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QUEENSLANDERS ENCOURAGED TO VOTE EARLY IN STATE POLL

The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) is encouraging electors to vote early in the 2020 State general election at one of the 200 early voting centres across Queensland, from Monday this week through to Friday 30 October.

Electoral Commissioner Pat Vidgen said two weeks of extended early voting across Queensland combined with sensible health measures implemented in polling booths, were part of the ECQ's commitment to delivering a COVID-safe State general election.

"The ECQ wants all electors who are voting in person to have a streamlined and COVID-safe voting experience," Mr Vidgen said.

"There are some very simple and

proven steps we can all take to ensure voting is done easily and safely.

"We ask electors to plan the way they'll have their say in the 2020 State general election.

"This means thinking about their vote before they get to the polling booth, bringing their Voter Information Card if they have one, staying 1.5 metres apart when voting, using hand sanitiser, and bringing a pen or pencil if they wish.

"The ECQ has employed queue management staff and has designed polling booths to create an efficient voting experience."

The distribution of how-to-vote cards will be allowable for the election, in accordance with a direction issued



by the ECQ. However, campaign workers will need to comply with social distancing guidelines and hygiene standards and not re-use how-to-vote cards.

Mr Vidgen reiterated that it is the voter's choice about whether they take how-to-vote cards being distributed by any campaign worker.

Mr Vidgen said many early voting centres will be open from 9am to 6pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; from 9am to 9pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 9am to 5pm on Saturday 24 October. Electors should check the ECQ website for the most up-to-date voting locations, days and times.

"Making voting available on the Saturday before election day is happening for the very first time for a Queensland general election," he said.

"Nearly half of all electors chose early voting in the March local government elections.

"This helped deliver fewer and shorter queues, electors averaging around three minutes in a polling booth according to an elector survey, lower voting numbers on election day, and no spike in COVID-19 infections following the election period.

"Currently there's an ECQ information campaign running across social media and digital platforms that is sharing health advice with electors.

"On election day Saturday 31 October, approximately 1300 voting centres across Queensland will be open from 8am to 6pm, and I remind electors that voting is compulsory," Mr Vidgen said.





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Imagine an accordion, violin, percussion, double bass and flamenco guitar embracing the best of the old and the new, the familiar and the foreign through timeless melodies. The timelessness of the music and stories fuels an intense live show, an unforgettable musical journey that has delighted audiences at Mona Foma, Queensland Music Festival, Cygnet, National and Woodford Folk Festivals.

The performance is set for 7pm Saturday 7 November. Tickets are \$25 for adults with a group price of \$20 per person for a table of eight. Concession price is also \$20.

Tickets must be purchased in advance on liveatthecentre. com.au or by phoning 5540 5050 between 10am and 4pm from Tuesday to Friday.

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- Increase mining royalties raising \$55 billion for public services and infrastructure.
- Work towards formalising a treaty recognising the sovereignty of our First Nations' People.





Authorised by K Carra for The Greens, 52 Douglas Street Milton, Brisbane. - AN 2020/1560

SUNSET SIPS RETURNS TO WITCHES FALLS WINERY

It's that magical time of year when the weather is heating up, the days are getting longer, and the sunsets are even more breathtaking.

Picture yourself making the most of this while enjoying wine, cider and cheese, and catching up with good friends at Witches Falls.

By popular demand, Sunset Sips have returned, and the winery will be open until 7pm every Friday throughout spring and summer. It's the perfect location to get together and unwind with friends before heading into the weekend.

The winery has been busy over the winter months adding new seating areas, including a garden bar, so there are plenty of spots available to sit and enjoy. There is also a lawn service option for those who would prefer to bring their own picnic blanket.

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As all guests must be seated (either on picnic blankets or at tables) bookings are essential and can be made online at the **Visit Us** page of the Witches Falls website **witchesfalls.com.au/pages/visit-us** or by phoning 5545 2609.





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Tamborine Mountain Rotary Club is assisting with its new project to assemble simple and inexpensive birthing kits.

It has already collated unwanted sheets, towels and several other items. Volunteers at Tamborine Mountain Community Care have been assisting with cutting sheets and towels. Our aim is to produce 200 birthing kits.

Tamborine Mountain community members are invited to attend a presentation on how to pack the life-saving kits by NSW Rotary member Wendy Scarlett, Janny Goris and Jan Zomerdijk, at our weekly Rotary meeting on Wednesday 4 November from 7-8pm at Eagle Heights Mountain Resort, 1683 Tamborine Oxenford Road.

Please RSVP to David Power, chair Rotary TM, of your attendance by Monday 2 November via email: dpo90748@bigpond.net.au

Council Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SCENIC RIM BUSINESSES

Digital and e-Commerce Grants: Scenic Rim businesses can now apply for Council grants to access digital technologies and services to maximise online opportunities.

Facade Improvement Scheme: Want to attract more customers? Check out Council's grants, which can help improve the street appeal of your business.

For more information on both grants, please visit www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/covid-19/for-businesses or call the Regional Prosperity team on 5540 5111.

FREE TREE DISTRIBUTION DAYS

Council's Free Tree Distribution Days will be held at the following locations:

Saturday 31 October 2020 | 8am-12 noon Geissmann Oval, Geissmann Street, Tamborine Mountain

Saturday 7 November 2020 | 8am-12 noon Council Nursery, 73-81 Birnam Street, Beaudesert

Residents must present their Free Tree Voucher (delivered with their July 2020 rates notice) to collect their free trees

COVID-19 restrictions and processes will be in place during the plant distribution.

Please read the advisory notes outlined on the back of your Free Tree Voucher before attending Council's distribution day.

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Check out the 'events' section of Council's Facebook page or Council's What's On Calendar www.scenicrim.ald.gov.au/whatson for a full list of activities.

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IS MY WINE CORKED?

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select one from the cellar), open it, and rather than nice, fruity aromas, you're hit with something that's unpleasant.

There are actually several possible explanations for a wine that isn't quite right, and they fall into two categories: faults and taint. Whilst a fault comes from what's inside the bottle (i.e. the wine itself), a taint is actually due to

external influences (such as the cork). Below are some of the more common complaints and what causes them.

A vinegar taste: If the flavour or smell of vinegar in your wine is overpowering, rather than complimentary, this is a sign of a fault. Caused by too much oxygen, or 'oxidisation', this fault can sometimes be due to an ill-fitted cork, and often translates to the odour of nail polish remover.



The smell of sulfur indicates a fault on the opposite end of the spectrum. Known as 'reductive', when wine doesn't receive enough oxygen from an over-exposure to sulfur, it can give off a rotten egg aroma when first cracked open. Usually, by decanting, or even just vigorously swirling, the introduction of oxygen into a reductive wine will cause any sulfuric smells to disappear.

Cork taint. This one you can't come back from so easily. There is a spectrum of severity for cork taint and sometimes it can be so subtle only the most trained palate can pick it up. In more acute cases, however, the wine will have a damp, mouldy, wet-cardboard sort of smell and little to no flavour. What causes cork taint? The presence of a chemical compound called 2-4-6-trichloroanisole (TCA) in the wine. Usually transferred from the cork, TCA can also be transferred through the cork. Even trace amounts can affect an entire bottle and although completely harmless, it certainly doesn't make for a very tasty wine.

Cork taint only occurs once in every 25 or so bottles of wine, so the risk of running into one isn't too high. What's more, it's only possible when the wine in question has been sealed with a cork, so you can feel safe in the arms of our Cellar Door, where all of the wine is sealed by screw cap.

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

Tamborine Mountain Biosphere Inc AGM Wednesday, 28th October 2020

7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Zamia Theatre Nominations for committee positions close on 26th October 2020.

Nominations for committee positions close on 26th October 2020. Nominations may be called from the floor if all positions are not filled. All welcome. MC: Cr Derek Swanborough Following the AGM, there will be a presentation on what a Biosphere is and is not, and a Q&A segment. The objectives of T.M. Biosphere Inc are for the protection and conservation of the diversity of Tamborine Mountain's plants and

animals, in harmony with their unique native ecosystem, which incorporates a balance between people and nature existing together & an education role. There are 15 UNESCO registered Biosphere Reserves in Australia.

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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

FUEL LOADS MUST BE MANAGED

Recent bushfires in the Scenic Rim, and most recently at Kooralbyn, highlight the importance of properly maintaining land to ensure fuel loads can't build up.

A few months back I assisted the Tamborine Mountain Rural Fire Brigade in carrying out a hazard reduction burn on Council reserve land off Guanaba Road. Thanks to all our Rural Fire volunteers, particularly those on tasks right now, and also local brigades who have taken the initiative in arranging hazard reduction burns in the past months when the conditions were right.

The LNP's 10-point plan in relation to fire services includes the encouragement of traditional mosaic burns carried out using knowledge of our indigenous people in relation to fire and the landscape.

This should be embedded more into our rural fire service. As late as last week, I have had contact with a number of residents concerned that more needs to be done to reduce bushfire hazards – both on State land and other land too.

Over several months now these concerns have been raised with Queensland Government authorities, encouraging them to manage State-owned land and work with the community to reduce fire hazards. Unfortunately, some of the ideas taken to the Queensland Government have been dismissed with very little consideration at all – even after last year's fires around Canungra. I'm not sure some of the people high up in the Government actually appreciate the danger some of our communities may face if present conditions continue.

The drier conditions are very much here at the time of writing, and this highlights again the water supply issues for Canungra. Canungra Creek is the source of water for the town and its flow has slowed a lot in the past couple of months.

There are two things that need to be addressed here: first, the Council and State cannot just keep adding homes to Canungra connected to the water network (the existing residential footprint should be frozen), and secondly SEQ Water and the State must investigate how it will improve Canungra's water storage in the future.

In dry years, it is clear we have a problem with water in Canungra and just going along as we have done – adding more and more homes to the network with no other changes – is not the right way to go. Both of these issues are important and as I have done repeatedly in the past, I will keep standing up for residents about them.

In relation to Beaudesert, my fight for water security in that district has paid off, with the Queensland Government having outlined future capital works plans to build the South West Pipeline connecting Beaudesert to the SEQ Water Grid. LNP Leader Deb Frecklington and I publicly called on the Government to fast-track this project in late 2019. It will secure water for the Beaudesert town area, take pressure off the Logan River and Maroon Dam, and mean more water will be available to allocate to farmers and irrigators.

Read about the LNP's Plan to Get Queensland working again at: www.lnp.org.au

Quick question? SMS 0401 63 44 88.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

This year has been one that none of us will forget. After fires and drought, our country was hit by COVID-19.

Through no fault of their own, so many Australians have been doing it very tough. Tragically, lives and livelihoods have been lost.

Australians are resilient. We are better placed than most countries to recover. In this week's column I want to cover some information about how the Government is supporting Australian businesses on the road to our recovery by getting Australians back into work.

JOBMAKER HIRING CREDIT

A new JobMaker Hiring Credit will encourage businesses to hire younger Australians.

We all know that young people find it the hardest to find work when our country emerges from a recession.

Compared to March 2020, those aged 15 to 34 represent around 40 per cent of those who are employed in Australia. However, alarmingly this cohort accounts for around three quarters of the total fall in employment since March. On top of this, there are significant young people entering the job market every year following school, training and university.

The JobMaker Hiring Credit will be payable for up to 12 months and be immediately available to employers who hire those on JobSeeker aged 16 to 35.

It will be paid at the rate of \$200 per week for those aged under 30, and \$100 per week for those aged between 30 and 35. New hires must work for at least 20 hours a week.

Treasury estimates that this will support around 450,000 jobs for young people.

KICK STARTING INVESTMENT AND JOBS

The Morrison Government is building on the successful Instant Asset Write Off.

Over 99 per cent of businesses will be able to write off the full value of any eligible asset, until June 2022.

This will expand Australia's productive capacity and create tens of thousands of jobs.

For example, it means a trucking company can upgrade its fleet, a farmer can buy a new harvester and a small business can buy new equipment.

Many local businesses will buy, sell, deliver and install these assets.

Australia's economy is fighting back. More than half of those who lost their jobs are back at work.

However, there remains a monumental task ahead of us. These measures are part of our Economic Recovery Plan.

If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to call my office.



TIME IS RIGHT FOR SOLUTION **TO BACK CREEK FALLS ISSUE**

Letters to the Editor



The Beechmont Area Progress Association (BAPA) is a not for profit Incorporated body whose objective is, as stated in our rules, "to enrich the Beechmont area" and "to act in a consultative role within the community".

In keeping with these objectives, the association wishes to add its voice in strong support of the recent written submissions you have received from Mr Pat Fitzgerald, a local resident and long-time campaigner for a resolution to what is an obvious 'planning failure' relating to public access to Denham Reserve and Lip Falls.

After decades of procrastination by Queensland State Governments of various political persuasions, who ultimately hold power in respect of the issue, we still see inaction over a natural resource of great beauty which long ago should have been the subject of proper management for the benefit of the public, including acquisition of the gorge section of lot 13 and its amalgamation into Denham Reserve to provide safe and reliable public access.

In a time when domestic tourism is touted as paramount to the economic fortunes of our state and the nation, this issue can no longer be ignored or put to the bottom of the 'to do' list.

'Eco-Tourism' is the buzzword on everyone's lips at present but there appears to be no political will to take the action required to secure the future of what is a natural asset of outstanding appeal so close to the areas of highest

population density in the state.

Back Creek Gorge is right on the doorstep of the Gold Coast and with proper funding and management would take its place, in the words of recently retired Tourism Minister Kate Jones, as an "emerald jewel in the crown of the Gold Coast".

BAPA calls upon the Queensland Government and Scenic Rim Regional Council to work towards a long overdue solution to this issue now as the time has never been more right.

David White President BAPA

STATUE DEFACING AN INSULT TO THE DEAD

Statue defacing insults the dead people who honoured their leaders and set the statues up.

Cynics call it "virtue signalling", which may be a bit unfair, but downing one's ancestors is shoddy stuff, and this old relic believes that past generations can at least hold their own with the present one in any contest of general worthiness.

Desperate defenders against the Japanese at Kohima in 1944 could say: "For their tomorrow, we gave our today." That generation was tested by war. Tested by plague rather than by war, what could the present generation say in comparison? "To save our lives through lockdown we put our descendants in debt"?

John Leisten



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COUNCIL GRANTS ALLOW BUSINESS ACCESS TO ONLINE TECHNOLOGIES

Eligible businesses can now apply for Scenic Rim Council grants to access digital technologies and services to enable them to maximise online opportunities and become part of the global economy.

As part of its Economic Stimulus Package 2: COVID 19, Scenic Rim Regional Council has introduced the Scenic Rim Digital and e-Commerce Grants Program to minimise the ongoing financial impacts of the pandemic and support the region's economic recovery.

Mayor Greg Christensen said up to \$2000 would be available to eligible businesses.

"It provides a fantastic opportunity for businesses which have not considered online selling to look at how they might diversify their revenue streams," he said.

"While COVID-19 has shown the vulnerability of the traditional shopfront business model, it has also highlighted the wideranging opportunities available to businesses locally, nationally and internationally through e-Commerce.

Council has committed a total of \$20,000 to the Scenic Rim Digital and e-Commerce Grants Program, which will run until 31 December 2020, with applications to be assessed and approved on a rolling basis. The program will support applications that demonstrate innovation that will lead to business improvement and the development of online capabilities offering long-term benefits beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

It offers funding for online and e-commerce activities, including the purchase of computer hardware, software and digital services such as website design and development, e-commerce platforms, online content development, digital marketing and promotion and mentoring or training.

Eligible applicants include home-based businesses, farm gate operators and commercial ratepayers and their tenants within the Scenic Rim who have a current Australian Business Number.

Council's Regional Prosperity team will administer the program and will assist any business owners requiring help to complete an application.

"Although these grants are for relatively small amounts, they offer big benefits by boosting business capability in the rapidly evolving world of online selling and global e-commerce," Cr Christensen said.

More information is available on Council's website www. scenicrim.qld.gov.au/covid-19/ for-businesses

ENERGEX URGES GENERATOR SAFETY THIS STORM SEASON

Before you fire up a generator this storm season, Energex is urging you to do your homework to keep everyone safe.

Energex Work Group Leader, Ryan Campbell, said it was important to ensure a generator was in good working order before using it and to always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning is a real risk – this deadly gas is odourless and invisible so you cannot rely on your senses to detect it," he said.

"You need to take lifesaving precautions for your own safety and to protect others – only use the generator in a well-ventilated area outdoors and away from any open windows, including your neighbours'.

"You can also use a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm, which works much like a smoke detector and sounds an alert when it senses dangerous levels of the deadly gas."

Energex also recommends changeover switches, which need to be installed at your property by a licensed electrical contractor.

"You should never connect your generator directly into the network because there's a risk it might back-feed and cause an electric shock or worse to our workers on the line, so we recommend a changeover switch on your switchboard to isolate your property from the network for the safety of our crews and everyone in your neighbourhood," said Mr Campbell.

"It's also important not to overload your generator by running too many appliances.

"Generators have a maximum output capacity, so people need to be mindful of that rating and how much they are putting on to their generators and limit that to the things that are essential like fridges."

An adequate fuel supply and safe storage should also be on any storm season checklist.

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with Neil Bell



TUMMY SLEEPER?

Sometimes my wonderful, amazing, and beautiful 13-year-old daughter Sarah wakes up in the morning with a very stiff neck. Often this stiff neck then develops into a headache.

Now, due to the fact that she is a 13-year-old almost perfect human and the fact that she has two parents who are physiotherapists, these episodes of neck stiffness and headaches never last long. However, these episodes do impact her ability to be a happy and contented teenage girl. I find it frustrating because one of the reasons she gets these episodes is also easily preventable.

Why does she get the stiff neck? Well, you see, Sarah has some rather interesting positions that she ends up sleeping in. Often, I will go in to give her a final kiss goodnight and where her head should be, I find her feet! Or, she'll be sound asleep lying sideways across the bed, blissfully unaware of the struggle her Dad has, to straighten her up and remake her bed. But the main reason she will sometimes wake up with a stiff neck is because sometimes she likes to sleep on her tummy. This is a running battle that I am having with her, and as those who have daughters know, it is not always the easiest thing to convince your little girl that Daddy is right.

Physio Talk

The position that we sleep in can have a significant impact on the health of our spinal joints and the surrounding musculature. If we do not sleep in a supportive position for our spine it can lead to our joints getting irritated and inflamed and this will eventually lead to joint stiffness and pain. Not just in our neck, but throughout our entire spine from our tail bone to our skull.

Generally, I recommend that my patients sleep on their side. If you have a pillow that is the correct height, this is considered the most supported position for your spine. I will also ask my patients to place a pillow between their knees to prevent the top leg from rolling forwards and rotating their spine. The correct pillow height is absolutely essential. It should always be the aim when sleeping on your side to maintain your spine in a straight line. If the pillow is too small, your head will drop down and if it is too big, your neck will be forced into a laterally flexed position. The physios at Physique are experts at determining correct pillow heights, so make sure you come in for a consultation if you are unsure.

If you sleep on your back, it is a good idea to place a pillow underneath your knees as this will tilt the pelvis and help reduce the stress on your low back. Sleeping on your tummy, even if it is only occasionally, like Sarah, should be avoided as it is the position which places the most stress on our neck joints. Spending eight hours every day in this rotated and extended position is absolutely horrendous for your spinal health.

Please make sure that you examine your own and your family's sleep positions. Correct what needs to be corrected and remember that sleep positions are a habit. Breaking bad habits can take some time. Persevere and, eventually, you will succeed. Trust me, it makes a world of difference to your spinal health and your overall happiness.





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CLUB TAMBORINE HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN

Why are the gates at the entrance to the Club called the Jubilee Memorial Gates?

I saw the plaque on the gates that says they were installed by the local RSL Sub-Branch back in 1951, so in the spirit of last week's column on the history of the Club, I asked the current President of the Tamborine Mountain RSL Sub-Branch, Phillip Hunter,



to shed some light on the history of the Sub-Branch at the site, and on the origins of the Jubilee Memorial Gates.

His response:

"We have recently read that there is much history behind the site of Club Tamborine and it's very important to the RSL Sub-Branch to see that our memorial site has not been forgotten.

"In the early 1900's, and through World War One, Tamborine Mountain was a very small and isolated place. By the beginning of World War Two there was enough population for some 70 young men to enlist and leave to defend the freedoms of the Commonwealth. Immediately after World War Two the site passed from the (then) Croquet Club to the RSL to house the newly formed RSL Sub-Branch (the original charter document dated 1946 is still currently hanging on the wall in the Club Building). The site was to be used as a lasting memorial centre for the community of Tamborine Mountain.

"With the RSL taking up Bayne Court (as the site is officially known) as its home and headquarters, the community memorial theme has remained at the centre of this facility's purpose. The RSL helped to form a tennis club and a bowls club and also helped to construct tennis courts and bowling greens at the site. In the early 1980s, with much community involvement, a brand-new club building was erected, along with two beautiful new bowling greens.

"So, what are the Jubilee Memorial Gates?

"1951 was known as the Jubilee Year for Australia. 50 years earlier in 1901 the six states united to become the Commonwealth of Australia and became an equal partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations. There was much commemoration and celebration for this year. Our young nation had survived two enduring world wars and Tamborine Mountain had made its contribution.

"Guided by the RSL Sub-Branch, the Jubilee Memorial Gates were built by the Memorial Committee in 1951. A grant of 30 pounds was obtained from Beaudesert Shire Council with the remaining costs to be met by the Tamborine Mountain RSL Sub-Branch. The Memorial Committee was made up of members of the Sub-Branch, members of the Women's Auxiliary and members of the general community. The gates were officially opened on 10 November 1951 by the local Councillor, Mr J Sharp.

"These gates are the only remaining post World War Two structure at the Club's site. They stand proud with their two crafted brickwork posts and fancy ironwork. The Jubilee Memorial Gates mark the headquarters of the Tamborine Mountain RSL Sub-Branch, and also pays respect to the memory of Blanche Bayne who originally donated the land. They also identify the location as a memorial centre for the local community, which continues today.

Phillip Hunter, President, Tamborine Mtn RSL Sub-Branch"

Club Tamborine is proud to provide and maintain facilities at the site for the RSL Sub-Branch and to continue the memorial aspect of the site, including the preservation of the Jubilee Gates.

Hope to see you at the Club soon.

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This week we are looking at principle five of Gottman's seven principles required for successful and satisfying relationships: Solve your solvable problems.

There are two types of conflict between couples - perpetual and solvable conflicts. What is a solvable conflict? Solvable conflicts feel less painful or intense than perpetual ones. When you argue over a solvable problem your focus is only on a



particular dilemma or situation without reverberating into other areas of your life together.

How we bring up an issue is vital. A harsh start up in the form of an accusation guarantees you are either bound for a heated debate or your partner will shut down the conversation altogether. Discussions invariably end on the same note they begin, so softening your startup devoid of criticism or attack offers the best prospect for a favourable outcome. Describe how you feel about the particular issue and how it affects you. Look for positive ways to frame your case. For example, instead of saying "We never go out anywhere" try "Remember when we used to go on a regular date? I loved spending alone time with you, and it made me feel good knowing you wanted to be with me too. Let's start doing that again."

If the conflict escalates, learn to make repair attempts – putting brakes on the tension. This might be as simple as agreeing instead of disagreeing with your partner's statement or it might require lightening the mood with humour that makes your partner smile. Recognise and acknowledge when you say something harsh with "Sorry, let me rephrase that". Attempting repairs and accepting our partner's repair attempts are equally important for de-escalating tension.

Another crucial skill is recognising when you feel flooded. This occurs when your body goes into fight/ flight mode; increased heartbeat, muscle tension, churning stomach. The only reasonable strategy is to take a break. Explain to your partner you need time out and give yourself at least 20 minutes to return to calm. Don't spend the time ruminating on the argument but focus on something completely different. When feeling calm return to the conversation. It's difficult to stay calm when resentment is at boiling point, so avoid flooding by not storing up issues till you're ready to burst.

Effectively talking with each other about an issue paves the way for reaching a compromise. Remember last week's principle - Let your partner influence you. You don't have to agree with everything but be open to considering one another's perspective. In a loving relationship it doesn't work for either of you to get things all your way so talk out your differences and preferences to reach an agreed solution. Later revisit it to discuss whether it's working for both of you or needs tweaking.

Approaching your solvable conflicts with a systemic approach and an open mind will improve your harmony and help you find a solution you can both live with.

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EXPERIENCED PHYSIO JOINS TAMBORINE MT PHYSIOTHERAPY

The wait is nearly over. On Monday 26 October, Tamborine Mt Physiotherapy will welcome new team member Mandy Button.

Mandy, who has been practising for more than 30 years, offers her patients a wealth of experience in the physiotherapy field. She also has the additional benefit of a Masters Degree in Sports Physiotherapy to address the injuries of our keen sportsmen and women. She is a skilled physiotherapist who has an extensive range of treatment techniques, built up over the years of treating a variety of physiotherapy conditions. She believes in combining hands on treatment with rehabilitation

exercises and advice to allow patients to manage and maintain their recovery.

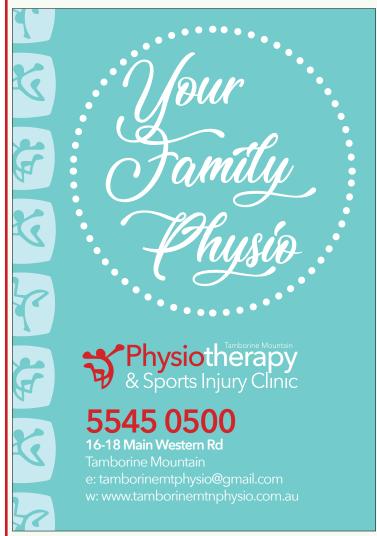
Mandy owned a successful physiotherapy practice in South Africa for more than 20 years and since her arrival in Australia she has been a team leader in a busy physiotherapy practice in Adelaide.



She enjoys cycling, running, and hiking and spending time on the beautiful Queensland beaches, so is looking forward to moving into this part of Australia.

With the addition of Mandy to the practice, waiting times for treatment will be significantly reduced and you can be assured you are in extremely caring and capable hands.

To see the difference an experienced physiotherapist can make to your health and fitness, make an appointment with **Mandy or Gary on 5545 0500**





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GERRY MOLONEY TAKES OUT 2020 TM GOLF OPEN

The Tamborine Mountain Golf Club Open 2020 has been run and won for another year.

There was a total of 143 entrants across the two qualifying days with the top 20 and ties from both days playing on the final day.

The overall winner with a total of 77 points from his two rounds was long-time member and volunteer **Gerry Moloney.**

Runner up was a new junior member to the club, **Kobe Hinton**, with 76 points.

No one was accurate enough to take home the sixth hole, hole-in-one prize of a Yamaha golf cart.

The daily prize winners across the three days were: Friday

Best Stableford score **Brad Everitt** 41 points Runner up **Dean Pritchard** 40 points Friday best gross score women **Katy Hewitt** 82 Friday best gross score men **Lindsay Ross** 69

Saturday

Best Stableford score **Jack Taylor** 44 points Runner up **Gerry Moloney** 42 points Saturday best gross score women **Katy Hewitt** 83 Saturday best gross score men **Richard Pickering** 73

Sunday

Best Stableford score **Steve Roy** 38 points Runner up **Kobe Hinton** 37 points Sunday best gross score women **Katy Hewitt** 86 Sunday best gross score men **Steve Roy** 73

Below: A happy Katy Hewitt (right) and Alison Rip following her outstanding weekend of golf. Centre: Jack Taylor had the best stableford score in the Saturday competition.

Right: New junior member, Kobe Hinton, was runner-up in this year's TM Open.



Alison Rip, of tournament sponsors Professionals Serendipity Real Estate, presented TM Open winner Gerry Moloney with his winning trophy.



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Councillor's Comment



DEREK SWANBOROUGH DIVISION 1

NEW LEGISLATION

As of 12 October, a whole lot of new legislation in the form of the Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 2 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 came into effect.

It was the result of a three-year investigation by the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) into several South East Queensland councils. It is designed to make all councils more accountable. The Bill stretched to 221 pages and covers a multitude of Acts, including the Local Government Act and the Electoral Act.

One good thing is its attempt to make councils more open and transparent. It puts new register of interest provisions in and defines new requirements to report conflicts of Interest etc. A whole range of topics is now mandated to be open to the public whereas previously they were closed.

My view is that many reforms still fall short, especially relating to councils using confidential briefings as de facto committee meetings where the critical discussions take place, get consensus but don't vote on issues. They are out of the watchful eye of the public and media. I know from experience that quite often if the public was told where and how ratepayers' money is being spent right down to the operational level or even to the extent that councillors get, many expenditures would not occur because the public backlash would be deafening.

TREE VANDALISM

My next column will talk about the plight of a magnificent tree in Witherby Crescent, Eagle Height that the experts say has been poisoned and what is to happen to it now. My advice to anyone contemplating environmental harm, and damage to public property, or a neighbour's property is, that someone is always watching, and you do not know who that is. Many homes now have CCTV, cars have dashcams and neighbours peer over fences and talk. It's not worth the risk.

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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

VIRGINIA WEST DIVISION 3



DIGITAL AND E-COMMERCE GRANTS

Scenic Rim Council last week approved Package 2 of the COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package which is a grants program to assist local businesses to access digital technologies and services and enable them to maximise online opportunities. This program continues to support the region's economy and minimise the financial impacts of the pandemic on our small business owners. Application details are available on **www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/ businesses/scenic-rim-digital-e-commerce-grant-program/1**

This program works alongside the Facade Improvement Scheme which formed Package 1 of the Economic Stimulus Package.

BREASTSCREEN QUEENSLAND IN BEAUDESERT

October is Breast Cancer Month and the mobile BreastScreen Queensland unit is currently based at Beaudesert Hospital until December 10. I urge all women aged between 50 and 74 to make an appointment and have a free breast cancer check. Appointments can be made by calling 132050 or visiting www.breastscreen.qld. gov.au. There are a number of local women who in recent years have had breast cancer picked up in the early stages as a result of this wonderful service.

POPERA IN THE PADDOCK

This gala event will take place in April next year at Hazelwood Estate, a new ecotourism attraction at Beechmont and will showcase Queensland's musical talent as well as some local Beechmont talent, I believe. This event will attract a number of attendees from outside the Scenic Rim who will be encouraged to spend a few nights and savour the hospitality and scenery in the region. Given the bush fire event that severely affected Beechmont last year, POPera in the Paddock is funded by the Australian Government Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grant in partnership with the Queensland Music Festival and will be a welcome boost to this community.

GET READY QUEENSLAND WEEK

Although this official week has passed, this is the time for all households to prepare an emergency plan, ensure they have emergency supplies at hand and check their insurance details.

I also advise all residents to download the very useful and informative Scenic Rim Disaster Dashboard to their device as this keeps you updated on an array of disaster related matters including the weather radar, road closures, power outages just to name a few. Visit disasterdashboard.scenicrim.qld.gov.au

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OPERA EAGLE'S NEST OPENS THE CURTAINS

Scenic Rim's opera company Opera Eagle's Nest has been chosen to launch the Council's post-COVID-19 concert program.

Opera Eagle's Nest has been a favourite over the years at morning concerts. However, in October, evening concert goers will also have the opportunity to enjoy the superb voices of this accomplished Tamborine Mountain group.

Their first concert was earlier in the month at Boonah -*Broadway to Bocelli* - and was greatly appreciated by the enthusiastic audience. Everybody loves a Broadway musical and Bocelli, discovered by Pavarotti, has become one of the world's favourite tenors.

The next Opera Eagle's Nest concert spectacular - *A Touch of Webber, A Taste of Rice* - will be held at the Centre in Beaudesert on Friday 30 October at 7.30pm. It will feature loved hits from the most famous music collaborators of modern times, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Sir Tim Rice.

With one great tune after another - from Jesus Christ Superstar, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Evita, Cats, and many more - this concert is bound to set the audience humming.

Local choir, A Choired Taste, will be joining Opera Eagles Nest for some of the program.

Cost is \$25 for adults with the concession price and the group price (8+) of \$20 per person. This concert will be in cabaret setting with tables of eight and will operate with a COVID-Safe Plan.

All bookings can be made online **www.liveatthecentre.com.au** or by phoning 5540 5050 Tuesday to Friday between 10am and 4pm.

COUNCIL WINS RESILIENT AWARD

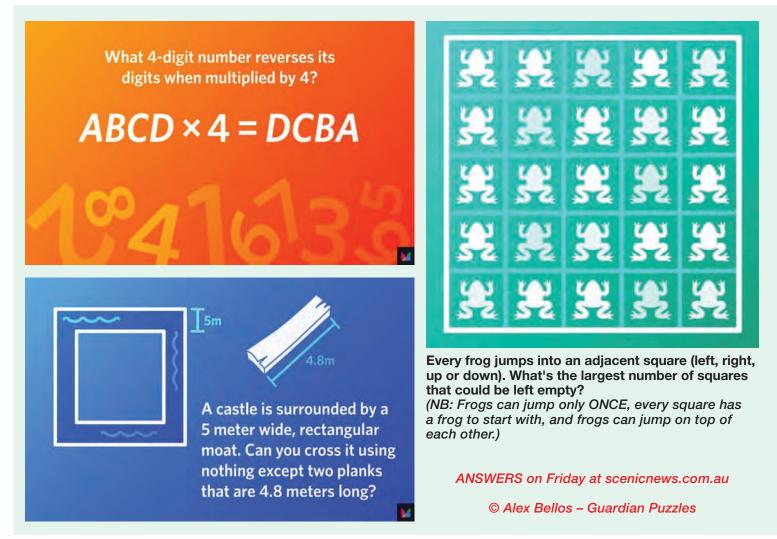


An initiative to connect consumers with Scenic Rim produce after the cancellation of 2020 Eat Local Week has earned the Scenic Rim Regional Council a win in the Resilient Australia Awards.

Scenic Rim Farm Box, which Council supported as part of its Economic Stimulus Package in response to COVID-19 in lieu of its usual contribution to Eat Local Week, won an award in the Local Government category at the 2020 Resilient Australia Awards (Queensland).

The awards recognise projects that have helped Queensland communities better prepare for natural disasters and emergencies.

The Scenic Rim Regional Council and Ipswich City Council were joint winners in the Local Government category. Each of the winning Queensland projects will now be reviewed by the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience for consideration for a National Resilient Australia Award later this year.



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TRAVELLING PLACES

Our world is slowly opening up and this week sees the opening of Tasmanian borders to Queenslanders without any quarantine. Yeah! We have had a few bookings to Tasmania for the coming summer as we plan to escape the heat.



I too have decided to head overseas (haha) to the Apple Isle for New Year. The annual Taste of Tasmania festival has been called off this year. However, the Sydney to Hobart race is still due to run and we should be there to see some of those magnificent yachts sail up the Derwent.

There are non-stop flights from Brisbane which makes the journey seamless. On arrival there are so many ways to explore Tasmania. Always popular is a fly-drive trip and if you like to head off and explore on your own I urge you to pre-book accommodation -I have had clients deciding to wing it and find themselves stuck in somewhere like Queenstown for a week because all the places they want to visit are full. For all that, distances are not great and there is lots to see - so do yourself a favour and plan a minimum 10 to 14 days to explore.

Wilderness walking trips are also a lovely way to connect with the environment and the local communities. Join an immersive guided walk where your luggage is transported, and you take a day pack to walk during the day – staying in lodges or glamping at night with all of your meals provided. Maria Island off the south west coast picks you up from Hobart for four days of walking in pristine wilderness, along unspoilt coastal paths and your last night is spent in the original sandstone homestead.

No one lives on Maria Island anymore and this sanctuary has been earmarked as a native fauna and flora refuge – I'm looking forward to my first wombat encounter. You need to be comfortable walking around 10km a day. Some Tassie walks are for beginners, some moderate and some quite challenging. Do contact us for details of Cradle Mountain, Bay of Fires, Three Capes or Bruny Island walks which you can include in your Tasmania adventure. Apart from the luxury guided walks there are other options which include self-guided where you carry your gear, and guided walks hut accommodation – so something to suit most budgets.

If you prefer a holiday where everything is prearranged, and you can have a wonderful touring holiday, then join Australian companies Scenic and APT on one of their fabulous all-inclusive trips. Intrepid also offer small group immersive journeys staying in small hotels interacting with the locals.

Coral Expeditions are taking a vessel to Tasmania again this year – their small (74 passenger) expedition vessel offers a circumnavigation around the island, calling in to remote infrequently visited islands and shorter trips exploring the southern coastline of this beautiful isle. With expedition leaders ensuring you get the most of this adventure you will explore the fabulous wilderness Tasmania has to offer.

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TM ARTS COLLECTIVE IS READY FOR A BIG NIGHT



How fortunate we are to have HOTA's Director of Gallery and Visual Arts Tracy Cooper-Lavery (above) with us for our Night of the Arts opening and wonderful evening to follow on November 1.

TM Arts Collective has a wonderful display of its members' talents in store for our supporters and friends. We have works from new members such as painters Linda Kruger, Christey Johansson and Christine Shand, and TM Glass Blowing's Fae Fleur Chandler.

We are excited to have Monique Quarantini exhibiting some beautiful new works and we have some unique works from our local but internationally acclaimed artist Maki Horanai. And as a special treat we have a guest exhibitor, Jacques Vandermerwe, who has been invited to exhibit as well.

Other artists include members who have exhibited before at Hampton's: Brigitte Doering, Cassie Ashton-Thomas, Margaret Goldsmith, Louise Grove-Wiechers, who is also our curator, Debaran Wright, Susan Lhamo, Ian Milton, Helen Griffin and Marianne Halpin, who for this exhibition has painted some delightful local bird portraits. Leather worker Len Bytheway, who is our technical expert in our organising team, has also produced some pieces for this exhibition, as has wearable artist Shannon Hunter.

We have musical sets throughout the evening with special performers who are contributing their time. This is an extremely generous gesture and one much appreciated by The Collective. Sarah-Jane Vagg is on flute and Brett Hallam Holland is on guitar. Margy Rose will sing with Brett on guitar to finish the evening.

The tri-drop meal costs \$40, but as well as the meal, guests receive a welcome drink and canapes on arrival and there is a silent auction featuring works donated from our members. If you want more information about the evening, call me on 5545 0043 or 0478 414 892.

For the opening only you will need to RSVP by 26 October to Hampton's (Cathie Dolso on 0408 728 627) or myself. For a table booking you will need to book directly by 26 October with Hampton's. You need to pay and give dietary requirements at that time. Currently there are tables still available.

Helen Griffin TM Arts Collective

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Lacy Emerald Moth

Lacy Emerald Moth – *Eucyclodes insperata*, dwelling, Eagle Heights.



The moth was next to the window on my back landing. This is a female. It is so different from the male, which I have in my album, that I thought it was a species new to me. The moth, whether male or female, is spectacular. I recall the thrill of recognising a female of another moth, after years of sighting only males. The Lacy Emerald is endemic in Australia. It occurs in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. Wingspan is 3cm.

Peter Kuttner





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with Nadia O'Carroll

BLUE BOTTLES



Blue bottles are often found on exposed ocean beaches after strong onshore winds.

Blue bottles (*Physalia utriculus*) are not jellyfish; they belong to the phylum Cnidaria, which include corals and sea anemones. Although they appear to be single animals, they are actually colonial organisms known as siphonophores. Within the colony there are four different types of zooids, each with a specific role to play.

The float or pneumatatophore is a single individual, which provides the basic structure that supports the rest of the colony. The float measures 3cm to15cm and is an aerodynamic, muscular, blue bag that secretes its own gas. It is able to sail by using muscles to control its curvature and the shape of its crest. The blue bottle floats on the surface of the ocean, but it can deflate and submerge briefly if necessary.

The gastrozooids are concerned with digestion. These digestive polyps respond to the presence of food by fastening on to it with their mouths. Their mouths cover the surface of the food by expanding up to ten times in size. The polyps secrete digestive enzymes over the food, and these break down the fats, proteins and carbohydrates into simpler components

The dactylozooids are the fishing tentacles measuring 15cm to 10m, they detect prey, usually small fish and plankton, which are then enveloped and paralysed by the tentacles and conveyed to the gastrozooids. There is a single main retractable tentacle and also smaller, shorter tentacles which hang from under the float. The tentacles contain rows of nematocysts, these are tiny (0.001mm in diameter) but complex structures. Each nematocyst is a hollow capsule containing a hollow coiled thread, which is armed with barbs or spikes. The capsule also contains a neurotoxin composed of phenols and protein. The small opening of the capsule is covered by a hinged lid held down by a trigger. When the capsule is stimulated the nematocyst thread shoots out, latches onto the flesh of the victim with its barbs and then toxin is injected into the victim through the pores in the thread.

The gonozooids are concerned with reproduction. The blue bottle is a hermaphrodite so gonozooids contain both male and female parts. The fertilised egg develops into planktonic larval form of blue bottle. The larval form reproduces itself asexually by budding.

Blue bottle stings are painful, but no fatality has ever been recorded.



Arancini balls are one of those dishes that once you get the hang of them, you can come up with some really imaginative fillings. Think slow cooked pulled lamb and minted peas, or hot smoked salmon and capers, I could go on and on.

This recipe is for those who are up for a challenge -- with a little perseverance and patience you can produce crispy golden orbs with a gooey cheesy centre that will blow your mind.

I must have made thousands of these little delights and when I had them on the menu at Eden, they were one of the most popular starters on the menu. I like them so much I even had these as a canapé at my wedding. They are a perfect item as a canapé because they can be made up to two days in advance and even freeze very well.



Arancini come from the little Mediterranean island of Sicily and were said to be invented in the 10th century when rice was mixed with meat and then coated in a light crispy batter. They seem to be an evolution of Middle Eastern cooking from the Middle Ages and became popular during the reign of Kalbid. The name Arancini comes from the Italian word "arancia" which means orange, which is fair because when they are cooked, they faintly resemble an orange.

In Sicily today, however, you will find round arancini in the west, and in the east particularly around Catania they are cone shaped. It's a crumbed rice ball. How hard can it be? you may be thinking. Well, let me be the first to say they are quite an art to get right.

Arborio rice is used these days and the best in the world is grown in Piedmont, a sub alpine region in the north of Italy.

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 cup Arborio Risotto Rice
- 3 cups chicken stock, heated
- 1 cup roasted pumpkin (2cm dice)
- 1/3 cup finely grated parmesan
- 50g fresh mozzarella, cut into 1cm cubes
- 1 cup plain flour
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 cups Panko breadcrumbs
- Vegetable oil, to deep-fry

METHOD

Step 1

Heat olive oil in a large heavy-based saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until soft. Add the garlic and rice and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add the hot stock, about 1/2 cup at a time, stirring until absorbed. Continue doing this for



20 to 25 mins or until all the stock has been added and the rice is creamy, then stir in the parmesan. Season to taste.

Step 2

Transfer to a bowl. Set aside, stirring occasionally, until cool. Add pumpkin and fold through gently. Cover and chill for 4 hours or overnight

Step 3

Use damp hands to roll slightly heaped tablespoonful of the rice into balls. Press a cube of mozzarella into the centre of each ball and re shape. Roll in flour to lightly coat. Dip in egg, then in breadcrumbs to coat. Chill for 1 hour.

Step 4

Half-fill a large saucepan with oil and heat over medium-high heat. Cook the arancini, in batches, for 4 minutes or until crisp and golden brown. Use a slotted spoon to transfer to a plate lined with paper towel. Serve warm with pesto and broccolini as a starter.

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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 Wongawallen 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.tmpcq.org.au Sunday Morning Service 9am (including kids church) and Evening Service 5pm (including kids church). Playgroup: Tuesdays 9.30am for 0-5 years. Youth Group: Fridays 4-6 pm for Years 7 – 12. Enquiries: dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au

BARGAIN CENTRE: Tuesday to Saturday opens 8am – 12 noon (rear of the Presbyterian Church.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB: Join our new social club for retirees and semi-retired and enjoy some fun, fellowship and friendship at Club Tamborine, 6-12 Beacon Road, North Tamborine from 10am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact Christine Stewart (President) on 0448 877 585

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROBUS CLUB INC (MEN'S

CLUB): Join like-minded retired and semi-retired men for fun activities at Vonda Youngman Community Centre, 2-4 Knoll Road, North Tamborine on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Contact Harvey Ruglen on 0490 066 385 for details of next meeting.

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.

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

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