevin KING
<b>Wed 24th</b>	Karen SEXTON / Louise PEARCE
<b>Fri 26th</b>	Lyn JONES / Saime MALLQUI
<b>Mon 29th</b>	TBA / Louise YONEZAWA



# food for thought

with **DYLAN GITTOES**

**Living in a rural area sure has its advantages - the clean air, the friendly locals and the wonderful fresh produce hobby famers grow and leave sitting there, trusting in the human spirit of honesty.**

I feel like a kid on an Easter hunt when I am out exploring new routes and farm stalls while walking with my wife for our daily exercise. It's so interesting to see the different ways each person sets up their farm stall; some are as simple as a box full of avocados sitting on the drive with 50c each scrawled on the side with a little note saying "please put money in the letterbox"; others are a little more serious with signs proudly displaying this week's seasonal picks of the bunch. I have noticed a few bunches of silver beet becoming available and is now in season.

When I was a child, we would visit my grandmother for dinner or tea as she used to call it and it was always the classic meat and three veg. She would use silver beet often and would slice and steam the whole plant stems and all, I remember the stems tasting similar to celery.

Years later after I became a chef, I asked her why she used the stems, as whenever we would use silver beet in the restaurant, we would remove them and use only the green leaves. She simply said "to bulk out the meal, to help fill up the plate" with a look of why else would I do it? She was a very resourceful person my grandmother. I guess she had to be; she had 10 hungry children to feed on a nightly basis.

Did you know? Silver beet can be rainbow coloured and is often called spinach but it's not! They are both members of the same plant family though Amaranthaceous. Silver beet or



Swiss chard, as it is also known, is actually a close relative of beetroot (in fact it's a variety of the same species), and is grown for its large, thick, crinkled leaves with prominent leaf ribs and stems.

Silver beet is a good source of vitamins A, C, B6 and K (important for helping your blood to clot). It also contains riboflavin and folate and minerals such as potassium (which helps to regulate blood pressure) and manganese (involved in the regulation of brain and nerve function).

When we had the restaurant, we served a seafood and meat platter, but I wanted to create a platter for vegetarians, as they are often overlooked on restaurant menus. So, I got to work and one of the components to this platter was local silver beet and fetta puff pastry triangles because silver beet originally came from the Mediterranean.

They are a wonderful way to showcase silver beet and they taste delicious. Fresh out of the oven they are perfect for a canapé as they can be made in advance and reheated when the guests arrive. Just make sure you make enough for them to have more than one because they go down a treat and you WILL be asked "are there any more?"

## INGREDIENTS (SERVES SIX)

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 bunch silver beet, stems trimmed, washed, shredded
- 1 small brown onion diced

- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 2 eggs
- 100g feta, crumbled
- 2 sheets (25 x 25cm) frozen puff pastry, just thawed, sliced across in thirds and down in thirds. (you will then have 9 small squares each sheet)
- 1 lemon cut into wedges to serve

## METHOD

Preheat oven to 210°C. Line 2 baking trays with non-stick baking paper.

Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook the onion and garlic until fragrant, add spinach, tossing, for 2-3 minutes or until wilted. Set aside to cool slightly. Squeeze out excess moisture.

Lightly whisk 1 egg in a bowl. Stir in the spinach and feta. Season with pepper.

Whisk remaining egg in a small bowl.

Divide the filling among the pastry squares using approximately 1 tbs per square (don't overfill as they will not seal properly.)

Brush the edges with egg. Fold in half diagonally to enclose the filling. Pinch the edges with a fork to seal.

Place the triangles on the prepared tray. Brush with egg. Bake for 20 minutes or until puffed and golden. Serve with a lemon wedge.

*Dylan Gittoes*



## HOME ALONE

Separation anxiety in dogs should be seen as a symptom of underlying frustrations rather than a diagnosis, and understanding these root causes can be the key to effective treatment, as new research by animal behaviourist specialists suggests.

Many pet owners experience problem behaviour in their dogs when leaving them at home. Behaviours include destruction of household items, urinating and defecating indoors, excessive barking or a lot of excavating gardens and soil. The behaviour is often labelled "separation anxiety" as the dog gets anxious at the prospect of being left alone.



Treatment plans tend to focus on helping the dog overcome the pain of separation, but current research indicates dealing with various forms of frustration is a much more important element of the problem.

Animal researchers have identified four key forms of separation anxiety and they suggest that animal behaviourists should consider these underlying reasons as the issue that needs treatment.

The research team, led by scientists from the University of Lincoln, UK, observed these four forms of distress for dogs when separated from their carers: a focus of getting away from something in the home, wanting to get something outside, overreacting to exterior noise events and different forms of boredom.

More than 2700 dogs representing more than 100 breeds were included in the study. Until now there has been a tendency to think of this (separation anxiety) as a single condition, and we try to help the dog to be more independent. However, the new research suggests that frustration in its various forms is very much at the heart of the problem and we need to understand this if we hope to offer better treatment for these dogs affected.

The new study, published in the academic journal *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*, highlights how different emotional states combine to produce problem behaviour in dogs. The behaviour is triggered by the owner's departure but the unwanted behaviour arises because of a combination of risk factors that may include elements of the dog's temperament, the type of relation it has with its owner and how the two of them interact.

The research team will soon be building on the latest study to examine in greater detail the influence the dog-owner relationship has on problem behaviours triggered by separation. It is hoped the research will open up new, more specific treatment programs for dog owners. <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/03/200318104429.htm>

From my own experience, rescued and very pampered dogs tend to be affected, opposite conditions, yet similar behaviour. The individual character of dogs varies so much, and they are emotional creatures; I think this dictates how an owner ought to relate and manage a dog's behaviour.

**Pam Brandis**  
Dip. Canine Prac.

## Can you solve it? Turn it up to 11



The Guardian's Alex Bellos's Monday puzzle

### Let's hear it for the number 11, star protagonist of today's puzzles.

Eleven is the first number you reach once you go beyond ten. Since ten is the base of our number system, eleven's position gives it some interesting properties – as the members of Spinal Tap knew all too well.

(Although you might need to turn up your brains to 11 and a half for today's puzzles.)

The first one concerns palindromic numbers – that's those numbers that read the same forwards and backwards, such as 121 or 556655.

**1) Show that every even-digit palindromic number is divisible by 11.**

(An even-digit palindromic number is a palindromic number that contains an even number of digits, like 1221, or 678876.)

**2) More than 100 people live in a village.**

*Prove there are 11 people living in the village for whom the sum of their ages is divisible by 11.*

(answers at [scenicnews.com.au](http://scenicnews.com.au) on Thursday afternoon)

## TRIVIA - Heads & Tails



1. THE ENTIRE HUMAN SKELETON IS THOUGHT TO BE REPLACED EVERY 10 YEARS
2. THERE ARE FIVE NAUTICAL MILES IN A LEAGUE
3. SWITZERLAND IS THE ONLY EUROPEAN COUNTRY WITHOUT AN ARMY
4. IN A SINGLE DAY ONE OF YOUR FEET CAN SWEAT THE EQUIVALENT OF HALF A GLASS OF WATER
5. CLAUDIUS WAS THE FIRST CHRISTIAN EMPEROR OF ROME
6. THE WEST GATE BRIDGE IS IN MELBOURNE
7. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS NEVER SET FOOT IN WHAT IS NOW THE UNITED STATES
8. CORAL GETS ITS COLOUR FROM ALGAE

### BAFFLER

1. I CAN CAUSE ARGUMENTS
2. I AM USUALLY BLACK WITH A FEW OTHER COLOURS ON ME
3. I HAVE BUTTONS
4. I CONTAIN BATTERIES
5. I AM FOUND IN THE LOUNGE

**Aussie Trivia Chris Blair: 0416 007 985**

BAFFLER ANSWER: TV REMOTE

(8) HEADS  
(7) TAILS  
(6) HEADS

(5) TAILS  
(4) HEADS  
(3) TAILS  
(2) TAILS  
(1) HEADS

ANSWERS: heads = yes / tails = no

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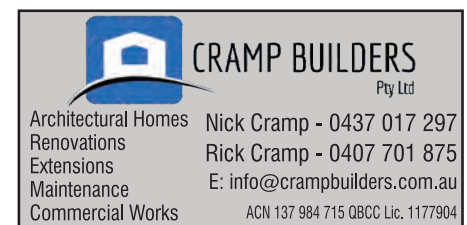


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#### YOGA UNDER THE BODHI TREE

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we have moved to **LIVE ONLINE YOGA CLASSES**: Mon 9.30am, Tues 9.30am, Wed 9.30am, Wed 6pm, Sat 7.30am, Sat 9.30am. Text or email me: Margot **0428 137 391** or [yogaunderthebodhitree@outlook.com](mailto:yogaunderthebodhitree@outlook.com). I will send you an email with a link. Very simple, very low tech. Come and join us! Hatha, Nada and Tantra Yoga. Contact: Margot Y.A (Australia) 0428 137 391. Transform your Life with Yoga.

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**TUTORING:** Learning the fundamentals of Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. Helping with presentations, company branding, portfolios and print ready setup. Cost \$50 per hour (tutoring). For more information call Heather on 0415 549 522 or email [heather.dale@patchworkdog.com](mailto:heather.dale@patchworkdog.com). Visit [www.patchworkdog.com](http://www.patchworkdog.com) to see examples of design work.

## WANTED

Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre is looking for new volunteers to join the team.

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.

Call Margie at the Visitor Information Centre on 07 5545 3200.



# REGULAR MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES

**AQUA AEROBICS** Mon Wed Fri 7am, Tues and Thurs 6.00pm-7.00pm at the pool Phone 0417 775 203.

**BADMINTON** Social players, all levels. Mon 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre (except Public Holidays).

**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

**CHRONIC FATIGUE FIBROMYALGIA** Support Group meets monthly Ph 5545 3134.

**CREATIVE ARTS SOCIAL BRIDGE** Wed at 12.30pm. For info contact John Noble, 5545 4022.

**CROQUET @ MEMORIAL SPORTS CENTRE NORTH TAMBORINE**, Mon & Thurs 8.30am. Let's play croquet.

**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.

**FRIENDS OF TM LIBRARY** Quarterly booksales held, other volunteering opportunities available. Contact the library for further information 5540 5473.

**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](mailto: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 [tmqcwa@gmail.com](mailto:tmqcwa@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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.tamborinemountainorchestra.com); or find us on Facebook.

**TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 34 Main St, North Tamborine [www.tambopc.org.au](http://www.tambopc.org.au) Tamborine Mountain Presbyterian Church Notice Out 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](http://www.tambopc.org.au) for details. Enquiries [dave.mugridge@tambopc.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:briangilmore@optusnet.com.au) OR Rob Neary M: 0477 645 645 E: [rob.neary@outlook.com](mailto: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

**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.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A)**. An association for retirees and those preparing for retirement. Learn, teach, socialise. For more info call Delle on 0413 084 571 or access our website [www.u3atamborinemountain.com](http://www.u3atamborinemountain.com)

**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](mailto:TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com)

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