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A TOP RATING FOR WEDDING VENUE

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Tamborine Mountain's Cedar Creek Lodges has rated highly as a finalist in the Reception Venue category of the recent 22nd Queensland ABIA Wedding Industry Awards. The popular venue already has 189 weddings booked for 2021. Mountain marriage celebrant Caroline Jackson also featured as a finalist in the awards. Story Page 5.



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CANUNGRA ENTERS LEVEL TWO DROUGHT RESPONSE

Flows in Canungra Creek are approaching 0.5 megalitres per day, moving Canungra into level two drought response.

Urban Utilities and bulk water supplier Seqwater are asking residents to continue their water-saving efforts and reduce their water use wherever they can.

Urban Utilities spokesperson, Michelle Cull, said they were working with Seqwater and were ready to respond if the creek stops flowing.

"Seqwater is getting ready to start tankering drinking water to Canungra to maintain the town supply," she said.

"This will happen if flows in the creek

stop and Canungra moves to level three drought response."

Based on current conditions this could happen as early as this week.

Seqwater is tracking flows in Canungra Creek daily and Urban Utilities is closely monitoring water usage in town, which is currently around 165 litres per person per day.

Ms Cull said residents who relied on tank water should consider their circumstances now.

"If Seqwater needs to take its water treatment plant offline, we plan to maintain direct access to the Canungra tanker filling station for local off-network households," she said.

"Commercial carting operators will be directed to use alternative filling stations, with the closest being in Helen Street, Beaudesert.

"We recommend residents on tank water plan ahead for the potential that delivery times from commercial carters could increase during this period."

Water restrictions remain in place in Canungra and residents should continue to save water.

"We're urging residents to please continue to limit their outdoor water use and adhere to the water restrictions as a minimum," Ms Cull said.

'POLICIES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT COUNCILLORS' LEGAL OBLIGATIONS'

Scenic Rim Regional Council says it has endorsed updated policies that "support councillors to fulfil their roles as elected officials while meeting their statutory requirements".

Mayor Greg Christensen said the policies had been updated to align with the Queensland Government's most recent legislation.

"These policies have been around for years to support elected officials meet their statutory obligations under the Queensland Government's legislation," he said.

"If we didn't provide these policies and guidelines, we would be failing in our duty of care and in providing good corporate governance."

The policy, Management of Confidential Information of Council by Councillors, was designed as a risk mitigation tool to assist councillors in understanding their confidentiality obligations under State Government legislation.

"It provides a framework for councillors so they can determine for themselves if an item of information they have access to, is information that they should reasonably know is confidential," Cr Christensen said.

"Its entire purpose is to provide assistance to councillors, and nothing in this policy prevents a councillor from providing information to members of the public.

"It's important to note that both the accountability and penalty aspect of divulging confidential information is outlined in the State Act, not in the Council Policy.

"Equally, assessment of any breach does not rest with Council but with the Office of the Independent Assessor, a State Government oversight body."

An updated Acceptable Request Policy was also adopted by Council to support good governance under section 170A of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

"This policy helps provide guidance for both employees and councillors around asking for information and is designed to ensure Council resources are used efficiently."

Cr Christensen said changes in the policies also reflected the new meeting structure of Council.

"From July last year, Council merged its committee meetings into the Ordinary Meeting to streamline the meeting process," he said.

"The discussions that were previously conducted in the committee meetings are the same as those that are being undertaken in Council's Ordinary Meetings now.

"These discussions still remain open to the public, although via audio stream at the moment."

Cr Christensen said Scenic Rim Regional Council continued to make use of confidential briefings and workshops, which had always been in place, even when committee meetings were held.

"These workshops were used to clarify the adequacy of information to be presented for councillors in their decision processes at either committee or Ordinary Meetings.

"This same process occurs today. However, all matters now progress to the Ordinary Meeting for decision," he said.

"The community can draw confidence that policies and procedures such as these support good governance, integrity of councillors and the proper behaviour they expect.

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THE COMMUNITY AT THE HEART OF TM UNIVERSE

The future TM Universe will explore life in the universe, indigenous astronomy and Australian space research.

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But you, yes you as part of our community, are at the heart of this project. TM Universe is unique in many ways, not at least because of the use of cutting-edge digital technologies, and a precinct 100 per cent carbon neutral and powered by renewable energy. So why are you, as part of the Tamborine Mountain community, at the heart of TM Universe?

One reason is because TM Universe will operate as a social enterprise. Social enterprises, including TM Universe, are in many ways just like all businesses: the staff are paid, they generate income from commercial activities like ticket sales, merchandise, hospitality and special events. TM Universe needs a profit to keep going. Marketing and sales are in that sense essential. But there are two differences with ordinary business-models.

The TM Universe social enterprise has been established as an incorporated association, where, like in any community group, the members have the final say; this ensures that the local community will always be at the heart of TM Universe.

Currently about 150 locals have 'Bought a Block' and thereby have become voting members. Others have bought annual memberships of \$50 per year. The members appoint the board of directors at the annual general meeting. That board manages the enterprise, overseen by the members.

The other difference with 'ordinary' enterprises is that the profits will be used for TM Universe itself, and if possible, also for other social causes on Tamborine Mountain. In other

words, the profits go back into the enterprise making it in that sense a not-for-profit organisation.

This model is already apparent in choices made for the use of the land. Part of the land is designated to be home to a large drinking water reservoir, to be used by local suppliers for the community. The funds paid for the use of that water will then go back to TM Universe, back into the community that is. These water reserves are to be available for regular supply and will be topped up to be available in times of drought; the rural fire brigade will also have enough water.

To allow the community to run TM Universe as a social enterprise, the project first needs to be built. This will need large investments. To make this possible without risking money and time put into the project by local members, a trust has been established, with a TMU Property Pty Ltd as the single Trustee.

This trust is the legal entity that will be in charge of getting the grants, sponsorships and loans for the buildings, as well as the investment for the land. Currently around eight locals have already bought one or more units in the trust, with an average of three units per buyer. Units are for sale for \$10,000 each; the investor gets 1/79 ownership of the land per unit as collateral.

Seventy-nine units have to be exchanged for landownership to investors by 29 January 2021. Investors will receive 3 per cent per year over the next two years. In the unlikely event that the trust will not find the funds for to build the project, the land will be sold and the investors will get 1/79 of the yield for each unit in return. This is considered a very safe way of investing.

Also, this part of the project depends on locals, on the community, to make it happen. If you have \$10,000 in the bank and don't need it the next two years, then help the community to realise its TM Universe dream. Together we can make this happen. Some locals also have contributed with significant donations.

The real drive of TM Universe though is not the money, not egos and not the need for an alien new development. TM Universe will create something fantastic for the community, for current and future generations and something that will all leave a legacy of great value in the world of science.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members," said Coretta King, the wife of the late Rev. Martin Luther King.

That is what this is all about. Like to know more? Visit our team each Saturday from 11 till 12 at the Visitors Information Centre for information, the Virtual Reality presentation or to buy a T-shirt or other merchandise.

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Occasionally, just occasionally something good comes out of the COVID-19 pandemic and for Cedar Creek Lodges it is the totally unexpected opportunity to make its award-winning Island Glade available to the local community for a fabulous Christmas Party on December 12.

With the postponement of a wedding to another date because of new COVID travel restrictions associated with the recent South Australia outbreak, this superb venue will now host an inaugural Island Glade Christmas Party.

Dust off your dancing shoes, dress up a little and come along and enjoy a night to remember. This is an ideal opportunity for smaller businesses to say thank you to their staff and to have a heap of fun in an unparalleled set of circumstances.

The architecturally-designed Island Glade has a cascading waterfall and is cocooned in a beautiful rainforest near Cedar Creek. Gently scented jasmine encrusted columns, swathed with a thousand fairy lights add to the wow factor and an atmosphere of fun and laughter.

The well-known DJ who had been booked for the cancelled wedding will now be in charge at the Christmas Party. The price of \$89 includes a scrumptious dinner, wine and canapés on arrival.

MOUNTAIN WEDDING RECOGNITION



Tamborine Mountain has figured prominently in the 22nd Queensland ABIA Wedding Industry Awards.

Cedar Creek Lodges was a finalist in the Reception Venue category with a 97.4 per cent rating, while Caroline Jackson was a finalist in the Marriage Celebrants category with a 99.78 rating.

Each year ABIA hosts five State annual wedding industry awards (ABIA Awards) in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

The State awards announce results in more than 30 wedding categories at each state gala event, covering everything from wedding venues, bridal make-up artists, photographers and wedding planners to reception venues, marriage celebrants, music and transport.

All ABIA winners and finalists are determined solely based on the ratings provided by past brides and grooms. Each year the ABIA Awards Program receives more than 25,000 wedding registrations, and participants are invited to rate and review their wedding vendors on quality of product, quality of service, attitude of staff and value for money.



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If you would like to be part of this great market initiative as a stallholder email: makersmarket.tmac@gmail.com to apply.

For those who appreciate wonderful handcrafted work and look forward to enjoying this market experience, see you on the first Sunday of each month as of December 6 from 9am to 3pm.

Margy Rose
Secretary TMAC



From left: artists Polly Cameron, Denise Shelshear and (above) Shannon Hunter

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Councillor's Comment

DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1



(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.)

Why I voted against the new Policy on Confidentiality of Information at the Ordinary meeting on 9 November

Only Cr Chalk and I voted against it and so it was carried 5 votes to 2.

New changes to the Local Government Act as a result of the Government findings on a number of corrupt councils, designed to make local government more transparent and accountable, has legislated that the only times a council can go into a closed confidential meeting not open to the public are:

1. the dismissal or discipline of employees
2. industrial matters affecting employees
3. the local government's budgets preparation
4. rating concessions
5. legal advice
6. health and safety issues, and
7. commercial negotiations.

Everything else is supposed to be discussed in open council. Now all planning meetings have to be considered open to the public.

However, Council in its policy claims to give just advice to councillors on the practical application of the legislation, but what it really does in my view is, as I stated in the Council debate, adds new restrictions and gives the CEO new sweeping powers to gag councillors.

For instance, this summarises the concerns I raised in the public meeting:

1. It reaffirms the Council decision to make all information in Council emails confidential (privileged information) using a disclaimer.
2. It advises any Councillor against forwarding a Council-received email to a constituent under any circumstances (the Nigel Waistell issue).
3. It says all written information in Council is confidential unless published either in media releases or on its website.
4. It says that all information associated with Council Ordinary Meetings is confidential.
5. It says that any confidential briefing (that is where most of Council discussion and influence

takes place (for up to 1.5 days per fortnight) or informal briefings is confidential.

6. It says that any Councillor discussing an issue between one or more of them at any time or place is confidential.
7. It gives the CEO power to decide that all information (irrespective of the list above) is confidential.
8. Any information the CEO determines that may lead to defamation is confidential.
9. If a Councillor requests any information to be made confidential the CEO determines the matter.
10. Any information the CEO provides to a Councillor after a formal request for that information is deemed confidential.

In my view the policy warns that Councillors are not free to talk to their constituents about unpublished information. Does that mean that Councillors might as well say to them, don't ask me questions, just go to the Mayor's media releases or try and find it on the Council's website? A most unworkable situation.

In addition, another policy adopted on Councillor "Acceptable Request Guidelines" says that the CEO can now determine if the reasons a Councillor is asking for information is in accordance with the Councillor's role. He can veto the request. At least I moved successfully that the final appeal on his decisions is now up to Council and not to himself as originally recommended.

Now is that transparency in Scenic Rim Council and WHY IS THAT?

HOLT ROAD WATER EXTRACTION

My response to Cr Waistell's request for a comment is that that I am not one bit happy about it, but it is up to Council to explain to the community what happened to allow this operator to expand his extraction.

I understand it is based on a precedent set in another case. However, I am not authorised to discuss it under Council's Confidentiality of Information policy, recently adopted, as it involves legal opinion. I didn't vote for that policy. Also, under Council's Media Policy only the MAYOR is allowed to talk on behalf of Council, not Councillors.

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CLUB TAMBORINE

HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN

Things are heating up at Club Tamborine!

Last Friday night was a huge night at the Club with the drawing of our Mega Christmas raffle. The draw was scheduled for 7pm but the crowds started arriving from 4pm. The atmosphere was palpable as the minutes ticked by. Patrons scrambled for last minute raffle ticket purchases, kids enjoyed the free bouncy castle, mums and dads enjoyed the Club's facilities, and the Club Bistro was fully booked out.

We sold out of tickets by 6.55pm and the ticket barrel was jam-packed. The ticket stubs were thoroughly stirred up and the barrel was thoroughly rotated. And then it was 7pm. The crowd hushed, our major sponsor Pietro Zago, owner of Topline Trailers, stepped up and drew the first prize ticket stub. And it went straight into an envelope which was sealed! Second and third prizes were drawn in the same manner and the three envelopes were set aside until all of the minor prizes were drawn.

The suspense of who the top three prize winners were was immense. And then it was 8pm. Time to reveal the winners, starting with third prize: a metal three-piece outdoor setting donated by Club Tamborine. The winner wasn't present on the night, but they have since been contacted about their win.

Second prize was a four-burner gas BBQ donated by Bidfood. The winner was a Club member and regular patron who was over the moon. First prize, sponsored by Topline Trailers, was a 4'x6' box trailer with tilt function, cage, spare wheel, jockey wheel, 12 months rego and filled with goodies (total prize value of over \$2500). This was also won by a Club member and regular patron who was present on the night. He was absolutely ecstatic. Who wouldn't be?

This was the largest value Christmas raffle in the Club's history and on behalf of myself, the management committee, and the staff of Club Tamborine I would like to pass on our sincere thanks to our generous sponsors, the Club's members, and the wider Tamborine Mountain community for their interest and support of this event.

Coming up at Club Tamborine is a whopping \$2500 members' draw at 8.30pm on Friday 27 November. To win this fantastic prize you just need to be a current financial member of the Club, must be present at the Club when it's drawn, and must present yourself to the MC within one minute of the draw.

Things are also heating up outside the Club. With the spring heat, recent rains and water from our newly installed bore, the greens are now in full growing mode. Our new greenkeeper has been working tirelessly to bring our greens back to life after they suffered dreadfully in the recent drought.

He's undertaken a major weed eradication and fertilisation program which is now allowing the grass to take hold and spread into the bare patches. This will be a long process. The greens are still quite a way off being at competition standard, but they are well and truly on their way. If you haven't been to the Club in a while, come take a look at the greens; you'll be amazed at the difference from only a few months ago.

We're still looking for new members, whether they be social members of Club Tamborine, Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club members or Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club members. For more information about membership or any of the Club's events, please call the Club on 5545 1308, or just pop in and have a chat with our friendly staff.

Hope to see you at the Club soon.

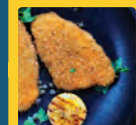
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This week saw the opening of Queensland's 57th Parliament since separation from New South Wales in 1859. It is historic because for the first time Queensland will have a Parliament of a fixed duration – four years. Until 1893, Queensland actually had a Parliament elected for a maximum of five years, although (probably owing to the ever-changing alliances and positions of MPs back then) elections often were held before the end of the five-year term.

In this term, I will continue to take every opportunity I can to fight for issues that are important to residents of Tamborine Mountain and the wider Scenic Rim electorate, such as lack of public transport, roads and police resources, as well as improvements to the management of our natural resources like water and national parks. As a team, the LNP will hold the Government to account and work to improve the delivery of services of government, enable business to create jobs and build a bigger economy for the State. If I can be of assistance in a State Government matter that you're concerned about, do not hesitate to contact me by phone (toll-free) 1800 813 960, by email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au or by mail at PO Box 656 Beaudesert QLD 4285.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate my colleague, David Crisafulli MP, Member for Broadwater, on his new role as Leader of the LNP in Queensland. David is also the Shadow Minister for Tourism and he has visited the Mountain numerous times in that role before the last election to discuss issues relating to that area, as well as other issues raised by locals.

I look forward to getting straight back into fighting for our fair share here in the Scenic Rim.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 12 GRADUATES

It's the time of year again when we say farewell to all Year 12 students graduating from schools across the Scenic Rim. Congratulations on completing your final assessments and finishing this chapter of your lives during such an unpredictable year. In the next steps outside of school, whether you're looking to start study, an apprenticeship in a trade or other training, or going into work, I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

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

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SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

NEARLY 75% OF LOST JOBS RECOVERED

Last week we saw new employment data which shows our economy is continuing to recover from the implications of the global coronavirus pandemic.

In October, the Australian economy added 178,800 jobs - exceeding all market expectations. This represents a recovery of nearly 75 per cent of the jobs lost between March and May 2020.

Full-time employment increased by 97,000, the largest monthly increase on record, while part-time employment rose by 81,800.

This is great news for local businesses, families, the economy and community. As a Government we have worked to put in the economic assistance measures necessary to support jobs, small businesses and households, and we understand the economic fallout from COVID-19 will continue for some time. That's why the economic support we have committed, an unprecedented \$507 billion, is so important. It is helping to rebuild the economy and put Australia on the road to recovery.

MORE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Australian farmers and businesses will benefit from better export opportunities with the signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement between Australia and 14 other Indo-Pacific countries this week.

We are a trading nation, and our trade policy is all about supporting Australian jobs, boosting export opportunities and ensuring an open region with even stronger supply chains.

Trade is important to our agricultural and service industries, with one in five Australian jobs reliant on trade. Locally, much of our product is exported: wine, avocados, onions, milk, cheese and so on. The RCEP Agreement will be crucial as Australia and the region continue to rebuild from the COVID-19.

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A new high-tech vaccine manufacturing facility will be developed in Melbourne to secure Australia's long-term supply of critical health products including influenza vaccines and lifesaving antivenoms.

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CAVE-IN COUNCIL LETS DOWN TM HOUSEHOLDS

I would like to inform your readers of a significant issue regarding off -the-mountain water extraction and a Council cave in.

A property located at 11-29 Holt Road received an approval to extract water in 2006. It has always been known and operated as an extractor for local water supply only.

Its new owner started to extract water for off-the-mountain consumption, and I submitted a complaint to Council. Council has responded that this action is lawful. One of their reasons was that the driveway was constructed to provide access to a 28,000-litre capacity truck and therefore it must be all right despite no condition stating that a 28,000-litre truck can be used. Why is it that previous owners did not take the water off the mountain? The answer is that they knew they could only do local water supply.

When asked how many trucks were allowed each day, Council's response was, "Council has no power to regulate the number of truck movements that occur at this property"

Council should have shown some backbone in this case and stood up for the longstanding interpretation of the approval for this property even if this meant going to court.

This now means that our local deliverers have one less supply point. In the next drought, Council will be telling you that there is plenty of water you can order from off Tamborine Mountain.

I sought an opinion from Cr Swanborough and he said, "My response is that I am not one bit happy about it, but it is up to Council to explain to the community what happened. I understand it is based on a precedent set in another case. However, I am not authorised to discuss it under Council's Confidentiality of Information policy, recently adopted, as it involves legal opinion. I didn't vote for that policy."

I have asked the Council's CEO, Mr Jon Gibbons, to provide a comment.

Nigel Waistell

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNCILLOR LEGISLATED

I apologise to readers for my repetitive letters fighting against Cr Derek Swanborough's continued drive to move Tamborine Mountain from the Scenic Rim Council to the Gold Coast.

However, to remain silent whilst such a drive gains momentum is unacceptable. Additionally, I cannot stand silently by as our elected local government representative shows a lack of understanding of his ethical and legislative responsibilities.

The *Local Government Act 2009* clearly indicates that a councillor must represent the current and future interests of the local government area. Naturally, our councillor will focus on Tamborine Mountain residents and their needs. However, that must not be to the exclusion of the public interest of residents elsewhere within the Scenic Rim.

Section 12 (4) (6) makes this clear in the following words:

When performing a responsibility, a councillor must serve the overall public interest of the whole local government area.

Derek may not like this, nor may many Tamborine Mountain residents, but this is a legislated responsibility. This is not only a legislated obligation, but also a fundamental element of good governance. For example, for many years I chaired a very large agricultural, farmer-owned co-operative with operations and factories stretching from Far North Queensland to the other side of Adelaide.

The board of that co-operative was mainly comprised of farmers elected on a regional basis. During my tenure agonisingly difficult and emotional decisions such as the closure of some regional factories and the expansion of others came before the board for decision. The closure of a factory in a regional centre invariably involved the loss of employment; frequently for many retrenched employees this resulted in them needing to sell their homes, move to another town, changing schools for children etc.

Just imagine the pressure on the farmer directors by their local communities. Yet I am proud to say that in all instances those farmer directors put the welfare and survival of the business as a whole, the welfare of the farmer owners as a whole before their regional self-interest. They understood good governance.

Derek, that is what Section 12 (4) (6) is highlighting. To act otherwise not only is in breach of your legislated obligation, it is also poor governance.

Derek you are absolutely entitled to pursue your agenda and although I disagree with that agenda, I respect your right to pursue it with vigour and to raise funds to assist. However, you must do that as a private citizen not as an elected councillor of the very organisation you are aiming to weaken.

Just to set the record straight, I recognise Derek that you work hard but you are putting effort into an agenda unethical for a sitting councillor. That is why I recommended that you resign. Whilst you remain on Council you cannot effectively work constructively with other councillors or its staff to successfully argue for the many necessary improvements required on the Mountain.

Also, for the record, I am totally unimpressed with the performance of the Scenic Rim Council and its treatment of Tamborine Mountain.

As Amanda Hay indicated, their treatment of Derek during meetings reflects poorly on their meeting processes and governance. I can understand their frustration with Derek because of his agenda but that does not excuse their behaviour. We are indeed the poor cousins of Beaudesert.

Derek, why don't you invite the Mayor and the Council to conduct one of their meetings here in Division One and then hold a meet-the-people session. I will willingly support you in expressing your grievances regarding Council's lack of attention to the Mountain and its infrastructure; I agree with most of your criticisms. However, I will not add legitimacy to your process plebiscite by engaging in a debate on moving to the Gold Coast as your process is flawed.

There is a legislated process for proposals to change Local Government boundaries. Under the Local Government legislation in such circumstances the Queensland Government establishes an independent body called the Change Commission, which conducts the assessment phase of the process. It is an independent body that is created under the Act. If such a commission were established (which is highly unlikely) I would gladly argue the case for the no movement before such a body. Only the Minister may propose a local government change to the Change Commission, no doubt the Minister would take into consideration what is in the best interest of the Scenic Rim Council and its residents as a whole, not simply the wishes of one Division.

Ian Langdon

SCENIC RIM COUNCIL NOT A HAPPY PLACE

The Scenic Rim Council led by the Mayor Greg Christensen is not a happy place.

It seems to be plagued by dissension, bias and a critical lack of transparency for both councillors and residents. All councillors, including the Mayor, should ask themselves if they are performing in accordance with the 'Role of Councillors' as in the *Local Government Act*.

This role is clearly summarised by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs:

"The fundamental role of each councillor is to represent the current and future interests of the residents of their local government area. Councillors represent all of the community, not just those in a division."

Division 1 Councillor Derek Swanborough's promotion of a transfer of Tamborine Mountain to the Gold Coast seems to conflict with his local government responsibilities. He could pursue such views as a candidate but not as a councillor. There is no doubt that such a transfer would be to the detriment of the majority of Scenic Rim residents with inevitable

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It's an odd thing that in Australia companies have started promoting 'Black Friday' special offers, a practice that started in the United States.

Wedged between Thanksgiving (held on the fourth Thursday in November) and the weekend, Black Friday has developed into the greatest sale day of the year in the US. Much like the Boxing Day sales in the UK. Perhaps we are lucky because we benefit from both.

NCL (Norwegian Cruise Line) celebrate Black Friday by offering discounted prices and Take Five for Free at Sea – that is a free beverage package while on board, free WIFI, free speciality dining, free shore excursion credit in each port, and free third and fourth



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Why wouldn't he smile? Lance Cordingley was the lucky first prize winner of Club Tamborine's mega Christmas raffle valued at over \$2500. Lance's prize was a 4'x6' box trailer with tilt function, cage, spare wheel, and jockey wheel. It was also registered for 12 months and filled with Christmas 'goodies'. More details, Club Tamborine feature, Page 9.

ARTS DINNER BACK ON MOUNTAIN

After nine months of Scenic Rim Council's Arts Dinners online, the first Arts Dinner live since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions will be held at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Tamborine Mountain, from 6pm on Tuesday 8 December.

The evening features a review of the unprecedented year that was 2020 and a preview of arts programming for 2021.

The community is invited to join in the free Arts Dinner, which also features great food and entertainment by two of Tamborine Mountain's best-loved bands, The Inadequates and the Haystack Mountain Hermits.

As numbers are limited, registration is essential.

Christmas will come early at Boonah Cultural Centre with a concert singalong led by acclaimed cabaret artist and theatre actress, Nadia Sunde and her Yuletide Band on Friday 4 December.

The concert offers the audience an opportunity to sing along to favourite Christmas carols and songs with Nadia Sunde who has delighted Scenic Rim music lovers for years with her warmth and wit. Showtime is 11am on Friday 4 December with ticket prices \$16 or \$12.50 per person for groups of 10 or more.

To register for the Tamborine Mountain Arts Dinner and for tickets for the Boonah singalong, visit www.liveatthecentre.com.au

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objection. However, such an attitude is not altogether surprising since we have been subject to other councillors failing to take the necessary broad view.

We seem to be regarded as outcasts even though we are the largest centre of population in the shire. Our small area exceeds the population quota for a division while Beaudesert and Boonah need huge catchment areas. For years we have been treated as a major source of revenue while having to get by with limited Council investment or recognition of our particular problems and priorities.

It should not be forgotten that the Mayor and other Councillors are bound by the same local government responsibilities as Cr

Swanborough and should be answerable for any neglect of our needs.

Something else seems to be overlooked. Cr Swanborough does not represent the whole of the Tamborine Mountain community. A significant number of south end residents (including myself and Cr Swanborough) are in Division 2. We are represented by Cr Jeff McConnell and I understand he does not support the proposed transfer. Incidentally, I wonder where the dividing line for a transfer would be.

Fundamental Conclusion: The Scenic Rim Council must have a top down rethink about its approach to local government.

Phil Giffard

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Tamborine Mountain College End of Year Success and Celebration

2020 has been a most unusual year with COVID.

TMC had great plans for its 25th Anniversary celebration this year, but unfortunately were unable to hold any public events.

Home Based Learning (HBL) became a way of life in Term 2 and once back on campus for Term 3 things were very different – no volunteers, no camps, no excursions, no sport, no interstate travel, no international travel to Paris for their “Sister School” partnership. Normal life as we knew it no longer existed and a new norm of Social Distancing and Sanitiser took over.

College Principal, Mrs June Melbourne, acknowledged Mrs Fiona Stevens, Head of Secondary and Mr Mark Stevens, Head of Primary, for their leadership with HBL and management of COVID regulations; and TMC Board, teachers and staff commended for adjusting so well, as did TMC students and parents.

Despite it all, TMC Year 12 was prepared for the new ATAR system with external exams.

TMC Award Ceremony had to be modified to accommodate the COVID requirements so several ceremonies were held on campus:

- to recognise Graduating Classes for Year 12, Year 6, and Pre-Prep.
- to recognise Award Recipients across the whole campus
- to recognise Year 12 Early Entry Offers to University
- to recognise major achievements this year (and there have been many despite COVID!)
- to recognise the College’s milestone of 25 years

TMC announced that again this year there were many examples across the whole campus of Victory and Valour (the College motto):

- Year 12 success educationally is highlighted by 12 early entry offers into university before results even come out – offers were made to TMC students from Southern Cross University, ANU, GU, UNE, and Bond University.
- Bond University offered 2 TMC students The Excellence Scholarship awarded for high academic achievement and leadership.
- TMC Lions Youth of the Year Regional Winner that comes with a prize for international travel (one day!)
- TMC student receiving Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2020; SRRC Youth Parliament Member (passed a Youth Education Bill).

- Only Term 1 allowed Debating competition and only Year 12 were allowed to compete in Public Speaking.
- Two TMC Opti-Minds teams (combined Year 6 and 7) – Language / Literature and Science / Engineering with video presentations gained Honours and the Science/Engineering Team took out the Spirit Award.
- TMC ArtsFest was delivered via TMC website over a week to display talent in the Early Learning Centre, Primary and Secondary: Band, Drama, Music, Choir, craft and fabulous Art works.
- TMC Early Learning Centre was awarded Highly Commended for the Scarecrow Festival.
- Drama performances – both “12 Angry Jurors” by Drama Excellence and the Primary production of “The Wizard of Oz” performed 3 times to audiences, abiding by COVID regulations for audience size.
- Leo Club and SRC have still been busy organising Free-Dress Days for the students to bring back the joy on campus as well as raising funds and serving the community.
- TMC MS Readathon raised \$5,408.
- Certificate levels achieved by Year 10, 11 and 12 in many fields of interest.
- TMC Bands and instrumental music program continues to develop and entertain at events.
- Several TMC Music students were selected for the State Honours Ensemble Program – Secondary and Primary.
- TMC is part of the Independent Sporting Association for the major carnivals of swimming, cross-country and athletics, which of course did not happen this year. However, the House Athletics Carnival was held with the winning House, Kyle, taking out the Melbourne Cup. Although sport was very limited this year, sporting achievement in Equestrian has been significant – TMC students were awarded the Derek and Rita Dobson Trophy for the school with the highest aggregate score in events covering Show-jumping, Dressage, Combined Training and Cross-Country. What a great result! Back in 2011 TMC won Qld Trophy for Interschool Competition Eventing. We look forward to more success for TMC Equestrian team.





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- TMC Graduating Year 6 is planning a wonderful on-campus picnic to celebrate.
- TMC Graduating Year 12 has the Formal at the Intercontinental Sanctuary Cove.

This year the College celebrated 25 years! Mr Nicholls, TMC Founding Principal, established the College in 1995 and would be so proud of it today, especially surviving COVID. TMC DVD this year is a tribute to this historical milestone (available www.tmc.qld.edu.au).

Mrs Melbourne concluded: “2020 has been a strange and difficult year but it is a pleasure to announce and focus on the positives – something that we all need to do in life and today highlights the positives yet again for the College with its wonderful successes.”

AWARDS DAY 2020



YEAR 12 AWARDEES



YEAR 7 TO 11 AWARDEES



PRIMARY AWARDEES

YEAR 12

The R J and M G Nicholls Prize for the Most Outstanding Student

Sharene Chia

The Kyle Family Prize for Dux of the College

Archer Greig-Lawson

The Simon Davies Cup for Most Outstanding Person in Cultural Activities

Chelsea Walatara

The Professor Jack Walton Trophy for Most Outstanding Sportsperson

Charlee Drake

Caltex Best All-Rounder Award

Fuschia Criss

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Lily Crispin / Marlie Knight

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Bradley Fowlds

Lions Award \$250

Indya Keep

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Samuel Fossey

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Sharene Chia

TMC Arts Award (works hung at Viking Framers Gallery)

Meggan Jamieson

Year 12 TMC Drama Award

Bethany De Araugo

Striving For Success Award – Jon Krause MP

Yasmina Dunbar –

Zonta - Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2020

Youth Parliament Member - SRRC

Passed a 'Youth Education Bill'

GUARANTEED UNIVERSITY ENTRY TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS:

Griffith University

Yasmina Dunbar – Bachelor of International Relations/
Communications and Journalism

Celine Reid – Bachelor of Fine Arts

Lily Crispin – Bachelor of Forensic Science/Bachelor of
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Southern Cross University STAR Entry Scheme

Charlee Drake – Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science

Indya Keep – Bachelor of Secondary Education

Kassandra Ludemann – Bachelor of Nursing

Gemma Middleton – Bachelor of Midwifery (pending interview)

Olivia Raymont – Bachelor of Psychological Science

Bond University + Academic Excellence Scholarships for:

Yasmina Dunbar – Bachelor of Arts

Chelsea Walatara – Bachelor of Business/International
Relations

ANU

Yasmina Dunbar – Bachelor of International Relations

UNE

Chelsea Walatara - Bachelor of Business

CERTIFICATES

Year 12

Kodee Duong

Trae Gear-Young

Kassandra Ludemann

Eve Henderson

William Fraser

Yasmina Dunbar

Trina Lysnar

Jasmine Chidgey

Trai Jakubenko

Cert II in Music Industry

Cert I in Construction

Cert II Tourism

Traineeship – Cert III Retail Services

Cert II Engineering Pathways

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Year 11

Ella Hope-Doble

Cert II / III Health - **Vocation Placement
Conduct Star Award**

Annie Nicol

Cert II / III Health - **Placement Conduct
Award**

Georgina Round

Cert II / III Health

Anna Dyson

Cert III Music Industry

Eugene Lee

Cert II Tourism

Joshua Radford

Cert II in Engineering Pathways

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Emma Sutherland

Traineeship Business

Jillian Nava Street

Traineeship GYG – Cert III Business

Liam Niotakis

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Paris Richardson

Cert III Fitness / Cert II Sport and Rec

Dylan Sippel

Cert II Sport and Rec

Caitlin Ward

Cert II Sport and Rec

Keenan Winchester

Cert III Fitness / Cert II Sport and Rec

Year 10

Felix Harrison-Cantwell

Trade Taste

Elke Maddock-Schon

Cert III Music Industry

Jai Salon

Trade Taster

Watney Magenta

Cert II Dynamite Studios

Mya Scrivener

Certificate II Tourism

Jamie Castley

Certificate II Tourism

Zak Vlamis

Certificate II Tourism

Finley Beck

Cert II Sport and Rec

Michael Brady-Fujita

Cert II Sport and Rec

Jordan Butler

Cert II Sport and Rec

Gregory Fowlds

Cert II Sport and Rec

Cailum Green

Cert II Sport and Rec

Hunter Poturaj

Cert II Sport and Rec

Kieran Quinn

Cert II Sport and Rec

Kirsten Quinn

Cert II Sport and Rec

Elsa Sandholt

Cert II Sport and Rec

Vinnie Taituha

Cert II Sport and Rec

DRAMA EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATE:

Year 12

Jenna Cogzell

Bethany De Araugo

Charlie Hoyne

Meggan Jamieson

Zak Kozak

Katelyn Wright

Year 11

Anna Dyson

Phoebe Fenton-Marshall

Jelana Mikulic

Liam Niotakis

Cleah Sullivan

Lachlan Woodyatt

COLLEGE AWARDS DAY – 2020

YEAR 11

Student Most Outstanding in Academics

Naomi Clements

Student Most Outstanding in Co-Curricular Activities

Cleah Sullivan

Student Most Outstanding in Sporting Activities

Dylan Sippel / Caitlin Ward

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Portia Ilaoa / Lana Bignell

YEAR 10

Student Most Outstanding in Academics

Elsa Sandholt

Student Most Outstanding in Co-Curricular Activities

Talia Criss

Student Most Outstanding in Sporting Activities

Elsa Sandholt

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Emily Clarke

ADF Leadership & Teamwork Award \$250

Patrick Boulton

ADF Future Innovators Award \$250

Michael Brady-Fujita

YEAR 9

Student Most Outstanding in Academics

Elijah Fern / Ashlee Hildebrant

Student Most Outstanding in Co-Curricular Activities

Zoey Adam

Student Most Outstanding in Sporting Activities

Charlotte Flynn-Grant

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Jessica Dalton

YEAR 8

Student Most Outstanding in Academics

Holly Narcisi / Hannah Clements

Student Most Outstanding in Co-Curricular Activities

Lily Parker

Student Most Outstanding in Sporting Activities

Zain Bartlett

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Zara Woodrow

YEAR 7

Student Most Outstanding in Academics

Nicholas Brennan / Finley Greig-Byrne

Student Most Outstanding in Co-Curricular Activities

Nicholas Brennan

Student Most Outstanding in Sporting Activities

Bailey Ferguson

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Saffron Cavallo

YEAR 6

TMC Arrows – Captain Award

Scarlett Thomson / William Fern

TMC Cultural Captain Award

Ava Byrnes

TMC Arrows – House Captain Award

Walton – Dorian Raillard

Kyle – George Noel

Nicholls – Matti Gill

Dux

Ava Byrnes / Aston Bratley

Cultural Award

Ava Byrnes

Sport Award

Stevi Radic / Shayla Graham

Lions Award - Year 7 Green Blazer and Leo Membership sponsored

Emma Anderson

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Harmony Corden

YEAR 5

Student Most Outstanding in Academics

Maison Cavallo

Student Most Outstanding in Co-Curricular Activities

Oliver Davenport

Student Most Outstanding in Sporting Activities

Archie Antunovic

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Neesha Duong

YEAR 4

Student Most Outstanding in Academics

James Haskins / Ariana Stevenson

Student Most Outstanding in Co-Curricular Activities

Ivy Jamieson / James Haskins

Student Most Outstanding in Sporting Activities

Joshua Roberts

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Abby Anderson

Student Most Outstanding in Band Program

Bentley Wagstaff

YEAR 3

Student Most Outstanding in Academics

James White

Student Most Outstanding in Co-Curricular Activities

Nate Matus

Student Most Outstanding in Sporting Activities

Zarli Smithers

TMC Victory and Valour Award

Evelyn Barnes

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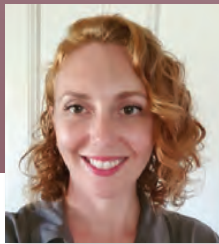
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Congenital CMV: Another reason to wash your hands

According to Australian statistics, less than 20 per cent of pregnant women know about Cytomegalovirus (CMV), which is a very small number given the potential impact it can have on an unborn baby.

So, this edition I thought I'd go on a little public service announcement about CMV and how you can prevent it. One positive from the COVID-19 pandemic is that we as a society are all far more conscious about hand hygiene and most people carry hand sanitiser now, so hopefully this will be of interest but not likely to change any habits since everyone is now so excellent at hand hygiene.

CMV is a herpes virus that is more common than listeriosis, toxoplasmosis and rubella. Most pregnant women are already aware that they should not change the cat litter when they're pregnant due to the risk of toxoplasmosis, and to wash fruit and vegetables and thoroughly cook meat, reducing risks of toxoplasmosis and listeriosis, but CMV is rarely discussed in much depth.

If you get CMV, your symptoms are fairly non-specific – fever, malaise, flu-like symptoms. This means that many people, around 50 per cent have had a past infection. Those highest at risk are people who are around young children because the most common route of transmission is through infected saliva, and young children can excrete the CMV virus in their saliva and urine for two years after infection.

Congenital CMV (CMV infection of a baby from birth) occurs through transplacental infection, that is, the baby has been infected while mum is pregnant as the virus has crossed the placenta.

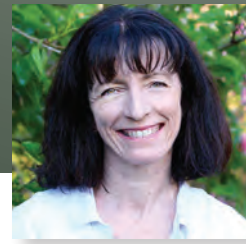
The babies at highest risk of congenital CMV are those whose mothers get their first CMV infection in the first trimester of pregnancy. Most babies born with congenital CMV have no long-term complications, but congenital CMV can cause stillbirth, epilepsy, cerebral palsy and hearing loss. Therefore, avoiding exposure in pregnancy, particularly if you have had no prior exposure, is important for the growth and development of your baby.

Universal maternal screening is not recommended in Australia, but if you have an ultrasound scan and abnormalities are noted that may suggest a viral infection in pregnancy then serologic testing (through a blood test) can be done to see if you have had or have a CMV infection.

So, how can you prevent getting CMV when you are pregnant? The answer is very simple and again it comes down to our basic hygiene practices, with the number one advice being to wash your hands regularly, particularly before eating and after using the toilet or assisting another child to. In addition, avoid contact with children's urine or saliva; do not put a child's dummy/toothbrush in your own mouth, wash your hands with soap and water after changing nappies (wet wipes will not suffice); and don't share drink bottles with young children.

If you would like more information on CMV you can go to <https://cerebralspalsy.org.au/cmV/> or talk to your health care professional for advice.

Bree Lowing is a Registered Midwife and provides bulk-billed and Medicare rebated in-home antenatal and postnatal services through The Mountain Midwife www.themountainmidwife.com.au



SECRETS

“Oh sorry, I can't tell you that. It's a secret.” Have you heard that line and immediately your brain goes into overdrive?

Every secret is a story we don't know - and we don't like being left in the dark. Bestselling novels capitalise on this by keeping readers in suspense by slowly revealing secrets.

Some secrets are intended to increase another's happiness, like the planning of a surprise party. Other secrets have less honourable intentions. Sometimes they are about power and control where people actively collude to hide information.

Child abuse thrives on this form of secrecy. As a child you may have been sadly coerced into keeping such a secret but as an adult you enforce that secrecy upon yourself. We make choices to keep certain information away from prying eyes.

A secret is purely information that we choose to either tell or keep hidden. By admitting the reality of what is, exposing it to the light of day, we deflate the power of a secret and deny its opportunity to shame us.

Very often, the problem with a secret is not the content of the secret itself, but what you must do to keep the secret information out of sight. In a family, it is the proverbial skeleton in the closet and everyone in the family is held responsible to remain on guard in case someone outside the family gets too near the closet door. Energy is expended on keeping relationships at a safe distance.

Secrets should be handled with care. The sharing of a secret makes one vulnerable. Broadcasting details of your life on social media means your information is shared on an equal level with longtime friends and mere acquaintances alike. This devalues your personal information. Reserving some information for real-life interactions creates a sense of intimacy with those you disclose to. Rather than creating a virtual notice board you can form exclusive channels of communication with those you care about.

Friendships can grow in intimacy through the reciprocal exchange and safekeeping of secrets. Secrets create exclusivity, trust and solidarity. Likewise, the telling of another's secret usually guarantees the sudden death of a relationship. Couples who swap secrets build a strong alliance, particularly when sharing painful childhood experiences or personal dreams for the future never made public. The sharing of such secrets shows your partner that you trust him/her with the hidden recesses of your soul. A couple's secrets can also include not-so-serious traditions and inside jokes that they don't expose to the world, shared only between themselves. Special traditions and memories also extend to one's children as well, providing the glue that makes for a thriving family culture.

Secrets are powerful. They have the power to keep people locked in fear and shame. When shared, they have the power to strengthen relationships. Always remember you have the power to decide what you do with your secrets.

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BEAUTY & WELLNESS

THE RIGHT SKIN CARE FOR EVERY AGE



When it comes to skin care, most of us fall into one of two camps. There are those who never change their routine, using the same ill-suited face wash and moisturiser from our high school days. Then there's the other group, who embrace and try products and treatments before there's a wrinkle in sight.

As we age, our skin changes. What worked in our 20s won't do us any favours in our 40s, 50s or more. If the goal is to maintain a youthful, dewy glow well into our golden years, we need to tailor our skin care regimen. Here's how to put your best face forward at every age.

IN YOUR THIRTIES: Discoloration caused by sun damage or melasma and fine lines are likely two of your biggest skin challenges. At this point, you need to start exfoliating regularly because skin only exfoliates naturally every 35 days as opposed to every 14 in your 20s.

IN YOUR FORTIES:

Expression lines between your brows and around your eyes and mouth don't disappear like they did in your 30s. Your estrogen level is tapering so your skin will become dryer. The neck and décolleté area might start to look crepey as well. Overall you'll need to add moisture and collagen-building ingredients like peptides.



IN YOUR FIFTIES: This is typically the decade when huge hormonal shifts in your body cause noticeable changes. The epidermis contains precious lipids including free fatty acids, cholesterol and ceramides. They give skin that cushioned feel, but at this age, their synthesis has started to decline. To counteract this, incorporate rich moisturisers to help rebuild volume from within. It's not just the skin on your cheeks and forehead that is susceptible to this; you may notice your lips and under-eye area become drier and thinner. If you're looking for more dramatic results, in addition to using firming and lifting moisturisers use powerful products that contain peptides, retinoids, alpha hydroxy or amino acids.

IN YOUR SIXTIES: The lack of elasticity will be visible both in the face and the neck, due to thinner skin and weaker muscles. If you've been slapdash about taking your SPF right down to your décolleté, then prolonged UV exposure will also have had an effect. If you haven't already started, use a strong active such as retinol, a wonder ingredient that helps support collagen production to improve plumpness. Hydrating serums that can be layered under other products are also ideal.

Talk to your beauty therapist about the right skincare to counteract your particular skin concerns and also about radio frequency facials, skin needling, laser treatments and other non-invasive skin rejuvenation options.

Karen Keeling
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HELP THE SALVOS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Salvation Army has launched its annual Christmas Appeal, aiming to raise \$12 million to ensure Australians in need have the Christmas they deserve, particularly after a devastating year of bushfires, drought and COVID-19.

This year it has already helped more than 80,000 people impacted by COVID-19, providing more than \$10 million worth of financial assistance.

During the festive season, The Salvos will also provide some 130,000 meals and 65,000 beds for those who need a place to stay, as well as providing more than 7600 families with accommodation.

Although Christmas is a time of joy for many Australians, those doing it tough will find the festive season ahead the most challenging and difficult time of the year. Many Australians are living below the poverty line, struggling to afford the necessities. This year will also see increased numbers of people spending the Christmas period alone, due to the impact of COVID-19.

Captain Wes Bust, of Fassifern Corps, said Salvation Army teams would distribute hampers and vouchers, give out gifts and toys and support families in need.

"Anyone in need this Christmas can reach out to us by calling (07) 5463 4824 and we'll do all we can to support you. We don't want anyone to go it alone this year. If you need food, gifts, financial support or are feeling lonely, please get in touch with us," said Captain Bust.

"We are planning to have a number of COVID-Safe Christmas events and church services this festive season. To find out more about our local Christmas activity visit www.salvationarmy.org.au"
Donations to The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal can be made at salvationarmy.org.au or by calling 13 SALVOS (13 72 58). Donations can also be made in person at any Kmart store, or by rounding up instore purchases at any Myer store.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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With summer storm season prone to causing power issues Energex says now's the time for people to sign up for their free electricity outage and restoration SMS notifications.

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"When our crews have to carry out maintenance and must cut power we'll always send a notification via post at least four days beforehand but people who have signed up for the SMS service will also get a text," he said.

"When unexpected outages occur during events such as storms, we will SMS affected properties and then send another SMS once power is restored."

To receive outage notifications register at www.energex.com.au/selfservice or phone 13 12 53. You'll need to have your latest electricity bill handy to answer a couple of questions.



Because of His Mercy

A most amazing thing happened on the way to the end of the world. It wasn't the colonisation of Mars, or the discovery of a free, renewable energy source that just kept generating energy 'forever'. Nor was it that longed for cooperation between nations that resulted in actual peace, abundant food, good health and prosperity for every person on earth.

No, what happened was far more subtle but much more powerful and significant for the human race. God became man. God became man to bear our sins and sorrows. He became man to reveal himself to us as the ultimate expression of the love of God. He took on flesh and blood so that in his humanity he might present himself as a sacrifice of atonement. That is, he paid the outstanding debt of death that we as people have accrued through our failure to love God and to love others as we ought. We, as a race have fallen short of the glory of God which we were created to reflect in our lives.

When God became man, he identified with us and revealed himself to us for the ultimate purpose of accomplishing a salvation that was tailored for the complexities of human nature and behaviour. He has taken on himself the sin and suffering that characterise our lives. He sympathised and empathised with us, and took on our burdens of life and our final burden of death.

As the prophet Isaiah said,

'Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him and afflicted.' (Isaiah 53:4)

The Apostle Paul describes this contrast of our sin and God's salvation, 'At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.' (Titus 3:3-5)

Many still sneer at Christ today, or reshape him into a spiritual/ethical teacher that they approve of. I've done the same. But thankfully Jesus' mercy and compassion extend well beyond our foolish worldly wisdom. I began this letter, 'A most amazing thing happened on the way to the end of the world.' That is, Jesus Christ did not stay in heaven, his native home. He was made in human likeness. 'And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death- even death on a cross!' (Philippians 2:8)

And what continues to amaze me is that we can truly know him. We have free access to him by faith, regardless of where we were born, what language we speak, our cultural identity, or what nation we call home.

May you know the peace of Christ in these troubled times.

Pastor Kim Dale

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CENTRE-BASED DAY CARE'S SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

TMCCA aims to empower the frail and senior persons by providing diverse quality services to assist them with meeting their needs (such as social support, allied health, domestic assistance, transport, technology and others) as well as to encourage positive ageing along with mental wellbeing, while respecting clients' rights and privacy.

With regard to social needs, this aim is effectively addressed through a structured system of Centre-Based Day Care for TMCCA clients held every week through the year at 42 Southport Avenue, Eagle Heights. The Social Support Program includes:

Gents' Group - second and fourth Mondays of each month

Friday Friendship - every Friday

Wednesday Outing – first Wednesday of each month

Movie Afternoon – second Wednesday of each month

Coffee Club – third Wednesday of each month

Carers' Morning Tea – last Wednesday of each month

Table Tennis – every Thursday

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic brought these social groups to a grinding halt as Government restrictions jammed the brakes on social gatherings. Families (basic social unit) could not gather to celebrate births nor to commemorate deaths. Gradually, as humanity fumbled to find a way through this 'liminal space' a social isolation tunnel insulated with repetitive, negative media messages, mental and physical wellbeing was fast fading away for a majority who were unable to access the light.

Many TMCCA seniors pulled up their socks and learned how to Zoom, and though helpful it wasn't quite the same as cackling over a coffee as someone else at their table spilt tea over their toast.

TMCCA has been out of the tunnel since June 2020 (adhering to restricted seating and sanitising legislation) and has relaunched an array of activities such as arts, crafts, guest speakers, positive attitude workshops, gong baths, hearing tests, sing-along sessions, quizzes and trivia, growing herbs in the backyard, games, gentle exercise, yoga session and tai chi.

The comeback has been stronger than the setback!

For more information on the TMCCA Social Support Program, please call 5545 4968.

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Living with DOGS



PROTECTION LAWS FOR DOGS

They serve in the military, police, and customs. They search for the lost and injured. They lead the blind and deaf and support countless other people that rely on them.



Yet we cannot help them from being owned and bred by anyone who wants to, like a piece of furniture. Hundreds of thousands of dogs are being euthanised each year in Australia, unwanted litters are very common.

It is not a human right to have a dog – it is a privilege, and just as vehicle drivers need a driver's licence showing they have the knowledge and skills, so should the dog owner.

Western Europe has a different system of regulating dog ownership with less tragic outcomes for the animals and a larger human population; their system could at least be understood and considered in Australia. Or are we to end up like some states in the USA that cram up to 12 dogs in a gas chamber and gas them while they cry out for minutes; there are just so many abandoned dogs in the USA, around 70 million at October 2020 according to PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals).

Dogs can be dangerous to people and other animals – and who takes the blame when someone is bitten – the dog, like the dog that has been in the Scenic Rim Council pound for three years. Caught up in cruel bureaucracy, ignorance and owner irresponsibility.

It is time for dog ownership laws to be national and apply to each state and territory. As it is, they are all different. Each Council's animal management is different again. Yes, education is great but close to useless when children learn wrong things from their parents, who learnt from their parents. Education does not guarantee compliance, but laws and fines do, mostly.

We (individuals and animal rescue groups) have tried to gather information to present to the State Government in a petition for reforms to legislation by gathering statistics and information from Councils, which is like getting 'blood out of a stone'.

The RSPCA is the only agency that has relevant information that provides useful feedback information. Four local councils tender to the Animal Welfare League Queensland (AWLQ) and their annual reporting on the number of dogs euthanised is unclear.

Pam Brandis
Dip. Canine Prac.

WHY WE LOVE YOGA RETREATS



We are enjoying our annual yoga retreat this weekend (20-22 November). It was cancelled twice due to COVID-19, so we are very grateful to be able to gather together and practise this ancient science called yoga.

All of us approach yoga retreats with different aspirations. For some students they just want to rest and unwind and have some time away from the family, spending the weekend doing beautiful yoga with likeminded people. For other students, they want to harness the energy of the group retreat to kick off some profound changes in their lives. All aspirations are perfect.

And a well-designed yoga retreat is a transformative experience. Whether you transform in the tiniest way or transform hugely, opening your mind to embrace new concepts and new ways of dealing with life, every transformation is always positive. The yoga teacher designs the classes to cover a variety of yoga styles and themes and will immerse her students in yoga by introducing lots of new experiences with yoga postures, meditations and breath work.

It gives the students a chance to release previously held limitations about their bodies and what their bodies can and can't do and usually allows them to move to a whole new level of yoga. That is what immersion is all about. Just having the luxury of being able to hold a posture a little longer and take the breath a little deeper, can shift the focus of the pose and will open up new possibilities. Add to that profound philosophies and sacred silence, your world opens up.

A good yoga retreat is designed to introduce the student to other aspects of yoga that might not always be covered in a standard, time-limited class. An example of these other aspects might include the guidelines of Pantanjali's 8-limbed practice, aspects of the Upanishad philosophies compared to modern day life, the power of vibrational transformation through Vedic chanting and using pranayama to tap into your Pranic energy and shift those energy blocks in your body. Holding sacred silence as we walk towards the dawn allows us to go inwards and get to know our internal worlds. Ceremony and ritual will support your transformation.

Transformation is usually enhanced by stunning natural surroundings. It's no coincidence that many of the transformational workshops, leadership seminars for business executives and think-tank groups for innovative technologies, are almost always held in beautiful, natural surroundings. There is something special about the ionised air, the sound of birdsong, the spicy smell of the bush and the wide-open spaces that make transformation so much easier in an ancient rainforest or by a splashing waterfall.

Lastly, your yogic transformational shift will be supplemented by luscious nourishing food, simple, luxurious sleeping quarters and fabulous yogis around you!

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

(Find and like articles similar to this on my Facebook Page: Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree)

STUDENTS HOSTED BY TM BOTANIC GARDENS

The volunteers at Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens recently hosted a group of Year Five students from the Silkwood School at Nerang.

The students were split into three groups for a tour of the Gardens and quickly demonstrated a love for the natural environment.

They were eager to listen and learn as Gardens Curator, Brian Davison, took each group in turn on a tour. The other two groups explored the rainforest walk and Sooty Owl's Creekside Trail as they waited their turn.

The tours took the students through the Japanese and perennial gardens and through the camellias where they were shown a variety from which tea is made. They listened to an explanation of leaf sizes, from one that is as long as an adult human arm to another which is so small it cannot be seen with the naked eye. They learned how insects are vital as pollinators in a garden.

They were also shown a bulging bottle tree and told that pineapples are a part of the bromeliad species of plants.



Silkwood School students listen to Botanic Gardens Curator Brian Davison.

Mr Davison said the students demonstrated sound knowledge of nature and remained highly attentive throughout the 20-minute tour.

Wanda Williams, a teacher with the Silkwood School who organised the excursion, said the school

emphasises the importance of nature in its day-to-day teaching.

"We truly appreciated the time and effort taken by the Botanic Gardens volunteers in providing an exciting educational experience for our students," she said.

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Sol Norton (right) congratulates fellow Visitors Information Centre (VIC) volunteer Delma McCrea on her 10 years of service during a recent committee meeting. Delma has been a stalwart worker at the VIC where her always cheerful and enthusiastic efforts are greatly appreciated.



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As Christmas is fast approaching, I always start to eat more seafood and this Creole prawn pasta will jazz up a week-night meal or is perfect for a weekend lunch with friends. It can be made in under 30 minutes and is very easy to put together as it has just eight ingredients. The secret is to get your hands on some nice fresh king prawns.

Prawns are quintessentially Australian, thanks to Paul Hogan's TV commercials in America. He rose from obscurity with his blockbuster film *Crocodile Dundee*. The only thing was that in the US they don't call them prawns so in his ad he said, "throw another shrimp on the barbie."



I'm sure many of you have said you are from Australia to an American above the age of 35 and have had them enthusiastically repeat the slogan with their best attempt at an Aussie accent. I usually just smile and no 'thanks Paul!'

It's critical to get fresh prawns and there are some tips on what to look for when buying them. Always have a small, insulated bag with an ice block in there to keep the prawns cold for on the way home. Next, go to a fishmonger. Once there, look at the prawn heads for signs of black stains, then ask the fish monger if you can have a smell of one. Don't worry, you won't look silly; on the contrary the fishmonger will admire your dedication to fresh produce and will assume you are a chef or a serious food connoisseur.

Prawns should smell slightly sweet and remind you of a day by the beach. As always trust your instincts. I never buy prawns frozen as it's much harder to tell how fresh they are. Another tip – if you don't like peeling and deveining prawns simply ask your fishmonger

to do it for you and they will have them ready with lightning speed.

By far the best way to get them is straight off the trawler which you can go to down at The Spit on the Gold Coast; or head up to Mooloolabah if you go north or down to Ballina if heading south.

Did you know prawns only live for two to three years? They mature at about six to eight months of age, and spawning occurs in offshore waters. King prawns tend to spawn throughout the year while tiger prawns mainly spawn during spring and summer. A single prawn can spawn more than once in any one year, which is why when caught to official guidelines they can be kept at a sustainable level.

Prawns have been around for a long time – more than 450 million years! They are a rich source of selenium, one of the most effective antioxidants at maintaining healthy cells.

They also contain high levels of zinc, which is important to develop a healthy immune system. Eating prawns helps build strong bones because they contain phosphorous, copper and magnesium.

This is a serve yourself kind of meal so plonk it on the table and let your guests get involved.

INGREDIENTS (Serves Four)

- 16 king prawns peeled deveined and butterflied
- 2 tbs Creole
- 2 tbs oil
- 4 tbs oil for cooking
- 3 cloves of garlic crushed
- 1/2 small onion diced
- 400g tin crushed tomato
- 2 tbs tomato paste
- 250g fettuccini
- Small handful baby rocket leaves
- Lemon wedge to garnish

METHOD

In a large bowl big enough to hold all the prawns mix Creole with the oil and coat prawns.

In a medium heat frypan place another 2 tbs of oil and add onion; fry for 30 seconds stirring.

Add garlic and cook until translucent.

Add tomato and cook for 1 minute,



stirring continuously, then season with salt and pepper.

Pour in the crushed tomato, then season with salt and pepper and transfer to a small pot and simmer on low for 20 minutes.

Boil water in a large pot and cook the pasta 12 to 14 minutes.

Heat the frypan to high, add 2 tbs oil, then add prawns one by one and cook on each side for 3 minutes.

Place cooked prawns on the chopping board and cut into thirds.

ASSEMBLY

- Strain pasta and put back into the pot.
- Pour over the sauce.
- Sprinkle on the warm prawns, and top with fresh rocket.



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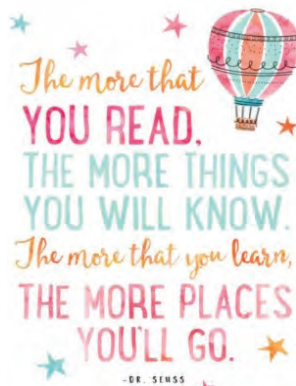
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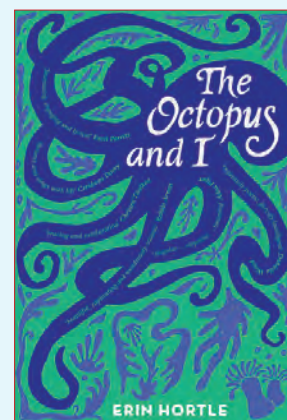
Our Book Choice: *The Octopus and I* by Erin Hortle



A stunning debut novel set on the Tasmanian coast that lays bare the wild, beating heart at the intersection of human and animal, love and loss, and fear and hope.

Lucy and Jem live on the Tasman Peninsula near Eaglehawk Neck, where Lucy is recovering from major surgery. As she tries to navigate her new body through the world, she develops a deep fascination with the local octopuses, and in doing so finds herself drawn towards the friendship of an old woman and her son. As the story unfolds, the octopuses come to shape Lucy's body and her sense of self in ways even she can't quite understand.

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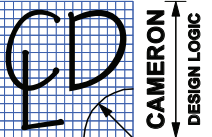
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