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COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FUTURE OF SALEYARDS

Scenic Rim Regional Council is continuing to consult with stakeholders as it considers the future of the Beaudesert saleyards.

In August 2019, Council advised the saleyards' operators that their lease on the site at Helen Street would end in 12 months to enable the Beaudesert Town Centre Revitalisation project to proceed and transform the heart of Beaudesert into a vibrant town centre.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said that, with the lease due to expire in August 2020, Council had met with community representatives last month and was considering a range of issues raised.

"We recognise the importance of ongoing access to a pig and calf sale for some of our local producers and have active discussions underway for such an option to continue," he said.

"An extension of the existing lease until December 2020 may be considered to allow these discussions to progress."

Cr Christensen said Council's extensive community consultation on the Beaudesert Town Centre Masterplan had commenced in 2016 and that the continuing operation of the saleyards in their current location was inconsistent with elements of the project identified during further consultation in December 2019.

"Our initial review suggests that retaining the saleyards as they are currently operated would significantly disrupt the concepts and principles of the precinct and would require significant modification of the business case that has gained both Queensland and Australian Government support through grant funding to progress the project," he said.

"This poses a risk to maintaining the availability of that funding and thereby the ability to achieve the goals of the Beaudesert Town Centre Revitalisation project.

"Additionally, it would require significant capital expenditure to bring the saleyards up to a



suitable standard if they were to remain as part of the town centre precinct."

"In the 2017-18 financial year, Council completed essential structural and roof repairs to meet minimum safety standards for the yards to continue to operate, and further significant maintenance, not currently funded or budgeted for, would be required in the near future to get the saleyards into a suitable condition."

The saleyards at their current location date to the late 1940s or early 1950s and concerns have been raised about the safety of those attending the sales as the outdated layout does not provide the separation of people and animals consistent with modern saleyards.

"The condition of the current saleyards is very poor and, if Council had not carried out emergency repairs three years ago to bring them to a minimum safety standard, the yards would have been closed then," Cr Christensen said.

Following its meeting with stakeholders last month, Council is currently assessing the

saleyards for structural condition, operational safety, cost estimates for upgrading and maintenance, and the potential impact on the redeveloped site if the yards were to remain.

"As a result of this meeting, we have taken their views on board and are considering them as part of the broader picture," Cr Christensen said.

Cr Christensen said the Beaudesert Town Centre Revitalisation project aimed to create a sense of place for the community and deliver a built environment which not only resonated with residents and visitors but also delivered economic benefits for Beaudesert and the wider Scenic Rim region.

"Within the scope of the project, a real opportunity exists to showcase, through storyboards, the history of the yards when as many as 500 calves and 500 pigs came to market every Monday," he said.

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AFFLUENZA

More than a decade ago Oliver James wrote about a virus sweeping the globe with pandemic effects. He termed it the Affluenza Virus - an obsession with consumerism.

James' research took him around the world comparing the level of emotional distress of citizens in many countries. He found the citizens of more materialistic societies with the most unequal wealth distribution, had the highest levels of emotional distress, depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. James concluded that the affluenza virus takes hold in societies where citizens become brainwashed into believing that confected wants are necessities.

After World War Two many societies shifted from a focus in production to marketing. Corporations recognised that consumers had less immediate necessity to buy the bulk of manufactured goods that were being produced. If consumers chose not to buy, an economic depression would surely follow. Consequently, marketing began to focus on promoting wants that people did not know they had. In doing so, they created a swell of dissatisfaction with what was once thought sufficient.

Driving the spread of the virus is the growing conviction that consumption can meet every human need. Those infected are in the grip of external forces, much like hypnotism. Decisions to buy are driven by the subliminal messages that feed consumers' insecurities. James quotes an advertising executive, "Advertising at its best is making people feel that without their product, you're a loser - you open up emotional vulnerabilities". Consumers pursue 'identity conferring possessions' to bolster their self-image and social acceptance.

More insidious, is affluenza's tendency to commoditise people. Humans are regarded as objects to be manipulated; their value is based on success, saleability and approval of others. Career success depends on how people sell themselves, with corporations using psychological tests to see whether potential employees are the right kind of commodity. Reality TV shows such as Big Brother are the result of commodity mentality - popularity contests in which competitors parade their most intimate aspects to win viewers' votes.

In an affluenza pandemic the commodity attitude extends to relationships. Rather than love, partners are chosen for their supposed value in charisma, appearance, or wealth. Inevitably, it results in feelings of uncertainty regarding the quality of relationship choices. Additionally, fear that a person's own relationship value may decrease engenders anxiety and depression. The common response to anxiety and depression is to medicate the misery by buying more things.

James is not all gloom and doom. Similar to the current COVID-19 pandemic, he suggests the only way to avoid being infected by affluenza is by vaccinating ourselves. These vaccines involve rejecting the status quo and making necessary adjustments in how we do life. Next week we will have a look at the vaccines suggested by James.

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BE PREPARED AND MAKE A BUDGET

When I was a little girl, my grandad had a silver teapot hidden in the bottom of his wardrobe and I thought he was very rich.

In reality the silver teapot was made of stainless steel. It housed silver shillings that my grandfather had diligently stashed away to 'feed' the gas meter in his London council flat. He was in fact far from rich but he did sleep easy at night - he knew that when the meter ran out there was more than one shilling set aside to light the gas which heated his flat and fuelled the stove.

How many of us set money aside before the inevitable bill comes? I would suggest many of us do not. The bill comes and if we are lucky and have had a big pay that week, we manage to rake enough money together to pay it. Lo and behold as soon as that bill is paid, another arrives. Somewhere along the track a disaster strikes. The fridge breaks down. We may then have to choose between the fridge repair and the car registration. We pay the repair, the car registration gets paid late, we are hit with a late payment penalty and the downward spiral has begun.

My brother and I are very grateful to my grandad - he was teaching us to budget. I have budgeted my whole life. You can budget too. I know this because my budget has got me through days as a poor student, many years of backpacking, flatting, saving for our first home, bringing up children, periods of unemployment, high interest rates and our fair share of family traumas, unexpected bills and disasters. There are no excuses. We can never be sure of what life will deal to us next, but we can be sure that the bills will just keep on coming. We can be prepared. We can make a budget.

Budgets come in all styles and forms. My budget is very simple - I don't track everything, but I do ensure that I have enough set aside to pay for every bill that comes through the door.

Here's how it works:

To start, make a list of every bill that arrived last year. Here I am talking about the bills you can't avoid; think of them in terms of house bills, insurance bills, motor vehicle bills. Then you might want to add some extras that are applicable to you; I have dog registration and an annual pest inspection I like to include in my budget. Add them up, divide by 52 to get a weekly amount and add 10 per cent because we all know bills go up.

I know that you will be horrified by the amount, so take some fresh air and go down to the bank to open up a special bank account (think of it as your teapot). Each week you need to put that weekly amount into this bank account. When a bill comes, you pay it from funds accumulated in this bank account. Write the bill amount down; you will need it to revise the budget figure for next year.

If it's a struggle to 'feed your teapot' then it means you will need to find ways to increase your income or cut your expenditure. We'll talk about that in our next article

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CORONAVIRUS PUTS AN END TO SPRINGTIME FESTIVAL

The Tamborine Mountain Garden Club Committee has voted to cancel Springtime on the Mountain 2020, in its present format, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The club is extremely disappointed and has thanked all the gardeners who have been working so hard to present their properties as part of the open garden trail this year which was due to be held on September 25, 26 and 27.

Springtime on the Mountain - Open Garden Trail has been an annual event on Tamborine Mountain since 1984 and had always been organised by volunteer members of the Garden Club and Botanic Gardens when they were one club.

Unfortunately, it has been held only once in the last three years - 2018 was a non-event; 2019 was the year Tamborine Mountain Garden Club picked up the reigns and agreed to take on the challenge of organising the event, halfway through the year. In doing so, it achieved the successful 34th festival and allayed fears that it would not be held anymore.



Based on this success, Amanda Hay and Julie Wilkinson agreed to accept the appointment as Springtime on the Mountain convenors for the 2020 year, believing that they could make this the best year ever, with a full 12 months to plan.

As a result, Springtime on the Mountain combined with the Tamborine Mountain Show Society's new Spring Fair, the four local schools were invited to participate in art/craft projects and The Tamborine Sports Association agreed to provide

camping for travellers. The Botanic Gardens, as usual, were to be part of the festival and it had been hoped to involve the Heritage Centre.

The festival was promoted to other garden clubs through social media, a publicity campaign was planned, and media advertising booked.

Regrettably, the threat of COVID-19 to an ageing population, and to Garden Club volunteers in the end was considered too great to continue with the festival this year.

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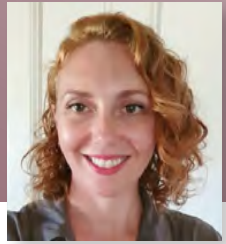
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Sleeping safely with your baby

So, you've run your marathon, whatever form that has taken, and you have your baby. Wonderful! That's the hard part over right?

For some people yes, it is. For others, parenting and the myriad of decisions to be made on a daily basis, while fielding Facebook posts, controversial chat room discussions, family advice, horror stories and parental competition can quickly become overwhelming.

Often new parents have had little to no previous work experience in their new job. And those who have may have already formulated ideas of the things they'll never do and will definitely do, and this in itself can add its own pressures. One of my old neighbours used to say that parenthood is one long lesson in humility. I come back to this a lot in my parenting life.

One of the important decisions to make is where will your baby sleep? Most people have heard of Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI), which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and fatal sleep accidents. These tragedies are rare, but there are things that you can do as a parent to reduce the risk of SUDI. These are:

- Sleep baby in a cot next to your bed for

the first 6-12 months of life

- Baby sleeps on their back; there was a big campaign in the UK several years ago to put baby "back to sleep" and this was a helpful way for parents to remember
- Do not cover baby's head or face at sleep time; this includes hats
- Keep a smoke-free home environment, and do not smoke around children
- Ensure the sleeping area is safe – firm mattress, no big duvets, no gap between mattress and cot
- Breastfeed your baby.

For some people, it is culturally more appropriate to co-sleep, or they have found that co-sleeping works better for their family. While the advice remains for babies to sleep in their own cot in the parents' room, if parents do wish to co-sleep with their baby it is important to tell them how to do it safely. If you wish to co-sleep the advice is:

- Do not consume any alcohol, or be on any drugs/medications that cause drowsiness or sedation and impair the ability to respond to baby
- Ensure the mattress is firm and there are no pillows around the baby's head and the baby has their own blanket, not

sleeping under parents' bedding

- Ensure those in the bed are aware the baby is there and give adequate space to baby
- Never sleep with baby on a sofa or couch as the risk of infant death is very high in these situations where the adult has fallen asleep. Be mindful of how tired you are when feeding so you don't accidentally fall asleep holding baby on the couch
- Babies are most at risk of SUDI if they are less than three months old, were born pre-term or small for gestational age, so co-sleeping is more discouraged in these groups.

There is no increased risk of SUDI while in bed with a baby who is feeding, cuddling or playing while the parent is awake. If you wish to discuss safety in your home for newborns discuss with your Midwife, GP or Child Health Nurse, or you can source more information about safe sleeping at www.rednose.org.au.

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Cheryl Wallace : Secretary

SAM'S STILL-LIFES TO STIR THE SENSES



Sam Suttie

Under the Greenwood Tree is delighted to announce the opening of an exhibition, 'Birds and Flowers', by local Mountain artist Sam Suttie. This is a collection of work inspired by Australian birdlife and native flowers. In a series of still-life paintings, Sam has captured the beauty and vibrancy of our native flora and fauna. She sees her paintings as a creative focus for the battle between the natural world and progress.

South African born, Sam has been calling Australia home since 2008. It has only been a year since she picked up the brush and returned to the canvas after a 10 year artist's block. She has found that after 'an emotional year unpacking skeletons from my closet' the art has flowed. Now we can all enjoy her beautiful paintings, which glow, jewel-like, with colour and light.

There will be a preview of the 'Birds and Flowers' exhibition on Friday 7 August at 5.30 for 6 pm, with allowance for a maximum of 40 people, in alignment with Qld Government Covid protocols and regulations. The gallery is small, and social distancing remains, so please be prepared to allow time for viewing. Sam will also be in attendance at the gallery on Saturday 8 August from 1.00 – 3.30 pm. We look forward to welcoming you to view and share the radiance of Sam's life-enhancing paintings.

In order to comply with Covid guidelines an RSVP is essential for the Preview, by text to 0424 586 066 or ring Under the Greenwood Tree on 5545 4448.



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THE BENEFITS OF DRINKING WINE



We tend to be fairly conscious of how we fuel our bodies in terms of food, but what about the health benefits of what we choose to drink? So long as it is done in moderation, there is a fairly convincing case to be made for the benefits of drinking wine.

In the time of the Ancient Romans, as the quality of drinking water was so low, wine became essential to daily life. As such, the consumption of wine as a daily ritual, rather than a luxury, came to symbolize sustenance and nourishment. Arguably, this point of view continues to prevail to this day, as the health benefits of wine are still widely studied and recognised. In particular, red wine has long been considered 'heart healthy'.



Red wine is rich in a powerful antioxidant called 'resveratrol', a polyphenol found in grape skins and red grape juice. A compound produced by several plants, resveratrol exists to fight off bacteria, fungi, and other microbial attackers. Essentially, antioxidants such as polyphenols are naturally occurring chemicals that protect human and plant cells against free radicals. Rogue molecules, or 'unstable atoms', free radicals can cause damage to cells and lead to diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease.

In addition to fighting free radicals, resveratrol also helps grapes to withstand drought conditions and a lack of nutrients. Other than in red and purple grapes, you can source resveratrol in peanuts, pistachios, blueberries, mulberries, and cranberries. Since a study conducted by two plant scientists in 1992, resveratrol has been linked to the known cardiovascular benefits of red wine.

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Antioxidants aside, there are several other health benefits of wine to note. On a low-carb diet? We've got good news. Wine is actually one of the least carb-heavy alcoholic beverages! Generally speaking, one glass of wine ranges from 0-4 grams of net carbs. Whilst perhaps not quite as guilt free as a vodka-soda, you can still enjoy a (much tastier) glass of vino, or two. The drier the wine, the lower the carbs.

At Witches Falls, we ferment all of our wines for long enough that almost all of the residual sugar has been converted into alcohol. For this reason, they tend to be on the drier side. With that said, moderation remains key, and too much alcohol may undermine your health gains. Next time you pop into our Cellar Door, ask us about our driest wines.

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SHARP COMMENT

TOM SHARP

Pick a Box - aah, but which one?

Taking a look inside the Scenic Rim Farm Box and picking out a prize king onion, we start peeling away the layers to see if we can reveal what we are getting for our hard earned public funds and find out what is actually going on.

The first thing to note is that on 1 August 2016 a company was registered in the name of Scenic Rim in a Box Pty Ltd by James Robinson who also serves as the company director.

This is the same James Robinson, well known local identity and developer of Oaklands Estate who played a key role in bringing to Beaudesert the highly successful and respected McAuley College, and more recently the Oaklands over fifties independent retirement village above the previously launched shopping village, including supermarket, all located in the same precinct.

Combining the existing supermarket, cold storage and logistics operation he had created in Beaudesert, Mr Robinson believed there was a leveraging opportunity for the region to greatly extend its Eat Local Week to enjoy the products of the region "everyday" by introducing his "Farm Box" concept which he had worked up into a business plan.

Mr Robinson's next step was to reach out across the region to its many producers, the conduit being Scenic Rim Council as the "connector" to economic development within the region.

Once Mr Robinson had briefed Council on his venture he was then swamped with interest. First came an invitation from Council to participate in a brainstorming "focus group" for Eat Local Week and negotiations around becoming the major sponsor for Eat Local Week. Yes, you read correctly, Mr Robinson was not looking for any funding for his venture and at that stage was looking to become a key sponsor of Scenic Rim's Eat Local Week.

Further Council outpourings followed by way of encouragement and support for his "community BBQ concept" and introductions to suppliers for his "Scenic Rim in-a-Box". These exchanges all took place between 2017 and early 2018.

Capping it off was the Mayoral launch of "Scenic Rim in a Box" at the Oaklands Estate precinct (pictured) alongside Mr Robinson, with logo and produce galore.

Not long after this the lines went dead and Mr Robinson never heard from



Council again, at least not with regards to his "Scenic Rim Farm in-a-Box" business.

I must point out that Mr Robinson launched legal action against Scenic Rim Regional Council in 2019 relating to damages, losses and breach of contract relating to the development of the Oaklands Estate Precinct. This action is unrelated to "Scenic Rim Farm-in-a-Box".

Soon after the 2020 local government elections the Scenic Rim Regional Council on 17 April announced "Scenic Rim Farm Box" a new "farm to you" home delivery business which would "deliver the region's best produce, products, and locally produced wine and beer to customers and beyond ..."

The announcement went on to say that this Farm Box concept had been a long-held goal of Scenic Rim Eat Local Week.

Really?

It was the day before on 16 April 2020 that a company known as SCENIC RIM FARM BOX PTY LTD was registered.

Following this, on 22 June at an SRRC Ordinary Meeting, Cr McConnell made a request to General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity, Debra Howe, asking, "What was Council's contribution to the partnership with Scenic Rim Farm Box Pty Ltd?" Ms Howe advised Cr McConnell that the partnership was bound by a "confidentiality agreement" and that she did not believe she had to answer that question.

Yet only three days before this meeting, on 19 June, Council issued a detailed media release regarding the huge

success of Scenic Rim Farm Box delivering some \$300,000 to the region's economy in only two months. The media release went on in great detail, pointing out there had been 2000 deliveries made, 40 producers signed up and over 160 different products sold. In addition, 18 direct casual jobs had been created, accompanied by an inventory list right down to the last rasher of bacon, ounce of cheese, and slab of butter.

It would appear the confidentiality agreement isn't that confidential when it comes to promotion.

So now arise the questions:

Would anyone look to develop their business enterprise within the Scenic Rim, knowing this is the sort of treatment one might receive from the local authority?

Is it appropriate for a local government authority to be actively competing with private enterprise let alone plagiarising their idea and initiative?

Can a local authority siphon public funds off into a private enterprise and not reveal the quantum or use of those public funds?

Will the existing 40 producers who are suppliers to Scenic Rim Farm Box question their own ethics and continue to supply to Scenic Rim Farm Box knowing the local authority driving its creation is morally bankrupt?

We have only just begun to peel back the layers of this onion. We will be pursuing this matter on behalf of ratepayers and broader community and will keep you posted as we continue on the trail of the Farm Box.



JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

As we continue to navigate the Coronavirus pandemic in Australia and Queensland, it is important to remain vigilant to protect ourselves, our families, and those most vulnerable in our communities.

Social distancing, where possible, is an important and sensible practice that we can all adhere to when out and about – 1.5 metres is the recommended distance. This measure, along with increased efforts to prevent transmission through our hands, is credited with a steep drop in flu, colds, and other similar winter bugs.

There are steep penalties for those who give false information about interstate movements and I hope these are meted out by police and other authorities when breaches occur. We all pay for a few people's stupidity and it should be deterred and punished. For more information on the steps recommended to stay healthy, visit australia.gov.au

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN'S ROADS

After recent rain, potholes opened up in numerous places on State roads across Tamborine Mountain. It looks like the base of some of these roads has failed and needs complete re-working in some sections. The issues near the Main Street intersection are most obviously in need of fixing. I recall rain about two to three years ago causing similar damage.

The state of Tamborine Mountain's roads is always on the agenda at my regular meeting with Main Roads. These potholes will be fixed, but I will keep on arguing for a proper investment to fix the issues long-term – not just more "band-aids".

This issue shows quite clearly the impact of the backlog of road repairs and maintenance that has been allowed to build up over the past 25 out of 30 years of Labor Government in Queensland. That backlog is now \$5 billion in value, and every State road on the Mountain is on the backlog, I'm sure. As your local MP, I will continue to lobby for more work, and fight for to change the government in Queensland to see more investment in our roads.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND ROUND 106 NOW OPEN

Community organisations have until 31 August to apply for grants up to \$35,000 from Round 106 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. I have provided letters of support for numerous community groups, and in the last round, Scenic Rim groups received more than \$300,000 in grants.

Together with other grant initiatives, our region has received more than \$15 million in grant funds for community organisations since I was elected as your representative in 2012, and I strongly encourage clubs and community organisations to apply for assistance. Please contact my office for more information or to request a letter of support, and visit justice.qld.gov.au

If you have an issue that you think should be fixed, I encourage you to contact my office, toll-free on 1800 813 960, so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane. Quick question? SMS 0401 63 44 88.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

CONTINUED ECONOMIC SUPPORT

The Government's swift and decisive response, made possible by our strong budget position leading into the crisis, has saved lives and livelihoods and has seen Australia outperform most advanced economies and trading partners in health and economic outcomes in 2020.

Recently, we confirmed the Government's commitment to the recovery and reopening of the economy with the extension of the JobKeeper Payment and Coronavirus Supplement for those on income support.

This unprecedented economic response has been designed to be temporary and targeted with measures to support individuals, households and businesses through the crisis, without undermining the structural integrity of the budget. It is about keeping the doors of local businesses open and workers in work.

FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RECOVERY

Three projects will receive funding to support bushfire recovery in the Scenic Rim and Gold Coast hinterland, as part of the Government's bushfire recovery grants program.

We all know how devastating the bushfires were in our region and the harm this has done to large parts of the local environment. As a result of the bushfires, the Australian Government made a \$200 million commitment to the long-term recovery of Australia's bushfire hit environment.

Funding these projects is an important step of the recovery phase, to support regeneration of local environmental areas, supporting native animal populations and the environmental and economic ecosystems reliant on these beautiful habitats.

CORONAVIRUS

Please remember to stay safe, keep your distance, wash your hands and maintain health etiquette. There is no cure, we must maintain our vigilance. If you feel sick, stay home, call your doctor and get tested. A 24/7 National Coronavirus Health Information Line is also available 1800 020 080.

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Letters to the Editor

Readers are reminded that letters to the editor must show full name of writer for publication.

WHEN IS A RIGHT NO LONGER A RIGHT?

When is "Right to Information" no longer a "right"?

Answer: When your application is lodged with Scenic Rim Regional Council, it seems. Unfortunately, a fancy title does not always equate to a capacity to do the job. The Right to Information application form and the Right to Information legislation are quite clear – if one is not applying for "personal (to the applicant) information", or making application on another's behalf, no Evidence of Identity is required.

Council's RTI "expert" does not grasp that basic legislative edict and stated: "I refer to section 8 of the form and must ask you to provide me with evidence of your identity as part of the RTI process. Please provide a certified copy of your chosen identification documents." The documents I was seeking were primarily those which Council saw fit to delete from DAP-Online and which relate to the "tennis court" and 14 cabin DA at Eagle Heights.

I have asked Council how many other RTI applicants were told to provide – contrary to the legislation – evidence of their identity. No response as yet.

I was also advised that the \$50.80 application fee could be

waived. No, it can't, unless the legislation is ignored.

Council's Annual Report for 2018-2019 provides a summary on RTI applications. It states (p49) that there were two applications on hand at the start of the period, six more were received, three were withdrawn and three were finalised, leaving 0 on hand at the end of the period. Really? ... and we should believe the other figures in the report when even the single digit ones have proven too challenging?

Our Council is the only council in our region which does not have an RTI Disclosure Log. Why not? Gold Coast City Council does, Logan City Council does, and even good old Ipswich City Council does. Given the vast numbers received each year (i.e. no more than nine in any of the past four years) surely a Disclosure Log is not too much to ask?

Amanda Hay

THANK YOU TO CR MCCONNELL

I wish to thank Jeff McConnell, Councillor for Division 2, Scenic Rim Regional Council for his concise and truthful explanation of the reasons for the rates that are set for Tamborine Mountain. This should surely "put to bed" the stupid notion that we join the Gold Coast Council.

Effie Anderson



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Q&A

with the Scenic News

Scenic News recently caught up with writer and well-loved local historian Louise Piper.

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

I moved from Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast to Tamborine Mountain in 1989. Gradually I had been moving further and further away from the crowds of people, traffic and high-rise buildings. My father actually encouraged me to come up here to live after coming up here with my mother for picnics.

What attracted you to this area?

On the Gold Coast I worked in a plant nursery while my two boys were at school, so the love of gardening and growing food came with me to Knoll Road, where I started ordering organic fruit and vegetables from a Brisbane company, finally becoming a distributor for them, until I came down with chronic fatigue syndrome for 16 years.

How did you come to be involved in your vocation?

During that time, I moved to Curtis Cottage in Curtis Road and started researching the history of the Curtis Family and the other families who first made Tamborine Mountain their home. This led me to writing and publishing one of the local history books called *"The Ripples In my Pond"* in 2005. I met some wonderful people who have since died, but I am so pleased that I was able to get their stories written down. I did title searches on all the blocks of land in Main Street, so I knew who actually owned the land and who leased the shops. And now that there has been a lot of news about the first avocado tree on Tamborine Mountain, I am pleased to say that I have a photograph of it in my book.

What associated with your vocation are/were you most excited about?

I started writing a book about my dogs in 1994 but the history book took over. The dog book was finally published in 2006. It is called: *"Doesn't Your Dog Do That?"* Both books have now been sold out but there is a copy of the history book in the local library.

I came to the Mountain with a tri-colour Bearded Collie named Khan, who I found at a garage sale. Since then I have always had a dog or two. I like to rescue the older dogs that



Louise Piper

have had their hearts broken and just need the rest of their lives to be filled with love and happy times.

Being a small community, I was very happy to chat to people when walking my dogs or at the local shops. I even invited tourists who were walking past my house to come into the rainforest garden and have a look inside my house with all its history.

What is your biggest challenge?

Just over a year ago I moved from Curtis Cottage to a unit, thinking I was getting too old to maintain the garden, but after a year I sold the unit and bought a house called Camellia Cottage. I can walk to the shops, my dentist and doctor so I am prepared for old age. I drive a hybrid car, have solar panels on the roof of my house, an organic garden with vegetables and herbs, and another rescue dog. Life is good.

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

When people ask me where I go for my holidays, I love telling them that I found my piece of heaven, so I don't go anywhere. My biggest challenge is trying to remember all the names of people and dogs that I meet everyday. It is so good to see other people walking, jogging or cycling in our streets. The COVID-19 virus has not put a stop to looking after our doggies or our own health, or exchanging friendly greetings with other people.

My hobbies are oil painting, gardening, interior decorating in the Grannies' Country Cottage-style, knitting, all sorts of puzzles to keep

the old brain active and cooking healthy food.

Final thoughts?

I have seen a lot of changes while living here where more people seem to be coming to live, but fewer people seem to be shopping locally, preferring the larger supermarkets. But thanks to the local farmers, we are able to buy locally grown fresh food. I always shop locally and I urge people to support our local businesses before they have to shut down. It is much less stressful not to have to drive up and down the mountain, and wonderful to be welcomed as a friend rather than to just be a number when out and about. At 75 years of age, living on Tamborine Mountain is like being with a huge family, and we are all living in the clouds.



Tamborine Mountain's first avocado tree

Embrace

Between the Masonic Lodge and the Vonda Youngman Centre at North Tamborine, Mark and Susan Rallings are transforming a site, used by SEQ Electricity Board and later by the workshop of an iconic local sailboat builder, into Making Good Alliance (MGA) a centre for regenerative arts. What is that?

Susan and Mark: "Regenerative Arts contribute to building resilient and flourishing communities by connecting people through the experience of meaningful and purposeful art.

"Tamborine Mountain has been our home of 27 years, even if work took us often to all corners of the planet. We have now settled full time on the Mountain and it's our time to give back to the community. MGA will help to further the ambitions and skills of local and regional artists, by offering space for workshops, practice and other forms of creative connectivity.

"Visitors and tourists might not always see it, but the community on the Mountain is extremely varied, talented and skilled. No better place for MGA than Tamborine Mountain."

The existing industrial building has all the amenities and is currently undergoing an upgrade to meet all the required standards, including safety. With input from universities, Mark and Susan will develop more plans for the future. MGA is expected to be in operation within several weeks.

More information: www.makinggoodalliance.com.au



Susan and Mark Rallings

If you – or someone or a group you know – has a special connection to Tamborine Mountain, Jaap Vogel would love to hear from you.

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7. Danish brothers Lars and Jens Rasmussen developed a platform in their start-up company Where 2, which, after being taken over by an internet giant became what?
8. Who composed the ballad Waltzing Matilda?

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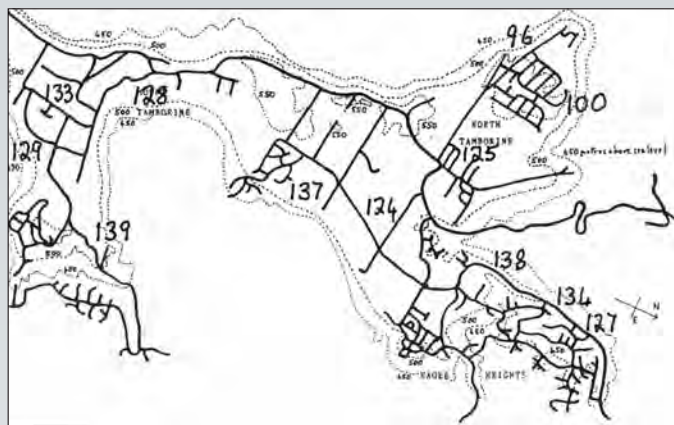
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Tamborine Mountain Rainfall



Rainfall for July 2020

There were two rainfall events in July. The first started on the 8th and brought light falls from a coastal trough. The second started as an inland trough bringing rain with it on the 23rd.

As it reached the coast it was reinforced by a deepening low (which further down the coast became an East Coast Low) that brought excellent rain, our best since mid-February. Most recorders received nearly 100mm on the 26th. Fern Street received 132.6mm for the month which is well above the long term expected of 80.5mm and average of 49.3mm.

Mike Russell – 5545 3601

MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS WIDESPREAD NATIONALLY

A new report released by the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare confirms how widespread mental illness is in Australia.

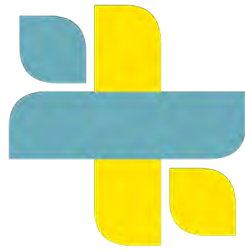
“The mental health sector is an extremely important part of Australian society, and we want to hear about those unsung heroes whose contribution to mental health can be publicly recognised in the Australian Mental Health Prize,” said Ita Buttrose, Chair of the Australian Mental Health Prize Advisory Group said.

The Australia’s Health 2020 report shows one in five Australians reported they had a mental



or behavioural condition in 2017-18.

“We expect the impact of COVID-19 will see a further increase in these figures, so it is more important than ever to publicly acknowledge mental health and those who work in the sector through the Australian Mental Health Prize,” Scientia Professor Henry Brodaty from University of New South Wales Medicine and Advisory Board member of the Australian



AUSTRALIAN MENTAL HEALTH PRIZE

Institute for Health and Welfare said.

One of the data sources for the report, the Australian Bureau of Statistics’ National Health Survey 2017-18, shows that Queensland rates were similar to that of Australia: one in five people experienced mental and behavioural conditions. In Queensland 15.6 per cent of people had an anxiety-related condition and 12.4 per cent of people had depression or feelings of depression.

Ms Buttrose believes the findings reinforce the importance of removing the stigma associated with our mental health and recognising the great work that is being done by mental health experts and teams around Australia.

“The Australian Mental Health Prize helps support mental health workers, as well as those living with a mental health condition, and ensuring mental health stays top of mind in the community,” Ms Buttrose said.

“We encourage clinicians, health professionals, community groups and individuals to nominate people whom they feel are making a real difference in the area of mental health research, advocacy or service delivery for the

2020 Australian Mental Health Prize.”

According to the report, females reported a higher proportion of mental or behavioural conditions than males. Twenty-two per cent of females reported a mental health condition compared to 18 per cent of males.

Overall, respondents in the 15 to 24 age group reported the highest level of mental health conditions, with more than one quarter (26 per cent) of this age group reporting having mental health issues.

Now in its fifth year, the Australian Mental Health Prize was established by University of New South Wales through its School of Psychiatry and recognises Australians who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of mental health or the prevention and treatment of mental illness.

To enter, nominees simply need to provide 200 words outlining the work being undertaken and how it is making an impact. Nomination forms can be obtained from: <http://australianmentalhealthprize.org.au>. Nominations for the Australian Mental Health Prize close on 30 August.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MOUNT LINDESAY HIGHWAY

The Mount Lindesay Highway will be upgraded from two to four lanes between Stoney Camp Road and Chambers Flat Road.

This follows the announcement of an extra \$7.5 million for the overall Lindesay Highway upgrade by the Australian Government.

The overall \$75 million upgrade will also deliver safety improvements along this section of the highway as well as construction of a new north-bound bridge over Norris Creek.

Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, Alan Tudge, said the additional funding meant the project would provide a significant benefit for local motorists.

“This is a targeted infrastructure investment to ease congestion along this critical South-East Queensland arterial,” Mr Tudge said.

Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport and Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, said the



Australian Government was delivering a more reliable road network for commuters and freight by addressing local bottlenecks.

“Residents in rapidly growing communities such as Jimboomba, Cedar Grove, Beaudesert and down to Rathdowney are connected to Brisbane in the north and the New South Wales border at the southern end by this important road link,” Mr Buchholz said.

“Many important industries operate in our region and it’s vital we get drivers home sooner and safer by reducing

travel times and improve freight productivity on our roads.”

Federal Member for Forde, Bert van Manen, said the Government was delivering a more reliable road network for commuters and freight by addressing local bottlenecks.

“The project will improve safety and deliver shorter and more reliable travel times along this vital commuter and freight corridor,” Mr van Manen said.

“The upgrades are critical to supporting growing communities in Logan West.”

MOUNTAIN MATES DANCE FORWARD



Dare to Dance Workshops

August to October, 2020 - with Linda Simister and Barry Chatel
A Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain Inclusion Project

Dare to Dance – images from 2019 program

Tamborine Mountain Lions Club Social Inclusion Group – Mountain Mates – has been successful in securing a grant from the Energex Community Fund for a program of dance workshops and a dance session at the Zamia Theatre later this year.

The Dare2Dance program will be run by Linda Simister and Barry Chatel, following on from the group's successful Dare2Dance program in 2019. The program will begin when circumstances permit, depending on health advice relating to COVID-19.

The inclusion group was formed in July 2018, working with young adults who may live with a disability, their families and support workers. The group has stayed connected during the coronavirus outbreak by establishing a Facebook page and by holding fortnightly online video meetings using Zoom.

As restrictions ease, the group has reinstated their weekly fitness session and recently held a BBQ and outdoor get-together – all with appropriate social distancing. Group members are looking forward to dusting off their dancing shoes and getting involved in the new program!

CUSTOMER IMPROVEMENT PLANS BEING FINALISED

Following the recent adoption of its new Customer Charter, Scenic Rim Regional Council has published an update sharing research outcomes which it says are propelling change throughout the organisation.

“Sharing the Research Outcomes and Progress Towards a Customer-centric Organisation” is a project update that shows insights from internal and external customer focus group sessions, as well as an online customer advocacy survey which measures customer sentiment.

Scenic Rim Regional Council is one of the first local governments in Australia to use this globally recognised methodology - Net Promoter Score - which has provided it with a benchmark for measurement.

CEO Jon Gibbons said he was grateful for the high-level of engagement and open and honest feedback received from across Council's various

customers, including community members and employees.

“We consider our customers to be anyone who we provide our service to, or have dealings with,” Mr Gibbons said.

“The findings from both the focus groups and survey while quite sobering, absolutely support the need for change.

“Our many customers - our residents, our community and business groups, our local businesses, our developers, our Councillors, our employees and of course other government stakeholders across all levels - have likened us to a medieval castle with limited entry points.

“Our customers indicated there's little two-way engagement and communication, and felt they were kept outside the 'castle walls' with limited entry points.

“While there was also some positive feedback, understanding these perceptions allows us the opportunity to break down the castle walls and focus on improving our culture, our processes and our technological solutions.”

Mayor Greg Christensen said that he and councillors were very supportive of the direction the leadership team were taking the organisation.

With the project moving from insight into action, Mr Gibbons said a Customer Strategy and Customer Improvements Plan were now being finalised.

“These supporting documents for our Customer Charter will guide our operational improvements and the changes necessary to improve our customers' experiences,” said Mr Gibbons.

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CREATION AND ECOLOGY

Pre-COVID-19 you couldn't spend a day away from the warnings of impending ecological doom. They are on the radio, in the newspapers, magazines, TV, cinema, etc.

Concern for the environment has become one of the few moral imperatives of our culture. I struggle with it a bit. My struggle is not with the importance of being sensitive to our impact on the environment, but with the wide range of often contradictory claims that are made from a variety of sources of data that seem shrouded in the mist.

You sit there and listen with a sympathetic ear to the latest reports and come away less sure of the claims that are made. For every expert that is quoted you can think of several more who will disagree or put a totally different spin on the story.

As a Christian I have a high view of the creation and am committed to responsible earth care (see Genesis 1-3). This is one reason mankind was put here. I used to be an evolutionist but one of the problems I found with it in relation to environmental concerns was that, contrary to what most of us assume, it has little grounds for any environmental moral imperative.

If survival of the fittest is the driving force behind evolution, as we were thoroughly taught in high school science, then other species of all kinds are simply stepping stones to the survival of the fittest species. Of course, we think man is that species, but some deep ecologists and scientists aren't so convinced.

Even more foundational than that concern is the inescapable conclusion that if 'time + chance + matter = humankind' then there is no moral imperative of any kind, let alone, 'save the planet'. It seems much more reasonable to take our planet, our lives and our species more seriously than evolution would warrant.

Genesis is a good place to start and the Gospels help us even further as we see God reconciling mankind to himself and laying the groundwork for cosmic regeneration through the person and work of Jesus Christ. Yes the creation does groan under the yoke of fallen people. They need to be redeemed, and then along with that redemption comes the promise of a renewed creation. 'The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.' (Romans 8:19-21 NIV)

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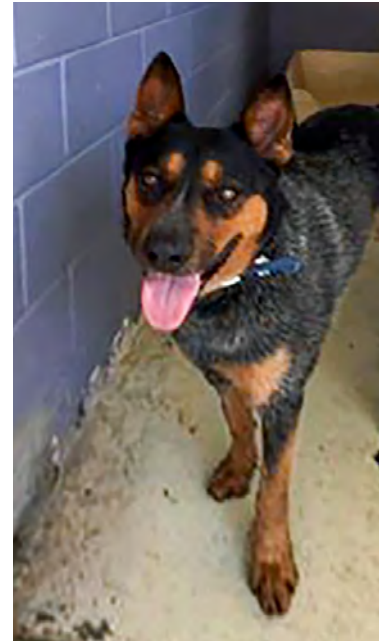
DOGS



R.I.P. RUSTY THE BLUE HEELER CROSS

I got to know Rusty when volunteering at a shelter; he was a character that grew on me, and the more I got to know him, the more he responded. He had been a street dog, for how long no one knows, but judging by his dislike of being contained and his almost total disinterest towards people, quite a while.

His age was estimated to be about four years old and when he was brought in, he had a bad case of ear mites which was driving him mad. The infestation was treated, yet he was so unresponsive the vets diagnosed him as being deaf. So, we tried giving him hand signals with food rewards which only half worked because it was hard to get him to even look at us. Racing from one end of his pen to the other, hyperexcited, preoccupied and stressed by all the barking and action that surrounded him, he could not get away from it.



It was only when walked away from the centre or in a quiet run that he relaxed a little and gave a look my way or came up for a pat. Some volunteers thought he responded to the clanging of the food bowls and that is when we realised he was not deaf, just lost in his own world.

After two weeks Rusty would come when called, sit when asked and enjoy a brush, pat and belly rub. A neighbour and friend decided to foster him for three weeks and after settling in he became friendly with people and other dogs. Yet the urge to wander was still strong. Another woman adopted him; then after a few weeks she changed her mind and sent him back.

I agonised about adopting Rusty, but my current dog is high maintenance and quite dominant, so when he was transferred to quieter shelter with big runs, I visited him. It was great to see him excited and we would do some obedience, have a brush, play a game, and he would enjoy a massage and pat. He could make a great pet ... if only the right people saw him like this. I missed a visit with Rusty, so I phoned to see how he was and I was told he had been adopted. We were so happy. I often imagined him with his new owners.

Then I found out he wasn't adopted but sent back to the big busy shelter; he went berserk and was put to sleep. Rusty was just one of hundreds of thousands of dogs every year that have been abandoned or treated wrong from start to finish. It is sad, selfish, and unnecessary when simple laws and common dog sense could prevent so many potentially good dogs being killed - another unique character eliminated.

**Pam Brandis
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Karen Keeling's tips on

BEAUTY & WELLNESS

WINTERPROOF YOUR SKIN



As the leaves change colour and a chill emerges in the air it's time to think about protecting your skin from the cold winter conditions. Cold outdoor temperatures with chilly wind, combined with indoor heating, take a toll on the skin.

The harsh elements can leave your skin prone to dryness, redness, tightness, flaking, inflammation and itching.

CONSULT A SKIN THERAPIST

It's important to climate control your skin seasonally.

Seeking out the services of a professional skin therapist makes sense, particularly as the seasons change. Your skin therapist will consult with you, identify any gaps in your current regime, and devise the best treatment plan with product choices to keep your skin beautifully hydrated and glowing throughout winter.

When in doubt, the experts are there to help you out to stop your skin from drying out.

BAN SUPER HOT SHOWERS AND BATHS

When the weather is cold it feels so good to stay in the hot shower or bath just that little bit longer to warm up. But the intense water heat breaks down the lipid barrier in the skin resulting in moisture loss. Keep your water temperature lukewarm, not hot, and only stay in the water for the required amount of time it takes to bathe. Avoid soap and use a mild pH balanced shower lotion instead. Consider using an oil-based exfoliator on your body or adding a body oil to your bathwater to prevent moisture loss. Remember to pat your skin dry with your towel rather than rubbing harshly.

Always slather your body with moisturiser and oil after bathing to provide your skin with long-lasting hydration which prevents itching.

PEEL AWAY THE LAYERS

Gentle exfoliation removes redundant skin cells and other impurities which accumulate on your skin. It encourages cell turnover and allows your skincare products to penetrate better. Exfoliation allows your skin to look radiant, dewy and fresh. At home it is safe to gently exfoliate once or twice a week. But consider taking things up a notch in winter by booking in for a deeper peel with your skin therapist. Suggesting that you have a higher strength professional peel when your skin feels dry and tight may sound counterintuitive, but because we have less sun exposure winter is the perfect time to invest skin peels and laser treatments.

Peels will not only keep your skin moist and hydrated but can also specifically target your pigmentation, lines, wrinkles or redness.

MOISTURISE MOISTURISE MOISTURISE

So, once you have cleansed and exfoliated your skin the key step in staying hydrated throughout winter is moisturising. Take a look at your skincare products and review whether they are adequate for the harsher winter months. You may need to switch your cleanser and moisturiser to more nourishing ones. It can be beneficial to layer an oil or hydrating serum before your moisturiser for added long lasting winter hydration. Traditional cream masks or peptide sheet masks are like hydration bombs for the skin. You can apply a mask for 20 minutes twice a week after exfoliating and prior to moisturising to drench your skin with intense hydration, providing you with a radiant glow.

Daily sunscreen is still a must in winter to prevent sun damage, pigmentation and skin cancer.

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TRAVELLING PLACES

By Gina Storey



I am being asked what it is like to travel domestically. Well of course there are different ways to travel – drive yourself is popular and fun. However, I am getting reports from people saying they are finding it hard to secure accommodation because lots of people are doing the same thing and pottering around, so make sure to prebook.

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Queensland Rail will take you to the main centres around the state – out to Longreach and Winton, Up the coast where you can hop on and off or travel as far as Cairns, or even west to Mount Isa. Combine the train with a small group journey where all your sightseeing and accommodation is included so you don't miss out on the must see. This could be from Cairns up to the Cape and west to Normanton. Longreach and Winton have options too.

Or we can arrange a car and accommodation for you to explore on your own. As your locally appointed Queensland Rail agency, Travelling Places can arrange your tickets; and don't forget, if you are a Queensland pensioner you can access almost free travel.

Then of course there is flying. The airlines are gradually introducing flights around the state, with regular flights from Brisbane to Cairns, the Whitsundays, Townsville, Longreach and further afield. The number of flights is limited to make sure there are not too many people in the airports at any time and as you can imagine the airlines have ramped up their hygiene protocols. We can help you check in prior to heading to the airport. Flying with Qantas you are provided with a mask and boarding is made in stages to load the aircraft from the back. On board there is a 'no contact' service; rather you will be given a bottle of water and a wrapped snack. There are lots of initiatives to make sure your travel is safe.

Unless you have lots of time available and the inclination to drive for hours, then flying continues to be a great way to travel around Australia. Why not head up to the Whitsundays for a week – stay on one of the islands, go sailing, snorkelling, beach walking or relax in the sunshine with a good book. There are a range of island destinations catering for different people. Or head to Cairns and the northern beaches, Port Douglas or the Daintree, Kuranda, and the Atherton Tableland. Longreach and Winton are fascinating – spend a few days visiting the Stockman's Hall of Fame, the Qantas museum, the dinosaurs in Winton – you can catch the train one way and fly or drive back.

We are so lucky to live in this vast and diverse state. Let's face it, Queensland is larger than many countries throughout the world, so let's head off and explore. Call Travelling Places on 5545 1600 for some great ideas and offers.

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Sudoku - Medium

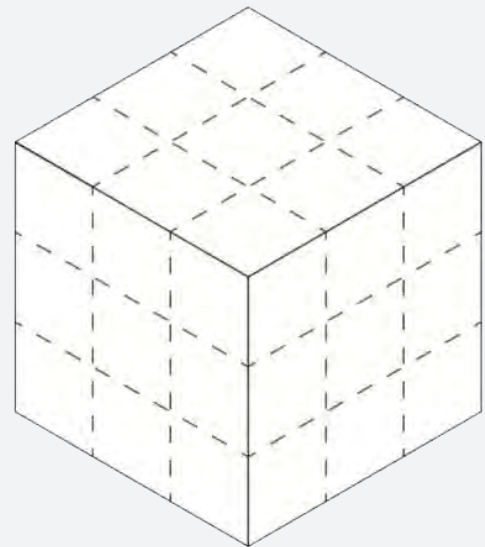


Today's puzzles all concern cubes of cheese. You'll need to be as sharp as a cocktail stick to skewer them.

1. You have a cube of cheese that measures 3 x 3 x 3 centimetres, and you want to slice it into 27 smaller 1 x 1 x 1 centimetre cubes, as shown at right.

If you have a straight knife, what's the minimum number of slices you need to do it? You are allowed to rearrange the pieces after each slice.

Does it make any difference if you have a really, really elastic cheese?



2. A cube of cheese is divided into 27 identical smaller 'subcubes', as above. A mouse starts at one of the corner subcubes and eats his way through the cheese (without ever passing through the same subcube more than once.) Whatever subcube the mouse is in, it can only move into a subcube that is horizontally or vertically adjacent to it.

Show a path through the cheese that passes through every subcube and ends in the centre subcube, or prove that such a path is impossible.

3. A cheese cube is sitting on a horizontal table. If you slice it in half by making a vertical cut, midway between, and parallel to, two of the sides, the cross section of the cut will be a square.

How do you slice a cube into two equal parts, such that the cross-section of the slice is a hexagon?

4. How do you slice a cube of cheese into six pieces of identical volume with only three cuts?



(Answers on Friday at scenicnews.com.au)

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Puzzles ©Alex Bellos (The Guardian)



food for thought

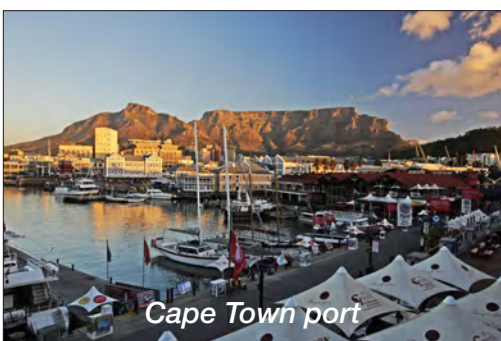
with DYLAN GITTOES

Moules Marinière (Mul, Ma-hin-yeah) is one of the simplest yet most elegant dishes of French cuisine. It calls for exceptionally fresh alive black mussels and a nice dry white wine, and from that base you can make a wonderful flavour-filled meal in under 10 minutes.

While researching this dish I came across a poem by Elizabeth Garrett that subtly ties together the sensuality of eating mussels with your fingers. She describes cooking the mussels as follows:

“I pour on wine; it seems they beg for more. The beaked shells yearning wide as if in song – yet dumb – and lewdly lolling parrot-tongues. Cream licks the back of a spoon and draws a slur of unctuous benediction for this feast. We smooth our cassocks; bow our heads; and eat.”

There is a wonderful port located in the heart of Cape Town South Africa, full of all the famous brands you would expect to see on the London high street, which means tourists by the thousands all milling around looking for something to take home as a souvenir.



Cape Town port

Fortunately, there are plenty of African wares on display skilfully made by the locals too. You can hear the local heavenly choir singing ancient songs in the rhythmic style unique to the African; there are also giant seals lounging in the sun occasionally waving to tourists' boats, as they head out to visit Robin Island, the infamous island jail where ex-president Nelson Mandela worked the quarries in the blinding sun 12 hours a day for 27 years.

The excitement of the place had meant time just evaporated and before we knew it, it was 3pm and we still had not had lunch. Since we were in a port I suggested we have some seafood; we settled for a large restaurant on the

waterfront and when we saw mussels in creamy white wine as a main on the menu, my wife quickly looked at me as if to say, “I know what I'm having; it's mine!” Which means it's off limits to me, as we have a rule that both people can't order the same dish, so reluctantly I went with the swordfish.

Sitting in the last light of the afternoon watching the gulls glide overhead with Table Mountain in the background and happily sipping on a cold glass of Chenin Blanc, I saw it. The waiter, with a pot held high over his head began to masterfully weave his way through the large restaurant making his way to our table, leaving a trail of swirling steam behind him of the likes you see coming from the nose of a dragon. It was then I knew I was going to be jealous. As he placed the steaming pot down and theatrically removed the lid which instantly wafted the divine aromas of freshly steamed mussels directly into our faces, I'll never forget the look on my wife's face, smug as can be, knowing she had made the right choice. And that first taste? Magical! The chefs had nailed it. The same sadly couldn't be said for my swordfish but hey, you win some you lose some.

Did you know that mussel meat varies in colour from yellow to a deep orange? Mussels contain many vitamins and minerals; they are a very good source of Vitamin B12, iron, manganese, and selenium. They're also good source of Vitamin C, thiamine, riboflavin, phosphorus, and zinc.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 onion, diced
- 25g butter
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped



- 1/2 finely chopped carrot
- 150ml dry white wine
- 2kg fresh mussels, scrubbed and debearded
- 150ml thickened cream
- Handful roughly chopped parsley
- Cracked pepper

METHOD

Soften the garlic, onion and carrot in the butter within a large pan big enough to take all the mussels but don't cram the pot; it should only be half full once all the mussels are in.

Add the mussels and wine, turn up the heat, then cover and steam them open in their own juices for 3-4 minutes, giving the pan a good shake every now and then.

Now add the cream and parsley and remove from the heat.

Spoon into 4 large warmed bowls and serve with lots of crusty bread.

hooked on books



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Our Book Choice: **Lockdown** by Peter May



Written over fifteen years ago, this prescient, suspenseful thriller is set against a backdrop of a capital city in quarantine, and explores human experience in the grip of a killer virus. They said that twenty-five percent of the population would catch the flu. Between seventy and eighty percent of them would die. He had been directly exposed to it, and the odds weren't good.'

A CITY IN QUARANTINE

London, the epicenter of a global pandemic, is a city in lockdown. Violence and civil disorder simmer. Martial law has been imposed. No-one is safe from the deadly virus that has already claimed thousands of victims. Health and emergency services are overwhelmed.

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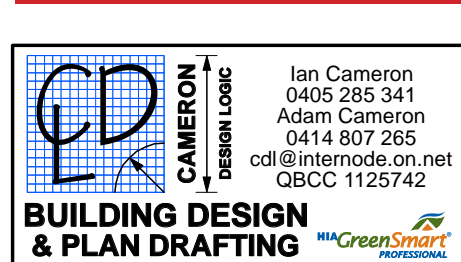
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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CARE

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 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: Meetings are usually held at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at a designated location (call 5545 0043 for details). We always welcome visitors and enquiries from new artists and artisans. We stand for a stronger arts community on the Mountain, and continue to lobby for a local community gallery and arts hub. The Collective benefits from our association with the Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC) and members participate in Brisbane and local arts events.

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 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 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

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

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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