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CALL TO MAKE GALLERY WALK A PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY PRECINCT



SCENIC Rim Council is urging whoever wins the State Government election on October 31 to commit to funding a bypass to support the revitalisation of Tamborine Mountain's Gallery Walk as a pedestrian-friendly precinct. Arguably the most popular single tourist destination in the Scenic Rim, it is regularly congested with local, commercial, and visitor vehicular traffic. It has no pedestrian crossing and virtually no off-street parking. In what should be a relaxed and fun environment, pedestrians are often forced to make potentially dangerous crossings of a noisy and increasingly polluted road. Story Page 3.



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| 10.30 - 11 | 68 Coomera Gorge Drive |
| 11 - 11.30 | 801-811 Main Western Road |
| 11 - 11.30 | 3 Dapsang Drive |
| 11 - 11.30 | 281 Macdonnell Road |
| 11 - 11.45 | 71 Murray Grey Drive, Tamborine |
| 11.15 - 11.45 | 195 Fenwick Rd, Boyland |
| 11.15 - 11.45 | 127-129 Guanaba Road |
| 11.15 - 12 | 10 Tabor Drive |
| 12 - 12.30 | 15/5-15 Cook Road |
| 12.15 - 1 | 89-91 Bateke Road |
| 12.15 - 12.45 | 220 Beacon Road |
| 12.30 - 1 | 73 Ballantrae Road, Tamborine |
| 12.30 - 1.15 | 63 Vineyard Lane, Tamborine |
| 1 - 1.30 | 20 Orchis Drive |
| 1 - 1.45 | 5 Mayon Court |
| 1.30 - 2 | 7 Elkhorn Court |
| 1.30 - 2.15 | 1937 Beaudesert-Beenleigh Rd |
| 2 - 2.30 | 92 Eagle Heights Road |



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AGENTS: ★★★★★

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SALE 🛏️ 2 🛁 2 🚗 3 ✂️ 8.4 acres

7 Elkhorn Court, Tamborine Mountain

- Unique property hidden away from the world
- New kitchen with modern appliances
- Both bedrooms with ensuites
- 2 balconies with magnificent views + sunshine

\$829,000

AGENTS:

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0424 653 316



SALE 🛏️ 3 🛁 1 🚗 2 ✂️ 18.28 acres

63 Vineyard Lane, Tamborine

- Newly renovated modern home with games room, built-in bar, open plan living area
- New electrical, plumbing
- Large paved entertainment area with BBQ

\$840,000

AGENTS:

Mark Inwood 0407 292 036
Debra Opie 0409 210 362



SALE 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 5.36 acres

21-29 Parkes Court, Tamborine

- Stunning views of Tamborine Range
- Horse friendly, 2 paddocks, large dam
- Spacious living, al-fresco dining, great kitchen
- 3-bay shed, tack room, solar

\$849,000 +

AGENTS:

Linda Hogan
0414 300 558



COUNCIL LEANS ON 'GOVERNMENT' TO FUND GALLERY WALK BYPASS

Scenic Rim Regional Council is calling for Queensland Government funding for a new bypass to support Gallery Walk's revitalisation as a pedestrian-friendly precinct.

In the lead-up to the October 2020 State election, Council has released a Ten Point Advocacy Plan which includes a proposal that the Queensland Government construct a connection road between Macdonnell Road and Eagle Heights Road, via Cook Road, on Tamborine Mountain by 2024.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the ever-increasing popularity of Gallery Walk as a destination for Scenic Rim residents and visitors had resulted in this section of road being stretched well beyond the capacity of its original design.

"This precinct is now a heavily trafficked corridor with a mix of visitor and commercial traffic, traffic movement by local residents and a large volume of pedestrian traffic which poses a significant safety risk to motorists and those on foot," he said.

"A bypass of this section away from the highly trafficked pedestrian area would allow the safe movement of commercial, visitor and residential through traffic.

"Currently, the State-controlled road runs from Macdonnell Road to connect with Eagle Heights Road through Gallery Walk.

"If a State-controlled connection road between Macdonnell Road and Eagle Heights Road via Cook Road were established, redevelopment of the Gallery Walk section as a pedestrian-friendly precinct will enable strong

economic and social returns."

Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce President Alison Rip said there was widespread support for an upgrade of Gallery Walk to meet the needs of residents and the mountain's large volume of visitors each year who contribute substantially to the local economy.

"At peak periods, on weekends and holidays, Gallery Walk is congested, there's no pedestrian crossing, visitors have to dodge traffic, there is a lack of parking and this also causes difficulty for locals," she said.

The Cook Road Gallery Walk bypass is one of 10 key issues outlined in the Scenic Rim's Ten Point Advocacy Plan for which Council is seeking a support from political parties and local candidates prior to the October 2020 Queensland state election.

Cr Christensen said the issues prioritised in the advocacy plan were key to the future growth and economic prosperity of the Scenic Rim.

"Local governments raise just three per cent of taxes, yet are required to manage 38 per cent of all public infrastructure and 75 per cent of all roads," he said.

"Our large region, with its many towns and villages, relies on safe, effective road-based transport connectivity for business, residents and visitors.

"We are committed to upgrading our own road and bridge infrastructure, but we need the Queensland Government to commit to investing in the connectivity of its State-controlled roads."

Support for Canungra bypass page 12



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TM Universe is driven by both: love for science and knowledge, quest for imagination. And the sensibility that money always plays a major role.

As a **community project** TM Universe is, and will always be, fully transparent. On 28 September, a professional facilitator/business advisor worked with our management team to draft a business plan, including guidelines for funding, cost of project and projected income, all of which is necessary when applying for funding. One of the members of TM Universe sponsored the cost of the facilitator.

During the facilitated session it was clear that without land the project would never go ahead. Our team has been looking for a suitable location for three years. The limited availability of land on Tamborine Mountain and the requirements for the scale of our precinct has made the search more difficult.

The option to use government-owned land is still available; an advantage is

that there is no initial investment, but using public land comes with a lot of challenges. We are currently focused on securing a freehold four-acre block that is designated for tourism. An offer has been made, with the initial deposit made by a member.

The significant investment required to **buy this land** will hopefully be obtained before mid-October, when our offer expires. We are establishing a trust that will include a bank mortgage on the land covering up to 80 per cent of the costs. The other 20 per cent will have to come from private investments by locals.

Investors will get their stake in the land, which means that if the project fails, the land will be sold, and the proceeds will be shared by the investors. The investors will be offered an interest on their investment higher than banks are currently offering on savings accounts.

One of our initiatives, **Buy a Block**, is still running. These funds will assist covering the interest payments, and other initial costs involved to build our unique Global Sphere and Universe Experience Centre. Cost is \$200 per block and you'll be recognised as a Founding Member on a special acknowledgement board, as well as on the blocks used to rebuild the former TM Observatory.

Contribute now:

- Be a founding member - www.tmuniverse.com.au/buy-a-block
- Help by donating to MyCause Crowdfunding www.mycase.com.au/page/237071/tm-universe

TM Universe is 100 per cent community owned. Once the land is secured, we would like to apply to establish a secure drinking water supply for the community. The local

water suppliers, the rural fire brigade and the community should not run out of water. As a social enterprise, TM Universe will reinvest any profit made back into the project and towards social causes on the Mountain.

The most urgent call is to find local investors to help the community acquire the land: minimal risk, a good interest in return, and acknowledgement in further developments, plus a grateful community.

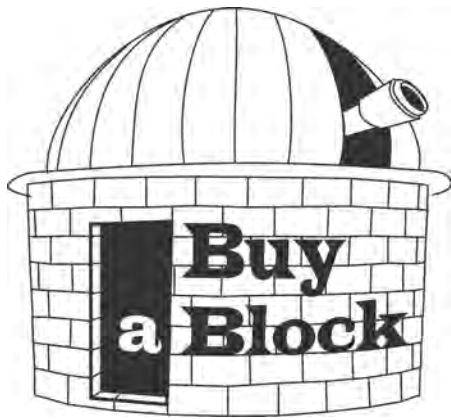
One local member has pledged \$50,000, and another member has offered to pay the bank interest for the mortgage for the first year.

Do you love Tamborine Mountain, are you thrilled by innovation and science, the night skies, STEM, education, Australian space research, indigenous astronomy and high-quality tourism? Contact us, **help us achieve this amazing project** and become part of this awesome group of investors helping science, youth and the future of our community.

We are a unique community. Stephen Hawking, the British astrophysicist who was trapped in his own mind for most of his life, said that we all should look up at the stars and not down at our feet; and then try to make sense of what we see and what makes the universe exist. Be curious. Despite his severe neurodegenerative disease, **Stephen Hawking never stopped walking the walk**; if he could, then certainly we can.

Buy a block, donate to crowdfunding or become a co-investor in the land. **We only have till mid-October to blast off** this exciting state of the art project. www.tmuniverse.com.au or 0473 818 908.

Jaap Vogel



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Authorised by S. Buchholz, Liberal National Party of Queensland, 21 William Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285.

REMAIN LINE AWARE IN STORM PREPARATIONS



As Queenslanders clean up their yards in preparation for storm season, Energex is reminding tree trimmers to be aware of overhead powerlines.

Energex Community Safety Manager, Aaron Smith, said 77 electrical safety incidents involving vegetation management last financial year should serve as a powerful warning.

“We’ve seen potentially deadly incidents where tree branches and bamboo have contacted powerlines while being pruned, creating an electrical hazard and cutting power to the neighbourhood,” said Aaron.

“Don’t put your life or someone else’s at risk – if there is overgrown vegetation near the service wire that runs to your home or on the footpath near overhead powerlines, consult a professional tree trimmer or Energex.

“It’s always great to see Queenslanders doing their bit to get ready for storm season, but we don’t want to see anyone hurt in the process, so please seek expert safety advice before you tackle any tasks that might be risky.”



Council Notices



PUBLIC NOTICES

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POSITIONS VACANT
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To apply, please visit our Current Vacancies page on Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au and refer to position number 214011. Applications close 12 noon on Friday 16 October 2020.

FREE TREE DAY
Tamborine Mountain's free tree distribution day will be held on Saturday 31 October 2020 at Geissmann Oval, Geissmann Street from 8am to 12 noon.
Residents must bring their free tree voucher, delivered with their July 2020 rates notice, to collect their free trees.

As COVID-19 restrictions and processes will be in place during the plant distribution, please read the advisory notes on the back of the Free Tree Voucher before attending Council's distribution day.

GET HEALTHY AND ACTIVE
Spring into spring with Council's Be Healthy & Active Spring Program, which is jam packed with a variety of activities to keep you active and healthy this season. There's Tai Chi, Yoga, Line Dancing, Aqua Fitness, Cardio Tennis, Meditation, Zumba and much more!
Check out the 'events' section of Council's Facebook page or Council's What's On Calendar www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/our-community/for-residents/what-s-on for a full list of activities.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
Nominate a community champion who makes the Scenic Rim such a great place to live!
Nominations for Council's 2021 Australia Day Awards close on Monday 9 November 2020.
For details, contact Council's Events Officer on 5540 5111 or visit www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au.

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Ipswich City String Quartet: Taking Flight
Saturday 10 October Tickets \$25; Conc/Stud \$20
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7pm @ Boonah Cultural Centre

Opera Eagles Nest: Broadway to Bocelli
Thursday 15 October 11am
@ Boonah Cultural Centre
Tickets \$16; groups 10+ \$12.50 p/p

A Touch of Webber, A Taste of Rice
Friday 30 October 7.30pm
@ The Centre Beaudesert
Tickets \$34; Conc & Groups of 8+ \$29 p/p

Scotland the Brave
Friday 6 November 11am
@ The Centre Beaudesert
Tickets \$16; Groups of 10+ \$12.50 p/p

MZAZA The Birth & Death of Stars
Saturday 7 November 7.30pm
@ Vonda Youngman Community Centre
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Boonah - Tuesday 20 October
Canungra - every first and third Wednesday, starting 7 October
Tamborine Mountain - Story Time every Monday, Baby Rhyme Time every Friday
Tamborine Village - every second and fourth Tuesday, starting 13 October
As COVID-19 restrictions apply, please enquire about bookings at your local library.

Council correspondence should be addressed to: Jon Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 25 | 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285 | Phone 07 5540 5111


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Monique Clemens
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Although all our winemaking is carried out on-site, the grapes which we use to create our product are actually sourced from several regions. Until last year, all Witches Falls' grapes were sourced from the Granite Belt, in the Darling Downs region of Queensland.

OUR GRAPES

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The catastrophic droughts Queensland suffered in 2019 had a considerable impact upon grape harvest volumes for that year. The Granite Belt region alone saw less than five percent of expected yields make it to harvest, thus we were unable to secure adequate quantities of some varietals. These included Moscato and our beloved Verdelho. So that we might adequately account for such a significant deficit, we have had to seek additional sources of fruit in other premium wine regions, including greater Queensland and South Australia.

So, if you're looking for inspiration for your next weekend away, or simply a lovely way to spend the afternoon, look no further than Witches Falls Winery.

**Cheers and Stay Hydrated,
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Authorised by JJKrause, 91 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285.

The Assessment Manager
Development Assessment Unit
Scenic Rim Regional Council
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Dear Sir,

Re: Development Application MCU20/050 - Impact - Tourist park - Tourist Cabins (1-11 Eagles Retreat Place, Tamborine Mtn)

I wish to object to the above inappropriate development for the following reasons:

- The development proposes twelve (12), two (2) to (3) three-storey accommodation buildings with substantial central facilities (including a massage room, wellness centre, gymnasium, clubhouse and pool) included on land contained in the 'Escarpment Protection Precinct' of the Tamborine Mountain Zone.
- The development is not consistent with the 'outcomes' sought for Tamborine Mountain Zone of the *Beaudesert Planning Scheme 2007* & in particular the provisions of the Tamborine Mountain Zone 'Escarpment Protection Precinct'.
- The proposal is a significant over-development of the site and does not represent a scale, form and intensity intended in the Zone and is not consistent with the reasonable expectations of surrounding residents.
- The development includes multiple three (3) storey buildings on site that are not 'low-impact' and have excessive building heights of over 8.5m. The development is visually intrusive.
- The development is proposed as 'tourist cabins' however the bulk, scale and nature of buildings exceeds what would be reasonably expected of a typical 'tourist cabin' use. The Tourist Cabin code provides that each cabin has a maximum gross floor area (GFA) excluding verandahs of 100m². All 12 proposed "cabins" have a GFA significantly exceeding 100m² (ie between 148m² to 196m²).
- The development is inappropriate for the topography of the site as the development will require extensive cut and fill (3m and 6m respectively) which will ultimately impact upon scenic amenity and the landscape character values associated with the Tamborine Mountain escarpment.
- The development is expected to alter overland flow and hydrological conditions on site and requires significant stormwater management infrastructure to be introduced to mitigate runoff from extensive new hardstand and impervious surfaces.
- The site is contained in a mapped 'Ecological Corridor of Conservation Significance' under SRRC's Nature Conservation Overlay and the development negatively impacts on the ecological values of the site and in particular a State mapped 'Core koala habitat area'. The development involves further interfering with 'koala habitat' in a mapped 'Core koala habitat area'.
- The site is specifically mapped to protect 'Landscape Amenity' under the Nature Conservation Overlay, however the nature of the development, including its bulk and scale fails to protect the landscape amenity of the site.
- The development increases traffic and introduces new traffic impacts into a predominantly semi-rural area.
- The development increases noise and introduces additional and unexpected noise impacts into the local area that are required to be mitigated.
- The site is identified as a bushfire prone area - 'Very High Potential Bushfire Intensity' and it is considered inappropriate to introduce a 'vulnerable use' (i.e. accommodation uses for people with a disability) to a site subject to a bushfire risk.
- There is no demonstrated need for "short-term disability accommodation" in this location.

Additional comments: Attached/Not attached.

Name:.....Signature.....

Address:.....
.....Date.....

Please **ATTACH** any personal comments and return this form by COB **Monday 12th October 2020** by hand to: Customer Service Centre at the Library (by 4.30 pm); by email to: mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au or post to: Scenic Rim Regional Council, PO Box 25 Beaudesert Q. 4285



JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS HELP

This election is about who can better manage Queensland's economy, and get Queensland working again – especially our small business sector, which needs to be firing on all cylinders to recover from the economic impact of COVID-19.

In the past five years, capital expenditure in Queensland has plummeted – \$12 billion has been lost from investment by the Government into productivity-boosting infrastructure and assets. We now have the second highest unemployment in Australia, and we did before COVID-19 as well. I was shocked to hear from one small business in Tamborine that they receive more work from the NSW Government than the Queensland Government, because the Queensland Government does not set up projects in a way that makes it easy for the 'little guys' to win work.

That's a crying shame for locals who have energy and ideas to grow but are held back by decisions like that. The LNP is committed to paying businesses with contracts of less than \$1 million within 20 days, and also ensuring that Queensland small and medium businesses are put up front when it comes to Government contracts up to an amount of \$250,000.

Locally, I want to see the Scenic Rim Electorate dealt with more fairly, recognising that our home is not just an area to be tacked onto the Gold Coast, Logan or Ipswich – as so often happens, resulting in funding for so many things being gobbled up by the bigger centres. When it comes to health, family services and support, police, roads and other government services, our communities need a level of service appropriate for them. Too often because our area is somewhat 'in-between' – not country, but not city either – there is a gap in these crucial areas. We need to keep making our voices heard. If you need any assistance with a Queensland Government matter, or wish to raise your concerns with me, please do not hesitate to contact my office: scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone 1800 813 960.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND ROUND 107 NOW OPEN



With Denby Browning at the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens – the organisation received funding in Round 104 of the GCBF to prepare and install a water bore and tank.

Community organisations have until 31 October to apply for grants up to \$35,000 from Round 107 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 \$200,000 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. Please contact my office for more information or to request a letter of support and visit justice.qld.gov.au



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

The progress we are making on the health front will shape the speed and trajectory for the economic recovery in Australia. That means the recovery for our community here.

Our Government's responsible fiscal management over the past six-and-a-half years has provided the capacity to respond to the unprecedented economic and fiscal challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Federal Budget will outline the job-creating, economic plan for the long road ahead.

Australia has low levels of debt as a share of GDP compared with many other countries. Our responsible budget management ensured Australia had the financial 'fire power' to respond as the virus hit, to protect jobs, businesses and livelihoods.

This response included significant, timely economic support to help those in need, through our JobKeeper and JobSeeker programs. The suite of measures was designed to protect Australians from the economic impacts as a result of the virus, and our program of fiscal support helped keep businesses open and save an estimated 700,000 jobs.

Despite challenges from COVID-19 we have maintained our AAA credit rating and overseen an economy that has outperformed most advanced economies and trading partners this year. I congratulate those businesses that have kept people in work, despite the challenges. You really are the backbone of Australia. Without your investment in the community, business and jobs, the economic rebuild would be far more difficult.

As a Government we will continue to provide the necessary support as our economy reopens. Our JobMaker plan is about providing a business-led jobs and economic recovery, focusing on:

- driving skills and training reform
- bringing business and unions together to create the industrial relations conditions to get people into work
- locking in affordable and reliable energy
- expanding opportunities for small business in the digital economy
- boosting our manufacturing capability
- underpinning renewed housing construction
- delivering a record infrastructure investment pipeline, and
- deregulation, and streamlining project approvals and federation reform.

Of course, there is a lot more work to be done to ensure our country, our state and our community thrive and prosper. But we are up to the task.

I look forward to continuing to work hard in the years ahead, to deliver for our community and build back better.



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CLUB TAMBORINE

HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN

Last week was another terrific week at the Club. The beautiful spring weather is seeing a lot of people venturing out of the house and enjoying the Club's amenities.

We hosted a number of functions, including birthdays, large gatherings of friends and family, and a wake for a highly respected ex-serviceman and member of the Tamborine Mountain RSL sub-branch.

Our social Sunday Barefoot Bowls is becoming extremely popular, so much so that it pays to book ahead to avoid disappointment. Our greens are open from 11am.

We hosted our first Texas Hold'em poker night last Wednesday, and what a fantastic night it was. We had 20 players trying their hand at winning a share of the prize money on offer. The event is run by APL who are authorised to conduct these events in Queensland. This event is played every Wednesday night at the Club until 4 November. Please call the Club for details. **BONUS!** If you play at the Club at least twice during this time you'll automatically qualify to play in a major competition at the Gold Coast in January next year.

Last Saturday, our Lawn Bowls Club (the Taipans) had its pairs champions play in the champion of champions match hosted by Musgrave Hill Bowls Club. It was a great day out, lovely spring weather and great company. Although our champions didn't win on the day, they were far from disgraced considering that our greens have been severely affected by the drought and match practice has been difficult. Well done Stan and Mark.

On the first Friday of every month, we host a social inclusion bowls afternoon and dinner for young intellectually hand-capped people. This event is organised by the local Lions Club and is gaining a lot of interest, including from off the Mountain. This is a fantastic initiative by the Lions Club, and we're thrilled to host it and see the pure enjoyment on the faces of these young people. If you'd like to come and help out on these days, please call the Club for details.

RESTRICTIONS EASED A LITTLE

The Queensland Government eased restrictions a little last week and now our patrons can stand to enjoy a drink. However, 1.5m social distancing still applies. Thank you for your patience.

Ticket sales for our Mega Christmas Raffle are now well and truly under way. Tickets are available at the Club and they're selling fast. Also look out for our wonderful Croquet Club members who will be selling tickets outside the IGA on a few upcoming Saturday mornings. The major first prize is a 6'x4' box trailer (tiltable) with many features. It's filled with heaps of goodies and it comes with 12 months' registration. All of the raffle prizes are on display inside the Club. How did we get the trailer inside the building? That's a very interesting story! The raffle will be drawn at 7pm on Friday 20 November. Ticket prices are one ticket for \$2, three tickets for \$5, or a book of 25 tickets for \$40.

On 1 October membership fees are due to be renewed. If you haven't already renewed your membership, be sure to drop in to the Club this week. Membership entitles you to discounts on food and beverages, member's specials and a free entry into our weekly member's draw which has jackpotted to a whopping \$1975. The member's draw takes place each Friday night at 8:30pm. You just need to be a current financial member and be present at the draw. Not a member? We're always looking for new social, bowls and croquet members. Social membership is only \$5. Please contact the Club for details on how to join.

Hope to see you at the Club soon.

Rob Tailor
President



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SUPPORT FOR A CANUNGRA BYPASS



Scenic Rim Regional Council is also calling for Government funding for a Canungra town bypass which has the buy-in of local businesses and the community.

The bypass is one of the 10 key issues outlined in the Council's Ten Point Advocacy Plan for which it is seeking support from political parties and local candidates in the lead up to the October 31 State election.

Cr Christensen said Council was calling on whichever party formed government to support the bypass with a business case, design and preservation of the proposed road corridor by 2024, and construction by 2032.

Canungra Chamber of Commerce President, Monique Morcus, said: "The majority of our members have, for a long time, expressed concerns about the increasing traffic through the township, particularly heavy vehicles passing the primary school and cafes, at times making it impossible to hear a conversation.

"Some local residents have said that they no longer shop locally because of it, which is having an impact on some of the businesses.

"We want to encourage visitors to Canungra by reducing the noise and congestion that we are currently experiencing. People who wish to stop and enjoy everything Canungra has to offer will have a much more pleasant experience if the through traffic is bypassed."

Cr Christensen said the rapid growth of the Gold Coast, and the acceleration of the Bromelton State Development Area, meant the east-west corridor through Canungra was coming under increasing pressure.

"The current east-west corridor is also inefficient for long-haul freight movements and the expansion of Canungra's residential footprint, particularly in the absence of meaningful public transport, means this corridor is also under growing pressure from commuter traffic."

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SURVIVING SPRING

I don't know about the rest of you, but I love spring. Bec and I spent four years travelling the globe and we dearly looked forward to coming out of the dark winter and experiencing the full force of a Northern Hemisphere spring.

We loved the daffodils and the new shoots on the trees and the frisky lambs in the fields. Undeniably, there is something magical about this time of year.

However, unfortunately at Physique we also tend to see a big jump in people injuring themselves during this time of year. When I first moved to Tamborine Mountain 15 years ago I assumed that people up here worked in the garden the same as everywhere else in the world. I couldn't understand how someone would have such a massive flare up of their shoulder or back pain from doing "just a bit of gardening" on the weekend.

It wasn't until I delved deeper and asked some further questions that I realised "just a bit of gardening" on Tamborine Mountain meant building

a rock retaining wall, or moving three cubic metres of red soil, or mulching the entire western slope on a one acre block.

Man, you gardeners sure do know how to make your gardens beautiful up here. Unfortunately, a lot of you also end up injuring yourselves in the process. However, maybe there is a way to do things that wouldn't result in so many trips to Physique. There are a few simple things that I always ask my patients to do if they are spending some time in the garden.

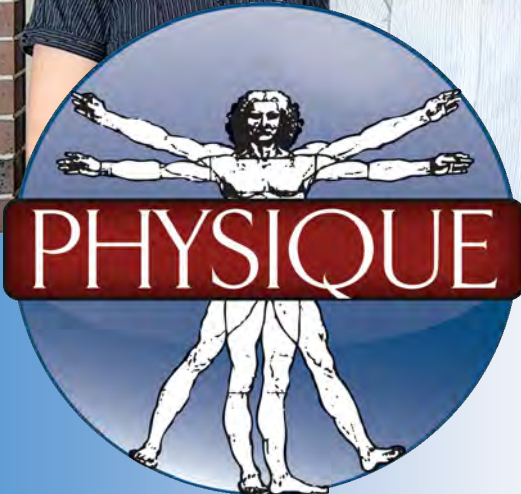
Firstly, make sure you do a few stretches before hitting the garden bed. We seem to be all happy enough to warm up before going for a 20-minute walk or a run, but we don't do it before spending eight hours working in the yard. Taking the five minutes to do some gentle stretches for the leg muscles and spinal joints might save a world of hurt over the next few days.

Secondly, take regular breaks. Listen to your body. Take a rest every 40 to 60 minutes, rehydrate well and allow

your body to recuperate before staging your next assault on those pesky weeds.

Finally, the best bit of advice I can offer is to make sure you have a number of different jobs organised for any one session in the garden. Make sure you rotate regularly through these jobs so that your body is not getting overworked in one particular area. For example, you might have to get the rose garden weeded, the vege patch turned over and the Agapanthus heads clipped. Get them all set up at the start of the session and spend only 20 to 30 minutes doing each activity before rotating onto the next one. Keep on rotating through the activities until all the jobs are done. This will ensure that you will not have the repetitive stress injuries that we so often treat.

Get out in the garden and enjoy our springtime on the Mountain; it is a very special time of year in a very special place. But remember, do please take it easy, look after yourselves and try to get through injury-free.



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(These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council. Decisions of Council are made only by majority vote, legislative authority or under authority delegated by Council.)

Councillor's Comment

DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1



Good News

The Himalayan ash trees planted in the main street of Boonah 30 years ago, to provide shade, which are beautiful trees and loved by the community will be spared from the Council axe after a petition of 1800 persons objected to Council officers' recommendation to cut them down in the town's stage two of the vibrant towns and community landscape upgrade plan costing \$900,000.

Ratepayers to pay \$100,000, and then \$10,000 per year to save these three trees in the Main street of Boonah:

Sadly, one tree will be axed in a compromise decision to spare the other three trees. I wanted them all to be saved. At the Ordinary Meeting we heard how the trees are an invasive species, like a Jacaranda or a Camphor Laurel. The seeds on the Himalayan Ash are apparently an environmental threat to the Scenic Rim and so an "engineering solution" was proposed to mitigate the risk i.e. install a Gross Pollution Trap (GPT) in the town drain that would catch the dangerous seeds, swept up by the street sweeper and washed into the GPT.

The solution is to cost ratepayers \$100,000 to install and \$10,000 per year in maintenance. I wonder if you could think of better ways to spend \$200,000 over the next 10 years. The vote was five for and two against. I also wonder if the lesson for our Boonah cousins and all ratepayers is, if you stand in the way of Council plans, then there could be consequences and a cost to pay?

Right to Information application processed and confidential information released in full:

You may remember my comments in late June after Council released its proposed Customer Charter and then refused to release the full document to the public. I proposed an amendment to a motion:

"That in the interests of transparency and feedback to all external participants in the diagnostics survey, and in accordance with the proposed Customer Charter Commitment: "WE WILL BE HONEST ALWAYS", that Council publish on its website a detailed summary of the results of the Customer Frame Survey of external focus groups PART 4B on pages 11-12, the Customer Advocacy Snapshot on pages 13-14 and the Executive summary to the report on page 1."

The vote was lost four votes to three. I then paid for and lodged a Right to Information request to get the information. It went through several stages of processing, but in the final decision it was released to me and is now public information.

The document is the **feedback that you gave the Council on its performance** and you had a right to see it in detail. Of note was the results and highlights expressed, that were then deemed confidential: A short summary of what you said, that also accords with what you are telling me is:

1. In terms of the services offered and experience design, there is a clear need to **move beyond 'one size-fits-all'** and begin to 'customerise' Council services by taking a customer-led view over the existing product-led view - removing the silos and balancing and delivering on customer expectation.
2. Other key themes that emerged and need to be overcome are **trust, communication and listening, perception of value, accessibility plus expectations.**
3. Overall, SRRC is depicted by customers as **analogous to a medieval castle, that is designed and maintained to keep customers out.**
4. A shared view that **process plus procedure has overtaken common sense leading to distrust, frustration** and apathy towards Council. (Consider: Three dangerous trees in Main street Boonah growing for the last 30 years, all suddenly to cost ratepayers \$200,000 to retain over the next 10 years, but still no evidence exists of environmental damage.)
5. **Transparency and communication** are the key to growing trust. (Consider: over 3000 people objected to just two of Council's Vibrant Towns plans in the last few months in Boonah and Beaudesert.)
6. Enhanced **AUTHENTIC**, open communication loops and engagement would serve to **increase trust and positive sentiment of customers.** (Consider my next heading re Council Advocacy).
7. Within the six Council divisions, we note a significant difference between Urban and Rural divisions, with Rural divisions indicating markedly higher levels of sentiment

for SRRC.

8. An undercurrent of **'one size fits all'** does not work, with customers emotively communicating the **disparity between localities, access to services and cross-subsidies.** (The message is we are told to have "One Scenic Rim" but your voice has clearly said there are different levels of oneness, as I have been saying for the last 12 years of Scenic Rim).

But a lot of this information you were not going to ever know because it was made confidential. Does this mean Council are listening and acknowledging the community views?

Council Advocacy Plan sets Tamborine Mountain Cook Road Gallery Walk By-pass Number One Road priority for the future:

You may have read the press release that Council has adopted a 10-point advocacy plan to lobby budding politicians and to form the basis of Council long term goals. I was not consulted about them at all, and the first I knew was the Sunday afternoon before the Monday Ordinary meeting. So much for the democratic process.

For Tamborine Mountain, the State-funded project identified was the Cook Road Gallery Walk bypass. Cook Road is a Council Road. This road is not on any Main Roads capital funding priorities in the next 10 years so the probability of it getting any funding is miniscule. When it was put forward in a mayoral minute without notice, I argued that Long Road extension (the Main Western Road bypass), should be the priority, as it was a quarter of the cost, had a higher immediate need, had been planned for 20 years as opposed to 10 years for Cook Road. The State has indicated previously that Long Road would become the Main Road and Main Western Road de-mained.

Well that was ignored, and my amendment was voted down 6-1. Seems that putting up a project that might have a higher probability of success may not have been what the Mayor and other Councillors wanted. WHY IS THAT SO? Would Gold Coast City Council treat us this way? I talked to both the State and Federal Members at the Scarecrow Festival and they seemed both attentive, interested and supportive of the project.

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STYLISH NEW BOUTIQUE OPENS

Owners Michelle Roper-Dennis (right) and Nadine Beckhouse in their stylish new boutique, Lux and Gather, which they opened on Main Western Road, North Tamborine last week.

Michelle and Nadine have been friends for more than five years and the distinctive ambience and product range of Lux and Gather have been greatly influenced by the experience they have gained in running other successful Scenic Rim boutiques.

Michelle's My Country Escape in Canungra and Nadine's Feather Road Studios in Jimboomba are both renowned for their beautiful and imaginative collections of homewares and gifts.

While sharing some creative characteristics, each of the three boutiques is individually designed and stocks different items.

Lux and Gather's beautiful stock of homewares, gifts and baby items is all sourced from Australia and New Zealand, with a focus on modern, country and mountain styles.

Michelle and Nadine were inspired by the name "Lux and Gather" because their new venture offers an element of luxury for homes, as well as providing a pleasant space where friends and family can gather to shop.



Lux and Gather is supporting local jobs by employing lovely locals, Michelle, Ally, Nicky and Janelle who are just as passionate about their beautiful workplace as Michelle and Nadine.

While COVID-19 has dictated a soft opening for the new shop, plans are in place for an official launch evening in December, just in time for Christmas shopping.

BLEIJIE SAYS EDUCATION IS A KEY TO ECONOMY

Shadow Education Minister Jarrod Bleijie says investing in schools and providing a world-class education to Queensland kids is a key part of the LNP's economic plan to get Queensland working again.

Mr Bleijie was visiting Tamborine Mountain last week with Member for Scenic Rim Jon Krause.

He said the LNP would invest in education and get back to basics in schools as part of its economic recovery plan.

"An LNP Government will hire an additional 3350 teachers and 760 teacher aides across Queensland over the next four years and is committed to air-conditioning every state school classroom, de-cluttering the curriculum to prioritise literacy and numeracy, and saving the Independent Public Schools program – giving principals, teachers and parents a bigger say in their schools," Mr Bleijie said.

"For those school communities that have chosen to become Independent Public Schools, we support you in that decision. Independent Public Schools like Tamborine Mountain State School empower parents, principals and teachers to make the best decisions for their schools – because no one cares about their students as much as they do.

"Investing in education will support local families and lay the foundation for our kids to get ahead in life."

Mr Krause said the LNP's plan for education would put the needs of students first.

"My message to mums and dads is clear. The LNP will make better state schools our priority – across the board."

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SOME GOOD NEWS

Here's a good news story to brighten up your day.

While volunteering at the recent Botanic Gardens plant sale, and 10am having arrived, my wife and I approached Ray's coffee van with the intention of buying a couple of coffees before returning to our allotted tasks for the day. While waiting in the queue, the couple in front of us

turned around, introduced themselves, and offered to pay for our coffees.

Isn't that lovely? I now understand that this is called "paying forward", and we look forward to returning the favour to someone else in due course.

Nice things happen at our Botanic Gardens.

Jerry and Kathy Hodges

A NEW MAKERS' MARKET FOR HANDCRAFTED GOODS

An exciting new addition to the Tamborine Mountain's market offerings is a makers' market dedicated to artisan handcrafted goods.

This concept has grown out of Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective's collaboration with MGA (Making Good Alliance), a project initiated by Sue and Mark Rallings who are developing the old Scruffie Marine property on Knoll Road (next to Vonda Youngman Community Centre) as the Centre for Regenerative Arts. This project seeks social change through makers getting together.

Makers' Market on the Mountain will be held on the first Sunday of each month beginning December 6. Interested stallholders for the first market in December should contact Helen Barnett or Margy Rose for information or application forms. Applications for stallholders will need to be submitted by October 15.

Contacts: Helen Barnett (hk_barnett@ozemail.com.au or 0423 177 511); Margy Rose (margyrose@live.com or 0419 805 456)

LIONS RAFFLES ARE BACK

Members of Tamborine Mountain Lions Club are delighted to let everyone know that their regular Saturday morning raffles are now back on a weekly basis.

Held near the entrance to IGA in North Tamborine, raffle tickets are \$1 each, with a greengrocer/butcher voucher plus a bottle of wine for the winner.

The raffle is drawn at 1pm each Saturday. All profits go to support local causes, with no administration fees.

Also available are mini-cakes (\$2 each), Christmas cakes (\$13 for 1kg; \$17 for 1.5kg) and Christmas puddings (\$13 for 0.9kg). Congratulations to Trish who won our first post-lockdown raffle in September.

The club's other major fundraising activity is traditionally through the sale of food and drinks at the Tamborine Mountain Showground Markets which are currently on hold due to COVID -19 restrictions.

AUSSIE TRIVIA ANSWERS - from p31

1. The wine cask	8. A mythical insect
2. Leftover fresh yeast	9. A Toorak Tractor
3. 6 to 1. There are over 150 million sheep in Australia.	10. Batmania—named after John Batman who built a settlement on the Yarra River.
4. The Great Barrier Reef. You can send it a postcard.	11. Bob Hawke—drinking 2.5 pints in 11 seconds.
5. Camels	12. A kookaburra
6. Crocodile Dundee	
7. Australia's alps receive a greater total of snow.	



Relationships

This week we continue looking at the principles of successful relationships espoused by leading researcher John Gottman. These principles are simple steps that any couple can follow to improve their relationship and this week's is no exception.



Gottman discovered that successful couples choose to turn toward each other in everyday moments. Seemingly insignificant bids for connection in which we seek the attention and response of our partner are crucial moments. Partners who habitually turn toward each other rather than away are 'putting money in the bank'. They are building up emotional savings that serve as a cushion when times get tough. Building up your emotional bank account gives you a bank of goodwill that helps you make allowance for one another when conflict arises.

There is also a further benefit to turning toward. Hollywood's view of romance and passion is a myth. Research reveals that real-life romance is not fuelled by being swept off our feet. It is fuelled by the humdrum opportunities when we choose to respond to one another. Think of it as keeping the pilot light burning by staying in touch in little ways. We can turn up the heat with candlelit dinners and romantic getaways, but if the pilot light is not ignited to begin with, attempts to add romance can be empty, awkward occasions.

Couples often ignore each other's bid for connection out of mindlessness, not malice. The recognition that everyday interactions should not be taken for granted can make an enormous difference to a relationship. Try incorporating more opportunities for connection into your routine - catch-up conversations about your day over a cuppa or at the kitchen bench while you work on dinner.

Sometimes there are reasons why couples turn away rather than toward one another. There may be hostility over unresolved conflict. Or perhaps there is a disparity between partner's needs for intimacy and independence. There is a wide spectrum when it comes to need for connection and need for autonomy but according to research, a relationship can work even if people fall on opposite ends of the spectrum. To avoid hurt feelings partners need to understand one another's needs and respect their differences. If you feel like your partner is giving you the cold shoulder or, alternatively, if you feel like your partner's closeness is suffocating, the best thing you can do is to talk it over. This will give you greater insight into each other and help you both learn how to meet each other's needs.

It's natural to make the fundamental error of assuming that distance and loneliness are your partner's fault. In truth, loneliness is the result of a pattern you both become stuck in. Change requires both partners to take responsibility and determine to create a new pattern of turning toward one another in the everyday moments.

William (Bill) Raggatt 1932-2020



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of William (Bill) Raggatt, 87, of Tamborine Mountain, in the early hours of Tuesday the 29th of September.

A strong fighter and admirable man right to the end. Bill is survived by Fran, his wife of 59 years, and family.

Born in Irrewillipe, Victoria, Bill would move to Port Pirie early in life and spend his formative years there before meeting the love of his life, Fran.

An avid fan of all things mechanical, Bill completed his apprenticeship as a mechanic before moving on to a military career. In what would prove to be a defining chapter of his life, Bill would serve in both the Citizen Military Forces as a young man and later the Regular Army where he achieved the rank of Major.

During his career of 31 years, he served with the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR) in Vietnam. After the Army, Bill would take up the old tools of his trade working in several automotive related businesses until retirement and a move to Tamborine Mountain.



Heavily involved with the RSL and Legacy, Bill continued to provide support for his fellow veterans for recognition of service-related injuries such as PTSD, all the while battling it himself.

Bill is remembered as a man of strong moral fortitude, a trait that left him well respected amongst both his Army comrades and civilian friends alike.

A kind and loving husband, father, and grandfather, Bill leaves behind a family and community of friends who will miss him dearly.

Thank you, Bill, Dad, Pop for all you have done, and the positive influence you have had on all our lives.

A LIVING HOPE

I have had numerous occasions in my life, as all of us do, where hope seemed to be the thing I needed most at that time. Other things had failed. People, wisdom, willpower, control over circumstances, money, resources; all overrated and now exhausted from overuse.

And some of us have heard those well-meaning words, 'don't give up, there is still hope'. I heard them last week in an artificially constructed context (TV) where it seemed every possible way out had been closed off.

The writers were clever and brought hope's bright smile out of the blue just in the nick of time. But real life is not so easily scripted. We have temporal hopes fulfilled from time to time; a good job, good health, reasonably good kids etc are some of the things we hope for in life.

Quite often these hopes can be battered around a bit, and you can begin to lose hope. And then if you look at the big picture of life you realise all of these short-term hopes, whether fulfilled or not, do not seem to carry enough weight to get you through to the end of life.

We can be thankful for temporal hopes fulfilled and still long for a greater hope. And that brings us to one aspect of the meaning of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus Christ: fully divine, fully man. He had a body like mine, like yours, subject to hunger, exhaustion, pain, and suffering. He was crucified (executed) as a criminal. He died, like we all do. He didn't have a funeral plan to spare his family from the financial burden of having to spend money on his death, but a rich man stepped in as part of his Father's plan, to give him a temporary grave.

He would only use it for three days. And at the end of those three days true hope was born. That's where all real hope comes from. If all of our temporal hopes in life are finally snuffed out by death, then our fulfilled temporal hopes will ring hollow. If that great spoiler, death, is destroyed, then our fulfilled temporal hopes will ring true and point to that great hope of eternal life in Christ. Jesus Christ, resurrected from the dead, is the hope of all the trust in him. 'For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures' (1 Corinthians 15: 3-4). Our true hope, our ultimate hope is in the living Christ.

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Years ago when I worked on the Gold Coast briefly I was always amused at how many people wanted to go to Waikiki in Hawaii – when you think about it, Waikiki is a bit like the Gold Coast on an island.

When I opened Travelling Places on Tamborine Mountain some 27 years ago, I know I was equally amused that so many people wanted to visit Norfolk Island which is just like the Mountain on an island.

Having visited Norfolk Island I understood the appeal. When it comes down to it people live on Tamborine Mountain because they love the pristine environment and the pace of life, the eclectic group of people and the history and culture; they love the temperate climate and hiding behind the hedgerows when there are too many tourists around.

I am sure the Norfolk Islanders feel the same. Their local economy is primarily based on tourism and now that they have opened their borders to Queensland and there is no quarantine required they are longing for us to visit and give them a boost socially and to help them get back on their feet.

Norfolk Island is a great destination whatever your age. There are lovely walks; crystal clear water lapping the coves for swimming; beautiful picnic spots; a small golf course; several restaurants and coffee shops and of course the history. Explore Kingston, site of one of the toughest convict settlements, wander through the sandstone ruins, and enjoy listening to the history of this bygone era. After the last convicts left the island Queen Victoria gifted Norfolk to the descendants of the Bounty mutineers who were then on Pitcairn Island, so don't be surprised to find locals with surnames like Christian, Adams or McCoy.

Air New Zealand currently fly once a week, increasing to twice a week shortly. A week is about the right length of time. There are hotels and self-catering apartments to choose from.

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The humble spring roll is usually found pre-made in the freezer section but I promise you if you take the time to make these delicious parcels of flavour you will have a tasty party food that will please the masses.

You can also use them as a wonderfully easy way to begin a dinner party with friends.

This dish first made an appearance on the spring menu at Eden in our first year of opening and they were so popular that they became a regular feature. I once foolishly toyed with the idea of changing the filling from pork to Mooloolaba king prawn and Fraser Island crab. So, did some up as a special and asked the regulars for feedback – “these are nice, but we prefer the pork ones” came the reply time and time again.

So I left them as they were – that’s the challenging thing about owning a restaurant as a chef; you want to change up the menu from season to season, but you also have to listen to your customers and give them what they want, if you want to keep them smiling and coming back that is.

Did you know? Spring rolls originated in China and the history of these rolls can be dated back to the Eastern Jin dynasty. In that period, thin cakes made of flour were very popular and were mostly accompanied with vegetables as a way to show off the new season’s harvest. These cakes were specially made to mark the beginning of spring and eventually started being called “spring dish”. Spring dish gained immense popularity at the time of Tang 700CE and Song 900CE dynasty – a time considered by many historians to be the Golden Age of China and in this period the dish was better known as five spice dish because of its hot and spicy flavour.



Gradually, at the time of Ming 1600CE and Qing 1900CE dynasties, the cake got transformed to rolls and the name changed from spring dish to spring rolls. Australians have even made their own version of the spring roll which can be found in the takeaway shop or servo. The classic CHICO roll.

There are many, many filling variations of the spring roll, ranging from vegetarian to meat so if this filling doesn’t tickle your fancy by all means try another filling.

The human body thrives on nutrients; that’s why we need to eat, and amino acids are one of the most important of them. It is the end product of the body breaking-down proteins. However, not all foods contain these essential nutrients. Green beans, for example, contain no amino acids. The good thing about pork is that it contains all the nine essential amino acids that are crucial for the proper growth of the human body.

For this reason, pork comes in handy if you are looking to hit the gym for more muscle. Plus, pork can accelerate recovery from injury or surgery.

So while deep fried spring rolls may not be the healthiest food in the world, as long as you are not eating them for breakfast lunch and dinner I’m pretty sure you will be OK if you add a 30 minute walk later on in the week after indulging in such deliciousness.

You can buy spring roll wrappers from the supermarket. Just ask if they are in the frozen or fridge aisle.

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 8)

- 500g pork mince
- 1 tbs ginger finely grated/chopped
- 5 cloves garlic chopped
- 1/2 medium brown onion diced
- 3 tbs fish sauce
- 2 tbs corn flour + 100mls water = slurry
- 1 pack of 16 x 20cm spring roll papers
- 1 egg whisked

METHOD

Heat a large fry pan and cook half the pork mince on high heat until cooked; remove and reserve in a bowl; repeat with the remaining pork mince.

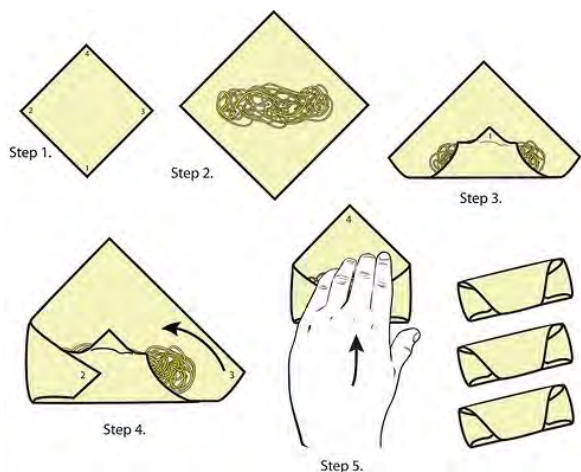
Wipe out fry pan with some paper towel and place back on a medium heat; add the onion and fry until fragrant, then add garlic and ginger and cook stirring for 1 minute.

Add pork back into the pan and mix well; add fish sauce, then slurry and bring back to the boil while stirring; remove from heat and cool.

Once mix is cold, make your spring rolls following the diagram and with a pastry brush seal with egg mix.

Shallow fry on each side until golden or deep fry until golden.

Serve with soy sauce and sambal olek (minced chilli)



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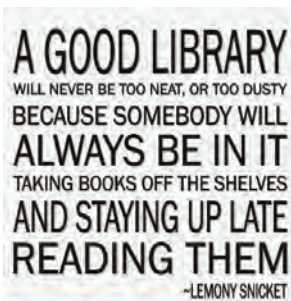


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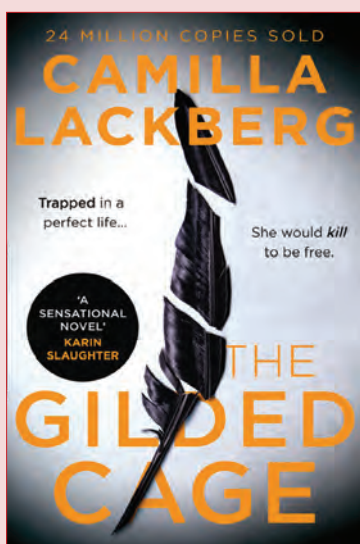
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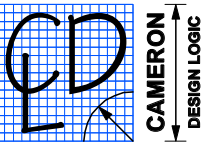
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The term bandicoot is derived from an Indian word "pandi-kokku" meaning pig-rat. However, bandicoots are not rodents, they are a family of marsupials found in Australia, New Guinea and some islands and are closely related to the bilby.

Bandicoots are small. Their snouts are long and pointed and their tails are short. They have a coarse outer coat and soft undercoat, the colour of which varies according to the species. They are quadrupeds, with hind legs that are longer than their forelegs, so they move with a bounding, galloping gait and are unable to climb. They grunt happily when feeding and shriek when frightened. Their front paws are used for digging and holding their food. Females have a backward facing pouch to avoid dirt entering the pouch when digging.

All bandicoots are omnivorous and nocturnal; during the day they hide in nests and emerge to forage at night. They are solitary and territorial and will try to travel back to their home range if relocated.

Bandicoots forage and dig for insects, larvae, fungi, and roots. They play a critical role in promoting the growth and regeneration of bushland by aerating the topsoil, distributing fungi and promoting plant germination.

Bandicoots can be unpopular with tidy gardeners because they dig little holes. Bandicoots don't dig pointlessly; they are able to detect the sound of insect activity underground and they are unfailingly accurate in locating, then digging and consuming their prey. For example, the scarab beetle larvae eat lawns and the adult beetles eat leaves. Each female beetle can lay 300 eggs, so a bandicoot ridding a garden of these pests is preventing a lot of insect damage.

Two species of bandicoot live in the Scenic Rim, the Northern Brown Bandicoot (*Isodon macrourus*) and the Long-nosed Bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*). Of the nine bandicoot species present at European settlement, two are extinct, four are endangered or vulnerable and even populations of the more common species are crashing, as urbanisation, habitat loss, predation by dogs, cats and feral animals, pollution, bushfires and motor vehicles kill an increasing number of animals.

You can help these gentle little creatures by keeping cats and dogs inside from dusk to dawn, avoiding use of pesticides and rat poison, leaving an area of your garden as a nature refuge by planting natives, mulching and allowing undergrowth to develop as cover and being a wildlife aware driver.

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Net-casting Spider

Net-casting Spider – *Menneus superciliosus*, Palm Grove National Park.



This is the fourth species of net-casting spider I have filmed on Tamborine Mountain. It was on the walk in early January which also yielded the antechinus. The eye-catching green on the abdomen is not always present. The spider tends to be nocturnal and is found in southern Queensland. According to a 2014 World Spider Catalogue list, there are 14 species in the genus, half of which are found in Australia, five in sub-Saharan Africa and one is endemic in New Caledonia. There is scant general information online about the species I filmed.

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